



420 Monthly Committee Meeting

9th November 2021 at 7.30pm

Google Meet Call

Attendees:

Steve Davies (SD)	Jon Meadowcroft (JM)
James George (JG)	Chris Braund (CB)
Tim Rush (TR)	Louise Davies (LD)
Lucy Bennett (LB)	Ellie Rush (ER)
Jess Lavery (JL)	
Sharon Davidson-Guild (SDG)	Izzy Massey (IM)
Andy Taylor (AT)	Oli Meadowcroft (OM)
Tiffany Cawthorne (TC)	Oscar Cawthorne (OC)

Apologies:

Ben Rayner (BR)
Thomas Clayton (TC)
Joff McGill (JMcG)

Minutes

1.	Apologies:	Apologies were noted.
2.	Minute Approval:	The minutes from the meeting on 11th October 2021 were approved.
3.	Chair Update:	<p>SD noted that the number of people getting involved in events and training was really positive; 38 entries for the End of Seasons and lots of new boats showed a really healthy picture at the minute.</p> <p>SD also noted that 50 boats took part in the GP series with crews swapping where normal partnerships could attend to ensure boats got on the water; it was agreed that this was great to see and should be encouraged in the future.</p> <p>2022 Selection Series The Committee were asked to vote for their preferred option from the Options paper that had been circulated prior to the meeting. SDG confirmed that the Mailchimp survey links should be used to make votes; it was</p>

		<p>confirmed that this was anonymous.</p> <p>The questions that were presented to the committee were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Should the Youth Nationals continue to be part of the Selection Series? Option 1 (With Youth Nationals) Option 2 (No Youth Nationals) Result: 13 votes were cast with 11 votes for Option 1 and 2 votes Option 2 = 83% in favour of Youth Nationals being part of Selection Series If the Youth Nationals are to be used as part of Selection Series, how should older sailors wishing to attend the Worlds be fairly included in the selection process? Option 1 (Older sailors apply for discretion) Option 2 (Change Selection Policy). Result: 11 votes were cast with 9 votes for Option 1 and 2 votes for Option 2. <p>With a majority vote it was agreed that the Youth Nationals would be part of the Selection Series and that any older sailors may apply for discretion. This would be written into the Selection Policy when drafted.</p> <p>Dinghy Show It was noted that the RYA Dinghy Show was at a new venue and it was proposed that a new Lenon Boat would be used and un-used sails. TR confirmed may be able to obtain a new set from North; to confirm.</p> <p>The committee discussed that the Optimist Class had approached about sharing a stand again. It was agreed that the Class should have it's own stand for 2022 to build on the messages it wanted to get out. JM will confirm with Oppy Class.</p> <p>The committee agreed that it would be beneficial to get on the treasure hunt; JM to approach RYA to request.</p>
<p>4. Training Report:</p>		<p>Class Squad CB presented the presentation he had shared just before the meeting to introduce a new Class Squad. CB outlined the details in the paper for the committee to consider.</p> <p>TR questioned why it was felt necessary to have a separate squad to Class Training and expressed his concerns that it would negatively impact Class Training. CB confirmed that the proposal had been put together following feedback he had received from those taking part in Class Training and he believed it was "wanted" by sailors.</p> <p>JL asked whether it could be run at the same time and venue as Class Training rather than as a separate offering? JL also said that it didn't believe that 8 boats was feasible and that the offering would be more likely to be 4-6 boats at any time.</p> <p>Concerns were raised by the committee about creating another "separate" group for training and why this couldn't be achieved under the current model.</p> <p>The committee agreed that more discussions were needed and different options needed to be considered. CB took away an action to review further following comments from the committee and return with an option paper.</p>

		<p>Other Class Training CB confirmed that they had been struggling to get a coach for the Class Open training in Ullswater but was confident in finding a quality coach to run. CB noted that there were currently only 2 entrants which put the training at risk.</p>
5.	<p>Sailing Report:</p>	<p>Nationals: JG confirmed that no progress had been made in relation to the Nationals as yet other than looking for alternative venues outside Scotland for 2022. JG indicated plans to go to Scotland in 2023.</p> <p>Christmas Regatta: JG confirmed that it had been communicated to use the SailJuice Series as the Christmas Regatta. The committee agreed this was a good option as it allowed sailors to race without the admin for the Class. JG confirmed working on a social option for Saturday night at the club for the sailors/parents.</p> <p>Event Costs: JG expressed concerns about how the entry costs were calculated and felt needed to be more transparency about these across events. SDG explained that the event budgets had been built to enable fluctuation of cost across events to be taken into account and that it had been agreed by AT (as Treasurer) what the event cost should be for each event in 2021 based on historic costs. It was also noted that a significant amount had been put forward by the Class at the Nationals to subsidise the Sailor Ball - this money had come from profit made across the 2021 Selection Series.</p> <p>JG explained that questions had been raised at Chew Valley given how much the Fireball Class paid for entry. AT explained that the costs took into account overheads the Class had such as ribs/insurance etc that also needed to be covered. JG asked that the costs for events for 2022 are reviewed. SDG explained that the event costs should be looked at over the year given that Itchenor ran at approximately £500 loss and this couldn't be sustained at each event.</p> <p>AT was asked to provide the committee with a detailed breakdown of how much it cost to "run" the Class.</p>
6.	<p>International Sailing:</p>	<p>LB went through the proposal presented to the committee ahead of the meeting in relation to Class support at Palamos and the various options available.</p> <p>TR confirmed that in relation to the use of the Class rib (1) the Class rib isn't ideal to be a support boat but could be done (2) taking the rib out of the country could have challenges at customs due to it being owned by the Class (3) we would need a carnet as TR didn't believe we should be taking the rib without a carnet.</p> <p>The question the committee were being asked was whether "it was sensible to take the Class rib?" The committee questioned why was being asked the question. It was explained that those attending the event believed it would be more cost effective for them than hiring a rib. It was also confirmed that JG wished to drive the rib so that he had space to transport 2 new boats back from Spain that he was importing. JG confirmed he was keen to do this but would do what was right for the Class.</p>

		<p>TR confirmed that he was happy to tow the rib; if agreed to take it.</p> <p>The committee agreed that the rib could be taken but that if it was a carnet would be needed to be paid for by those who were using the rib at the event.</p> <p>CB and JG confirmed they would share the options and numbers with the group and they would then agree whether to use the Class rib or not.</p>
7.	Finance Report:	<p>High level summary was that currently no issues with the finances and everything was stable.</p> <p>AT confirmed that he would upload to Basecamp breakdown of Class costs.</p>
8.	Sailor Reps:	<p>The Sailor Reps are planning a social at Itchenor; more details to follow.</p>
9.	AOB:	<p>End of Seasons: a question had been received as to whether there would be a Class meal. JG confirmed that was a plan to and he would provide more details.</p>

Meeting closed at 9.00pm