



Committee Conference Call – 20th November 2012

Present: Ben Cooper, Phil Kilburn, Ian Hunter, Tom Harris, John Mather, David Baddeley, Phil Tilley, Angie Alloway, Phil Tilley, Charlie Stowe, Tim Blackstone, Martha Berry, Martin Orton

Apologies: Jo Hawkins, Chris Turner

Agenda

1. Finance

Jo H was unable to attend the call; nothing was reported at this meeting.

2. Training

- a. The September newcomer and advanced open training sessions have been popular. We would like to get a comparison of numbers from last year.
Action: *Martha to get these numbers to Tim and Ben.*
- b. Tim thanked Martin for the leaving the training in such a good state and for all his help in handing over the training.
- c. Rob Partridge filled in as head coach for Phil Walker for the initial sessions and this worked very well. Although there were some initial problems, Rob has proved to be a very good coach.
- d. We are working on a head coach guide which will request pre, during and post event reports to be made and sent to the training officer. It will also state safety requirements.
- e. All coaches have been asked to report back to Tim within 3 to 4 days of the event taking place and this has worked well.
- f. Advanced open training has been launched and will build after the Inlands. There are 15 boats interested and Rob Partridge is confirmed as head coach. The cost has been set at £100.00 as after Rutland they will mainly be sea based.
- g. The coaches for Spring 2013 have been confirmed.
- h. Ian would like to get more coaching going in Scotland.

3. Events

- a. The events for 2013 are just about all confirmed as:
Rutland, Scotland, Weymouth, Queen Mary, Pwlllehi, Torquay, Dabchicks and Datchett. The winter champs are at Draycote on 16 & 17 February.
- b. Discussion took place about the RYA may alter the age limits for the youth nationals to accept entries for sailors up to the age of 21. This would bring it in line with Lasers who are already doing it. The 420's have just started too.
- c. We need to look at getting the results up on the website quicker.
Action: *Ben to discuss with Adrian Peach who may be able to help.*
- d. Discussion about mast floats took place and it was agreed that we want to encourage sailors (especially the newer less experienced ones) to use them if they want to; however we feel it may give them an unfair advantage should they be going for a squad place and therefore it was decided to write something that would incorporate this.
Action: *Ben to draft.*

4. Nationals – 2013 Hayling

- a. Lessons learned from Restrouquet. It was agreed that it was frustrating dealing with the safety side of things
- b. It was agreed that the buddy system was good but it didn't work as well as we thought, and therefore we would like to come up with a way to make it work.
- c. Social programme ideas were discussed. We agreed that planning fun inclusive socials for most nights worked well at Restrouquet and we would like to repeat this for Hayling.
- d. The commodore's reception and prize giving dinner have been booked??
- e. Ben spoke about doing something completely different such as an evening away from the club.

5. Sailor/Junior Class Liason

- a. The sailor reps will be meeting at the Inlands for general discussion with Ben and Angie.

6. Membership

The membership year runs from Jan – Dec.

However, historically we offer a 1st October start for first time joiners to the class, effectively giving them 15 months for the price of 12, for their first year of membership. It is however causing some ill feeling with parents of sailors who are joining the class for the first time in August and September to participate in the open training in September. They feel that they are paying full membership which needs to be renewed in Jan 2013, whereas those who join a few weeks and sometimes days later than them don't have to renew again until Jan 2014.

As time was running short for the meeting to have a full discussion on this Ben asked for everyone to think about a possible solution; one option obviously would be to abandon the October entry point for first time joiners.

Action: *To be discussed further, with conclusion to be reached before the 2013 AGM, so as to propose changes to the Class Constitution at the August 2013 AGM, thereby taking effect before the next October membership start.*

7. **Class Management**

- a. Ben would like to put together an event management guide. This would include what expectations we have the host clubs where we hold our events going beyond Race Management Guidelines, which Phil Kilburn is already working on.

Action: *Ben and David Baddley to work on this.*

- b. Committee Job/Role descriptions - Ben would like everyone to put together role descriptions.

Action: Ben to prepare a template.

8. **PR/Marketing/Sponsorship (Ben/Phil T)**

- a. There was a general feeling that the level of prizes etc from Harken was not in line with the benefit and advertising that they receive from the class.

Action: Ben will speak to them with regards to next year's sponsorship and Phil Tilley will talk to about getting future sponsors with us at the Inlands.

9. **Rib Safety**

Not covered due to time constraints.

10. **Boat Register/Search**

Not covered due to time constraints.

11. **AOB**

Ben asked for those who don't have their photo on the website to please send to him as soon as possible.

Action: *All as necessary.*