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THE CLUB 420 ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 12, 2008

Location: Telephonic

President John Lambert called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05pm EST and welcomed the members.

Attendees: John Lambert, Pres.
John Barbano, Vice Pres.
Chip Whipple, Treasurer
Rob Williams, Secretary
Susan Cocchiano
Ed Liberty
Scott Mason
Cindy Roesler
Rob Salk
Kit Sommer

Guest: Steve Bowman

Discussion of U.S. Sailing Mandatory Membership Proposal

U.S. Sailing has proposed mandatory membership in their organization for racing sailors. The Board discussed the proposal and whether it was appropriate for the Class to weigh in on U.S. Sailing's proposal. The board decided not to take a formal position on U.S. Sailing's proposal but rather to consider going back to U.S. Sailing to further discuss their proposal and the possibility of working with U.S. Sailing on an arrangement whereby classes like the 420 Class would be enhanced by U.S. Sailing requiring class membership at U.S. Sailing events.

Class Form of Organization and Bylaws

John Lambert explained the desirability of modernizing the form of legal organization of the Club 420 Class and updating the Class bylaws, including changing the Class organization from an unincorporated association to a Rhode Island business corporation.

MOTION: by Scott Mason that the Class engage Rhode Island legal counsel for the purposes of establishing the Class as a not-for-profit Rhode Island business corporation, with legal expenses not to exceed \$3,000 without the further authorization of the Board.

Second: Rob Williams

Approval: Unanimous

Club 420 Charters for Summer Regattas

John Lambert reported that after discussion with LaserPerformance, an arrangement was reached whereby LaserPerformance would supply Charters to various Club 420 regattas during the summer of 2008.

Class Flags

John Barbano discussed a proposal for the Class to acquire class flags for use by race officers, judges and support personnel at 420 Class regattas. Class flags could also be sold on the Class website. The Board supported the proposal on the basis that they would assist in running Class regattas both from a safety as well as efficiency perspective.

MOTION: by Scott Mason to approve the purchase of Class flags for use at 420 regattas and for sale on the Class website, for a dollar amount not to exceed \$1,200.

Second: Kit Sommer

Approval: Unanimous

A draft of the Class Rules was previously circulated with the goal of having the rules revised and approved as soon as possible. In order to finalize the Class Rule revisions, the Board reviewed the Rules on a section by section basis with board members providing feedback where appropriate. Discussions were undertaken regarding the use of personal flotation devices, the use of bow lines, the need for competitors to carry bailers, sail numbers, not permitting loose footed mains, allowing adjustable tiller extensions, the use of non-wire halyards and the timing of effectiveness of the rules.

Club 420 Midwinters as Selection Regatta for I-420 Junior Europeans

2008 420 Midwinters is proposed to be a qualifier for the 2008 I-420 Junior Europeans to be held during the summer of 2008. This would be similar to the arrangements for selecting sailors at the 2007 Club 420 Midwinters.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:05 pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Williams
Secretary