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MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
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OF
THE CLUB 420 ASSOCIATION, INC.

Holland, Michigan
Saturday, August 15, 2009

Location: The home of Mitch Padnos, Holland, MI

President Rob Salk called the Annual General Meeting of The Club 420 Association (the “Association”) and the Board of Directors Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm EST and welcomed the Members attending the Annual General Meeting and the Board Members attending the Board Meeting.

Attendees: Rob Salk
John Lambert
John Barbano
Rob Williams
Cindy Roesler
Steve Bowman
Phil Factor
Ed Liberty
Mitch Padnos
Bill Scheuermann
Bill Crane, Laser Performance
Lynn O’Brien
Matt Brown
Steve Keen
Skip Whyte
(Others who may have joined in progress.)

Election of Directors and Officers

MOTION: by John Lambert, to nominate Dave Bricker and Rob Williams to fill the two open At-Large seats on the Board of Directors.

Second: Steve Bowman

Approved: Unanimously by the Members

MOTION: by John Lambert, to nominate Bill Scheuermann to fill the Region 4 seat on the Board of Directors.

Second: John Barbano

Approved: Unanimously by the Members

MOTION: by John Lambert, to nominate [Jane Machum] as the Region 7 seat on the Board of Directors.

Second: Rob Williams

Approved: Unanimously by the Members

MOTION: by John Lambert, to nominate Laser Performance and Performance Sailcraft as the two manufacturers with 2009-2010 seats on the Board of Directors.

Second: Rob Williams

Approved: Unanimously by the Members

Based on the foregoing actions of the Members, the following is a roster of the Association's Officers and Directors:

President:	John Salk	One Year Term
VP:	John Barbano	One Year Term
Acting		
Treasurer:	Cindy Roesler	One Year Term
Secretary:	Rob Williams	One Year Term

At Large:

Rob Salk	One Year Term
John Barbano	Two Year Term
Rob Williams	Three Year Term
John Lambert	One Year Term
Cindy Roesler	Two Year Term
Dave Bricker	Three Year Term

Region 1:	Vacant	Three Year Term
Region 2:	Phil Factor	One Year Term
Region 3:	Ed Liberty	Two Year Term
Region 4:	William Scheuermann	Three Year Term
Region 5:	Mitch Padnos	One Year Term
Region 6:	Steve Bowman	Two Year Term
Region 7:	Jane M.	Three Year Term
Region 8:	Vacant (Canada)	Three Year Term

College:	Mark Zagol	One Year Term
High School:	Vacant	One Year Term

Laser Performance: Mike Zavell One Year Term
Performance Sailcraft: Ian Bruce One Year Term

Financial Report

Cindy Roesler reviewed the Association's financial condition for the prior year, and reported that the Association is financially healthy. Items impacting the financial condition over the prior year included revenues generated by increased membership dues and expenses associated with charter arrangements and clinics supported by the Association. Rob Salk thanked Cindy for all of her bookkeeping and other efforts on behalf of the Association.

Report on Regattas and Clinics—Scheduled and Contemplated

John Lambert reviewed various events on the upcoming regatta calendar, beginning with ACC's in October, 2009. An extensive calendar of clinics has been established by the Sailing Center at Jensen Beach, Florida, in November, December and January. John thanked Lynn O'Brien of Jensen Beach for helping to arrange the clinics. Mr. Lambert then gave an overview of the preliminary schedule for next summer. The tentative schedule is as follows:

June 25-30	US Sailing Ida Lewis	Hingham YC, Hingham, MA
July 21-24 Beach, NJ	Club 420 NAs	Brant Beach YC, Brant
July 30 to Aug 1	Hyannis Regatta	Hyannis YC, Hyannis, MA
Aug 1 - 4	US Sailing Youths	Cabrillo BYC, LA, CA
Aug 6 - 8	Buzzards Bay Regatta	Beverly YC, Marion, MA
Aug 14 – 19	US Sailing Bemis CUP	San Diego YC, San Diego CA

The time period for North Americans was still under consideration. Mr. Lambert noted that the dates for several events, including Team Race Nationals, have yet to be decided.

Updates on Changes to the Class Rules

Recent changes to several rules were discussed, including the forestay rule that will require that a shackle be used in lieu of using line to tie the forestay to the bow. After discussion, there was consensus that the rule should be revised to provide that with the forestay extended, at least 50% of the major dimension of the mast must be within the mast partners.

MOTION: by Rob Salk that the Class Rules be amended to provide in substance that when the forestay is extended by a shackle, at least 50% of the major dimension of the mast must remain within the mast partners.

Second: Phil Factor

Approved: Unanimous Vote of the Directors

Rob Salk then invited Matt Brown to discuss several recommendations to make the Club 420 easier to sail, including the use of stern flaps to drain waters from the boat and drilling a hole in the mast to allow water to drain out after a boat capsizes. A discussion was then undertaken regarding suggestions for possible rule changes. John Lambert recommended that the suggestions then be posted on the Class website for consideration by the membership. Changes that could involve cost could be presented to the Class builders for their consideration.

Challenges to the Class in the Next Few Years

President Salk led a discussion of various challenges the Club 420 Class may face in the coming years, including the impact of the growth of the I-420 Class in the U.S. and the relationship between the two classes. A discussion was then held regarding the management of the Class over the next five to ten years and the need for additional commitment at the Board and management level.

Professional Staffing of the Class

Discussion was held concerning the possibility of hiring an executive director for the Class and the economics involved in doing so. A suggestion was made to create a business plan for the Class as well as a job description for an executive director. The goal would be to put together a job description for consideration at the next Board meeting. Phil Factor and Rob Salk agreed to work on a job description for the executive director position.

New Business

Discussion was held regarding whether regattas should have one drop for the entire regatta as opposed to two. A suggestion was made to do a questionnaire at ACC's to gauge the opinion of the sailors on the drop issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. EDT.

Rob Williams
Secretary