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THE CLUB 420 ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 11, 2009

Location: Telephonic

President Robert Salk called the meeting to order at approximately 8pm EST and welcomed the Board members and guests.

Attendees: Robert Salk, Pres.
John Barbano, VP
Rob Williams, Secretary
Steve Bowman
Dave Bricker
Phil Factor
Peter Johnstone
John Lambert
Ed Liberty
Jane Macom
Mitch Padnos
Cindy Roesler
William Scheuermann
Ian Bruce, Performance Sailcraft
Steve Perry, Zim Sailing
Michael Zavell, Laser Performance

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: by John Lambert to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2009, Annual General Meeting of the Members and Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Second: Rob Salk

Approved unanimously.

Discussion of 420 Construction Materials

Rob Salk initiated a discussion of materials used in the construction of the Club 420 hull. Steve Perry of Zim described the background on his company's use of vinyl ester resin in hull construction which came about generally for historical reasons based on the use of vinyl ester by their predecessor manufacturer. Steve indicated that while he thought vinyl ester had some beneficial characteristics, such as strength and resistance to cracking, he did not believe that vinyl ester would create a competitive advantage.

Ian Bruce commented that he does not believe that a boat built with vinyl ester resin would have a competitive advantage . However, he does not believe that the type of resin used in the manufacturing of the Club 420 should be used as a marketing point in selling boats. In a one-design class such as the Club 420, Ian does not believe that builders should be able to cite the materials used in building a boat to promote the performance of the boat when marketing it.

John Lambert commented that the goal of the Class should be to tighten its one-design standards and that marketing construction materials to gain competitive advantage would not be beneficial to the Class.

Peter Johnstone agreed that the Class should work to tighten its one-design standards to avoid any perception among sailors that there are competitive advantages among hulls due to building materials. The goal of the Board should be to make construction uniform to promote a successful future for the Class. He observed that steps should be taken to ensure that similar resins are used. The strength of the Class is in part based on the fact that there are several good manufacturers and the Class should continue to tighten the building specifications in the future.

The representatives of Performance Sailcraft, Laser Performance and Zim agreed that it would be helpful if a uniform building manual could be established for construction. Ian Bruce believes such a manual exists and that he would try to find it so that it could be reviewed and updated. He believed a copy also existed at LP. Once the existing manual is found, Rob Salk asked that it be forwarded to himself and John Lambert.

Discussion ensued among the attendees regarding the importance of maintaining strong one-design characteristics in the Class and how the one-design standards could be strengthened going forward. One attendee commented that the Class should concentrate on making sure that going forward all manufacturers are committed to “building the same boat with the same materials.”

At the conclusion of the discussion the following motion was made.

Construction Materials Used in the Manufacture of the Club 420

MOTION: by John Lambert that effective February 14, 2010, the end of Chinese New Year, vinyl ester will no longer be permitted to be used and will not be Class legal for use in the manufacture of any Club 420; that between the date of this meeting and February 14, 2010, no more than 30 boats will be permitted to be manufactured by any builder using vinyl ester; that boats manufactured to date and up to 30 boats manufactured after the date of this meeting and prior to February 14, 2010, using vinyl ester will be grandfathered and will be Class legal for the life of the boat; that the Class \$25 royalty fee will be waived during 2010 for Gecko Marine, the manufacturer of the Zim Club 420, in recognition of any burden the Class’ rule on the use of vinyl ester may have caused; and that the manufacturers are strongly encouraged to meet as soon as possible to craft a Class rule dealing with manufacturing details for the Club 420. If the manufacturers are

unable to come up with a construction rule by the end of 2009, the Board is authorized to expect the funds necessary to draft such a rule on its own.

Second: Mitch Padnos

Approved: 10 Directors in favor with the 3 manufacturers abstaining.

Builder Specification

At the request of the Board, Peter Johnstone agreed to work on behalf of the Board with the manufacturers to create builder specifications for the Club 420 and to report back to the Board on progress.

Draft of Class Rule

The Board discussed circulating to members of the Class for feedback the draft Class Rules recently revised by John Lambert and others. It was agreed that the Class Rules would be blast emailed and linked to the website for comment by members.

2010 Schedule

John Lambert reviewed the schedule of regatta venues for 2010.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Williams
Secretary