

# 29er Class Association Committee Meeting

## Minutes

27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 @ 7.30 via Zoom  
Rescheduled 5<sup>th</sup> March

Apologies: Clive Grummet, Will Gatehouse, Hannah Bristow (after 8pm), Roger Morris (before 9)

### In attendance:

#### Officers of the Association:

Phil Lightbody, Mark Crossley/Puneet Jaiswal, Lee Sydenham, Anne Vaudry, Sam White, Melissa Heppell, Roger Morris (after 9), Ben Vines

#### Other attendees:

Alice Masterman, Gavin Homer, James Hopkinson, Hannah Bristow (until 8), Kendall Massey, Doug Walker, Ali Wood, Charlotte White (Sailor Rep)

Meeting was quorate.

### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January were approved. The following actions were carried over:

- Website photos to CG of new officers/representatives (GH, SW) - ongoing
- Sailwave guide – training at Youth Nationals for as many people as we can. Huw and CG are working on the Sailwave guides and documents added to the google drive
- Club admin training done by PJ, MH and SW with Clive Grummet (with thanks to him)
- Open training venues – ongoing – see below.
- Transition events – see below.

### Completed actions:

- Plans/discussions are in hand for use of premises in Lymington for camping/use of motorhomes. Availability to be confirmed.

### Committee

- Doug Walker was introduced to the meeting and several committee members had chatted to him at Draycote. Doug was voted onto the committee as Vice-Chair unanimously and welcomed to the meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

- PJ thanked Mark Crossley on behalf of the committee for his work as treasurer and for the handover.
- PJ discussed the headlines for the most recent figures:
  - Membership is strong. PJ wants to do some forecasting on numbers later in the year

- Attendance at GP's etc continues to be strong and finances healthy from these events with a small surplus.
- Training has been breaking even overall although the expectation is that there will be a small loss, but the payoff has been new members from transition training. AM/PJ/Cttee to look at developing the coaching personnel, new and existing. It is recognised that coaches tend to gravitate to the South Coast and ideas discussed for floating/coaches in training to attend events and provide a type of buddy system.
- Cashflow is as expected and no cause for concern although noted that central costs do affect the bottom line on events.
- The refund policy was discussed. This would continue as published but there was a view that the training refunds can be problematic and so ought to be applied more stringently.

### Sailing Secretary

- RYA dinghy show weekend is to be a ringfenced weekend with no training
- Youth Nats discussed – safety cover for weekend when no coaches can be onsite – open to all. Class training on Friday. BV requires more volunteers to help.
- HISC transitional support training weekends; unless HISC will allow non-members this cannot be a class supported event.
- There is no room in the calendar for a Eurocup or GP 7.
- 2024/25 season; there was ongoing discussion carried over from the last meeting and in addition to the difficulty with not knowing the international details, the nationals are still a logistical issue. There was discussion about the challenges and difficulties in the Scots and E&W having different school holidays. There is, however, a limited window which may not accommodate all sailors and working parents. There are also price negotiations ongoing.
- Race Officers are showing an interest in working with the class and view expressed that we should continue to work with a pool as local knowledge was a benefit.
- Mark layers; the class needs more qualified/trained parents. Anecdotally there is interest from within the class. BV is to canvas that interest with a view to setting up training.

The proposed diary is in hand.

Confirmed are:

GP1:	14-15 <sup>th</sup> September	WPNSA
Tide Ride:	5- 6 <sup>th</sup> October	HISC
GP2:	2 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sunderland (half term)
Ovingtons	16 -17 <sup>th</sup> November	WPNSA
GP3	30 <sup>th</sup> November – 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Rutland
Winters:	1- 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2025	Draycote
GP 4:	1 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Venue TBC
GP5:	22- 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Torbay

Events going forward, venues and dates to be confirmed:

Youth Nationals (19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April?)

GP6 (likely half term; 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May)  
Nationals  
Worlds  
Nationals  
Euros  
Skills camp

- Open training dates – to be confirmed:

20/21st April	OT	Parkstone
11/12th May	OT	Lymington
25-27th May	OT	WPNSA
15/16th June	OT	HISC
18-21st July	OT	Pwllheli
17/18th August	OT	Lymington

#### **Sailor Reps**

- Charlotte White, Thomas Jubb, Sirene Le Petit, Matthew Mason, Benji Ripley, confirmed

#### **Class Coach Update**

- AM proposed the workshop to engage sailors and help with knowledge, from nutrition to buying a boat. Idea is to have a 4 -5-week programme, possibly recorded. Start late summer as an intro to GP's with the practical sessions moving into educational sessions.
- Event Support – AM to get EOI and get a group going. The Worlds are more popular than the Euro's on current feedback.
- Class trailer – two are being built. The proposal is that the class use one and the YS the other.

#### **AOB**

- Confirmation from MH that Typhoon have no issue with stickers on boats. The stipulation is that sailors wear the bibs.

#### **Summary of Actions from meeting**

- BV to look at interest and training for mark layers
- AM to continue to plan the workshop sessions
- AM to put comm's out for EOI on Worlds/Euros – COMPLETED

#### **MEETING NEXT DATE 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

#### Proposed future dates:

14.05.24

04.06.24

16.07.24

26.08.24 AGM (or thereabouts)

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