

# 29er Class Association Committee Meeting

## Minutes

9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 @ 7.30 via Zoom

Apologies: Chris Turner

### **In attendance:**

### **Officers of the Association:**

Phil Lightbody, Puneet Jaiswal, Lee Sydenham, Anne Vaudry, Sam White, Melissa Heppell, Roger Morris, Ben Vines

### **Other attendees:**

Alice Masterman (until 8.45), Gavin Homer, James Hopkinson, Hannah Bristow, Ali Wood, Clive Grummett, Hannah Bristow

Meeting was quorate.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March were approved. The following actions were carried over:

- Website photos to CG of new officers/representatives (GH, SW) - ongoing
- Sailwave guide – ongoing – importance of a back up discussed and how valued Huw is.
- Open training venues – ongoing – dates on website for both North and South (with some to be added when confirmed)
- Transition events – ongoing – There is interest in the North – AM and AW to liaise with Ovington to get a boat and the Topper and Feva Nationals will be attended.
- crew 4 gold – the helm phase has started. There was a lot of discussion and many different viewpoints – the problem for the class is that the RYA haven't been clear in what they need – despite promises there have been no updates. The overall view is that the class risks some destabilisation but there are also opportunities to get people into the class – encouraging people to sail and the interest in the 29er is a plus. AM to liaise to see if there is merit in getting names for the pairing list that she already maintains.
- Mark layers – ongoing. BV and LS to investigate cost and equipment required. The YN committee boat appeared not to have correct readings. The cttee recognises that having class equipment is important from a safety perspective and to maximise racing and efficiency of managing races.
- workshop – ongoing
- EOI - trailer - support - Worlds/Euros – ongoing HB has put out a last call for the 16.04 for interest to be registered.

### **Treasurer's Report .**

- PJ discussed the headlines for the most recent figures:
  - Membership is still up

- Attendance at GP's etc continues to be strong and finances healthy from these events with a small surplus. Parkstone GP likely to be smallest event given exam time
- Training has been breaking even overall although the expectation is that there will be a small loss, but the grant will cover
- Cashflow is as expected and no cause for concern although noted that central costs do affect the bottom line on events.
- PJ requested that payments are not made directly into the bank and if made to notify him
- Discussion of reinvestment into equipment/ current membership in the event of surplus

#### **Sailing Secretary**

- Nationals' costs discussed; RLYC has some fixed costs – car park and harbour dues and there are increased costs of catering etc. The balance for the event will be that there will be optional offerings food wise save the championship dinner. Enquiries as to possible sponsorship will be made to see if there is anything that can be subsidised for parents/sailors. Other classes have told us that they are also experiencing difficulties in keeping costs down. Discussed various mitigations. PL to get final bottom line figure from RLYC
- Parkstone GP all in hand – awaiting confirmation re social. Parkstone is a possible for Nationals next year.

#### **Sailor Reps**

- Charlotte White, Thomas Jubb, Sirene Le Petit, Matthew Mason, Benji Ripley, confirmed. There is some confusion about sailor rep v social rep. Annabelle and Charlie to be added as sailor reps on email account and chat to new sailor reps to look towards handover/clarification of roles and whether they should be one and the same.

#### **Class Coach Update**

- As discussed in ongoing items

#### **AOB**

- `BV to collate and send feedback on YN – consensus is that weatherwise, it was very tricky for the PRO and that generally he did the best job with the challenges he faced. It was clear though as discussed above that class equipment for on the water to read wind and direction etc would be a valuable tool.

Summary of Actions from meeting – see actions from last meeting above.

**MEETING NEXT DATE 14.05.24**

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