

29er Association Committee Conference Call Meeting 2006 #2
8.00pm Thursday 23rd March 2006

1. Present: Barbara Walker, Mark Collingwood, Stuart Humphreys Andrew Martin, Andy Fielder, Peter Cooper, Nigel Sign, Arthur Allen, Sophie White.

2. Apologies: Dave Hall, Jane Fletcher.

3. Minutes of the last meeting approved.

No matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

4. Treasurer's Report (BW)

Accounts for 2005 completed in draft form. Copies to be sent to MC and SH. and made available at next meeting at Rutland. The associations account is in surplus although the exact figure has yet to be determined as there are still some expenses to be covered for open training sessions.

Conference calls (MC)

Bryan Visser has offered to continue supporting our conference calls. With his company's new arrangement there is no free phone number and each caller would have to pay for the cost of the call at normal national rates. This would be a lot cheaper than using the BT facilities and it was agreed that we would reimburse the cost of these calls on a six-monthly basis. The committee acknowledges Byran's generous support.

5. Secretaries Report (SH)

The 29er Associations Child Protection Policy is presently being reviewed in the light of changes that the RYA's have made to their Child Protection Policy.

Any alterations to the 29er Ass. Policy on Child Protection which may be required will be at placed on the agenda at the AGM; in the meantime SH will provide all committee members with information regarding our existing Child protection Policy and guidance notes.

6. Training PC

Current situation - Numbers are down a little. Blue water 4 boats. Ullswater 6 boats. Chew? 3 boats. All sessions have gone well.

MC Pointed out that we need to provide more information on website re training. AF to take this forward.

Training before the Nationals – MC said we need for information on the website to get feedback on what sailors want.

RYA Grant and South East Training (MC)

Geoff Slater has asked to run some winter training in the South East. The RYA are providing £2000 per annum for open training plus £600 for the South East provided it is open as opposed to running a regional squad with restricted participation.

5. Racing Programme (MC)

Notice to race for the Nationals now on the website

Europeans notice to race is due out very shortly.

6. Measurement Issues

AA agreed to get small number of forestay measurement gauges made for approx £20.00 each. Others could be ordered by sailors if there was sufficient demand.

Members considered that sailors needed to know what was involved in measurement and equally important they needed to be able to get clarification of issues surrounding measurement and self certification. AA agreed to take this forward and produce a question and answer format re issues surrounding measurement which could be put on the website. The committee are invited to submit questions to be answered.

7. 29er RIB MC

All RYA requirements for running the RIB now met except for wheel clamp.

8. Membership Secretary's Report

NS Reported memberships stands at 70 made up of both individual and family.

At the end of March 2005 we had less than 50 members so this year is already well up.

The membership handbook and Musto catalogue has gone out to every member.

MC thanked NS for all the work he had put in on this front.

9. Recruitment (AM)

Production of the 29er Sailors Guide will be taken forward after the Youths

10. Dinghy Show (AM)

MC thanked AM and DH for all their input into the 29er presence at the Dinghy Show. AM reported that people were very positive and enthusiastic and added that the boat is now in a strong position.

11. Website

MC/AF reported that they were improving the links on the site to the training pages

AM suggested that it would be helpful for sailors to put up pictures on the website- MC and AF will take it forward.

12. RYA Stakeholders Conference

MC reported that sailing is now an accredited activity for the D of E. award scheme.

Next meeting May 4th 8.00pm