

Committee Meeting Minutes

Dated 23rd January 2023

Meeting held By Zoom starting at 7.30 PM

Apologies were received from Alice Masterman, Sam Webb, Genie Webb, Ben Vines, Hannah Bristow, Clive Grummett, Victor Brellisford

In attendance:

Officers of the Association:

Phil Lightbody, Mark Crossley, Hugo Morgan Harris, Val Sesto, Brian Staite, Rachael Jenkins

Other Committee Members:

Johnathan Westwell, John Fitzgerald, Bear Sturrock, Chris Turner, Oscar Morgan Harris, Amelie Hiscocks, Noah Fitzgerald

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting and noted the apologies.

Approval of Minutes

- The Minutes of the meeting of 21st November 2022 were approved. The following actions were carried forward:
 - Rib insurance: This will be reviewed at the renewal point in March
 - i. **Action:** Brian/Jonathan
 - A pre-season 'skills camp' designed to encourage new sailors into the class and perhaps help newly forming teams. Ideally at a venue where sailors can camp/bunk together so that there is also an opportunity to socialise/meet fellow new 29er sailors. **Action:** Vale to lead
 - RYA Dinghy show: **Action:** Phil to ask Sailors who have recently left the class
 - Expense Policy: **Action:** Hannah to check this is stored in the correct place
 - Please can everyone look at their role description on the website and if necessary, send an update to Rachel **Action: All**
 - A number of the policies on the website are not current. **Action: All to review policies relating to their roles and send any updates to Rachel**
 - Chris made a request for the class RIB to be available for charter for the OK worlds in Lyme Regis in June 2023. **Action: Brian to review dates/availability**

Treasurers Report

1. Cash:
 - a. The cash position for the class remains healthy.
2. Membership:
 - a. Membership is stable. It is expected to dip in January as is the usual trend.
3. Events:
 - a. Events are running at a small profit of £400 for the season. WPNSA events are expensive but are balanced out by other less expensive venues
4. Training:
 - a. Training has consumed approx. £5k so far this season. This is offset by approx. £6k grant from the RYA.
 - b. Squad numbers are down versus last season. Fees have been kept the same as we are trying to encourage participation. The booking has been changed to 'Pay as you go' rather than booking into the whole squad programme. Given the implications of this, in terms of covering training session costs, we need to think what sort of fee arrangements and levels to put in place for next season. **Action:** Mark will discuss with Alice. Sailor Reps to seek feedback from squad members.

Sailing Secretary Report

1. Dates and venues for the 23/24 season were circulated prior to the meeting. A Northern event needs to be added. This was defined as Pwllheli or further North. Ideally this needs to be in September or October as GP2. Hugo will explore Pwllheli or Abersoch options.
2. It was suggested that the Winters/Typhoon event is held in Draycote in February.
3. GP1 will remain at WPNSA
4. The two remaining GPs will likely be at HISC/Lymington
5. The Nationals venue for 2024 was discussed and it was agreed that Hugo would approach Hayling Island for dates options.
6. Hugo is working with Phil for an end of April event, possibly in Lymington and another potential event in early July.

Class Coach Update

1. Mark asked for some clarity regarding refunds for lost weekends. **Action:** Phil to speak with Hannah
2. Ali Wood is keen to organise some training in the North. Bear will liaise with her and class to support as required. Agreed to add OCA so that the class insurance covers this.

Sailor Reps

1. Amelie and Noah were welcomed to the committee.

Naitonals Update

1. WPNSA have now confirmed their per boat fees
2. Ian Bullock will be PRO
3. NOR will be complete within a couple of weeks
4. Entry deadline date will be pushed back, but with a high late entry cost

Sponsorship

1. Noble marine are providing sponsorship to the class, which is being spent on training. This does need promoting amongst the membership

AOB

1. Vale will attend the RYA conference in Burton on Trent and feed back at the next meeting
2. Brian would like to introduce a safety guideline for number of people in coach boats at Class training. The proposal is that if the average wind strength is forecast to exceed 20 knots then there need to be 2 people in each rib. **Action:** Brian to pull together a guideline document
3. Genie proposed a slimmed down number of glass trophies for Plymouth given the expected reduced numbers for the event. This was agreed. There will still be Typhoon prizes to cover a larger number if needed.
4. Chris advised that the test jib has been dropped with Simon Hiscocks and is available for use. He would welcome feedback from sailors. The findings need to be presented to the International committee before the Worlds this year. **Action:** All sailors to use whenever possible
5. Noah advised that if at all possible, the sailors would like GP5 sailed in Weymouth Bay. **Action:** Phil to speak with the PRO

Next meeting

6. 7th March 2023 at 1930.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting thanking all for their attendance.