

29er

Committee Conference Call – Monday 27th June 2011; 8.30pm

Present:

Ben Cooper, Martin Orton, Phil Berry, Giles Lloyd Williams, Pete Bucktrout, Chris Turner, Rob Allan, Angie Alloway, Martha Berry

Apologies – Jo Hawkins

Agenda

1. **Finance** (Ben Cooper)

Update of current position

We have approx £20,000 in our deposit account and £8,200 in our current account.

We have invoiced 2 of the 3 grants to the RYA:

1. Class Administrator £3,500
2. Cost of class judge £750

Jo's view is that we are breaking even or are slightly below, however we are investing at this point and she feels it is the right thing to do. All agreed.

RYA financial agreement for 2011/2012

The RYA is introducing more formal annual statements on how they support each of the Youth and Junior classes; this is a positive step, and as far as the 29er Class is concerned, the key points are as follows:

- a. £3,500 to support open training – this is geared towards bringing more sailors in, and specifically supporting the Autumn Transition training.
- b. £750 towards supporting the Class Judge, and their attendance at key events during the year.
- c. £3,500 towards the cost of the Class Administrator

AGM Financial Statement for year ending December 2010

Jo to report at AGM

2. **Training**

Planning for Autumn 2011 / Spring 2012

- a. Training date for all 8 events have been secured. There may be a possibility for one more at Draycote .
- b. Phil Walker has agreed to be head coach.
- c. The syllabus will be repeated as last year.
- d. Martin is working on a coaching contract.
- e. Regional training: - basic concept in place in terms of providing a coach for the weekend at class costs to support the development of the class in key regions; currently being offered to Scotland and South West (Torquay). A minimum of 6 boats will need to attend to make it worthwhile.

3. Sailing

2011 GP Events etc: are all confirmed, and planning is underway;

2011 Nationals – see below.

2012 Calendar: progressing:

- a. Rutland is booked,
- b. Hayling is booked for the 1st week in October,
- c. the Nationals are confirmed for Restronguet (Cornwall), but there are possible issues with the planned dates for the last week in August due to school terms starting in some counties; *Since rearranged with host club for 18th to 24th August 2012.*

2011 Europeans

- a. All plans in place, 19 British boats entered, and four RIB's being taken to support all the British entries (Total of around 165 entered).

4. Nationals

Almost all planning is complete, being done by Ben, Martha and Adrian Peach; introducing an event booklet for the first time (at no cost to the class).

- a. Need to confirm arrangements for Measurement; Since confirmed with Arthur Allen for Sunday 14th August.
- b. Several new trophies are being introduced, plus two additional trophies being donated:
 - i. One from Ovington – Chris Turner
 - ii. One from G. Lloyd Williams
- c. Socials all booked / ticket prices fixed.
- d. Plan to run a raffle at the BBQ evening, with first prize being a new Jib.

5. AGM

- a. Agenda published
 - i. Reports required from Treasurer (Jo Hawkins), and Training Officer (Martin Orton); Chairman will cover off racing etc.
- b. Proposal on Membership subscriptions for 2012, in line with new constitution:
 - i. Individual Adult Full member - £32.50
 - ii. Individual Youth Full member - £32.50
 - iii. Individual Student Full member – 22.50
 - iv. Family Full member - £45.00
 - v. Temporary membership – retain at £10 as before.

All committee members agreed that these rates seemed reasonable, especially given that membership rates have not changed for two years at least.

These need to be presented at the AGM for approval.

- c. Resolutions (as now catered for in the new constitution:
 - i. Honorary Class Membership for any ex UK 29er class member who subsequently represents GBR at an Olympic Games or Paralympic Games;
 - ii. Guidance on minimum and maximum wind speeds for racing.

All agreed in general with both these proposals, which need to be presented at the AGM for approval.

d. 2011/12 Committee Election

In line with new constitution, nominations for committee positions are now being sought; details as follows:

Officers of the Association:

- Chairman: Ben Cooper willing to be nominated;
- Vice Chair:
- Treasurer: Jo Hawkins willing to be nominated;
- Sailing Secretary: TBC; Giles Lloyd Williams standing down;
- Training Officer: TBC; Martin Orton wishing to stand down;
- Safety Officer: Phil Berry willing to be nominated;
- General Secretary: Angie Alloway willing to be nominated;
- Marketing Officer: Rob Allan willing to be nominated;

General Committee members:

- Martin Orton willing to be nominated
- Pete Bucktrout willing to be nominated
- More nominations being sought
- Sailor Reps: Nominations being sought

ACTION: Ben Cooper to circulate template role descriptions for individuals to use to write initial draft role descriptions.

6. PR/Marketing

- a. Rob has been writing reports after all the events and posting on website, Y & Y etc.
- b. He is willing to help with pre-event things such as sending emails out to all encouraging them to the events and maybe to sign up for Nationals.
- c. Ben would like to see on the water videos and some high quality photographs. To be discussed at Pwhelli.

ACTION: Discussion on development of video and photo resources carried over – suggest maybe a discussion at Torquay?

7. Junior Class Liaison

Everyone loves the try a 29er day. We will try and keep this going and Chris Turner is happy to keep supplying the boats for this. Angie will be addressing the North and South issues.

8. Rib/Safety

- a. Ben / Phil advised everyone on the situation regarding our ET RIB, and the engine failure.
 - i. A new engine has now been sourced and fitted, with assistance from the RYA; the RYA have bought the old engine from us for spares, and the cost to the class is £3,000. This is significantly less than the cost of a new engine.
 - ii. Learnings from the incident mean that we must have an effective RIB 'Usage' Policy, giving all users appropriate guidance on how to use the engine, and what to do when engine "warnings" are

experienced.

ACTION: Phil to prepare a draft policy.

- b. The rib trailer modifications have now been sorted out and the trailer can now carry 29er's on an overhead A Frame. The trailer has been weighted at the RYA Stores and unloaded with just the rib weights 1,000 kg therefore loaded with two boats would be approximately 1200 kg. The trailer is fitted with a 1500kg self braking axel so there is plenty of spare capacity.

9. World Council Meeting 2011 16th July Locarno

- a. Chris Turner, Charles Glover and Ben Cooper will be attending.
- b. Ben has put in a bid for 2015 World Championship at Pwhelli SC.
- c. The elections of officers for the International Class will occur at the World Council Meeting; anyone interested in standing, notably for the vacancy for Vice President for Europe should notify Ben.

10. 29er Class Polo's

Martha would like to sell the class polo's at events and open training. To do this, the class will need to purchase a number of them (hopefully from the amount of deposit we have already sent to Adam Larvin) and then she will sell on at the events. All agreed.

11. AOB

None