

International GP14 Class Association

General Committee Meeting - Saturday 21st October 2023

MINUTES

Date: 21st October 2023

Time: 9.30 am

Location: Budworth Sailing Club
Zoom

PRESENT:

Charles Saunders, Rob Bailey, Dave Bower, Oliver Shaw, Curly Morris, Andy Johnston, Steve Parry, Ann Penny, Gill Beddow, Roger Jeffs, Adeel Khan, David Rowland

Zoom: Adam Chaplin, Frank Whitley, Keith Budden, Leslie Freeman

APOLOGIES:

Vanessa Devereux, David Innes, Arthur Logan

Ref	Item	Action
	President's Welcome:	CM
2.	Apologies for absence: Vanessa Devereux, David Innes, Arthur Logan	
	Co-option of Committee Members: Curly Morris, Adeel Khan, Roger Jeffs	Agreed
	<p>Minutes of last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To receive and accept the minutes of the meeting held 15th April 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o GB requested draft copy of minutes much earlier than currently provided. o RB raised VD insurance clarification – no impact on minutes. o DR requested minute not be published to website in the current format. Discussions followed. It was agreed each committee member would send DB their corrections, the minutes would then be updated and resent for approval. - To confirm that those minutes can be published without redaction. - Matters arising from those minutes not considered as part of this agenda elsewhere. 	DB P:DR S:SP
	<p>F&G Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To receive the minutes of the F&G Committee meetings held in April, June, July and September. GB requested for these minutes to be distributed within a month. Discussion re items discussed at F&G. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o DR (April 5.3) confirmed we do have access to account from bank. o DR raised some terminology issues regarding end of year accounts procedure. - To accept those minutes - Matters arising, not considered as part of this agenda elsewhere. 	P:DR S:AK

	<p>Promotions Committee including Website and social media:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RB presented a graph he had devised of possible targets for future promotion. AK explained the value of investing in promotions on social media to these targeted groups. Discussion followed covering website, social media and 75th anniversary promotion. - Following items agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Set budget for social media promotion. o Survey to be sent out to members. o Strategy for 75th anniversary year to be agreed. o Results and daily report from Worlds / Nationals to appear daily on website. 	<p>RB Budget agreed</p>
	<p>T&R Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sri Lanka boat builder - DR meeting on 4/10 reported on current position and progress of Precision Composites, a company in Sri Lanka currently building GP14s. DR confirmed photographs had been sent to T&R from PC. CM updated DR's report in that PC hoped to put a boat together by Christmas and one boat had already been ordered. DR raised the question regarding at what rate can they produce GP14s and at what price. - Equipment checking – DR had been asked about compulsory weighing. DR said it was not recommended as cheating options limited and would be time consuming. - GP14 Association Rules – DR reported they were reformatting the rules in line with World Sailing template. DR asked the committee to adopt the new format to be completed early 2024 and which would then be sent to World Sailing for review and accepted then by the Committee. CM asked if he could be present at that meeting. DR confirmed rules reformat will mean update of measurement form. 	<p>DR P:SP S:AP</p> <p>Accepted</p>
	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To receive Treasurer's report (shown on screen) - RB asked for budget requests from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Training budget £1000 o Cruising budget – OS/FW none requested unless a loss occurs. FW confirmed all events this year were at cost, however rescue had been free, which may not be the case in the future therefore asked for this to be considered for 2024 events. o Promotion £2000 o Area competitions – JC explained the levy system. Discussion followed. - Trophies – VD had raised the question of insurance. Discussion followed. RB agreed to put together an inventory. - Subscription rate – CM asked RB to consider for January. - Accounts – RB reported on the change in accounts procedure and how it compared to using an accountant. It was agreed a change was required to the Constitution to reflect the change in accounts procedure. 	<p>RB P:AK S:OS</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>CM</p>

	<p>Championship Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical forms – VD requested a review because the forms are not being completed properly in her absence. Discussion followed. It was confirmed by GB & DR that paper copies should be completed and signed by the relevant entrant or guardian and handed to the race committee before the start of the first race. - Sri Lanka – discussion followed re current issues with organisation and shipping costs. It was agreed a shipping price would be obtained for Feb 24. AP said that she would speak to a local neighbour who has experience of shipping costs and try to determine how much a return freight would be. This should be distributed with an updated survey to prospective entrants. - Championship timetable - CM explained the situation regarding World Sailing. AJ suggested European champs, it was agreed this would be investigated. Timetable for future championships would remain the same. - Red Diamond – committee rejected this suggestion. - Boat ownership - Eligibility for youth events – boat must be owned by a current member. 	<p>VD P: S: VD AK</p>
	<p>GP14 International Representatives report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AJ to finalise 2024 Irish calendar. - EGM new constitution agreed. - AGM - Alan Blay now in charge of finance for GP14 Ireland - New Irish website in progress - Nationals in Northern Ireland next year. 	<p>AJ</p>
	<p>International, RYA and World Sailing updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Sailing - explained the changes that are underway in World Sailing, i.e., a clean-up of the classes for international, considering licensing builders. CM will represent us at WS meeting. CM confirmed everything okay as long as we can keep international membership constant. - DR explained our entry in ISAF. He suggested we get an agreement but may have to pay a plaque fee per boat. DR said it would be good to get our rules in order. CM suggested we consider Approved builders rather than Registered builders. - Sri Lanka – CM suggested measuring first boat and then train other people to measure subsequent boats. - RYA changing criteria – details at conferences in November. 	<p>CM</p>
	<p>GP14 UK area representatives' rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Midland Area – KB reported improvement on last year and a lot more boats qualifying. Next year 10 events to qualify. Chase and Tamworth awaiting dates. Intends to increase capitation to £2 to cover costs. - Northern Area – AC reported more people competing and more qualifiers. Stepping down as Rep and looking to hand over. Any ideas please speak to AC. - Scottish & Borders Area – report included. - Southern Area – AK spoke to DI and reported a great year particularly with Inland Champs in south. Hope to get a good turn out at Masters in Welsh Harp in 2024. Liz Guest now Commodore of Welsh Harp. 	<p>KB AC AK</p>
	<p>Cruising Section report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FW reported booking form worked very well and received a lot of interest. Improving the skills of the existing fleet. Milford Haven – 8 boats. - Intends to Invite everyone to the Worlds for a Cruising section. - Simon Conway will be arranging cruising events for friends of people with GPs. All entries through the Association. 	<p>FW/OS</p>

	<p>Training Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewed the year's training -Nationals and Youths. - Next year – Weekend at Llandudno SC last week in April. Explained costs, therefore £100 per boat 10 boats max. - Training at each of the areas over the year. - Howard Davies – Easter Sunday to Friday same price as last year. Applications online. 10 boat max. £350 each. Craftinsure to sponsor clothing. - Costs were discussed re EHD and amount left in fund. Note of recent bequeath was mentioned from Helen Howard-Davies. - CM reported feedback from youths in Ireland was excellent. - GB suggested a ½ day course improver training would be very useful – looking for an assistant. - AJ commented on the coaching in Ireland. - OS looking for new instructors for Cruising Advanced Training. Steven Conway was suggested. 	GB
	<p>Any other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CM – Constitution update – RYA template worth looking at regarding outlining Association responsibilities as a class in both UK and Internationally. - GB – asked AK to ensure any entry list list to be in the order that they are entered on the website. - SP – Allrounder – trying to get it sold. It was suggested setting it up as a training boat. - AP – 75th book – reminder CM of list Olympians he was going to provide. Speaking to OS. Chapter from Graham. Write up on World international Champs. - Mainsail – copy deadline 31st October 	GM AK SP AP JC
	<p>Date of next meeting: 27th January</p>	
	<p>Close of Meeting: Meeting 15.10 pm</p>	