

Committee Meeting Minutes

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Meeting held By Zoom starting at 7.30PM

Apologies were received from Mr Ewan Wilson

Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chairman welcomed all 17 attendees to the meeting and the Chair noted the apologies.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and matters arising were dealt with later in the meeting. The Minutes of the November meeting were approved by a show of hands as an accurate and complete record.

Treasurers Report

3. Mr Simon Mueller, Class Treasurer, made a few comments regarding the financial position of the Class. That position hasn't changed substantially since the last meeting.
  - a. There is circa £52,000 in the bank account.
  - b. The GP3 event both made a small profit of £400.
  - c. The Class Treasurer reported that the bank mandate, an ongoing issue, had been re-signed and submitted to HSBC bank for approval.
  - d. There were no other issues or areas of concern financially within the Class.

Class Coach

4. Chris Evans discussed the decision of Niall Myant-Best to stand down as the Class Coach. This was further to Chris's recent email regarding the same to the Committee. He has made a provisional, interim arrangement with Alice Masterman to take over the position which will stand until at least until the Autumn of 2021. The discussion about how, and to do what with the vacant position and additional/ replacement of some of the standard tasks for the role is summarised here:
  - a. That Alice should be engaged on the same basis with the class as Niall was. This was and should continue to be 2 days paid per month starting in February 2021. This was agreed by a show of hands from the Committee.
  - b. Ask Alice to try to work out ways of engaging the sailors during the lock down period.
  - c. Could there be a focus on trying to engage, in particular, with female transitioning sailors.
  - d. The Committee agreed that a present/token of the Class's gratitude be sent to Niall. The committee approved a sum of £100 be spent, by a show of hands and Lisa kindly agreed to find and send something suitable.

## Sailing Secretary Report

5. Richard Baker updated the committee as follows. His notes on the program/calendar for the Class for the year is appended to these minutes. This is subject to change given the current restrictions but provides a plan to vary from. The Committee were keen and broadly supportive of the program and the key points of discussion were as follows:
  - a. The event due at the end of Jan 2021 has been cancelled due to the Covid lockdown restrictions. It is likely that the February event will also be cancelled but the final decision to run, or not that event will be made early in February.
  - b. The full set of events would be scheduled but there remains doubt over their actual delivery due to the ongoing pandemic. The choice of venues at the moment continues to be very limited as reported at the last meeting.
  - c. GP6, that had previously been planned for Abersoch has been moved to Pwhelli due to Abersoch being reluctant to plan to hold that particular event. There was discussion regarding the difficulties previously experience when running events at Pwhelli those principally being; the quality of the safety boats and equipment supplied and the use of our own class volunteers for mark laying and committee boat/safety crewing. These were noted and have been taken into account in the event planning.

## Open Committee Positions

6. The Chairman highlighted the difficulties in filling the current open positions; Vice-Chair, Marketing Officer and Training Officer along with the number of positions that will be vacant at the end of the next season. This puts the Committee and Class in an uncomfortable position. There has been some ongoing conversations and the Chair asked all Committee members to continue to advertise the open positions amongst their networks.

## Training

7. There being no Training Officer, the Chairman briefly reviewed the training
  - a. The Class training due to be held at Grafham Water SC and Queen Mary SC for January and February respectively have both been cancelled.
  - b. The Class National and Development Squad's training, scheduled for early March, is continuing to be planned for the time being. This will remain the case until clarity is forthcoming on the duration of the current national restrictions in the different parts of the UK.
  - c. Lastly the Chair noted that he needs to calculate the number of training events that have been held during 2020 for the purpose of reporting to the RYA. As this number will be reduced when compare to prior years, it is likely that the RYA will reduce grant funding as a result in the future.

## Transition Update

8. Sally gave an update on the challenges to the transitioning arrangement being made to help sailors join the class and find partner helms or crews. They are:
  - a. The inability of the class to run a database as the data required to be stored would be outside of the Class privacy policy.
  - b. That the expectation is that the Class will act as 'matchmaker' to get helms and crews together and this is often very difficult to get perfect pairings.

The Committee agreed that this task should be part of the role of the Class Coach to permit crew and helms simply to be put in touch with each other. Action for Chris to speak to Alice Masterman with a view to her taking this on.

#### Nationals Update

David Ibbotson gave an update on the planning for the Nationals to be held at Largs in August 2021 and is very confident that the event will proceed. The key points noted were:

- a. Planning is on track and a group of 6 Scots sailor parents having formed a team to facilitate the event.
- b. That a key consideration will be the available accommodation and price of that accommodation being higher than normal and the Class is advised to warn parents to book early.
- c. That 2 programmes are being planned to take into account restrictions that may/may not be in place at that time. Both programmes have been costed accordingly.
- d. The event currently may need a further 3 RIBs to be allocated in addition to the 9 already secured. It is expected that these will be found from parent RIBs locally in Scotland or Northern England.

#### AOB

9. The Chairman made the Committee aware of the upcoming RYA Stakeholders Conference planned for the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021. The General Secretary and Sailing Secretary volunteered to attend in addition to the Chair.
10. A request was made of the Sailors representative to move forwards and plan and engagement event for all new sailors in the Class to welcome them in.
11. Next Meeting; the next meeting was provisionally booked for the **24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30 PM** to be conducted by Zoom

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45

Sailing Programme correct as at 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021.

Event	Date	Venue	Status	Publish
Winter Champs	23-24/01/2021	WPNSA	Confirmed subject to Covid-19	Cancel
GP4	27-28/02/2021	WPNSA	Confirmed subject to Covid-19	Yes
GP5 Torbay	27-28/03/2021	Torbay	Confirmed subject to Covid-19	Yes
RYA Youth Nat's	04-09/04/2021	Plymouth	Published	Yes
GP6	01-02/05/2021	Pwhelli	Awaiting cost details	Provisional
Inlands	06-07/06/2021	Grafham	Booked Need 5 parent RIBs	Provisional
GP7	26-27/06/2021	HISC	Subject to Covid-19	Provisional
Nationals	24-30/07/2021	Largs	Club looking at final confirmation	Yes Please
Worlds	30/07 to 07/08	Arhus	For reference 30th to 7th Aug 2021	Yes Please
Europeans	23/08 to 31/08	Valencia	For reference 23rd to 31st Aug 2021	Yes Please
GP1	18-19/09/2021	WPNSA	Confirmed	Yes Please
GP2	03-04/10/2021	TBA	Need northern venue	Not Yet
Ovingtons	13-14/11/2021	WPNSA	Confirmed	Yes Please
GP3	04-05/12/2021	Rutland	Booked	Yes Please