

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Dated 24th July 2023

Meeting held during the Class Nationals at WPNSA on 24th August 2023 at 8 pm

Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chairman welcomed all 50 members to the meeting. Apologies were received from the following committee members:
Victor Brellisford, Katie Peters, Val Sesto
The Chairman being satisfied that the meeting was quorate then proceeded with the business.
2. The Secretary confirmed that no additional motions had been received and therefore the agenda for the AGM was to be as published in the calling notice.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

3. The Secretary stated that the AGM minutes for the 2022 Annual General Meeting had been published on the Class website since the last meeting and asked for any amendments. There being none, Johnathan Westwell proposed and Ben Vines seconded a motion that the minutes were a true and accurate record of that meeting and the members agreed by a show of hands. There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report

1. Mark Crossley, Class Treasurer, had circulated a report and set of accounts on the financial status of the Class prior to the AGM. He briefly summarised the accounts status and that of the financial health of the class and there being no further questions, a motion that the class accounts are a true and accurate record was made by Ben Vines and seconded by the Brian Staite. The members accepted the accounts by a show of hands.

Chairman's Report including note on training

1. The Chairman, Phil Lightbody, gave a precis of the success of the class over the past 12 months. He noted:
 - a. That the Class had carried out 6 Allen Grand Prix events along with a Winter Championship and the Ovington Championships. There was an average entry of 36 boats, with a total of 265 entries over the 8 events
 - b. He congratulated Charlie Gran and Sam Webb for their winning the Allen GP series and Katie Jenkins and Amelie Hiscocks for taking the Ladies title.
 - c. There were 531 training days completed by the class during the year and 48 boats attended transition events
 - d. This calendar year a number of boats had travelled to Barcelona and Kiel, with more heading to the Europeans in August.
2. He made particular thanks to the Class Sponsors; Ovington Boats, Typhoon, Allen and Noble Marine, for continuing to support the Class.
3. The chair thanked Ian Bullock, the Class Race Officer, who has continued to support the class and provided high quality racing again this year.

4. Special thanks to WPNSA for the continued help and support
5. Thanks were given to the RYA for help in funding sailors get out on the water and enjoy this wonderful sport
6. Lastly, he recorded thanks to those members of the Committee who are standing down for the amazing job that they have all done.

Sailing Secretary Report

1. Hugo Morgan Harris, Sailing Secretary, reviewed the seasons events and noted the planned events for the 23/24 season. He commented that there was currently a challenge in finding suitable venue and dates for the 2024 Nationals due to the original arrangements clashing with the now published Worlds dates.
2. He thanked all of the parents that had helped out with the events and continued to ask for that support for the committee, and for all future events as it is very necessary. He noted that the 29er Committee is a volunteer run group. As is always the case, new volunteers are needed to take over roles where members sailors are moving out of the class, but currently not enough people are offering to step into the committee roles.

Amendments to the Constitution

1. Genie Webb, General Secretary explained that the Committee had proposed two areas of changed to the constitution, which had been circulated to the membership via email, one month prior to the AGM. The secretary summarised the proposed change to the Membership subscription clauses and the treasurer summarised the proposed changes to the accounts management clauses. There being no further questions the changes were put to the membership to vote and there was unanimous acceptance.

Election of Officers

1. The Chairman explained that some new Officers of the Class for the coming year had been proposed and seconded and asked for any additional proposals [see attached table].
2. There remained some important roles yet to be filled for next season

Treasurer, General Secretary, Sailing Secretary, Events, Measurer, Training, Transition, Trophies
3. The Chairman reiterated that the class was volunteer led and would not be able to run the planned events and training for the 23/24 season without these roles being filled.
4. There being no further volunteers, the Class Officers and additional Committee members were put to the vote. The motion to accept the Class Officers and additional Committee members was proposed by Rachel Jenkins and seconded by Johnathan Westwell and passed by a show of hands. The list of those voted to take up those positions is shown at the Appendix to this meeting minute.
5. The sailor representatives have not been proposed at the time of this meeting but that matter would be resolved at the earliest opportunity.

AOB & Q&A

1. The treasurer proposed an updated fee structure for the class for the 23/24 season, explaining the increased costs of running training and events, and detailing comparisons with other youth classes (see table attached). There being no further questions, the new fee

structure was proposed by Gavin Homer and seconded by Sarah Mitchell and was passed by unanimous vote. The new fee structure is shown at the Appendix to this meeting minute.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30.

Appendix 1

Officers of the Class

Role	Name
Chair	Phil Lightbody
Treasurer	Mark Crossley (leaving by December)
Sailing Secretary	Vacant
Training Officer	Vacant
Safety Officer	Ben Vines & Lee Sydenham
Transition	Vacant
General Secretary	Gen Webb (leaving by Decemebr)
Marketing Officer	Melissa Heppell
Welfare Officer	Katie Peters

Additional Committee Members

Role	Name
Scottish Representative	Gavin Homer
Rolling Ranking	James Hopkinson
Events	Vacant
Class Measurer	Vacant
Northern Representative	Ali Wood
Welsh Representative	Jo Powell
Trophies	Vacant

Appendix 2

Fees for 2023

Racing events (2 days)	£90.00
Training Sessions (2 days)	£190.00
Training (GP Support, 2 days)	£22.50
Training – taster day (per person)	£10.00
Membership -sole	£50.00
Membership- family	£80.00
Membership - student	£34.00
Membership- temp	£19.00