

Committee Meeting Minutes

Dated 7th April 2021

Meeting held By Zoom starting at 7.30PM

Apologies were received from Sophie Dennis and Victor Brellisford

Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chairman welcomed all 17 attendees to the meeting and the Chair noted the apologies.
2. The Chairman made particular thanks to Donald and the Scottish parents for attending this meeting and for volunteering to run the Nationals in Largs later in the year.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

3. The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and matters arising were dealt with later in the meeting. The Minutes of the February meeting were approved by the committee.

Treasurers Report

4. Mr Simon Mueller, Class Treasurer, made comments regarding the financial position of the Class. That position hasn't changed substantially since the last meeting as the Class hasn't had any events and there had been no unexpected costs or revenue.
 - a. He noted that there is circa £51,000 in the bank account.
 - b. He reported that the class had received a letter from the RYA regarding the Class Grant. In the reply the Class had noted the 40 additional training days completed in 2020. The Class is not expecting to see much of a change to the Grant for this coming year.

Sailing Secretary Report

5. Richard Baker updated the Committee as follows.
 - a. The event due to take place at Pwhelli, 1st 2nd May 2021, has been cancelled due to the Covid lockdown restrictions.
 - b. The first Grand Prix Event therefore next in the schedule is due to be the Grafham Inland championship planned for the 5th and 6th June 2021.
 - c. The main discussion was relating to the planned sailing event at WPNSA provisionally booked for 17-18/4/21 with training on 15-16/4/21. There is an imposed cap of 25 boats due to the ongoing restrictions. There was a general discussion about the detail of the arrangements for the event. The main actions were that Lisa Black was to appeal for volunteers and that NOR and SI's would be issued prior to the event.
 - d. Richard also notes that the Grand Prix series Notice of Series would be updated and issued in due course.
 - e. The remaining plan for the year is as published on the 29er class website and this may need adjustment as necessary.

Worlds and European Championships

6. There was a discussion regarding how the Class would select sailors for the World Championship and the European Championships if the governing bodies required such a selection. This may be necessary due to take place due to limited numbers of boats being able to enter those events. The committee agreed that:
 - a. An Expression of Interest, EIO, would be sent to the Class membership to allow them to indicate whether they intended to enter if travel restrictions permit.
 - b. That the Class, if required to make a selection for either event would:
 - i. Use an independent selection committee including the Chair of the RYA selector committee and Mr M James, formerly of the Class committee.
 - ii. That selection would be based on membership of the Class, performance at GP events. The selectors will have to take into account that 1:3 boats are required to be an all-female crew. The selectors can exercise discretion in application of the criteria if the available places aren't already filled. For example, where crews of class members have changed recently there would be a discretionary decision by the selectors where the new/proposed pairing hadn't completed many/any GP events together.
 - c. The membership may wish to note that, due to the restrictions, Ovington sadly won't be able to provide technical support at either of these events this year.

2021 Class National Regatta

7. The Scottish group of 29er sailor parents is now led by Donald XX and his wife XXX in organising the National at Largs and the committee's thanks go to them for stepping into this important vacant role.
8. The main discussion regarded the social aspect of this championship as this is most impacted by the ongoing and expected level of restrictions.
 - a. There will be no formal dinner at the event as the club and committee felt unable to deliver a good dinner with the ongoing restrictions. Suggestions are welcome on what could replace this event.
 - b. There will be a prize giving event.
 - c. There is planned to be a karaoke and beach BBQ subject to ongoing restrictions, costs for which would be included in the entry fee.
 - d. That Scottish Government permission would be required to hold the event and the team are liaising with RYA Scotland to facilitate that permission. All indications are that larger events will be permitted in Scotland post 15th May 2021.
 - e. The Class Secretary was asked to pass over the risk assessments for the GP events and support the organisers with the Covid risk assessment process.
 - f. Ian Bullock is already writing the NOR and that would be issued towards the end of April.
 - g. The decision already taken was confirmed that transitioning sailors would be permitted to be coached at the event and that this coaching would be co-funded by parents of the sailors and supported by the Class.

Class Coach & Training

9. Training will take place ahead of the Spring Racing at WPNSA on the 15th and 16th of April 2021. Tom Hawker and Alice Masterman will be the lead coaches.

10. In discussion with the RYA there will be no RYA coaching at the World Championships this year.
11. There are a number of training and coaching events being planned by the 29 Association with the RYA:
 - a. 2 x 2-day camps designed for the mid fleet sailors due to take place towards the end of May beginning of June.
 - b. 1 x 4-day camp after the WPNSA event for the Class National Squad.
 - c. In total these camps will cater for up to 30 boats
 - d. Class camp will take place on 3rd and 4th of July and that coaching, with RYA coaches, will be available to all.
 - e. In addition, there is likely to be a transitioning sailors camp with the RYA at the end of August.Prices and locations for each of the camps are subject to confirmation.

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12. None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20PM

The next main committee meeting is provisionally set for 28th May at 7.30PM