

Draft Notes of UK 29er Class Committee Meeting
on 26th September 2015 commencing at 18.30

Present: Paul Hammett, Bill Rhodes, Tim James, Tim Bilborough, Ditta Neumann, Barry Jobson, Debbie Darling, Lisa Black, Tom Darling, Harriet Ward, Chris Hewitt.

Apologies: Anna Wells, Charlie Stowe, David Nicholls. Merrion Edwards, Steve Norbury, Suzie Hammett, Gill Methven, Ian Handley,

Main points discussed:

1. PH welcomed members to the meeting.
2. Training Update PH reported on behalf of SN that the demand for places had increased dramatically, will need to increase higher upper limits to incorporate a top group of sailors and general demand. RYA have now outlined their requirements in more detail for T1. In aggregate 30-35 perhaps 40 sailors would be acceptable for the training events much more will pressure resources too much. So far limited appetite at the upper end of the ability range. Open training at risk of being seen as "beginners" training. Plans for next year to include 2 venues in the North and South to test demand for regional training.

Concern from Tom and Hattie over the impact of more girls in NYS and that the group of good pairs left out would leave a gap. TB suggested setting up a class squad again which Tommy and Hatty agreed might be a good idea. PH pointed out that the RYA budget was spent on the Open training and while open to discussion we would need to realise that RYA grant was not intended for this purpose. Would need a robust NoS and stick to it if this was to be considered. Committee had previously committed to Open training model. Recognition that some invitational training may be worthwhile to catch those sailors who have just missed out on a youth squad place/wanted higher level coaching or for focussed girls training. All agreed that a ranking system should be set up to help with this selection/invitations but that no invitational events were to be planned before the end of the year.

3. Ranking PH outlined the idea of introducing a class ranking system. Debate over the number of events to count consensus was that 3 out of 5 events should count for a ranking place. (Only events run by the UK Class GPs, Winters, Inlands' and Nats). Review once we let it run. A rolling ranking should start as soon as possible. BJ / DD suggested that new pairings need to be considered when sailors are ranked if splits happen etc.

PH – concern it could become complicated to calculate and after 3 events new pairs are in the ranking anyway.

Agreement to look at in principal. Start with what we can. Subsequently Chris Hewitt offered to look at this and come back.

4. Sailing Secretary Update. Bill Rhodes -2015/2016 Grand Prix all confirmed.

All - Consensus that that Rutland/Draycote/Grafham area are more beneficial for travelling as beneficial to keep the distance down for weekend grand Prix's.

5. Nationals Update TJ

2016 Nationals confirmed Torbay 6th-12th August

2017 Nationals confirmed as Weymouth: 15th-22nd August 2017.

Dates for 2017 were discussed in depth as they may clash with a small group of Scottish schools returning after their summer break. 29er Worlds in California so there is a need to have a week between the two events. Consensus that could not satisfy both those parties and that the best outcome for the class was the week gap after the California Worlds.

Some significant logistical issues to deal with at RTYC and TJ discussing with the club for 2016.

6. Vote on Committee structure. PH

As per items 9.5 and 10.6 of constitution Committee agreed unanimously to agree the Officer/Committee roles as per Appendix.

7. Conflict of Interest (PH)

PH outlined that the conflict of interest document had been put into practice and that had positive feedback. Some discussion about how the Safety fleet would be handled and BJ to work on a protocol and report back on how to or whether to include.

8. Marketing Update. (PH)

Dinghy Show

RYA stand- volunteers needed from the committee and sailors. Sailors should be offered free tickets in return for their help. Lisa, Hattie and Tommy could help.

9. Finance Update (from PH on behalf of AW)

Currently have £83k in the bank

Still have to pay;

£30k for Nationals bill (still £10k surplus after this)

£10k of future expenses training and revenue in for training (entry fees already paid and expect training to lose £6,500 as last year = £6,500 RYA grant so net breakeven).

£2,500 venue costs for GP where entry fee already in (average profit for GPs runs £200-500 each event) so expect surplus over year from GPs £2,500-3,000.

Leaves approx. Surplus £33k in the bank

Administrator cost of £5,500 met with £3,500 plus profit from GPs

Doubtful that the surplus from the Nats will be repeated for various reasons but should be planning small surplus in 2016 as to break even for 2017 Nats will be harder work.

BJ- Tim James to take over ET rib to improve towing costs

10. International Class PH

International Class were disappointed that the UK no longer pays its subscriptions to the Class automatically for all members. PH told them that this was a resolution passed at the AGM. He is prepared to look at a proposing a resolution to change but only if the voting structure of the International Class were to change. In discussion with the International Class and will revert.

International class need volunteers from UK class – Subsequently TB and BJ volunteered

New carbon rig being investigated unsure timing.

New centreboard to be agreed by November

Webmaster Update – TB outlined the survey results details on line

A.O.B. None

Date of next meeting: To be held at GWSC Inlands Saturday 14th November

Appendix - Committee

Committee Members – Officers

Chair: Paul Hammett - proposed by Clive Grummett, seconded by Steve Norbury

Vice Chair: Tom Darling - proposed by John Mather, seconded by James Grummett (also sailor Rep)

Treasurer: Anna Wells - co-opted Under article 9.5 of constitution.

Sailing Secretary: Charlie Stowe - proposed by Sally Thomas, seconded by Bill Rhodes

Training Officer: Steve Norbury - proposed by Paul Hammett, seconded by

Adrian Ward

Safety Officer: Barry Jobson - proposed by Paul Hammett, seconded by Ruth Lewis

General Secretary: Tim Bilbrough - proposed by Clive Grummett, seconded by Andrew Connellan as General Committee member (Webmaster). Co-opted to General Secretary

Marketing Officer: Suzie Hammett - proposed by Francesca Grade, seconded by Dee Mitchell

4 other Voting plus sailor Rep

General Member (Major Events Co-ordinator): Tim James - co-opted and

General Member (Welfare Officer): David Nicholls - proposed by Dee Mitchell, seconded by Suzie Hammett

General Member (Class Liaison Officer): Debbie Darling - proposed by Charlie Stowe, seconded by Sally Budden

General Member (Scottish Rep): Ditta Neumann - proposed by Sally Budden, seconded by Sally Thomas

Sailor Rep (girls) - Harriet Ward - co-opted.

Non-Voting

General Member: (Trophies Co-ordinator): Gill Methven - proposed by Des Robertson, seconded by Clive Grummett

General Member: Andrew Connellan - proposed by Paul Mearns, seconded by Tony Otter

General Member: (Shadow Sailing Sec) - Bill Rhodes - co-opted

General Member: Gary Walton - co-opted

General Member: Ian Handley - co-opted

General Member : Chris Hewitt - co-opted

General Member - Merrion Edwards - co-opted