

calculated in the case when an election occurred that was not at a summer AGM. He reported that the Trustees could recall no precedent to cover the situation, but agreed with his interpretation that it should mean not more than three full terms of office. Under this interpretation Duncan could serve one more full term of office – until the 2016 AGM - and there would be no need for another mid-term election.

The Chairperson asked if anyone disagreed with the Secretary's interpretation. No one disagreed so the Chairperson declared Duncan Greenhalgh President.

The Chair was passed back to Duncan Greenhalgh.

8 Election of the Officers and Directly Elected Members of the Committee

As there were no contested posts that required a specific vote the Chairman proposed that the meeting voted for all the nominations together:

Officers

- Ann Penny – Vice President
- Steve Parry – Vice President
- Paul Bowmer – Treasurer
- Mark Collingwood – Secretary

Directly Elected Members of the Committee

- Gill Beddow – Championship Secretary
- Vicky Ford – Assistant Secretary
- Eleanor Davies – Training Coordinator
- Hugh Brazier – Webmaster
- Gareth Morris – Technical & Rules/Vintage
- Stuart Elder – Cruising (Non Racing)

Motion: To elect Officers and Directly Elected Members of the Committee

Vote: Carried by a show of hands

9 Changes to the Constitution

Two motions were presented to the meeting to change the constitution (Please see Appendix below)

Motion 1 Change of Name and Short Title of the Association to Fully Reflect our International Status

Proposed: The Committee

Vote: For: Unanimous Against: None Abstentions: None

Declaration: As more than 2/3 of those voting supported the motion the President declared the motion carried.

Motion 2 Removal of Setting of Maximum Equipment Prices

Proposed: The Committee

Vote: For: None Against: 24 Abstentions: 6

Declaration: The President declared the motion **not** carried.

A suggestion was made from the floor that the Committee should have the option to control equipment prices if required. This was met with much approval and the Secretary agreed to propose this to the committee.

10 Any Other Business

None was raised.

11 Closing of the Meeting

The President formally closed the meeting at 2110, thanking the many members attending.

Mark Collingwood
August 2015

Forum

After the meeting the President invited the members to ask the Officers questions.

A suggestion was made to reintroduce Boat and Car Stickers. A show of hands showed the majority of the members present were in favour of this suggestion.

The subject of mast buoyancy was raised and again there was much favour in developing a discrete solution suitable for racers.

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Summary of the Secretary's Report

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3 August 2015

Brixham Yacht Club, UK

Secretarial

Class Administration

We are now well into our second year with Type-it, and feel that Julie Courtney and her office staff are providing an excellent service.

ISAF

Although appearing to be treated as a full member of ISAF we are in fact still waiting to receive the draft membership agreement from them.

Class Insurance Scheme

Graham Knox continues to be the main contact and negotiator for the Class Insurance Scheme that both provides a useful source of income and valuable event sponsorship. We need to continue to encourage as many members as possible to insure their boats in the scheme.

Membership

Membership is down again this year and currently stands at around 900 compared to over 1,000 at this time last year, albeit that 2014 being a Worlds year was up on 2013.

Treasury

Balancing of Income and Expenditure

As expected we made a small surplus to the year-ending 30th September 2014. This year, despite the fall in membership subscriptions, we are hopeful that we can do the same again.

Jack Holt Royalty

We have now stopped paying Holt Marine any royalties for use of the GP14 design.

Championship Committee

Championships

Gill Beddow, the Championship Secretary, has continued to work tirelessly this year with her committee to provide a full championship programme. Much work has gone into the 2016 World Championships at Barbados Yacht Club, but Gill has also been looking ahead to secure venues for future National and World Championships, including 2016 UK Nationals at Pwllheli; 2017 UK Nationals at Looe, 2018 Worlds at Mounts Bay and 2019 UK Nationals at Weymouth (3 day)

The Championship Committee continues to monitor the number of entries for the Grand Prix events, which has been disappointing recently. They are not planning a significant change for 2016, although with a late start to allow boats to return from Barbados, it may not be possible to have as many events.

Cruising, Classic and Vintage

This year cruising opportunities have been arranged at Ullswater, Bassenthwaite and, of course, here at Brixham. We need to do more, but this is good start to the Committee's plan to revitalise non-racing activity.

Technical and Rules

David Rowlands, Chairman and the Technical and Rules Committee and Jon Close, Chief Measurer, have had another busy year on our behalf.

Boat Builders

Boon Boats have sold their GP14 moulds to SP Boats, so we are now back to two licenced moulders, albeit SP Boats have the potential to offer boats from two different moulds.

Sail Makers

Sail makers continue to be interested in supplying our sails and several new makers have been approved this year.

Design Development

David and Jon have supervised a trial of rope shrouds, which it was concluded would not lead to a rule change, and are in discussions about buoyancy and inversion issues. They have also introduced the system of self-checking of boats in use at these championships.

Steve Parry has arranged for the GP14 plans to be scanned and these are now on the website to be downloaded.

Class Development

Development of the class has been the subject of much discussion at the Committee meetings and break-out groups. There is much that could be done, and we believe it is important that we make true progress with fewer prioritised activities, rather than take on too much.

Consult the Membership

The reality is that most of the Committee are racers and ex-racers at championships and that most of our members are not. Consequently it was felt important that we consulted the membership to get their views about how they would like the Association develop.

Revitalise Fleet Captain Liaison

Ann Penny and Steve Parry have started to work with the Area Reps to update our information about key GP14 clubs.

Fairer Racing

The Championship Committee have started with the introduction of a jury system at these championships.

Better Communications with Members

A communications team is being formed to coordinate website, e-mail and social media activities.

Class Promotions

Website

Speed performance of the website has been an on-going concern, making it difficult for both visitors to the site and those updating it. Mike Senior has now started a project to move the hosting of the site to a new company.

e-Newsletter

Julie Courtney has taken over editorship of the e-newsletter which now comes out reliably on the 15th of each month.

Dinghy Show

Ann Penny led the team who worked at the Dinghy show this year. We still believe that exhibiting at this event is beneficial to the class both in terms of meeting members and in maintaining the status of the class in the eyes of sponsors and other stakeholders. This year were sending Facebook updates and Tweets directly from the stand to reach out to members who were not able to attend.

Mainsail

Ann Penny continues as Editor of Mainsail with Julie Courtney and the Type-it team laying it out and arranging printing and posting. It to their credit that that the magazine maintains the high standard we expect of it at a considerably decreased cost.

International

In addition to our UK and Irish fleets, we continue maintain contact with fleets in Australia, Sri Lanka, South Africa and North America. It is essential that we maintain these contacts and encourage the fleets to flourish if we are to maintain our entitlement to hold World Championships.

Training

We have allowed training to lose momentum. We offered a youth training weekend in April, but had to cancel due to low numbers. There also appeared to be insufficient interest in running some youth training before the Youth Championships at Windermere.

We are trying again October 24/25 with a race training weekend at Llandudno open to all ages.

Howard Davis Youth Training

Whether or not this event takes the form of a full week or is weekend-based, we are determined to offer specific youth training in 2016.

Mark Collingwood
Secretary
August 2015

Summary of the Treasurer's Report

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1. Commentary on Accounts to 30th September 2014

The main objective of earning a small surplus of £1400 (before transfers to funds) has been achieved through a combination of cost savings and a small increase in total income.

Income has increased by £1100, which is mainly due to an increase in sail label income, and is usually seen in a Worlds year. There has also been a one-off book profit on the sale of the Association boat (£1300). Membership subscriptions are slightly down, but overall membership numbers have held up well compared to recent years. Insurance commission income remains a valuable source of income to the Association, and is similar to 2013 at £3500.

Costs are down by over £2000 compared to 2013 and this is mainly from savings in office overheads and reduction in depreciation of Association boat. Administration costs, including wages and payments to Type-It, our new provider of administration services, costs have increased by £778. This was a planned increase due to double payments during the handover period. This cost will reduce in 2015. Structural savings have also been realised in rents payable, telephone and insurance costs during the year. Mainsail costs are down, now that we have brought production in house and we produced our first edition in Spring 2014. We should see further savings in 2015, especially if an initiative to drive more advertising income is realised.

Credit Card charges have increased, and we have delayed implementation of a plan to charge members directly for the use of credit cards to pay for events and membership services because of technical problems. We hope to resolve this in 2015.

In summary, the Committee is satisfied that progress has been made in controlling costs in line with the plan set out in 2013, however there remains the challenge to maintain income against the backdrop of a falling membership. If there are any specific questions for the Treasurer, then please pass these to the Hon Sec who will ensure they get answered individually after the meeting.

2. Adoption of Accounts to 30th September 2014

The Committee requests a proposer / seconder to adopt the Accounts for the year ended September 2014.

3. Proposal to maintain Subscriptions at £31, (or £29 if paid by DD)

My proposal is to maintain subscriptions at £31, or £29 if paid by DD. As a result of plans to continue control costs and attract new members where possible, the Committee feels confident to maintain subscriptions at the current level for a further year.

4. Appointment of Sergeants as Accountants to the GP14 Association

The service provided by Sergeants Accountants has been satisfactory, and the Committee recommends the adoption of Sergeants as Accountants to the Association for the current year.

Paul Bowmer

Treasurer

Motions to Change the

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GP14 CLASS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

These motions to change to the Constitution are proposed by the Committee of the Association after discussion at the meeting held on 31 January 2015.

1. Proposal 1 - Change of Name and Short Title of the Association to Fully Reflect our International Status

This proposal, first put forward from the floor at the 2014 AGM, is to update the Name and Short Title of the Association to bring it in line with other international classes.

Motion 1

Item 1 of the Constitution shall be changed from:

1. *Name - The name of the Association shall be 'The Yachting World General Purpose 14ft. Sailing Dinghy Class Association and the short title which may be used on all occasions shall be The GP14 Class International Association'.*

to:

1. *Name - The name of the Association shall be 'The International Yachting World General Purpose 14ft. Sailing Dinghy Class Association' and the short title which may be used on all occasions shall be 'The International GP14 Class Association'.*

This proposal will change the name of the Constitution to 'THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL GP14 CLASS ASSOCIATION'

2. Proposal 2 – Removal of Setting of Maximum Equipment Prices

It is difficult for the Association to set and police maximum equipment prices and this motion removes the requirement from the Constitution. Additionally, as we own the design there is no need to seek approval for changes from the owner of the copyright.

Motion 2

Item 2 of the Constitution shall be changed from:

(b) From time to time to determine (subject to any necessary approval by the owner of the copyright) the maximum cost and the specifications of the hull, sail plan, weight, spars, rigging and fittings of the Boat.

to:

(b) From time to time to determine the specifications of the hull, sail plan, weight, spars, rigging and fittings of the Boat.

Mark Collingwood
Secretary

March 2015