

Committee Meeting Minutes

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Meeting held By Zoom starting at 7.30PM

Apologies were received from Chris Turner, Iwan Wilson.

Welcome and Apologies

1. The Chairman welcomed all 11 attendees to the meeting and the Chair noted the apologies.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and matters arising were dealt with later in the meeting. The Minutes of the May meeting were approved by the Committee.

Treasurers Report

3. Simon Mueller, Class Treasurer, set out the position for the class as follows:
  - Cash position is approximately £85,000 with £58,000 in the Class HSBC account and the remainder being held in pay pal. This includes the £9,500 grant paid by the RYA to the Class to support administration and training.
  - The Typhoon Trophy event made a very small profit of approximately £63.
  - Training at this stage of the year is running at a £0 balance.
  - The RYA Grant, Membership fees and sponsorship of approx. £18,000 cover the overheads of the Class.
  - Overall expect the class to at least break even this year.
  - It is expected that the Nationals event will break even and all indications are that this will be the case.
4. Simon outlined the issues that he has been facing with regards to the Class PayPal account. He is recertifying the problems and is expecting that all remaining issues will be resolved in the coming weeks. This has arisen as PayPal have been attempting to increase their compliance with regards to the US FATCA regulations.
5. To allow the Class to continue to function, a separate PayPal account has been used and money is flowing into the class bank account whilst this, main account has been temporarily suspended.
6. This has raised important issues for the Class:
  - Whilst the Class is formally constituted as a private members club as it isn't registered with any government authorised bodies [HMRC, VAT, etc]. It is difficult to outside organisations to verify that it does exist as a formalised entity.
  - Simon felt, as did many of the class committee members that formalising the Class into a limited company would have significant benefits. This subject was to be continued to be explored post this year's AGM.
  - As a part of this discussion, it was felt that it would be advantageous for the financial year end for the Class to be moved from 31<sup>st</sup> Aug each year to 31<sup>st</sup> March. This would align with the RYA funding and enable the accounts to be ready on a more

timely basis at the AGM. It was agreed to look at this with the new committee as part of the review of whether to incorporate.

#### 2021 Class National Regatta

7. David Sturrock gave a short update on the planning for the UK Nationals due to be held at Largs starting on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Planning is progressing really well. The main issues remaining to resolve are:
  - Catering and how catering for the class can be achieved.
  - The Race officer has noted that he wishes to flight the fleet in order to make for better racing and a shorter start line which is better at the Largs sailing location.
  - David would complete a roundup of the RIBs to ensure that sufficient were available for the event. He would mail the relevant individuals separately.
  - There was a discussion raised by the Class Measurer regarding the scales for boat measurement being available at the Nationals. He was attempting to ensure that boat scales were available to allow crews to check the boat weight before heading to the RYA Youth Nationals. Without scales, crews may be forced to self-declare their boats conformity with the rules without necessarily knowing their boat weight as scales haven't been available at any event due to Covid restrictions for some time. Chris Evans agreed to lobby the RYA to ensure that boat scales were also available at the RYA Youth Nationals.
  - The following points were also noted regarding the organisation of the event:
    - i. U18s/over 18's would need to be separately identifiable to permit safe drinking/serving of alcohol.
    - ii. Matt Stein to put out the normal call for safety boat crewing.
    - iii. 12<sup>th</sup> July is event booking closure, at the date of this meeting, 51 boats had already registered.
    - iv. A detailed programme would be published for the sailors but is likely that this will be published quite close to the event due to the uncertainty regarding Covid restrictions.

#### Sailing Secretary Report

8. Richard Baker updated the Committee as follows.
  - WPNSA GP5 had 48 entries at the time of the meeting and was set to be the last race of the series.
  - 4x GP events plus the Winter championships and the Inland championships are all in planning for next year. Those that are confirmed are published on the Class website the reminder will be posted as soon as the arrangements have been finalised.
  - It is expected that the Class Nationals will be held at Torquay in 2022 dates and final arrangements are still to be made.

#### Class Coach & Training

9. There has been really good feedback from the training events held so far. Some of the attendees had little or no experience making it difficult for the coaches
10. From September onwards training will revert to its normal 'open training' on the weekend prior to a GP event at that same location.
11. There have been four newly qualified coaches who have trained with Niall and a further coaching training weekend and a coach development call will occur during September.

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12. The Chairman confirmed that Lisa Black is standing down as Class administrator. The Chairman thanked Lisa for all that she had done for the class.
13. He noted that the advertisement for a replacement Class administrator has been published and that there was already at least one candidate.
14. There was a conversation about checking forestays at the Class Nationals and whether Ovington Boats would be present to sell replacements for any non-compliant forestays. Victor commented that he would liaise with Ovington boats to ensure that forestays would be available to cover this eventuality.
15. It was confirmed that the marks for the Class RIB have been purchased and that other items and faults had also been rectified.
16. The Date of the Next Meeting was to be agreed once the new committee was formed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9 PM