

UK 29er CLASS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 22nd January 2009

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 20.05 and everyone present was delighted to see the return of JH after his recent illness.

1. Confirmation of Those Present

Present J. Hilton (Chair) N. Furness (Vice Chair) D. Wood, S. Larvin, D. Hall, F. Diamond, J. Brooks, J. Furness, B. Walker

Apologies A. Allen, P. Perera, S. Hopper, R. Redding

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting which had been circulated to all were agreed as being an accurate report and proposal to accept BW and second by DW.

3. Review of Outstanding Actions

Advertising flyer for the Class – FD is going to create a flyer advertising the thrill of 29er sailing and including details of what the Class Association offer. This will be ready for the boat show on 7th/8th March.

Series of Saturday Open meetings at Draycote – BW reported that Draycote are not keen to commit at this stage and she will approach them again when they have their open meeting dates confirmed.

Set up designated Rib Deposit A/c – BW confirmed she had written to HSBC, funds are currently on 6 month deposit until February. When the funds come off term deposit HSBC will set up the rib deposit account.

4. Proposed Changed to Measurement Rules

In the absence of Arthur Allen, Class Measurer, Dave Hall outlined the proposals. 29ers are currently weighed without boom, pole and stock in the boat. The proposal is to alter the minimum boat weight in order that the boats can be weighed with these items in place. BW is to contact Arthur and ask him to e-mail any further information.

5. Racing & Events Calendar 2009

Grand Prix Series – It was confirmed that at the final event at Northampton racing for the series will be on the Saturday only, there will be a party on the Saturday evening and the Northampton Open on the Sunday. DH to liaise with Ian Castle about the cost of a party.

Harken Sponsorship - It was agreed to change the title of the series to read Harken Grand Prix and to publish details of the sponsorship on the website. JH and DH are to finalise the agreement with Harken and agree how the event should be titled.

2009 Nationals

DH to liaise with Hayling Island regarding the Nationals and to produce a "to do" list. Committee members can then volunteer to handle a specific task.

BW has established that the cost of a party with 3 course dinner would be £20.00 per head plus £200 for a disco. There were brief discussions as to how much the class should give to support this and it was decided to establish the cost of entry and once we know how much the entry is likely to be we can then make a decision on what (if any) premium to add to the entry fee to cover the party.

Dinghy Show 7/8th March

DH said there would be two 29ers at the show one on the RYA stand and one on the Ovington stand. He asked for both sailor volunteers and committee volunteers. FD to put an item on the website calling for volunteers and committee members to get back to DH

6. International Affairs

Following the repeated question from Giles Lloyd Williams as to the cost of 29er membership NF asked BW to contact PP to establish exactly what value for money we got from paying one third of our fee (10Euros) to the ICA. BW sent an e-mail to PP and is awaiting a reply. DH explained that the bulk of the fee goes to pay Jerelyn for secretarial work done on behalf of the ICA. He explained there is a good deal of admin involved in organising international events and dealing with ISAF.

7. 29er Taster Sessions – Topper Inlands

This has been arranged by DH at Grafham on 4th May the day after the Topper Inlands.

An additional 4 try out days are currently in the process of being finalised and SL is to liaise with the Toppers to get these dates advertised on their website and FD is going to ask her contact in the Optimist class to do the same.

8. Treasurer's Report

BW is currently working on the year end accounts and hopes to have them completed no later than the second week in February. The class will make approximately £3500 profit in 2008 and the committee agreed that the bulk of this sum should be given back to the members in the form of support for parties/socials at events where the majority of members attend.

9. Website

FD said she had been in contact with Jamie and they are hoping to set up a links page. FD also informed us of a Facebook page that Becky Diamond had set up for 29er sailors and the committee agreed to let members know of this via the website but not to put a link.

BW commented that she had taken a good look at the 420 website and personally found the 29er site to be much better and had no problems with the way the site currently worked. There was general agreement with this view and all thanked FD for all the hard work she continues to put into maintaining an informative and interesting home page.

11. Membership

JF confirmed that she had collected the new 2009 membership booklet and so far 40 membership packs had been sent out. JH commented that he thought it was the best booklet we had produced so far and well done to everyone involved with its production.

12. AOB

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.07

13. The date of the next meeting is Thursday, 12th March at 20.00hrs

