

Committee Meeting Minutes

Dated 1st March 2022

Meeting held By Zoom starting at 7.30 PM

Apologies were received from Victor Brellisford and Matt Clarke

Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chairman welcomed all 16 attendees to the meeting and noted the apologies.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

2. The Minutes of the December meeting were approved by the Committee.
3. The following matters arising were recapped and discussed:
 - The Committee will change at the next AGM. Several of the longer served members of the Committee are standing down and new parental support is needed. Anyone wishing to volunteer to be a part of the committee should contact a committee member.
 - After polling the sailing members, the Committee decided to cancelled the planned GP at Pwllheli due a relative lack of interest and the difficulties of holding an event at that location.
 - The planned Hayling Island GP which was scheduled for late June will now be delayed until later in the year respecting the feedback from the Sailors and their exam pressure.

Sailor Reps

4. Karri set out her plans for a 'Team kit' for any 29er sailors wishing to purchase it for use at the Worlds and European Championships this year. This may be tops, T shirts and or jumpers. Karrie will circulate the designs to the Sailor reps for a decision.
5. The Chair confirmed that was his intention to award the GP series prizes at GP5.
6. It was confirmed that Allen, the Class GP sponsors would be represented at GP5 and all Sailors were encouraged to go and speak to them with any technical queries.

Treasurers Report

7. Simon Mueller, Class Treasurer, gave his report and there were no issues of note. The cash position for the Class is currently set at around £66,400. He noted that, as planned, that the GPs were breaking even and that training events were making a marginal loss offset by the RYA grant.

Sailing Secretary Report

8. The Chair supported by members of the committee are filling in the Sailing Secretary position. The largest concern is to keep ahead the bookings for future events. He recapped the plans for next season where at least half of the GPs venues are already booked.

9. The Chair requested some support and specially a suggestion for a northern venue from the Scottish Rep. In addition, work needs to be concluded to book Rutland for the pre-Christmas GP and Draycote for the Winter Championships.
10. A discussion was held to review the safety arrangement from the RYA Youth National held in Plymouth during 2021. There were a number of concerns about the safety cover on the water and the experience of safety boat crews with 29ers, the land-based safety and slipways as well as the pre-championship safety cover. The Chair agreed to informally approach the RYA with members and committee members concerns and report back at the next meeting. **ACTION** Class Chair
11. Alice Masterman, Class Coach, offered to put together a safety briefing package for the RYA specifically noting the requirements and differences for the 29er class and recovering/towing the boat.

Transition

12. Richard Wilkinson updated the committee on the plans for transition days in 2022. He has already booked six of the seven proposed locations and has agreed the format of the days with the Class Coach. Ovington has kindly offered two boats which are currently being refurbished for the class to use for these events and is confirming which of the transition events that they can directly support. Richard is looking for experienced sailors to help with the ride-alongs.
13. Alice Masterman reported that the 49er association is requesting advice from the class on how best they can support sailors at the end of their 29er time to transition to the 49er. The 49er class is growing in the UK and they would like to come along to GP events to conduct post racing ride alongs. They also have requested that the 29er class consider sharing race course on occasions. After a discussion, Alice was asked to discuss this in more detail with the 49ers Class and report at the next committee meeting. **ACTION** Class Coach

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14. Alice Masterman commented that the training continues to go really well with engagement growing.
15. She questioned the committee on the levels of support for the Worlds and the Europeans.

Committee and Voluntary replacements

16. The Committee is seeking new members from the AGM forwards. The Chair and Committee will present to Parents at GP5 and ask for their support.

AOB

17. The Committee agreed that the AGM for the Class would revert to being held at the 29er Nationals as was the case pre-covid.
18. A brief discussion was held about the UK Class involvement in the 2023 29er Worlds. The Chairman is due to have a meeting with WPNSA, the venue, with a view to them taking the lead for this event.

There being no other business the committee agreed the Date of the Next Meeting as 12th April 2022 at 7.30pm.