

UK 29ER CLASS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH MAY 2010

Present: John Hilton (Chair) Steve Larvin ,Fiona Diamond, Dave Hall, Charles Glover, Jane Furness, Nigel Furness, Graham Smith, Henry Collinson, Barbara Walker

Apologies: Lucy Carlisle

The meeting opened at 7.35 pm with a welcome from JH.

2011/2012 Bid for Europeans:

DH explained that the bidding process is put together by the club in Europe but by the Class Association in the UK. Producing a bid was considered by all to be an excellent idea and following discussion regarding the limited availability at WPNSA during 2011 and 2012 and the pressure this limited availability puts on other suitable venues, it was decided we bid for the Europeans in 2013 at WPNSA as it was felt that the Olympic venue would attract large numbers. All agreed.

John will now confirm back to the World Council Chairman

Class Training:

Three TT selection events will be run alongside Class open training for 2010/11. BW is currently in discussion with the RYA to confirm suitable venues. There are two preferred venues, Draycote and WPNSA with a third to be decided. Suggestions included Datchett, Rutland, Grafham, Lymington, Warsash and Emsworth. BW to discuss with RYA and advise.

Finance:

Nothing to report other than the 2009 accounts are still with the auditor.

John Confimed that the class had recived this years funding of6.5K from the RYA

Membership:

JF confirmed there were 92 members which is similar to last year at this time.

CG confirmed he is writing an article for the toppers discussing transition and this will include the 29ers and should help to promote the class.

CG confirmed he now had the information he required with regard to age related prizes.

Working with Other Classes:

SL said that he had been unable to get into dialogue with Roy McCubbin.

JH said that he is ion dialogue with Feva and CAT class

CG confirmed that Ovington are to d a demo day at Derwent in May when 200 toppers are expected

HC volunteered to help at the topper nationals in Pwhelli .

JF confirmed that her daughter, Joan, would also help with demos at the optimist nationals.

Website:

FD confirmed that the website has been completed for the nationals including powerpoint from Pwhelli.

JH to liaise with European Classes to encourage entry.

A request from P&B has been received for a link to them. It was agreed that any commercial enterprise must give some benefit to the Class if the Class were to assist with advertising.

CG will now contact P&B to discuss sponsorship possibilities.

FD will try and get static adverts across the top of the page and speak with Jamie.
CG asked about the ownership of the domain name, explaining that the Class could be in a vulnerable position on this issue. All agreed that FD to follow up with Jamie about this issue.

Events 2011:

DH said that there had been an offer from Torbay YC to host the 2011 nationals. General feeling was that this venue was not ideal and DH to try and find another venue. Suggestions were HISC, Plymouth and Parkstone or Poole with Parkstone generally being favoured.
DH confirmed that the key venues at Rutland and Grafham were in place.

Nationals:

CG suggested that the class should have a backdrop for the event, cost of £115 all agreed, CG to organise.
JF asked about the prize-giving and dinner. BW confirmed that Pwhelli were aware we wanted a dinner and this is included in the entry. FD to put pictures on website showing the dinner at HISC in order to encourage sailors to dress up (posh frocks, suit, DJ)
CG confirmed that Pwhelli have a new marquee that will be available for the event and confirm with Pwhelli the provision of a disco.

Safety Rib:

Rib due to go to the ET event but GS has had no confirmation of pick up time BW to follow up and confirm details to GS.

Sponsorship:

CG outlined the Zhik offer of 70 prizes value £2,300. CG to liaise with Zhik to agree prizes and try to get additional funding from them. BW commented that in the current economic climate it would be important not to lose goodwill, as Zhik had increased the value of prizes this year.

CG raised the issue of race reports produced by the sailors and their reluctance to deliver an event report.

Class Judge

CG raised the issue of a class judge. John provided an overview of how we had got to this situation and the issue of costs.

Charles stated that after agreement from John he had been talking to the class judge scheme and the RYA. The RYA has agreed to provide £1000 to the association to sponsor a judge for the remaining of the season. Charles will now work with the Class Judge scheme to see if we can identify a judge.

GC to provide detail on how we will get the funding from the RYA

AOB

GC raised the question of establish a 29er Steering Group in much the same way as the Toppers - it's by far the best way to secure the right level of engagement with the RYA and ensure we are all working together and to common goals within an ongoing dialogue. I have mentioned this to both Duncan and Roy - both are very supportive and see it as an opportunity which will benefit the class.

Following discussion the committee agreed to Charles moving this forward

Next Committee Call

The next call will be set up for Thursday the 10th of June at 19.30. John will send details.

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