

29er UK Class Association
Committee Meeting Minutes

Dated 7th June 2023

Meeting held By Zoom starting at 7.30 PM

Apologies were received from Hugo Morgan Harris, Chris Turner, Val Sesto, Sam Webb, Amelie Hiscocks, Gavin Homer, Katie Peters

In attendance:

Officers of the Association:

Phil Lightbody, Mark Crossley, Brian Staite, Rachael Jenkins, Ben Vines, Genie Webb,

Other Committee Members:

John Fitzgerald, Jonathan Westwell, Clive Grummett, Victor Brellisford (part time)

Other attendees:

Hannah Bristow (part time), Alice Masterman (Part time), Ali Wood (Part time),

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 23rd April 2023 were approved by unanimous vote. 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
 - 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
 - A 2024 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 discussing with Parkstone YC
 - Phil, Mark, Alice and Brian meeting to discuss Rib availability for the Nationals and Worlds prior to the next meeting.
 - It was agreed that we would organise a buddy system for the Nationals, pairing UK and overseas boats: **Action:** Rachel, Genie

Treasurers Report

1. Cash:
 - The cash position continues to erode a little as expected.
2. Training:
 - As previously reported, training model is being reviewed to ensure it can continue to be run in a way that does not significantly erode Class resources.
3. Membership:
 - Promising signs of good numbers of new boats joining the class and it is hoped that the 'covid trough' has been passed. We will still need to double membership to cover current spending levels (but point 2 will address this at least in part)
4. Fees:
 - The fees for 23/24 were discussed and accepted as the committee's proposal, to be agreed at the AGM (Membership and Event). See attached pdf

Class Coach Update

1. Class coaching for the Nationals and Worlds has gone live, basis min 1 coach: 6 boats ratio. Cut off for entry is end June.
2. Alice is speaking with the RYA coaches about the training programme for 23/24 to tie in with the Youth Squad programme. Alice requested feedback from the winter training in advance of the Worlds, so that she can feed this into the discussion. **Action:** Rachel to post of SM
3. For next season, request for a May half term camp, alongside the Youth Squad. In general, the summer camps should be alongside Youth squad- this isn't so important for the Winter camps.
4. Rachel/Alice are finalising the details for the Summer skills camp at WPNSA 19-23rd August. RYA are being very supportive and have paid for Tom to coach at the event. Entries already at 25. Ovington have kindly offered the use of their Rib for this event. There will be 5 groups, with 5 coaches.

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 Worlds 2024 dates have been published and frustratingly clash with the Nationals booking at HISC. HISC are unable to offer alternative dates so another venue is being sought.

Nationals Update

1. Entries are now at 85
2. Can we use RYA deckchairs/beanbags/other stuff to create a sailors area in the hanger?
Action: Jonathan
3. The committee agreed a budget of £60 for printing costs
4. Rachel has produced a brochure with helpful local information which will be available online and poster print outs displayed at the venue. She raised a potential personal conflict of interest in the inclusion of Shock as a useful local business and asked for the Committees approval or otherwise. The committee voted unanimously to approve, noting that it was one of several businesses included and was relevant information for competitors.

5. Provided that only one course is needed, 5 safety ribs will be required together with crew. 3 International Ribs have registered so far **Action:** Ben/Brian

AOB

1. Fleet growth and strategic Plan: A short discussion was had and will be carried forward.
Action: Genie to circulate 'Objectives' section of the Class Constitution
2. Amelie was thanked for her comprehensive report on the Class Jib and her conclusions were supported.
3. Ali enquired on the Class view of support boats at GPs. It was confirmed that so long as they are available to all, and were not 'private coaching' then this was generally fine and had been used to good effect this season in supporting new sailors. Alice should be included in any discussions on this so that there is a 'Class' rather than individual approach.

Next meeting

1. 12th July 2023 at 1930.

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