

29er Committee Meeting Minutes

By phone, Tue 7th Jan

Those Present: Mark James, Simon Mueller, Nia McCallum, Sally Bristow, Will Willett, David Ibbotson, Matt Stein, Carol Llewellyn-Jones, Clive Grummett, Bear Sturrock, Lisa Black Finn Armstrong, Emma James, Athena Vogiatzi

Apologies Chris Evans, Ian Jameson, Katie, Katie Wilkinson

The whole committee wish Chris a speedy recovery after his accident, meeting was chaired by Mark in his absence.

- Issues following last meetings minutes – none.
- Treasurer's update
 - Simon reported that he continues to try and sort out the HSBC account to transfer this to his address. He visited a branch and as he and the only account key card is confident the bank account is secure. Clive recommended the password on the paypal account be changed and Simon to let Lisa know it.

The account currently has around £64000, end of last year it was £72000, and amount given was £82000 but that was before the payments for the Nationals were made. From Sept onwards Simon has his own systems in place and just needs some time to drill into previous months to understand inherited position.

GP 1 and 2 broke even a small profit expected from GP3. We are losing money on training, especially the open training, hopefully will be offset by profit at Nationals plus RYA contribution and membership fees.

Plan is to tidy up accounts by end of Feb, the loss last year looks to be due to some bad decisions over event support.

Nia added that an amount of £500 was received from Noble Marine who traditionally sponsored the Winter champs. Money now goes to squads, letter and jackets have Noble Logo on.

- Training
 - Carrying on as planned – in process of mid-year review promoting teams and backfilling.
 - Lisa to send accepted offers to Will so that he and Niall can review.
- Sailing Sec Update
 - Venues for the 2020/21 first half of the year mostly fixed. Waiting Abersoch's price to finalise.
 - Hayling's proposed date 26/27 June clashes with Kiel, but again not really any flexibility due to tides and other events. Plan may involve later start Sat and earlier start on Sunday.
 - Ribs after the Grafham GP look to be fine having increased mileage rate to 45p per mile, so we had one parent rib. Cost balance between hiring and paying towing fees for future events.
 - Class need final push to get figures planning to do the Europeans so that we can finalise transport and let Sailboat trailers know.

- Transition
 - Weirwood event had around 20 sailors trying out in the 29er.
 - In discussion with the feva class for try-out day at their Nationals.
- Marketing
 - Nia and Clive suggest 31st Jan to go live on new website. Nia to send link so committee can have a look and forward any comments.
 - Can people especially comment on what they think about the results button on the home page. All committee members should be able to edit website.
- Vacant positions
 - General Sec - this position is still to be filled, Sally to take minutes in mean time.
- Safety
 - The safety guidance has been pruned and the ribs as mentioned have been sorted for future events.
 - Notes from circulated email - *Flags for the ribs, including a 'food rib identifier' will be ready for Grafham. The self certification process for tracking qualifications of the safety fleet volunteers is ongoing.*
 - *The updated and much simplified Safety Boat Guidance is ready (attached for info). This document is providing guidance to volunteers of the safety fleet. Updating the ME Safety SOP document, which defines the safety framework of our GPs, is next.*
- Nationals
 - No venue big enough for Black tie dinner found, pressuring WPSA to accommodate us.
 - Only 70 places for pre event training Denmark requested 8 places.
 - Welsh squad unlikely to do pre-training Carole to confirm.
- Worlds
 - Contract ready to sign. Claire doing great job on marketing and sponsorship Ovington's have agreed to pay for photography.
 - Plans in action to reduce travel costs.
- Regions
 - Scotland have an Opi and topper transition day coming up.
 - Class will pay for insurance on a boat Scottish class have to use for transition events. Proposed Nia, Seconded Bear – agreed unanimously.
 - Welsh squad have some February training planned.
- Kit
 - Ian Absent
- AOB
 - Clive – the old policies have been copied across but dates, names etc are now out of date. Each relevant member to look through their area and update.
 - Chris Evans and Chris Atherton in discussion over future event support and coaching.