

29er Committee Meeting Minutes

14th October 2017 at Datchet

Those present: Sue Ormerod, Tim James, Ian Jameson, Peter Gordon, Dan Fox, Michael Black, Lisa Black, Dan Armstrong, James Hollis, Anna Rowe, James Hammett, Freya Black. Apologises: Bella Fellows, Anna Sturrock, David Ibbotson, Jo Harris, Guy Gribbin, Bear Sturrock, Petrina Blomeley.

1. Sign off Committee Meeting minutes from WPNSA – **Actioned.**

2. **UK 29er Class Strategy for 2017 / 18 update** – transitioning statistics were reviewed and it was agreed that a targeted programme with the Topper, Feva and Opie Classes would take place from April 2018.

The UK 29er Class (Jo Harris) to post regular features onto the Topper, Opie and Feva Facebook pages promoting the exciting nature of 29er sailing.

The progress of recently transitioned sailors into the UK 29er Class to be monitored.

Action: Sue Ormerod and Guy Gribbin.

3. **2017 /18 GP Series and racing update** – Tim James briefly outlined the plans for the GP Series for 2018/19 including two sea venues at the start of the 2018 season (WPNSA and one other (tbc).)

It was felt that the current programme of activities during October / November was too intense for some sailors (based on sailor feedback) - four weekends of back to back training / events (most sailors are either in Year 11 or the Sixth Form and need to be able to balance their sailing / academic work load.) There was positive feedback regarding the use of the same training and GP venues and we should aim to continue with this strategy next year.

Action: Tim James to work closely with Guy Gribbin to create a programme of training / event for throughout the year based on two activities per month and avoiding multiple back to back activities wherever possible.

GP3 Rutland to include a Christmas Dinner and Disco for the sailors and drinks for the parents.

4. **2017 /18 Training update** – a couple of boats turned down the Class National Squad due to other commitments and travel constraints and the squad places have been back filled using the published selection criteria (the back-filling criteria need to be more specific (using Rolling Ranking or position at GP1 or both?) The first selection point will always be more complicated than the second because of new partnerships.

The Open Training and the Transitional Training Group which forms part of the Open Training needs further clarification (the RYA have provided a coach Henry Lloyd-Williams to train a specific group of transitioning sailors within the Open training.)

Action: Steve Irish to publish the Open Training Programme on the UK 29er website and to identify along with the other coaches the sailors that Henry will be responsible for

training (the RYA have specified that the sailors must have a proven track record in other classes and cannot be complete beginners or part of the Class National Squad.)

2018/2019 sailors should be asked to apply for the Transitional Training within the Open Training. Action: Sue Ormerod and Guy Gribbin.

5. International Class update - Executive Committee changes include the appointment of Stephanie Banham onto the Executive Committee from November 2017.

The UK 29er Class has also been asked to consider whether all UK 'members' or 'boats' should be asked to pay towards the International Class or just those entering Euro Cups / Europeans / Worlds?

Action: David Campbell-James to present a proposal to the UK 29er Class for consideration ahead of the next AGM in July 2018.

Helsinki travel with Sailboat deliveries: final numbers need to be confirmed and a further non-refundable deposit of £100 will be requested by 17/11/2017. **Action: Lisa Black.**

Barcelona Euro Cup travel: Sailboat deliveries have provided a quote and other options to be investigated. **Action: Lisa Black to confirm options / prices and inform parents / sailors.**

6. Constitution and Safety – no comments were received and the updated version has been published on-line.

Michael Black proposed that membership should be done by direct debit going forwards based on a rolling calendar year and this was agreed in principle.

Action: Michael Black to confirm process with Clive Grummet.

7. General Data Protection Regulations Working Party update - it was agreed that this would be partially outsourced due to its complexity.

Action: Jo Harris and Clive Grummet

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8. Marketing and sponsorship update – Ian Jameson agreed to review the current sponsorship deals and prepare a proposal for discussion at the next meeting at GP3.

Action: Ian Jameson and Jo Harris

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