

The UK 29er CLASS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at GWSC on 1st November 2008

Confirmation of those Present Present (P) / Apologies (A)

John Hilton (JH)	P	Fiona Diamond (FD)	A
Nigel Furness (NF)	P	Paul Perera (PP)	A
Jane Furness (JF)	P		
Barbara Walker (BW)	P		
Jane Brooks (JB)	P		
Richard Redding (RR)	P		
Dave Hall (DH)	P		
Steve Larvin (SL) *	P		
Giles Lloyd Williams (GLW)*	P		
David Wood (DW)	P		

* Attended second meeting after Sailing finished

The meeting opened at 14:00

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Proposed by JF and seconded by JB

Review of Actions

Please refer to the attached action list.

Racing and Events Calendar

DH said that we were now in a position to offer a race series of 6 dedicated weekend regattas to constitute a new National Series with 4 out of 6 to count. We are still waiting for confirmation of a northern venue for this series.

RR said that Oxford Sailing Club have confirmed that they can host a regatta.

JH, DH and GLW are meeting with Harken on Friday to discuss the possibility of them sponsoring the series.

We are anticipating having 6 confirmed venues prior to this meeting.

We also discussed the possibility of running 3 one day regattas during the winter possibly at Draycote. BW, JF, NF to liaise with the Draycote Committee to see if this was feasible.

JH suggested that the Class Association could fund a social event for the sailors on the Sat evening of weekend regattas to encourage more sailors to attend the events - all agreed this is a good idea.

Website

JH said that FD was meeting with Jamie – the webmaster- to look at making improvements to the site.

It may be that a 'useful links' button is added to the homepage which could then lead members to further information rather than overloading the homepage with information and logo's.

If anything on the website is not working correctly we should remove it now and then review what we want to provide at a later date.

It was suggested that a 'Technical Tips Page' could include the 29er Manual

Treasurer's report

JH welcomed BW and thanked her on behalf of the committee for volunteering to take over from MH who has had to stand down to be pressures from outside commitments. JH thanked MH for his hard work and support.

JH suggested that when appropriate the money set aside for the Class Rib Replacement be deposited in a dedicated account named for this purpose.

JH Proposed and DW seconded all in agreement.

International Affairs

PP had sent his apologies.

DW said that he had written to PP as requested by the committee at the last meeting. PP had replied that as the vast majority of the European Committee did not want to hold a European Championships as the Worlds are to be held at Garda in 2009, there are currently no plans for a European Championships in 2009.

Training and Risk Assessment

BW said that the Open Training has not been as well attended as last year, this may be due to the fact that most of the 29er Sailors have know been offered places in RYA Squads and that the 29er is not currently the ISAF boat. Also one of the North based sessions had been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Membership

JF said that the new Class Association Membership Application Form has been posted on the website. The committee thanked JF for her work in producing the form.

Publicity

DH has sent an advertisement to Sailing News to be placed in their publication in return for a link from the 29er Web site to the Sailing News Web site

DH has also sent a full page advertisement to Yachts and Yachting Magazine

Constitution

JH had emailed the committee with details of changes to the constitution proposed by GLW. JH had collated the replies and these were discussed at some length. Each point was discussed individually and it was decided that none of the points warranted a change to the Constitution but some of the ideas were adopted particularly in terms of transparency of the committee and the work that was being carried out on behalf of the members. This would include publication of the Agenda on the website and the invitation to members to add items for discussion if they so wished.

JH also said that if Giles wished he could ask for his proposed changes to the constitution to be brought up at the AGM when together with the Committee's objections to the changes, they could be considered and voted upon by the members.

AOB

The value of the Year Book was discussed and it was agreed that we should still be producing this for the members. DW to coordinate contributions and production of the year book with support from JF.

BW has updated the class coordinators page. JH to update chairman's welcome.

JH to contact FD to ask for CD of pictures taken by Jamie D at the Nationals which could be included in the year book and credited to JD.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Committee meetings will take place via conference call on:-

Thursday 8th Jan '09 and

Thursday 12th March '09

The meeting closed at 15:10