

29er Class Committee Meeting Minutes

Conference Call Tuesday 26th April 2016

Attending:

Paul Hammett, Steve Norbury, Charlie Stowe, Tim James, Chris Hewitt, Barry Jobson, Debbie Jarvis, Nathan Batchelor, Lisa Black

Apologies:

Suzie Hammett, Anna Wells, David Nicholls, Harriet Ward, Tom Darling, Gary Walton, Ditta Neumann, Ian Handley

Use of Surplus Funds

PH gave an update on the feedback regarding use of surplus funds and proposed spending, that was discussed via email. Committee satisfied and agreed with options noted below.

1. Expanded event support

Consider an additional RIB at the Worlds in addition to Tom Walker support if numbers are sufficient (TW and RIB already agreed and partly assisted by RYA). Cost would consist of RIB charter / cost of transportation. Unlikely extra coach but parent driven

Estimated cost £1,000-£1,500.

Action : PH/SN to monitor Worlds entries

2. Expanded new comer support

Provision of coach for newcomers and extend to 2 days at first 4 GP events - Rutland, WPNSA, Poole and Grafham. Available for sailors that have not sailed a GP before. A charge of £15 a boat for the weekend will be required at registration.

Coach costs of £300 less £100 revenue per weekend so **£800 estimated cost**

Action : LB/SN to book coaches for above GPs

3. Helpers reception at the Nationals

Drinks reception only without buffet.

£250-300 estimated cost.

Action : TJ to liaise with RTYC

4. Northern Series Advertising

Agreed to support advertising for NS.

Estimated cost £100-£200.

Action : DN to send receipts to PH/AW.

5. Reduced rate for Newcomer Training

Reduced rate for newcomer training on 2nd/3rd July. **Estimated Cost of £250-£375** (based on 10/15 boats attending)

Action : SN/LB to adjust entry fee for this event.

6. Remove higher entry fee for “expensive” venues (WPNSA)

WPNSA is actually our second most profitable venue (whilst fixed costs are higher the revenue is also higher- cheaper venues with lower entries potentially lose the class money due to higher fixed costs). Agreed that all GP's should be priced at the same level. Assuming 55 entries at £10 less **Estimated cost £550.**

Action : GP entry fees all at same level from now.

7. New coaching “Bursary”

Aimed at helping smaller clubs to host 29er coaching and thus we would not want to award this to clubs with larger existing fleets.

Bursary would cover 5 X 1 days coaching fees (travel+coach).

Clubs can either nominate coach or we can suggest ensuring local coach provided leading to lower costs.

Clubs to provide RIB, training room and access for visitors. To be advertised on the 29er Class website. Suggested we guarantee 2 places for local 29er sailors but remainder to be offered first come first served (includes local sailors and guests).

Entry fee collected by club limited to covering their costs only. (Approx. £25-30). Clubs can decide level of training aiming at.

Bursary subject to training not on weekend of 29er OT or 29er GP unless geographically remote.

Bursary award to be decided by Committee based on merit.

Committee would like to see a broad geographical spread.

Estimated cost £1,000.

PH / SN to circulate note for publication on the website

Eurocup

29er UK Nationals is now not a Eurocup Event for 2016. The UK Class are willing to host a Eurocup Event subject to finding a suitable date that fits with the International Class for 2017. Broad agreement that while UK would like to host an event we are also realistic that it is pointless to host a Eurocup that no Europeans travel to. Agreement that the UK Class enjoys travelling to the Garda, Spanish venues and we have little appetite to upset the calendar that works well.

Action: Committee to consider a satisfactory date and venue.

Action: Tim James to amend UK Nationals Notice of Race to remove Eurocup Event reference.

Website/IT Update

Tim Bilbrough has stood down as Webmaster and Clive Grummett has kindly agreed to take over the role, though not as a Committee member. Tim Bilbrough has kindly passed details of the class IT infrastructure, and has been helping with various queries etc. over the last week.

Some technical issues with the link from our website news pages to Facebook Lisa and Clive resolving.

Action: Committee confirmed authorisation to spend up to £50 to resolve the Facebook link issue if required.

AOB

£275 agreed as the cost for taking the class rib to the Worlds in Medemblik (SN to take it)
Tom Walker is confirmed as UK coach for all UK sailors attending the event.
Chris Hewitt has been co-opted as General Secretary by unanimous vote under 9.5 of the constitution

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at HISC 16th July 2016, time TBA.