

UK J24 class AGM. 18th July 2015. 17.00.

Held in the Thistle Park Tavern, Plymouth.

Chairman: Dave Cooper.

Apologies: Jim Anderson, William Pollock, Nick McDonald, Steve Wassell,

Previous mins: No questions raised, proposed by DC, seconded by Stig Macdonald (SM) and George Kerr (GK) - Approved

Thanks for coming everybody.

1)Class officers:

- Class Chairman – Jim Anderson (JA)
- Class Vice Chairman – David Cooper (DC)
- Class Secretary – Nina Squire (NS)
- Class Membership Secretary and Treasurer – William Pollock (WP)
- UK Class Measurer – Nick McDonald (NM)

Class officers - Re elected – Proposed (DC), Seconded (SM) Approved unanimously.

Nina Squire to stand as class secretary.

Thanks to Dinger and Carole for their hard work.

No change to fleet captains.

2) Accounts:

Class up in Member numbers.

Visiting boats can get crane-in charges reimbursed? NS to investigate through William Pollock.

Class is financially good however funds declining.

Proposed (DC), Seconded (Roger Morris) Approved: All

3) Membership Report:

No questions raised.

Proposed by SM, seconded by NS – Approved

4) Racing Programme:

Autumn Cup most likely to be 3rd and 4th October 2015.

Format one day in Plymouth Sound and one day in the Tamar River. **NS to confirm.**

Proposal from Duncan McCarthy: Hold the Nationals in Plymouth in 2016, 2 weeks before the Europeans to increase numbers and participation from other European participants. Hosted over the Fri, Sat and Sunday. To take to place at RWYC. **SM and NS to follow up on.**

DM proposed:

Southern areas Poole Regatta weekend

Autumn Cup to be held in Poole at the end of the season.

NS to follow up

There may be places for worlds in Germany if people would wish to participate.

DM proposed: Dartmouth: the class will approach re holding an event in the future, possibly in replacement for Fowey Cup, now there is a growing fleet. NS to follow up

Promotion of the European Championships in Plymouth 2016:

Website needs to be up and running prior to the Worlds. Need to have international jury, which is expensive.

Trying to source sponsors for the event, any ideas greatly received. Stig McDonald (SM)to be liaison. **SM investigating.**

5) Website/Social Media:

Facebook: quite successful, appeals more to the younger population.

Website: needs people to regularly update – **NS to investigate.**

Updated 'For Sale' section via Y&Y needs to updated. **NS to investigate.**

Concerns regarding that a spam site has hacked into it and people are struggling to access it. Hostler is not keeping up on security, **NS to liaise with hosting agent.**

Please continue to forward photos and Race reports, tips etc to Nina, so it can be uploaded and updated regularly.

At events it has been agreed that the third boat is to continue to do the race report for the event. **NS to instigate**

J24 Class Association is sponsoring the ladies team going to the Worlds, any ideas for contacts of sponsorship greatly received – **NS to investigate**

Proposal SM: Joining the J Cup to aid in raising the profile of the fleet and the racing; Not able to as J24 boats aren't part of J Cup in the UK, to contact someone within the fleet. Paul Hayes - **Lorna to liaise** with regarding involving J24's within the cup.

6) Class promotion within the UK:

Suggestion: Upload videos from Go Pro's used during racing onto YouTube.

Crew finding: Use Facebook at local networks

Suggestion from SM: 'Try a sail' to get people interested in the fleet.

Active Class Promotion:

DM: Youth week in Parkstone encourages youngsters on the water.

DC: Saltash is encouraging youth racing through youth race and cadet keel boat nights.

DM: Buying a new boat: How to? No links, Paulo won't build any until he has an order of 5.

Difficult to build a class in there aren't any new boats around.

NS to instigate: To arrange a meeting at the Worlds regarding building new boats and getting them into the UK.

7) Updates to the UKJCA rules:

No updates on the passing of the 2nd spinnaker rule.

New rules not yet passed through ISAF.

8) IJCA/ITC Updates:

Dave Cooper attended the World Council meeting in Howth in 2013, 2014 Marianne Schoke acted as the UK proxy.

World Council meeting to be held in Florida. The class feel that the UK need a presence at this meeting.

Format of 9am-6pm meeting, question raised re possible use of Skype or video link.

Agenda regarding trying to keep Europeans in Germany or Italy alternating, need to attend/ have a presence.

NS to investigate ideas from committee members.

9) Updates from local UK class fleets:

Parkstone: racing Mon and Thurs x8 boats.

Have a youth boat, queue of youths wishing to participate with adult supervision. Trying to get funding for another boat.

Trying to push few more boats. **DM investigating**

Plymouth: Wed night racing between 5-8 boats. Well supported. Class boats in Saltash.

Saltash: Wet sailed Westerly and 1x newer boat. Youths are growing. Has been a real success. 2 class boats. 10 boats most weeks, one design racing. J24 boats are used for cadet nights often to encourage youths in to keel boat sailing. Cheap sailing, fun racing and enjoyable.

Dartmouth: 3x regular boats, handicapped racing, growing fleet.

10) AOB:

Nothing to add.

Meeting concluded at 18:06