

UK 29er CLASS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Hayling Island S.C.

6pm on Thursday, 27th August 2009

The meeting opened at 6.00pm with a welcome to all assembled in the room.

Confirmation of those present: Steve Larvin (Chair), Jane Furness, Barbara Walker Dave Hall

Apologies: John Hilton, Nigel Furness, Richard Redding, Fiona Diamond, Steve Hopper,
Arthur Allen

Approval of Minutes of last AGM: SL read out the minutes of the 2008 AGM and proposed them as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Motion to Accept the Minutes of the 2008 AGM: proposed SL, seconded:BW

Presentation of the 2008 Audited Annual Financial Accounts: The accounts were distributed in the hall for inspection by members. Barbara Walker asked were there any questions regarding the accounts there were none from members but a parent Mr Charles Glover asked about the balance sheet, Mrs Walker replied that they had no fixed assets but if he e-mailed her she would be happy to provide him with a balance sheet . Mrs Walker addressed the hall and said that if anyone thought of any questions regarding the accounts after the meeting to contact her and she would reply.

Motion to accept the audited accounts for year to 31st December 2008: proposed: BW seconded: JF

Membership Fees: SL confirmed that there was no intention to increase the membership fee and explained that £10 of the UK membership fee goes to the Internal Class Association in order that our sailors can compete worldwide. SL said that the UK 29er committee find this less than satisfactory and that we had put a proposal to the ICA that the ICA should collect their portion at International events and this would enable us to offer UK members who did not compete abroad a reduced fee. There has been no decision on this proposal as yet and we will let the membership know via the website when a decision has been made.

Chairman's Report: SL read out the Chairman's report in his absence (a copy of which is attached)

Motion to propose new Committee Members: BW read out the names of existing committee members and proposed new members who wish to put themselves forward for re election.

The following were duly elected:

John Hilton proposed BW seconded SL
Steve Larvin proposed BW seconded JF
Nigel Furness proposed BW seconded SL
Jane Furness proposed BW seconded DH
Fiona Diamond proposed BW seconded SL
Richard Redding proposed BW seconded DH
Barbara Walker proposed JF seconded SL

Arthur Allen proposed BW seconded DH
Ken Twemlow proposed BW seconded SL
Lucy Carlisle proposed BW seconded JF
Steve Hopper proposed BW seconded SL
Dave Hall proposed BW seconded JF

Each officer proposed was subject to a vote in the hall in favour or against. The hall showed a large majority in favour of all nominees and no vote against any nominee.

There followed the election of five sailor representatives. It was very pleasing to see so many young members keen to become involved and the following were voted in by a large majority of their fellow members with no objections.

Jilly Darling proposed BW seconded SL
Lilly Carlisle proposed SL seconded Jilly Darling
Will Glover proposed SL seconded Jilly Darling
Tim Walton proposed SL seconded JF
Henry Collinson proposed SL seconded Tim Walton

The Annual General meeting closed at 6.31pm

There followed immediately the first meeting of the new committee

Motion to accept new Committee Members to post: JANE –PROPOSER/SECONDER PLEASE

Chairman	John Hilton	proposed	seconded
Vice Chairman	Steve Larvin		
Secretary	Lucy Carlisle		
Membership Secretary	Jane Furness		
Treasurer	Barbara Walker		
Web Master	Fiona Diamond		
Sailing Secretary	Richard Redding		
Racing Secretary	Nigel Furness		
Asst. Racing Secretary	Dave Hall		
Principal Race Officer	Ken Twemlow		
Class Measurer	Arthur Allen		
Steve Hopper	International Event Liaison		

Options for the 2010 Nationals: There were three options available to us: Torquay, Brixham or Pwhelli. The view from members in the hall was a very large majority in favour of Pwhelli. DH said he would now try to confirm dates with Pwhelli.

ICA meeting in Riva del Garda: A new President has been elected, Jen Morgan Glas and American 29erXX sailor. We are hoping that new young blood at the top will change things for the better. The UK and other northern European countries raised the issue of the timing of major international events clashing with school terms. There has been an agreement to avoid arranging major events during school term time but the events scheduled had contracts exchanged so could not be altered. It has also been confirmed that the Worlds will be held in Europe every other year from 2012.

Open Question & Answer Session: SL opened questions to the hall and there followed lively debate on several issues.

Chris Matthews asked about rule 42 and its application at the Worlds in Riva del Garda. DH replied saying that he had taken this up with the organisers but the Italians just decided to go their own way. DH talked to Barry Johnson about rule 42 and was assured that it will be applied as normal for future events.

Henry Collinson asked if it was likely to be introduced. DH replied that if there was sufficient support the committee could raise a rule change to the Class Council.

Charles Glover raised a question about structured recruitment from junior classes and suggested that we need to get Roy McCubbin to actively promote the Class and he thought it was not being adequately promoted by the RYA and by junior coaches. SL replied that he would ask the Chairman to contact the RYA with regard to this point. DH suggested running a couple of open meetings with the topper class and BW pointed out that we had actively tried to target topper sailors this year with taster days.

Charles Glover asked why we don't run our own open meetings organising our own PRO safety etc. DH replied that historically all the organisation of opens had been down to him and we had adopted the "pay and play" approach as numbers at open meetings is not as large as some other fleets and to try to run opens with volunteers might be problematic. SL said that we would look into this.

Fiona Hampshire asked about racing at the Youths saying that the 29ers are treated like 2nd class citizens, usually kept waiting and then share a course with the windsurfers. The majority in the room supported this view and asked that we alert the RYA to this problem to see if anything can be done about it. SL agreed to pass this onto John Hilton to deal with.

Chris Matthew asked could the 29er be fitted with turnbuckles. DH replied that it would take agreement at the World Council to pass a change saying it would take about 2 years to go through the process. We can put this as an item on the agenda for the meeting at the Inlands where a large number of members will be present and if we get a 2/3rd majority in favour then we can put the proposal forward at the next Worlds Council Meeting in the Bahamas.

Ed Gibbon raised a question about the material that is allowed for use in centre board packing. DH referred everyone to the various rule changes due 1st March 2010 and which are on the ICA website.

SL then reminded everyone of the Grand Prix final and party at Northampton saying that the Grand Prix finished on Saturday but the open meeting would include Saturday and Sunday's results.

There then followed the prize draw for the jib which was won by tally number 40, Tom Bruton.

SL closed the meeting thanking everyone for coming and reminding them that if they had any questions or suggestions to please contact any one of the Committee who would be pleased to help.

The meeting closed at 7.29pm

