



420 Monthly Committee Meeting

7th September 2021 at 7.30pm

Google Meet Call

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Lucy Bennett (LB)
Jon Meadowcroft (JM)
Joff McGill (JMcG)

Minutes

1.	Apologies:	It was noted that LB, JM and JMcG were unable to attend.
2.	Chair Update:	<p>SD welcomed everyone to the new committee; noting that this was the first time of meeting. It was noted that the meetings normally take place on the second Tuesday of each month but SD is away next week.</p> <p>SD outlined a number of things that he wanted to concentrate on immediately:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Processes; SDG will continue to work with the committee members to ensure all processes were up to date.2. Insurance: AT to provide copies of all insurance documents to SD to check so can enable creation of a schedule detailing the class insurance and what is covered and for these to be added to a central location.3. Membership: it was noted that membership details needed to be updated to include sailor details and parent details. SDG explained that the majority of memberships were set up using one email/contact detail. This causes a challenge when trying to communicate with members.

3.	Sailing Secretary:	<p>JG confirmed that the GP1 organisation was going well. (1) Event WhatsApp had been set up. (2) Location: JG confirmed note would go out to tell people not to use the GPS as takes you down a small road. (3) Sailor Social: Room has been organised and JG is bringing a speaker to be used.</p> <p>JG asked for confirmation on “Junior” in terms of prizes as a question had been raised to him. SDG confirmed that this was as per Worlds/Junior Euro - under 17.</p> <p>JG asked why only gave an overall prize for Junior and not 1st/2nd/3rd as per main prizes. SDG confirmed that normally one prize for overall Junior due to numbers and being a youth class.</p> <p>The committee discussed encouraging newer sailors to the class by having a “buddy” system. It was agreed that a buddy system would be of benefit and it would be good to introduce at the Nationals. The Sailor Reps agreed that they would organise the buddies. Further conversations took place about having more experienced/recently left sailors in boats with younger/less experienced sailors and the benefit of this. It was agreed that there was a benefit but concerns were raised to make sure that it was transparent/available to all. Concerns were also raised about people being paid to go in a boat with a less experienced sailor as this effectively put a “coach” inside the racecourse. It was agreed that this needed a lot more thought/discussion as there was merit in having a mix of abilities to help lesser experienced sailors; further discussion will take place.</p>
4.	Finance Report:	<p>AT confirmed that the the renewal of the class boat insurance was due in a couple of weeks. AT confirmed that looking at the rib insurance.</p> <p>AT asked whether there was an update on the refund for the Euros hotel. SDG confirmed that not heard back from them but would chase.</p> <p>AT also confirmed that there were still funds outstanding from the Worlds (as per SDG previous email). AT will provide SDG with an up to date download so she can then chasOute those that haven’t made payments.</p>
5.	Training Report:	<p>CB confirmed that two training events recently (1) Poole - 10 boats (2) Royal Southern = 14 boats. CB confirmed that attendance was probably lower than expected but still reasonable uptake.</p> <p>CB explained that there is currently a problem with people joining the training late; example was on Monday before only 4 boats and looked like only 1 coach was needed but by Thursday there were 16 (needing an extra coach). CB stated that needed to encourage people to book early. The committee agreed and in order to help facilitate this it wa agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All training would be open for entry 1 month prior to the event. 2. The training cost would be £115 for first 2 weeks; in 3rd week the late payment fee would kick in at £150. 3. No entries would be accepted within the last week to enable planning. <p>SDG raised a question about allowing 1 day entry as the system wasn’t set up to facilitate this. CB explained that ordinarily wouldn’t accept one day but that there should be a discretion from the Training Officer/Class Coach in the</p>

		<p>last week depending on numbers. It was agreed that this would be acceptable but only in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>CB asked whether the class should, as has been suggested, host a transition activity at the upcoming Nationals due to there being other Welsh Junior classes in attendance. SDG explained that unlikely to be large numbers and sailors would be wanting to go to the sailor party. It was agreed that a note would be added to the Notice Board to say if there was time allowing and anyone wanted to go out JL and JG would take people out.</p>
6.	International Sailing:	<p>SD referred the committee to LB's report that she'd uploaded to BaseCamp ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>BR asked if clarity could be added to the Class website about what "supported" means. It was agreed that this would be done and SDG would work with LB and update website.</p>
7.	Sailor Reps:	<p>OM said liked idea of buddy system but thought this should also be for "social" too - the Sailor Reps will look at ideas and put something together at the Nationals.</p>

Meeting closed at 8:30pm