

## Minutes of the UK 29er Class Association AGM held on 19<sup>th</sup> August at Pwllheli

- 1) Present: John Hilton (Chair) Steve Larvin (Vice Chair)  
Jane Furness, Barbara Walker, Nigel Furness, Charles Glover, Arthur Allen  
Grahame Smith, Dave Hall (joined late)
- 2) Apologies: Lucy Carlisle
- 3) John Hilton opened the meeting at 7.15pm by welcoming everyone to the hall. The minutes of the 2009 AGM had been posted on the Class website 21 days previously and a copy had been available on the notice board since Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August for members to read. There were no questions on the previous minutes.
- 4) Motion to accept the minutes of the 2009 AGM proposed by JH and seconded by JF.
- 5) Barbara Walker introduced herself as the Class Co-ordinator, explaining this is a position for which she is paid and as also as Class Treasurer, a voluntary position and a committee member in that role. BW explained that the class have in the past printed out copies of the audited accounts for every member attending the AGM but in the interests of saving paper there were a few copies of the accounts in the room for those who wished to take away a copy and anyone who would like a copy please e-mail BW who will let them have a copy. BW then ran through a summary of the accounts giving a brief explanation of the figures and said that if anyone had any questions to contact her directly at Pwllheli or by e-mail at any time.
- 6) Motion to accept the Audited Account to 31/12/2009 proposed by BW seconded by JH.
- 7) JH spoke about the issue of membership and fees. He explained that 10 Euros go directly to the ICA and that there was an ongoing discussion with the Europe and World committee that this fee should be paid on 1<sup>st</sup> international competition not at source with the UK membership. Formal notification of the outcome of these discussions will be given if there are any changes to the current fee structure. The existing subscription has remained the same for the last 2 years and will remain unchanged for 2011.

Member Tim Walton said there was a problem at Garda where the international portion of the fee was taken twice, once as part of UK membership and again as a charge by ICA. BW replied that any International membership portion that had been paid twice would be refunded and asked anyone affected by this to let her know.

- 8) JH went on to say how the Class has grown in the time he has been involved and made particular mention of the large UK attendance at the Worlds in Garda. He congratulated Henry Lloyd Williams and Sam Batten who represented the class at ISAF and achieved 4<sup>th</sup> place.

JH said he was delighted to have been able to secure Zhik sponsorship for the Nationals for the second year running and hopes that in these difficult times it will be possible to retain them for 2011.

The Harken Grand prix series was a continuing success and the final event party is very popular with sailors and helps to make the Class a social success also. JH said it was important to aim to keep sailors in the Class past youth level, this happens in most European countries and those at the top of the fleet at the worlds are often older sailors. JH said he had had a fantastic time with the 29ers and stressed the importance of sailor input into the

decision making in the class. With a wish of good luck to all JH closed the Chairman's address.

BW thanked JH on behalf of the committee and said that they had a small gift for him as a memento of his time with the Class.

- 9) JH proceeded to the next item which was the motion to propose new committee members. JH explained that we were in the unusual position of having a large number of people standing for committee and that although there had been a notice on the website for several weeks asking those interested in standing for committee he had only that day received notification of many of the names. There were 21 in all, 11 nominees having previously notified intention to stand.

Nominees : Steve Larvin, Jane Furness, Nigel Furness, Barbara Walker, Charles Glover, Lucy Carlisle, Arthur Allen, Dave Hall, Graham Smith, Adam Larvin, Becky Wallbank, Simon Loveridge, Debbie Cooper, Tom Harris, Jo Hawkins, Phil Berry, Jack Payne, Paul Rogers Ben Cooper, Martin Orton, Peter Bucktrout.

A member stated that existing and new committee members should introduce themselves and give a brief explanation of why they are standing for committee. All nominees did this.

All members in the hall had a voting card and JH explained the procedure of raising your card if you were in favour of a nominee.

- 10) The vote proceed to the first name on the list that being Barbara Walker. There was difficulty in counting the large number of votes received accurately as hands held in the air were getting tired as the vote was counted and re-checked. It was decided to ask those voting for BW to file out of the door so an accurate count could be taken. This being done it was obvious that to adopt this approach for all nominees would take hours. A decision was taken to prepare a ballot paper and within 20 minutes papers were distributed to members in exchange for their voting card and then a vote was taken.

As time was running on and members in the hall were eager to go home it was proposed by CG that the rest of the Agenda be adjourned until the next meeting due to take place the following day at 09.30 when the members had been elected to office. Seconded by SL.

The votes were counted and there was a tie in votes between two nominees, Lucy Carlisle and Jo Hawkins. There followed a show of hands in the hall and the votes were Lucy Carlisle 29 Jo Hawkins 20. Lucy Carlisle was duly elected.

There are a maximum of 12 places available on the main committee and the 12 nominees voted in by the members standing for re-election were:

Barbara Walker

Jane Furness

Nigel Furness

Steve Larvin

Dave Hall

Graham Smith

Lucy Carlisle

New Committee members:

Adam Larvin

Becky Wallbank

Martin Orton

Peter Bucktrout

Ben Cooper

JH then explained that there were up to 5 places for Sailor representatives and asked that anyone interested to come forward.

A vote was taken by a show of hands and the following were duly elected as Sailor representatives.

Chris Peel

John Whelton

Will Carlisle

Nicola Smith

Jeremy Williamson

The meeting closed then closed at 10.02pm