

29er UK Class Association
Committee Meeting Minutes

Dated 18th October 2023

Meeting held By Zoom starting at 7.30 PM

Apologies were received from Chris Turner, Victor Brellisford, Ali Wood, Clive Grummet, Alice Masterman

In attendance:

Officers of the Association:

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

Other attendees:

Hannah Bristow (part time)

Approval of Minutes

1. The Minutes of the meeting of 12th July are not yet approved as some committee members requested more time to read them. The following points from those minutes were discussed:
 - Cutting down the Google accounts - Clive and Mark have actioned
 - Roger and Alice have formulated a plan for Class Squads
 - Melissa has confirmed dates with WPNSA for the 2024 skills camp
 - Gavin and Will have discussed having GP6 further north
 - Melissa organised buddy teams for GP1
 - Volunteers have been found for treasurer and gen sec roles
 - Vice chair, Events and measurer still outstanding
 - Head and shoulders shots to Clive for new Committee members **Action: Melissa, Roger, Lee, Anne**
 - Two sets of minutes to be approved next meeting
 - Web admin, Class PRO and Web PPT(?) email addresses have been deleted.

2. Actions of this meeting:
 - Discussion to combine rolling ranking and results email addresses. Committee to decide if Wales email address can be kept
 - Plan to train 3-4 Committee members in Sailwave in case Huw isn't able to do results **Action: Clive**
 - Send an update saying that the Nationals planning is underway on the 30th if it still hasn't been arranged **Action: Hannah**

- Phil suggested using the RYA grant to subsidise the CDS to £150 per weekend/per boat. No one voted against this. **Action: Hannah to reflect this in squad letters**
- Plan to have a squad hoodie that comes included in the cost of the class squad, funded by the Noble sponsorship. **Action: Melissa/Alice**
- Send something out on socials to find clubs who would like to host open training. **Action: Melissa**
- **Action:** Mark to speak with Puneet to discuss role requirements, Gen to speak with Samantha
- **Action: Hannah** Big push needed to find sailor reps regionally - send out an email & push on social media
- **Action: The committee have received a request for use of the class RIB for HISC training.**
Action: Phil to advise this is Ok if it is available, for a nominal maintenance fee. The clause being that if we schedule training and need the RIB then we can withdraw their use of it.

Treasurer's Report

1. Cash:
 - The cash position continues to maintain.
2. Training:
 - Slight loss at GP1 that was covered by the RYA grant
 - OT1 made a slight contribution to central costs
 - Northern training very cost efficient and well run financially
3. Membership:
 - 166 active memberships with a positive upward trend
 - Membership income a long way ahead of last year
4. Racing:
 - GP1 made a healthy contribution to central costs

Class Coach Update

Alice absent so Roger stepped in

- CNS squad places in the process of being sent out with a deadline for the end of the week
- CDS will be sent out once the CNS places are filled
- Alice will be running CDS and Simon Hall will be running CNS, sometimes assisted by Max Todd
- Possibility of running two CDS squads was discussed but poses difficulties logistically
- Discussion over price being relatively high but this is reflected by the costs of running the training and is considered ballpark for other similar trainings being run
- Phil suggested using the RYA grant to subsidise the CDS to £150 per weekend/per boat. No one voted against this.
- Plan to have squad hoodie that comes included in the cost of the class squad, funded by the Noble sponsorship.
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Sailing Secretary Update

1. GP6 not possible northern, possibly looking at having it at RLymYC around the 4/5th May
2. Proposal was to instead have the 2024 Ovington Champs at a Northern venue, or GP2. Ovington should be consulted. **Action: Melissa.**
3. Suggested venues for next GP Series to be discussed next meeting
4. Feedback from Pwllheli was that it was very difficult to run an event there – the Sydenhams were thanked for doing a very good job. This does highlight the difficulty of running an event where there isn't a pre-existing 29er interest/fleet and there is a lack of local volunteers.
5. Restronguet suggested as a 2025 Nationals venue end of August.

Nationals Update

1. Warsash have pulled out of hosting the 29er Nationals
2. Nationals could start the week of the 21st July. Anne has reached out to HISC who can host from Monday 22nd July for a 5 day Nationals. They wouldn't want us arriving before the Sunday lunchtime to keep the club available for their club members. The ideal would probably be running from Tuesday-Saturday.
3. There is a concern as the first two days of this are during term time for some sailors, and it is very close to the international major events
4. The potential alternative is RLymYC i. Phil suggested starting on Saturday 24th August, for a 5-6 day event to space the events out.
5. This would mean that it now clashes with the planned skills camp at the end of August 2024 so it would need rearranging.
6. **Nobody voted against having a Nationals the week commencing 24th August if RLymYC can accommodate.** Anne to go to HISC and ask if they can do this week. Then Committee to vote and make a decision.

AOB

1. Puneet Jaiswal and Samantha White have suggested for treasurer and general secretary respectively. Mark to speak with Puneet to discuss role requirements, Gen to speak with Samantha
2. Sailor reps are still required. Big push needed to find sailor reps regionally - send out an email & push on social media
3. Endeavor trophy - tactical early entry for the 29er class because our Nationals is relatively late so that we don't miss out on entry. Suggestion from Gen that the entry is handed over as the prize giving of our Nationals. **Committee agreed.**
4. HISC winter training wants to use the Class RIB. Phil to tell them that they can use it if it is available and isn't being used for a nominal maintenance fee. The clause being that if we schedule training and need the RIB then we can withdraw their use of it.
5. Committee thoughts about class representation at the dinghy show. Suggestion that Ovington bring the 29er and we bring the sailors. **Committee agreed.**

The next meeting date will be announced by email and whatsapp shortly.

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