

## 29er Committee Meeting Minutes

8th November 2019 Weymouth

Those Present: Chris Evans, Mark James, Simon Mueller, Nia McCallum, Sally Bristow, Will Willett, David Ibbotson, Matt Stein, Ian Jameson, Carol Llewellyn-Jones, Jess Jobson, Finn Armstrong, Will Adler, Emma James

Apologies Lisa Black, Bear Sturrock

- Treasurer's update
  - Simon reported that he continues to try and sort out the HSBC account to transfer this to his address. In process of trying to find who was the original treasurer in 2007 so that they can sign the new mandate. Has received all coach expenses for year ending Aug 2019 and hopes to have the year end accounts done by early 2020.
- Training
  - The user experience seems to be very good. Parent feed back has been great backed by social media messaging.
  - From class perspective the training is costing the class each session. Mainly due to a large initial demand when training and coaching was been planned, followed by much lower take up.
  - Solution proposed to fix the dates and the numbers early and risk turning people away if the limit is reached.
- Sailing Sec Update
  - Venues for the 2020/21 first half of the year mostly fixed. Plymouth only available first weekend in Sept so if we want an event there before Youths 5/6 Sept is only option, suggested as first squad selector with Weymouth the second on 19/20 Spet. Weymouth also has no other availability in September.
  - Haylings proposed date 26/27 June clashes with Kiel, but again not really any flexibility due to tides and other events.
  - Scottish reps are happy with 2 very southern qualifiers as long as at least one viable event is held in Scotland each season.
  - Welsh rep expressed similar opinion. Deciding to go with South Carnarvon at Abersoch this year instead of Pwllheli due to organisation issues.
  - Use of Parents' ribs & Expenses to be reviewed as it has become increasingly difficult to find venues with enough ribs to support class events. Small sub-committee of Mark, Ian and Matt to review.
  - Suggestion that we employ someone to run our class and do the event planning and booking as in other classes such as RS Feva. Committee would like to review financial viability of this over a number of years before further discussion.
  - Coaches and accommodation needed for Worlds.
- Transition
  - Next transition event to be held at Weir Wood on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

- Marketing
  - Nia is in discussions with both Harken and Neil Pryde about the extension of both of their contracts beyond the 2020 Nationals.
  - Nia will organise all prizes for following year before she steps down at Nationals.
  - Sailor reps happy with current prizes from Neil Pryde who are keen to carry on their partnership with us.
- Vacant positions
  - General Sec - this position is still to be filled.
  - Succession planning for Sailing Secretary and Marketing for when Mark & Nia stand down next year to be looked at. Claire Mueller not willing to take on role.
- Safety
  - New flags are needed for ribs, plan to leave each one in rib for use at any event.
  - All new parents being sent out message to invite them to volunteer for rib duties. All parents emailed whether needed or not to express thanks and reason if not needed for event.
  - Qualifications of all volunteers to be passed to Safety officer by secretary to maintain database for future events.
  - Discussion around cost to class if event exceeds 50 entries. Most venues only provide rib cover up to that number but still charge the same per boat over that. Suggestion that liaised with other Junior and Youth classes to get better deal.
  - Suggestions, use more parents ribs with added incentive of free entry - but if we are paying towing costs for parents who travel long distances.
  - May be more economical to hire commercial ribs. Extremity £125 including delivery, Andre £140 plus delivery for example. Matt and Mark to come back with recommendations.
  - Push National series events where less class organisation required.
- Nationals
  - Dave Ibbotson raised issue of Eurocup fees for Pwllheli still not been paid. Treasurer to talk to Steph Banham (Int Class) and sort out.
  - Agreed that sailors should not have to join international class to enter Nationals. Will use contingency funding to cover the expected few boats that this will affect.
  - Event will be self measuring with some spot checks in boatpark. 3 races from Sat 8th Aug pm/ 4 Sun, Mon, Tue 2 Wed. 4 fleets, 2 race courses. Coached event.
  - Welcome drinks first night, request for cake rather than buffet from sailor reps.
  - Afternoon tea for parents on Monday.
  - Final night WPSA unwilling to host traditional black tie dinner. After discussion agreed to source alternative venue in Weymouth for dinner and prize giving.

- Regions
  - Currently no consent for Welsh sailors photos to be used in social media. Carol to sort consent forms and let Nia have them.
  - Scotland 14 boats predominantly East coast based. New venue under construction.
  - Worlds in Scottish term time.
- AOB
  - Sailor reps requested some differently formatted racing specifically a crews race.
  - Mark, Chris and Will to attend RYA stakeholder conference.
  - Europeans now in Copenhagen.
  - Speaker, foils and trophies recovered from previous committee members.