

Committee Meeting Minutes

Dated 10th Oct 2022

Meeting held By Zoom starting at 7.30 PM

Apologies were received from Alice Masterman, Victor Brellisford, Katie Peters

Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chairman welcomed 16 members to the meeting and noted the apologies.

Approval of Minutes

2. The Minutes of the meeting of 6th September were approved. The following actions were carried forward:
 - Sailors Reps
 - i. **Action:** Phil to speak to sailors from Transition, Wales and the North at GP2 to try and increase participation
 - It was noted that there are some issues that need addressing with the current class RIB insurance policy. In addition there was a specific question around cover for coaches using the RIB for Class coaching
 - i. **Action:** Mark, Brian and Jonathan to address these. Clive will support on any cyber security requirements. Hugo will support if there are any valuation requirements
 - A potential issue has arisen about the illegality of the jib clew board being drilled out to allow a snap shackle attachment.
 - i. **Action:** Class Measurer to have a look around the fleet at GP1 and discuss with Chris
 - All new members to send a 'head and shoulders' photo for the Contacts page on the website.
 - i. **Action:** All

Treasurers Report

1. Cash:
 - a. The cash position for the class is currently healthy. All 2022 Nationals costs are now cleared.
2. Membership:
 - a. Numbers have been on a bit of a downward trend and the class is actively seeking new participation.
3. GPs:
 - a. A small loss was reported for GP1. It is planned that over the year, the GPs will be able to break even or make a modest profit.

4. Training:

- a. Whilst very successful, the net cost of the 3 training weekends so far this season has been quite high. Mark, Alice and Hannah completed a detailed analysis of the expenditure to date:
 - i. It was noted that the fully built up cost of a coach was around £450-500 per weekend, if accommodation and travel were required. Wherever possible, local coaches will be used.
 - ii. A coach checklist, and a training cost planner have been developed which will be used for every training event. The cost planner will be very useful in informing the costs for the Autumn CNS, CDS and open training, which have historically been priced with the aim of breaking even.

Sailing Secretary Report

1. The Sailing Secretary confirmed that plans were well in hand for the events. There were some ongoing communications on details around local club support and RO's but nothing of concern at this stage.
2. Clive will run a session on 'Our club Admin' for shoreside support at GP1 and it's hoped that a good number of people will attend to provide a 'pool' of support. However, organisation of shoreside support for events is still somewhat falling between the cracks. It was agreed that a class mailer should go out 2 weeks before the event and again a week before each event, listing the roles that are needed to be filled. **Action:** Hannah

Class Coach Update

1. The CNS and CDS selection will be completed post GP2. There is a form for CDS applicants to complete to assist in selectors looking beyond the results.
2. A nice community of transitioning sailors has gathered with them booking training and little hubs forming

Sailor Reps

1. Sam asked whether the buddy system was going to be in operation for GP1 and how this would work. Jonathan confirmed that it would and Phil/Genie will put the entries into 4 groups loosely based on the GP1. Sailors will be told their buddy groups at registration and will also be in these groups for the quiz.

Safety

1. It was noted that there is currently a forecast of fresh breezes for GP2 and given the tides and water depth at Lymington, masthead floats should be strongly encouraged for all but the most experienced sailors.
 - a. **Action:** Rachel to address on social media and Hannah to include in pre-event email.

AOB

Social media/Google Drive

1. **Action:** Clive to see if settings on the 29er UK facebook page can be adjusted to Rachel is able to share posts across the two pages
2. The class logos have been uploaded to google drive and should be accessible to all committee members.

Headshot and JD reminder

1. **Action:** All to provide Clive with a headshot for the website and to read through their JD on the website, letting Clive know if there are any inconsistencies/changes needed.

Transition coach for GP3

1. **Action:** Phil to confirm budget with Alice

Other Training

1. There are a number of other training events being organised/proposed (Draycote, Scotland, Derwent) and, as well as the class training events, we should have these advertised on the class social media and website.
 - a. **Action:** Vale to coordinate promotion.
2. John has received an enquiry for some transition training with boats to be provided in the NW. Ovington have 2 boats in the NE and will be happy to facilitate.
 - a. **Action:** John to pass on details for the boats and discuss training possibility with Vale

Marketing

1. Rachel identified a number of opportunities for marketing
 - a. A pre-season 'skills camp' designed to encourage new sailors into the class and perhaps help newly forming teams. Ideally at a venue where sailors can camp/bunk together so that there is also an opportunity to socialise/meet fellow new 29er sailors. **Action:** Training team to look into this
 - b. RYA Dinghy show: pre covid, the class had a stand. Ovington are willing for the class to have a presence on their stand for the 2023 show. Unfortunately the show clashes with the Winters. However, we could look to ask past sailors and possibly some parents to do this? **Action:** Committee to consider and take forward at next meeting
 - c. There are no events between Easter and the Nationals. Whilst this is the exam period for many of the sailors, it was felt that this is a big gap and could be bridged with a 'fun' or different format event e.g. sprints.
 - i. **Action:** Hugo to look at possible dates
 - ii. **Action:** Brian to look at HISC calendar for Sprints and Pennant dates
 - d. Rachel would like to have contact details for Junior classes social media to share 29er news/training opportunities. **Action:** All

Other

1. If anyone has any good stories/memories that would be suitable for sharing in a 'Thank you' book for Pete Allam, please let Phil have them asap
2. The RYA AGM is on 11th November in London. Mark said that he will aim to attend on behalf of the class.

Next meeting

1. 22nd November 2022 at 1930.

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