

**29er UK Class Association**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Meeting held By Zoom starting at 7.30 PM**

Apologies were received from Clive Grummett, Johnathan Westwell, Alice Masterman and Sam Webb,

**In attendance:**

**Officers of the Association:**

Phil Lightbody, Mark Crossley, Hugo Morgan-Harris (part time), Vale Sesto, Brian Staite, Rachael Jenkins, Ben Vines, Genie Webb

**Other Committee Members:**

John Fitzgerald, Chris Turner, Bear Sturrock, Amelie Hiscocks,

**Other attendees:**

Hannah Bristow (part time), Ali Wood, James Hopkinson, Gavin Horner

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

**Co-opting of New Members**

The committee voted to co-opt the following non-voting members in accordance with article 10.6 of the Constitution:

- Ali Wood – Training Coordinator, North of England
- Gavin Horner – Scottish Rep
- Martin Cooper – Training Coordinator, Scotland

**Approval of Minutes**

1. The Minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved. The following actions were carried forward:
  - Brian would like to introduce a safety guideline for number of people in coach boats at Class training. **Action:** Brian to pull together a guideline document
  - John has received contact from Dabchicks/Royal hospital regarding the possibility of a trial day/weekend **Action:** John to follow up on possibilities/requirements
  - Clive advised that he had the contact of the midlands area rep for the toppers who was very active and would be a good contact for transition. **Action:** John to liaise

**Treasurers Report**

1. Cash:
  - The cash position continues to erode a little as expected.
2. Membership:

- Membership dipped in January as expected but has since stabilised. 23/24 membership fees levels will be reviewed in advance of the AGM.
3. Events:
    - Costs at all venues are likely to increase next season. This needs to be considered when setting the event fees for 23/24.
  4. Training:
    - The training model is being reviewed to ensure it can continue to be run cost effectively, against the background of increasing costs **Action:** Mark, Alice

#### **Training/Transition:**

1. There are 5 training events planned for the North region from September, which were agreed by the committee. The administration will be run through Our Club Admin, In addition there is training organised in Scotland under the RYA Scotland funding structure.
2. Rachel is finalising the details for the Summer skills camp at WPNSA 19-23<sup>rd</sup> August and entry will open shortly. This will be combined with a 49er FX skills camp and be run by a senior coach supported by younger coaches. Ovington have kindly offered the use of their Rib for this event. Rachel was thanked for all her hard work in making this happen.

#### **Sailing Secretary Report**

1. Dates and venues now confirmed and agreed by the committee for the 23/24 season with a couple of exceptions still to be finalised.
2. The Nationals have provisionally been booked at HISC w/c 29th July, however the Worlds and Euros dates are yet to be confirmed by the International class.
3. A GP6 was discussed, but with GP5 already at the end of April, it would likely need to be at the end of June, after the English exam period. **Action:** Hugo to look at options.

#### **Class Coach Update**

1. Event support:
  - Alice is pulling together event support costings and coaches for the Worlds and Euros.
  - Alice and Hannah are also putting together Summer Open training days. **Action:** Vale to assist with venues.
  - It was agreed that the Optimist class would be asked if we could have use of their rib/s for the Worlds coaching support in return for using ours for their Nationals the following week, and potentially borrow again for the Skills camp? Respective insurance policies will need to be confirmed as some stipulate drivers must be members of the Class association. **Action:** Brian to confirm with Optimist Class.
  - **Action:** Phil, Mark, Alice and Brian will meet to discuss Rib availability for the Nationals and Worlds prior to the next meeting.

## Nationals Update

1. Entries are approaching 70
2. Chris reported that Ovington are building 40 boats for Charter for the Nationals and Worlds but demand is higher than this. It was agreed that the UK fleet should be approached to see if anyone would charter spare boats for these events. Chris advised that Ovington would be happy to be the point of contact for putting together boats and sailors wanting boats.  
**Action:** Rachel to publish on social media
3. It was agreed that we would organise a buddy system for the Nationals, pairing UK and overseas boats: **Action:** Rachel, Genie
4. Rachel advised Designs for the GB team clothing are being finalised. They will include a hoody, shirt and possibly also a hat.
5. The class AGM will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

## AOB

1. Fleet growth: **Action:** For discussion next meeting
2. The deadline for Ovingtons for submission of the proposal for the new, tougher jib is 19<sup>th</sup> June. They are very short of feedback from the fleet. The jib is currently at Shock in WPNSA  
**Action:** Please encourage sailors to use.
3. Succession planning: For those planning to leave the committee at the end of this season, please advise Hannah and Genie and engage with Class members to discuss the roles.
4. We will shortly need to publish the agenda for the AGM. If you have any Agenda items, or proposed amendments to the constitution, please let Phil/Genie know asap **Action:** All

## Next meeting

1. 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 1930.

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