

29er UK Class Association
Committee Meeting Minutes

Dated 5th Sept 2023

Meeting held By Zoom starting at 7.30 PM.

Apologies were received from Chris Turner, Victor Brellisford, Ali Wood, Katie Peters

In attendance:

Officers of the Association:

Phil Lightbody, Mark Crossley, Melissa Heppell, Ben Vines, Genie Webb, Roger Morris, Will Gatehouse, Anne Sydenham, Lee Sydenham

Committee Members:

James Hopkinson, Clive Grummett, Gavin Homer

Other attendees:

Hannah Bristow, Alice Masterman

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

Approval of Minutes

1. The Minutes of the meeting of 12th July have now been circulated and will be approved at the next meeting.

Treasurers Report

1. The new fees, proposed by the committee per the meeting of 7th June and voted in at the AGM have now been put in place.
2. There was a surplus from the skills camp, due in part to a higher attendance than the original budget and mainly thanks to support from the RYA which wasn't originally budgeted. After some discussion, it was agreed that £2.5k of the surplus would be put aside towards 23/24 training to reflect the RYA grant contribution to the skills camp. This equalled the reduction in the cash element of the training grant from the RYA for 23/24 (£3.5k down from £6k). This was proposed by Mark, Seconded by Genie and agreed by unanimous vote.
3. Current running costs for the class are approximately £15k. There is around £7k income from membership and £3.5k from the RYA. Events will need to make a surplus to make up the shortfall.
4. It was agreed that the late entry for events would be changed to 2 weeks before the event, in line with the refund policy.
5. It was agreed to increase the subsistence rate for coaches to £20 a day from the current £15 a day (when not paying for accommodation).
6. It was confirmed that for coaching events, there will be a minimum 4-week cancellation since commitments on expenditure are made by then.

7. The class are now being charged for each google mail account and these therefore need to be kept to a minimum. **Action:** Mark to check with members if accounts are needed and close any not required.
8. The class are grateful to Mark for remaining in position whilst a replacement is found.
Action: All to identify possible replacement treasurer

Class Coach Update

1. CNS and CDS will be a commitment for the full Autumn programme and not event by event this year. Cancellation will require 4 weeks' notice.
2. Open training will be more flexible. Suggestion is to publish a coach 'contact book' if people want to organise their own training.
3. The RYA grant is specifically for transition. There was a wide-ranging discussion about how and where to target transition training.
 - a. HISC and R Lym have their own set ups and probably don't need this support.
 - b. There are some 'emerging clubs' that may wish to be supported with transition training events.**Action:** Roger to look at options and feedback.
4. Skills Camp 2024 has been provisionally booked at WPNSA. **Action:** Roger to confirm dates

Sailing Secretary (ies) Report

1. After a very wide search for venues, we have 2 options – Lymington and Warsash. Anne and Will visited Warsash and reported back to the Committee.
 - a. The race area is not too far from the venue and launching is good.
 - b. Tide across the race area is fairly even, although it will be springs.
 - c. The club house will be fully renovated by next summer.
 - d. A field behind the club can be used for parking and possibly camping.
 - e. There may be some accommodation available at the Institute (Solent University)
 - f. There are some club ribs which would be made available.
 - g. They are awaiting to hear on costs.The committee unanimously agree that, subject to the costs being acceptable, Warsash will be the venue for the Nationals, commencing 19/8/23.
2. GP6 is still to be arranged. **Action:** Gavin to liaise with Anne and Will
3. GP1: We will run a buddy system and try to keep the same buddy teams for the year, with Buddy prizes for each event **Action:** Melissa to organise buddy teams for GP1

AOB

1. The following committee positions need to be filled:
 - Treasurer
 - Gen Sec
 - Events
 - Vice Chair
 - Measurer**Action:** All to seek new members
2. At the GP1 prize giving, Phil will ask for Sailors to express interest in being Sailor Reps.

3. All new committee members to send 'Head and shoulder' shots to Clive. **Action:** New members
4. The committee discussed a request from the Nacra class to share race courses at GP events. It was agreed that the boats are too dissimilar to make that feasible, especially with many sailors new to the 29er class.

Next meeting

1. 17th October at 1930

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