

29er Association Committee #3
Conference Call Meeting 8.00 Thursday 20th October 2005

1. Present:

Mark Collingwood, Dave Hall, Andrew Martin, Stuart Humphreys, Nigel Sign, Barbara Walker, Andy Fielder, Peter Cooper.

2. Apologies:

Jane Fletcher, Nick Hollis, Sophie White.

3. Notes of the last meeting

Accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. AOB

DH reported that Yachts and Yachting wanted facts and figures for a class review for the November issue – Nigel said he would be dealing with it.

5. Treasurer's Report

- BW commented on how effective Elizabeth's work had been providing a credit balance for the accounts for a 9month period up to 30th September 2005 credit balance stood at £5177.12.
- BW Clarified that the sum of £3000 from the RYA and the sum of £1200 was to be used to assist with open training. Open training had incurred losses: Leigh & Lowton £240, Island Barn £130, Largs £432, Ullswater £175 and Datchet £41.
- Association still had to make the following payments:
- Jenny Marks £256 for open training incurred in 2004(provided for in the accounts)
- Jenny Marks £279 for training at Queen Mary 15&16th October
- RIB outboard serviced £138.65
- Fuel for RIB at Draycote £42.70
- Presently a balance in the account for this year of £4000
- BW proposed we switch our account with the Building Society to a high street bank if we cannot resolve issues of change of signatory for the account.

6. Secretary's Report

- a. 29er Class Insurance. SH raised the issue of whether we should take out additional insurance to cover Officers Indemnity which is designed to provide compensation to an individual acting on behalf of a club or association where an individual has been proved to be legally liable for actions in their own right. SH Agreed to find out about the cost of Officer Indemnity Cover and report at next meeting.

- b. CRB Checks. SH reported that Jenny Reid (RYA's Child Protection Officer) had not raised any issues relating to CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checks with our members- however, some members had yet to complete the procedure. SH reminded members that they needed to phone CRB application line 0870 90 90 844 and request an application form and quote the RYA's Registered Body reference number 20321100003 making it clear that they are working for the association on a voluntary basis and that they needed an Enhanced Disclosure.
- c. AGM Minutes, 1st August 2005, Paignton Sailing Club, SH reported that he had had one amendment and file them as an accurate record of the business.

7. Training

- MC reported that Transitional Squad would be announced shortly.
- For 2006 training would take place at Draycote, Queen Mary, and Hayling.
- Issue of low turn out in the North raised- suggested that we need guaranteed turn out before we proceed to organise events in the North.

8. Racing Programme

a. Memorial Race

- DH reported it was set up and ready to go.
- DH also reported that we are still waiting for a date for the Europeans.
- Nationals will be in Hayling over 4 days Monday to Thursday. 17- 20th July. DH said Hayling were stretching themselves to cover 4 days and it would not be advisable to race on the Friday as sailors will need recovery time prior to the Worlds at Weymouth 22nd July to 30th. DH to confirm we can register on Sunday.

b. Measuring and Self-certification.

- DH agreed to ask Arthur Allen to provide a training for sailors in Spring, possibly at Draycote so that they were fully aware of the regs. and requirements relating to measurement prior to the Worlds.

9. Grand Prix Series.

- a. MC thanked Andy Martin for compiling the Series results spread sheet.
- Question of whether it was worth holding Grand Prix series was raised, it was recognised that many sailors don't treat it as a series. Members had reservations about the merits of the GP series.

b. Trophies.

- MC had asked JF (Jane Fletcher) to get additional Helm and Crew Trophies which could be given out at Grapham plus an Inlands and Ladies trophy.

29er RIB

- MC reported that after expressing some initial reservation Simon Wergan was now happy with our arrangement to keep the RIB at Draycot. Need to sort out some mechanical problems with the RIB and address the issue of insurance with Draycote.

11. Website

- Andy was congratulated by all on the quality of the website.
- Issue of Data Protection for forum members was raised. AM agreed to follow up the registration implications.

12. Membership

- Nigel will email list of members to MC and BW so they can chase up membership at events.

Membership Handbook.

- Nigel reported it cost £120 to produce. MC suggested centre pages in colour with more reports from sailors. For 8 more pages plus 30 more copies cost would be £192. MC reported that Musto would pay the postage for mailing the handbook if a catalogue could go out with it – members supported this. Also agreed to ask members/ sailors to report on specific events: Worlds, Nationals, Europeans, Inlands, Tide ride. All hard info. in Yachts and Yachting. Sailors to be asked to provide more personalised account for inclusion in the Handbook:

Huw - Nationals,
Dylan - Europeans,
Phil - Worlds
Sophie - Inlands
Tide Ride - Sarah.

- AM to produce CD of photographs from last year for Andy Fielder and Mark Collingwood.

13. Recruitment to 29er

- a. SH said Sailors Guide should be ready soon after half term
- b. Dinghy Show. DH said the 29ers has a significant space but stressed that members needed to help out. A two year old boat which looked good was needed. AM to liaise with DH on this. AM reported that two 42” plasma screens would be on site but that footage was needed. Mark Asquith to be contacted for training footage. It was noted that we need to get sailors permission to use photographs and video footage- this request could be included on the training forms sent to sailors.
- c Fleets PC said that establishing fleets was problematic, particularly in the south as club sailing provided 29er sailors with good racing competition - did not see much scope for changing this.

14. Loch Lomond Incident

- MC. Brian has given a verbal report- hard to establish what happened. Issue of wire or cord for trapeze – both had their problems- agreed to wait for Brian’s written report and then provide advice/ recommendations.
- Conference ended 9.10pm

15. Date next meeting 1st Dec 8.00pm