

29er Association Committee
Conference Call Meeting 8.00pm Thursday September 8th

1 Present : Mark Collingwood, Dave Hall, Andrew Martin, Stuart Humphreys, Peter Cooper, Sophie White.

2 Apologies: Barbara Walker.

3 Notes of the last meeting accepted as a true and accurate record

There were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda

4 AOB

- SH reported the documentation from RYA requesting the assoc. to make an application for stand space at the Dinghy Sailing Show Alexander Palace 4-5th March had been received. DH requested that SH send all the information to him as it was already in hand. AM suggested 2nd boat stand manned by sailors and families is needed to aid with promotion. AM & DH agreed to take this forward.
- MC reported an entrapment incident at Loch Lomond and said he has asked Brian Visser to investigate in on the class association's behalf. The report and its findings would be made accessible to everyone.

5 Centres of Excellence

Progress reports from :

PC	Hayling Island	Very positive
AM	Queen Mary	Yes (note refurbishing changing rooms)
MC	Draycote	Yes
SH	Leigh and Lowton	No response to email yet

AM to draft something for the website.

6 Training

- Remaining training for 2005
 - Datchet 10 Sept (16 boats already registered)
 - Queen Mary 15/16 Oct
 - Draycote 12 /13 Nov
 - Weymouth 10/11 Dec
- AM suggested we go for venues mainly in the Midlands and South as open training in North as and there are few members and turn-out is poor. It was agreed though to suggest to members further north that if they could suggest venue(s) and date(s) that would be popular we could provide a coach.
- MC reported that the fee for training needs to go up to £40.00 and £ 50 in Weymouth because of the high boat launch costs (£22.00)
- Despite high costs at Weymouth the training in December is to be used by the RYA for squad selection.
- PC agreed take over bookings for training sessions up to December.
- MC mentioned the RYA Grant which was available for a class coordinator post and said that we should use the grant to get somebody to coordinate and coach. If we know of suitable coaches who are available to deliver open training to contact him.
- DH mentioned that the 2006 calendar was a difficult squeeze and he would circulate the current draft.

7 Recruitment into the 29er

- SH reported Sailors Guide to the 29er underway - SH will encourage Huw to have it ready after half term.
- Issue of how best to disseminate Sailors' Guide was discussed. DH will speak to Duncan, who is in charge of junior training at RYA, and added that a 29er will be taken to some of the junior events where the guide could also be distributed.
- MC raised the question of appointing 29er reps. to approach feeder classes. AM said it may be an unrealistic task with work/ exam pressures faced by sailors. Agreed to get the Sailors' Guide out first and then review this.
- AM referred to letter written to Roger Taylor indemnifying coaches - would like more info. regarding insurance
- SH reported he had spoken to an agent with the insurance company (Heath Lambert Group) to talk through the schedule. It covers all our activities on the water including taster sessions, plus £1000 for Cups and Trophies; Video camera £600; Public Liability Indemnity £2,000,000. Agreed to take the schedule and policy to Datchet for members to study. Policy needs renewing 20th March 2006. Present premium £412.13. Personal indemnity may be an issue.

8 29er RIB

MC Rib now fixed. Draycote club keen to look after it (regular use will ensure it works) we will have use of it when needed.

DH clarified that the rib was insured through The Eric Twining Trust

MC said he was intending to tow the rib only when necessary - will use club ribs when more convenient.

9 RYA Liaison

MC spoke to SW who was very supportive, he raised the issue of mixed crews but reported no change on this front. DH mentioned Rob Andrews as a good link.

10 Open Meeting Planning DH

- Nationals Trophies MC said they will be taken to Datchet
- Trophies for Inlands DH said the Club will provide engraved glass trophies
- Memorial Race DH said everything in hand plus a social on Sat. night
- 2006 Nationals 15th July confirmed. Venue? DH said it may have to be run at another club close to Weymouth.
- Europeans Valencia, Spain early July?

11 Grand Prix Series

AM discussion of what to provide as prizes. MC agreed to follow this up.

12 Membership

MC agreed to keep reduced membership for the class in line with constitution – ie starts after 30th September. DH pointed out the option to pay a day fee was available until next year's time for joining.

13 CRB Checks

SH Said he had registered as the new 29er Hon. Sec. with Jackie Reid, RYA Child Protection Officer, SH and had emailed guidance to committee members on how to apply for a CRB disclosure which will be submitted to RYA ,the umbrella body. SH will receive notification from Child Protection Officer at RYA if issues arise. Sailor reps. do not need disclosure.

15 Website Management

MC Suggested that we now had a committee page where our minutes could be posted and was working on some other improvements with Andy

DH said website manager was a difficult job – and reminded us that we can't demand too much.

DH had most 29er email addresses. AM raised issue of needing to register as a depositer of information if keeping people's email addresses. MC said we need to make sure the Forum is covered and registration fee is paid. DH to take it forward.

16. AGM Minutes

These have been circulated in draft form. Please email SH back at treffos@aol.com with any factual inaccuracies – for approval at next AGM.

29er Worlds committee

DH asked for a volunteer from the committee to join the 29er Worlds Committee. AM was encouraged to accept.

Committee address list:

MC requested members to check for the tel. numbers and email addresses for accuracy on the list sent out to members by SH and to email any corrections to SH at treffos@aol.com SH to circulate issue 2

Sponsorship of con. call

SH suggested there should be some acknowledgement of Brian Visser's sponsorship of the conference call facility. MC reported that we have agreed to advertise his company in the Association Handbook and AM suggested we try and get a banner recognising his support on the website.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm

17 Date of next meeting

20th Oct 8.00 pm 2005