

29er Class Association Committee Meeting

Minutes

Meeting 10th September @ 7.30 via zoom

Apologies: Clive Grummett, Alice Masterman

In attendance

Officers of the Association:

Doug Walker, Steve Sinfield, Anne Sydenham, Will Gatehouse, Roger Morris, Lee Sydenham, Dougal Scott, Melissa Heppell

Other attendees:

Hannah Bristow, Ali Wood, Jo Powell, Gavin Homer

Meeting was quorate. The committee agreed to put aside standing items to deal with feedback from the AGM and Nationals and other matters that needed to be dealt with and/or put in hand prior to GP1.

The actions from previous meetings are in a grid at the bottom of the minutes

GP prizes

Anne had put the costs together for each event and it was agreed that overall the costs did seem high.

After discussion it was agreed that a subcommittee (Georgie, Anne and Melissa) would look at the allocation of prizes and whether there were costs savings to be made in the number of prizes ordered and/or whether there was an alternative to the glasses.

The committee discussed whether the number of prizes and categories should be reviewed. It was agreed that GP 2 should be reviewed in the light of the number of entries as to which prizes were to be awarded.

Youth age clarification

The committee agreed that going forward the cut off would be 1st September rather than as at the first GP.

GP1

The consensus was that there should be two fleets and there was interest in a transition fleet, they would be scored as a silver fleet. The PRO may need assistance with mark laying if the course was to be shortened rather than a whisky. The committee agreed that the coach for the transition fleet would be funded. It would be a trial with a review of cost. The purpose was to encourage new boats and to recognise that some would struggle in the main fleet.

It was agreed that the MEI's catered for flighting and that it would be decided on an event-by-event basis.

Squad selection/training

The sign up for the CDS/CNS selector event was at 25 with a higher number of applicants. There were going to be quite a few that wouldn't make youth squad.

Signing up to the transition fleet would not prohibit a place in the CDS as that was more discretionary. There was a discussion on numbers and whether there was an option to expand CDS. Subject to the views of Alice, that was felt to be a problematic solution as higher numbers get chaotic.

CNS should be limited and would be unchanged.

Open training had more flexibility and there was discussion as to whether this should be rebranded into a third squad, possibly with the same coach for consistency. It was agreed that it was important to try and provide training for every level of the class to encourage and prevent drop out.

Other ideas were discussed such as skilling up sailors in the class as coaches and whether this was something the RYA could help with. Are there clubs that could organise and help with training.

A questionnaire would be sent out to the class to determine whether there was any interest in regional training

GP2

An early early bird discount would be offered to encourage entries.

Several southern boats had already indicated that they were not going to go. The view was that there should be support from the committee for this event and we should be reciprocating given the number of events in the South.

There is an option of taking the class trailer and sailors flying to Newcastle. The idea of pre event training was also floated. Ovington are in the area and a tour of the factory would be an option.

It is agreed that this event should run even if it runs at a loss.

Alumni

After discussion as to logistics etc. it was agreed that the class wanted to support sailors who were leaving the class because of age and recognising that it was the older sailors who achieved the best results at international events. The message is that they are welcome in the class, the question is how that is best achieved. Melissa raised the issue at the AGM and it was agreed that she would need to submit a proposal so that the committee could look at the best way forwards.

Class trailer

Hannah Bristow to write a protocol document and booking

RYA Grant

Smaller than previous years – discussion as to whether RY could be persuaded to increase or provide non-monetary assistance to the class – Doug and Steve

ACTION	WHO	COMMENT
GP Subcommittee	Georgie, Anne, Melissa	
Review of transition fleet at GP1	Committee	
Squads/training		
Questionnaire	Melissa	
Alumni proposal	Melissa	
Class trailer protocol	Hannah	Done and published
RYA grant	Doug/Steve	

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

Next date
8th October 2024