

## 29er Committee Meeting Minutes

13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at RYA Youth Nationals, WPNSA

**Those present:** Sue Ormerod, Emma James, Fin Armstrong, Jo Harris, Mark James, David Ibbotson, Nia McCallum, Michael Black, Petrina Blakeley, Chris Evans, Lisa Black, Freya Black, Sally Bristow (last 10 minutes), Zac Blakeley, Ewan Luke, Nathan Batchelor.

**Apologies:** Bear Sturrock, Pierce Harris, Ian Jameson, Charlotte Ormerod.

1. The Committee Meeting minutes from Draycot were formally signed off:
  - At the last Committee Meeting it was agreed the UK 29er Class should trial some new sailing / training formats following discussions at the RYA Stakeholders' Meeting; however, it was also recognised that the calendar is currently very full. **Action:** to be confirmed by July 2019 (Mark James / Chris Evans)
  - The atrium will be used for the dinner at the 29er Nationals at Pwllheli not the marquee.
  - Neil Pryde are unable to supply a t-shirt at the National Championships and it was agreed that alternative gift would be sourced. **Action:** Nia McCallum
  - Measurer role for National Championships still needs to be filled and Nia McCallum suggested that it is likely that Barry Jobson will be the Safety Lead (tbc).
  - It was agreed that the UK 29er Class would provide a rib for VR for the filming.

**Action:** Safety Lead and Measurer for National Championships to be confirmed.

2. **Financial update:** Peter Gordon confirmed that the UK 29er Class has £75k in the bank and that the UK 29er Class subsidises the following: training for non RYA Youth Squad; support at International events for non-Youth Squad sailors and transitioning events. The RYA also subsidises the UK 29er Class including training for non-RYA sailors.

There has however been an overspend in the training budget for 2018/19 and the Training Officer has identified a number of opportunities to make improvements specifically regarding coach accommodation costs and coach ratios.

**Action:** Budget and training proposal to be confirmed by Will Willett / Chris Evans by end June 2019.

3. **29er National Championships, Pwllheli 2019.**
  - The new contact person at Pwllheli Sailing Club is Heidi.

- The following UK 29er Class committee members will be present at the event: David Ibbotson, Petrina Blakeley, Jo Harris, Sally Bristow and Nia McCallum later in the week. Stuart Childerley is the PRO.
  - It was agreed to set up a volunteer list on the website as soon as possible.
  - David Ibbotson to contact Paul Simes and ask him to get involved in the event.
  - Based on the feedback from the Survey Monkey we anticipate 50 entries including BVIs and Ireland; the current break even for the event is based on 50 boats attending.
4. **GP Events:** Mark James updated the Committee on the 2019/20 events; the final programme will be published as soon as these dates are confirmed. Action: **Mark James**
  5. **Training:** Will Willett has agreed to take over as Training Officer for 2019/20 subject to voting at the AGM.
  6. **Marketing:** There was a brief debate regarding 29er Class sponsors and the UK 29er Class website. The Committee had agreed to update the UK 29er Class website at a previous Committee meeting (approximate cost £3k) and they were keen for this to ahead (it is widely recognised that the current website is difficult to navigate). **Action:** Chris Evans and Nia McCallum.
  7. **Safety:** Safety boat ratios were discussed and it was agreed that Michael Black would formally write to David Campbell-James and the International Class. **Action:** Michael Black.
  8. **Transitioning:** Sally Bristow confirmed that a number of Transitioning events had been organised and that they would be available for entry on the UK 29er Class website.
  9. **Chairman:** Sue Ormerod confirmed a number of weeks ago to the Treasurer and Sailing Secretary that she was standing down as Chair in July 2019 and that it would be sensible to hand over to the new Chair before the AGM and National Championships. The Committee voted unanimously that Chris Evans should act as the interim Chair and that he would be formally voted into the role at the AGM (HISC GP). Sue would be formally handing over responsibility to Chris Evans on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. The following role also needs to be filled: Safety Officer.

Sue Ormerod 1/6/2019