

UK 29er Class Association

**Minutes of committee meeting held via Audio Conference Call
8pm Monday 14th April 2008**

Present (P) / Apologies (A)

Peter Cooper (PC)	P	David Wood (DW)	P
Dave Hall (DH)	P	Jane Brooks (JB)	P
Mike Hollis (MH)	P	Nick Hollis (NH)	P
Fiona Diamond (FD)	P		
John Hilton (JH)	P	Barbara Walker (BW)	A
Lesley Jones (LJ)	P	Paul Perera (PP)	A

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the previous committee meeting held by conference call on Monday 4th February '08

Accepted as a true and accurate report. Proposed by PC, seconded by JB

Racing and Events Calendar 2008/09

DH reported that a number of venues were confirmed as follows:-

29er Worlds 2009

Riva del Garda - Italy

29er's planned to commence on the 10th July 2009
with the 49's racing 1 week later

2009 European's

Venue not yet confirmed but Silva Plana was being considered to take place in a suitable timeframe to complement the World's at Lake Garda.

2009 Nationals

Venues being considered were Restronguet in Cornwall (unfortunately we have just found out that this is not possible but may be OK for 2010?)

All to consider suitable venues for consideration and feed back to DH /JB

The 29er Association have been invited to send a team to the 'Fat Face' event in Plymouth on the 5th and 6th of July.

F.D. to see if it is possible to add the information to the web site to allow sailors to register their interest

Please see attached information



Fat Face Night Sail.htm

Standard SI's and Competitors Conduct

PC said that he had met with Simon Wergan who stated that the RYA is very aware of potential problems surrounding the behaviour and conduct of sailors.

It was suggested that a statement describing the sailor's responsibilities in this area should be included in the Standard S.I.'s as well as in the 29er Association Year Book – PC to consider wording.

Also the committee felt that if there were any breaches of 'acceptable behaviour' this should be severely dealt with.

Website

FD said that there were no issues to report concerning the web site.

FD would like to prepare a new format area on the web site devoted to the Open Events and Open Training but needs to liase with BW (on her return) before making these changes.

NH asked if there was a possibility for coaches to be allowed access to the web site to gain information / details of sailors attending the open training sessions.

MH said that on the web site there was some pertinent information, which was still relevant and important, but due to the format of the site this info does 'slide' down the web site when new information is placed on the web page.

LJ said that further works needs to be done to ensure that sailors embarking on these events are fully paid up members of the 29er Class Association.

FD said that she would have a look at these and see what could be achieved.

Membership

LJ said that the class association membership was extremely healthy and there are currently 123 members (individual and family members).

With regard to data protection issues it was agreed that only the minimum information to identify sailors be made available to third parties.

This information to be Christian name, Surname and Date of Birth

MH suggested that we might need to change the format of the questions we ask on our membership and event forms.

FD asked if the current Entry Information we ask for is in line with data protection policy?

PC said that he had spoken to Jan Lasko who confirmed that everything is in order with respect to the Data Protection Act.

Treasurers Report

MH said that the class association funds are healthy currently being in excess of £28,000 across 4 bank accounts.

International Affairs

Apologies from PP, this will be covered at our next meeting.

Training and RYA Update

BW had sent her apologies but PC stated that Simon Wergan is pleased with the class association's efforts in making the Open Training events widely available.

These events have also been extremely well supported.

Thanks to JB who has been instrumental in promoting venues and coaches for additional Northern based venues.

Please see attached email from PC/BW with venues dates and coaches.



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Committee Members

PC said that both he and LJ would be standing down at the AGM and asked if anyone knew parents who would consider standing for election to the committee, and if so would they please approach them on an informal basis. MH suggested that we could also advertise these vacancies on the web site and additionally we should ask for Sailors to put themselves forward to represent the views of the members.

Additionally we should put details of the AGM, date, time and venue in the registration Pack for the Nationals to encourage both sailors and parents to attend.

AOB

Noble Marine

PC said that Noble Marine were prepared to Sponsor Bow Numbers for the National Championships. There was a discussion about the most appropriate size for these numbers.

NH said that they should not be smaller than 250mm i.e. the normal size for numbers on the 29er sail.

DH said that numbers are more likely to come off the bow rather than the sail and suggested the possibility of having a Noble Marine Logo for the sail.

PC will speak to Noble Marine, to discuss the options.

Date of next meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held via conf call on Thursday 19th June at 8pm.

We would then hold a face-to-face meeting at a time to be agreed on the Monday or Tuesday of the Nationals **PRIOR** to the AGM, which will be held on Tuesday? At a time to be agreed.

A suitable room may need to be booked with WPNSA for this.