

Committee Meeting Minutes

Dated 11th December 2021

Meeting held By Zoom starting at 7.30 PM

Apologies were received from Katie Peters and Hannah Bristow

Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chairman welcomed all 12 attendees to the meeting and the Chair noted the apologies.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

2. The Chairman discussed the matters arising. The matter reviewed was that of temporary membership fees due for those new sailors wishing to join in on a transition sail event organised by the class. The class General Secretary had investigated this matter and the view is that it can be dealt with under the existing constitution wording. This matter was deferred until a later meeting where the level of membership fee to be paid will be put to the committee for approval.
3. The Minutes of the October meeting were approved by the Committee.

Treasurers Report

4. Simon Mueller, Class Treasurer, set out the position for the class as per his written report shown at the end of this set of Minutes.
5. He emphasised that the Class, due to training no breaking even and a small profit being made on GP's in the prior year was set to make a gain over the cash position at the end of the prior financial year.
6. He explained to the committee that currently the Class was exempt from making a VAT return due our turnover being below the VAT threshold. This needs to be carefully monitored in light of any decision to become financially involved for the proposed World Championship.

Class Coach & Training

1. The Class Coach, Alice Masterman made her report and is pleased with the progress being made by the class sailors at both the recent European cup and the Squad weekends. She commented that there would be a reselection for both the class national squad and the class development squad ahead of the New Year.

Sailing Secretary Report

2. Richard Baker updated the Committee confirming the programme as planned remains extant.
3. Richard outlined the investigations that he and other have made into the financial position regarding the Worlds. The assumption from the previous bid was that over a total expenditure of in excess of £100,000 that this would break even. This include an assumption of a high number of RIBS being provided for free. His view is that with some sponsorship that the class could comfortably make the event break even. In addition, there is every possibility

that the UK National, to be conducted immediately prior to the Worlds at WPNSA, would be a larger than usual event and the class you benefit from that increased Nationals attendance.

4. Having discussed the matter with the International Class Association, they have been made aware that the UK Class do not wish to have total financial control over this event. The next step is for a more detailed planning round to be conducted by the UK Class.

Transition

5. Richard Wilkinson reported that the transition sessions conducted this year were not as successful as we had hoped. The final session, planned for Barn Island, had to be cancelled late on due to weather constraints.
6. Planning is already in progress for events in Late March and through into the Summer of 2022. Included in this planned was coordination with other classes and clubs that already have a strong 29er fleet.
7. It was confirmed that the Scottish Sailors separately run their own transition event to encourage 29er participation.

Sailor Representatives

8. The sailor representatives have had no issues raised to them by the fleet on this occasion.

Training

9. Matt reported that both the class national squad and the class development squads were now both up and running albeit the development squad is not quite at capacity.
10. Planning is in progress to recommence open training on the weekend immediately prior to GPs at the same location as was the case in the past.

AOB

11. The Class Webmaster reported that the implementation of 2 factor authentication for all class email accounts would be turned on during December 2021

The Date of the Next Meeting was agreed as 11th January 2022 at 7.15pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting

Cash Balances:

Balance as of today was £70.2k across the 3 accounts (£70.6k at the end of September).

£64.3k in the HSBC accounts and £5.9k in PayPal.

Events completed so far this season:

GP1 at WPNSA surplus of £491

GP2 at Hartlepool surplus of £1,166

GP3 at Lymington surplus of £167.

Ovingtons at WPNSA estimated surplus of £188

Training:

Open Training 1 at WPNSA 11-12 Sept – deficit of £500

Open Training 2 at Lymington 9-10 Oct – Cancelled

Euros Training and Event Support – deficit of £160

Open Training 3 at WPNSA 6-7 Nov – surplus of £32

Costs for first squads weekend at WPNSA 6-7 Nov

National Squad £1,675 for 12 boats – approx. £140 per boat.

Development Squad £933 for 5 boats – approx. £186 per boat.

Charged £510 per boat for the Autumn squads.

So pricing and costs seem pretty good overall, with a small surplus on the events, and a small deficit on the training.

Class Foils:

Received £500 for the class foils.