

## UK 29er Class Association

Minutes of committee meeting held via Audio Conference Call  
8pm Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2008

### Present (P) / Apologies (A)

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

### Class Association Committee Members Nominations for '08/'09

There was a discussion to clarify the existing committee members who were prepared to stand for a further term and those who wished to stand down

JH confirmed that he had been approached to stand as Chairman of the Class Association after a successful year as Vice Chairman

All agreed that JH would be the ideal person to carry on from PC's chairmanship.

Anthony Esse, Giles Lloyd Williams and Nigel Furness offered their services for the offices of Chair and Vice Chair. Richard Redding offered his services generally.

The position of Chair being discussed and JH being unanimously agreed for proposal, the committee discussed the role of Vice Chairman. NF was considered to be the most appropriate candidate for a number of reasons, not least the fact that he already has a daughter who is in the Transitional squad and 2 other younger daughters who are looking to move into the 29er. This appointment would hopefully give the Class continuity for some years to come. Richard Redding was proposed for election to become Sailing Secretary and JB kindly offered to remain on the committee to assist Richard. Richard will have special responsibility for racing matters.

The committee would like to thank Anthony and Giles for their interest, currently the positions on the committee in which they showed interest have

been filled but we look forward to working with them and any other interested members to enhance what the Association can do to support our 29er sailors in the future.

Lesley Jones (LJ) has unfortunately had to stand down early from her position as Membership Secretary and the committee have co-opted Jane Furness (JF) to take over from Lesley. The committee thanked Lesley for her hard work and support and also thanked Jane for offering to take over the demanding role of membership secretary.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Position 2007/08</b>	<b>Proposed Position 2008/09</b>
Peter Cooper (PC)	Class Chairman	Resigning
John Hilton (JH)	Vice Chairman	Class Chairman
Nigel Furness (NH)	N/A	Class Vice Chairman
Mike Hollis (MH)	Treasurer	Treasurer
Lesley Jones (LJ)	Membership Secretary	Resigned
Jane Furness (JF)	N/A	Membership Secretary
David Wood (DW)	Secretary	Secretary
Fiona Diamond (FD)	Web Master	Web Master
Jane Brooks (JB)	Sailing Secretary	Sailing Secretary
Richard Redding (RR)	N/ A	Sailing Secretary - Racing
Paul Perera	International Representative	International Representative
Dave Hall	Manufacturer Representative	Manufacturer Representative
Arthur Allen	Class Measurer	Class Measurer
Barbara Walker	Class Co-ord	Class Co-ordinator
Nick Hollis	Sailor Rep	Resigning
Michael Wood	N/A	Sailor Rep
Becky Diamond	N/A	Sailor Rep
Other Sailors TBA	N/A	TBA

## **Racing Calendar**

There has been a strong representation to the committee over a period time that we do not arrange enough specific (competitive) 29er races. The committee discussed this point at length but this is something we have been aware of for at least 12 months based on feed back from sailors and parents. Whilst our training programme is excellent it is felt that we need to provide 29er specific races for these sailors to compete in.

It was discussed that we need to ensure that we do not impinge on dates currently in the calendar for existing events where 29er's are included e.g. John Merricks Sailing Trust at Rutland, Tide Ride at HISC etc BUT rather provide NEW dates and venues

### **AOB**

PC said that there were problems in arranging for the class rib to be delivered to WPNSA for the Nationals

Gary Carr who has previously delivered the class rib to many venues has a new vehicle without a tow bar.

However Gary has offered to tow the class rib to WPNSA for the Nationals if he had a tow bar, which would cost £150 to be fitted.

PC Proposed that the Class arrange for a tow bar to be fitted at a cost of £150 as Gary had towed the Class Rib to numerous venues, and Gary was happy to continue to support the class by towing the rib to local venues whenever he was available.

DW seconded the proposal and also expressed his thanks to Gary for his help with delivering the rib.

MH said that 4 29er Sailors had brought great credit to the 29 Class by winning the ISAF Youth Worlds in the 29er Class, and wondered if the class association should honour this achievement at the Nationals?

All asked for time to reflect on the most appropriate action

### **Life Time Achievement Awards**

It is important that we acknowledge the success of Pippa Wilson who is representing Team GBR at the Beijing Olympics in the Yngling Class and confer on her the honor of lifetime membership.

This is in addition to the current Life Members, Katherine Hopson and Hannah Stodel, who represented GBR at the Athens Olympics.

### **Date of Next meeting (AGM)**

To be held at WPNSA on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Aug in the Committee room at 18:00