

International GP14 Class Association

General Committee Meeting – Monday 27th January 2024

MINUTES

Date: 27 th January 2024	Time: 19.00	Location: Zoom
PRESENT:	Charles Saunders, Rob Bailey, Dave Bower, Curly Morris, Andy Johnston, Steve Parry, Ann Penny, Gill Beddow, Adeel Khan, David Rowland, Arthur Logan, Adam Chaplin, Vanessa Devereux, Roger Jeffs	
APOLOGIES:	Oliver Shaw, Keith Budden	

Ref	Item	Action
	President's Welcome:	CS
2.	Apologies for absence:	Above
	Co-option of Committee Members: None applicable	
	Minutes of last meeting: Date error to be corrected otherwise agreed and minutes to be posted on website.	DB
	Constitution update/revision: There is more work to be done on the Trustee clauses and Association members liability, especially regarding protection for the Association Officers.	DR
	F&G Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To receive the minutes of the F&G Committee meetings held in September and November. - To accept those minutes. - Any matters arising, not considered as part of this agenda elsewhere. 	All P:CM S:CM None

	<p>Promotions Committee including Website and social media:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RB reported regarding the collection of contact details in order to email all non-members who receive E-Newsletter. VD suggested offering discount if they paid by DD similar to offer made at Dinghy weekend. Emails to also go to clubs across the UK to reach non-member GP14 owners. Promote the 75th Anniversary. - AK mentioned a video that was to go out on Facebook to promote to all GP14 owners re membership of the association. - AK also asked for comment on the 75th Anniversary logo that would be sent to the clubs. VD responded that a 75th logo was already in progress for Dinghy Show. - RB hoping to get contact details for all the GP14 clubs. AK suggested local area reps could source this data. Discussion followed re Promo video and what is already in place. - RB explained the main objective of the group was to get new members. 	RB/AK
	<p>T&R Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To receive a report of the meeting of 16th January 2024 - To consider the Draft 7.1 of the GP14 Class Rules to be adopted for use later in 2024. DR reported. DR asked the Committee to approve and accept as the new format which will then be sent to WS for comments to be discussed at the next meeting. CM commented on the lack of response from WS. DR asked what position would we be putting the Worlds jury, if not agreed by WS. CM said Jury would only have the option of going back to the old rules. - To nominate Curly Morris as International Measurer for the GP14 Class for 2024. DR explained JonC agreed to attend a Seminar as IM, however he was unable to get a place. DR confirmed that DR would be the Technical Officer at Championships. If JonC sailing, DR would act as TO. DR asked to see NOR for Worlds to check for any amendments. - To approve a visit by the Chief Measurer to Colombo, Sri Lanka to measure the GP14 produced by Precision Composites. DR asked Committee to cover airfare - £800/900 return. CM suggested Richard Estaugh funds due to his connection with the country - DR explained the checking of boats to be carried out at the World. 	<p>DR P:DR S:CS</p> <p>Accepted</p> <p>P:DR S:CM Agreed</p> <p>VD/DR</p> <p>Agreed</p>
	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To receive the Treasurer's report – suggested options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Increase in subscriptions to £38 (£36 DD) - £19 Temporary, £27 Assoc (£25 DD) £18 Youth (£16 DD). January 2025 to be proposed at Worlds AGM o Discount for new membership at dinghy show £25. o One-off promotion to those who get E-Newsletter but are not a member £25. o Sail Labels – increase to £10 + VAT immediately – 2nd class postage 	<p>RB</p> <p>Agreed Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>

	<p>RYA Dinghy Show</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on costings - Trying to source boats. Discussed the advantages of a FRP and wooden boat on the stand. - Banners: 2024 Series Championships, 75th Anniversary and World Champs. - SP emphasized that meet and greet on the stand was most important and volunteers should not be turned away. - SP commented the Allrounder should be promoted. VD confirmed banner will be there. - Need to look at dinghy show to promote 75th anniversary dinghy. - Approached by ex-sailor (P&B) who are developing tiller extension – mast fitting for a compass – discussions followed. RB asked what benefit for association. AK suggested they pay for an advert on GP14 website. - DR asked that a report be requested from the RYA regarding the purpose of the show. DR asked for a review in April regarding the dinghy show. GB commented very reduced trade exhibitors at the 2023 show. 	<p>VD</p> <p>Not agreed</p> <p>Review in April</p>
11.	<p>Championship Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worlds - VD asked for everybody to promote event. Reported on Judges. GB commented about clash of events. - Series Championship – all booked now. - Other events - Junior 12 Hour, Leigh & Lowton Sunrise, 24 Hour Race to be promoted to GP fleet. - Sri Lanka 2026 – AP reported on shipping costs, charter boats options. Discussion followed. CS Sri Lanka cancelled for 2026, possibly revisit in the future. CS will write to Joseph Kenny regarding the committee’s decision. - World European options - AK reported on his communications with Poland, Italy and Spain for a European event. AK has contacts in Cherbourg. GB commented the event/venue must be family friendly. VD commented that it would be greener to travel across the channel than fly around the world. - 	<p>VD</p> <p>CS</p> <p>AK/RJ/VD</p>
	<p>GP14 International Representatives reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ireland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o AJ reported on the Irish events this year. Reported on an influx of new boats and new faces. Alan Blay will be Treasurer. o Constitution – being reviewed in Ireland. o Calendar has been delayed, but due out soon. o AK confirmed all the Irish events are on the GP UK website. AJ said results would be sent to him. o CM commented about the increase in Youths in Ireland and their participation in EHD training. - Sri Lanka <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CM commented on the Precision Composites Sri Lankan GP14 brochure. Very quality focused. DR asked about timescale. CM thought end of month. Discussion followed. AJ asked if he could share document with the Irish Committee. CM agreed. o Mainsail – encourage Anil from Precision Composites to advertise. 	<p>All</p> <p>AJ</p> <p>Agreed</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o AJ any contacts from the Australian end – JC mention Louis Proksch at Mounts Bay SC in Perth. - USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Bruce Idleman reported quieter last year re GP14 communication. Intends to reach out to other clubs to get their views for the next meeting. 	<p>JC/SP</p> <p>BI</p>

	<p>International, RYA and World Sailing updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To receive any reports or business concerning these organisations. 	All
	<p>GP14 UK area representatives' rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Midland Area – no report - Northern Area – West Lancs offered event on 5th May – 7 events this year. - Scottish & Borders Area – no change to events publicized. - Southern Area – no report 	AC AL
	<p>Cruising Section report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poole for Cruising Week this year 14-22 July – Safety cover Poole quoted £137 per day. VD suggested he tries asking through the Poole GP14 fleet to get a better price. FW happy to take his own mother ship down there, if agreed. - FW reported Invitation to join Worlds – concerned about safety cover for cruising fleet. FW asked if any issue bringing own safety boats to Plas Heli – VD will ask Plas Heli. FW asked if entry could be opened on the website. 	FW Agreed AK/VD
	<p>Training Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EHD – reported on entry. Asked about a boat for the 2 of the entrants, CM said he would look into it. - Sea Llandudno – 8 boats entered so far. - Plas Heli training – awaiting reply. - GB would like area reps to ask clubs if they needed home training. - GB announced she would be finishing as Training Chair this year and explained her decision. CS expressed his and the Committees thanks for all the work she had done. 	GB CM AC/AL/DI/KB
	<p>Any other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DB does not intend to carry on as Secretary after AGM 2024. CS expressed his and the Committees thanks for all the work he had done. - Advertise in E-Newsletter and Mainsail vacant positions for Secretary, Training Chair and Northern Area Rep. - VD reported Ginger Boats selling GP14 jig – advertised on Facebook for £3,500. - AP on track with 75th Anniversary book. Stuart Elder wants to be involved. AP suggested book needs to be a sequel rather than a new book. Anniversary of 75th date on 17th June 2025. AP asked DR to write something on boat changes and Championship information. AP asked for suggestions for publishers of the book. David Cooke in Ireland suggested for advice etc. - 24 Hour Race - 21/22 September (GP/Enterprise only) – VD reported on meeting with WLYC and the requests they made: 1) Entry to event via GP14 shop. 2) Banner at Dinghy show on GP14 stand, 3) Article in Mainsail to advertise the event. 4) Financial assistance. Discussion followed, CS with all except 4) not agreed. Forty people needed for rescue WLYC will be asking clubs to be supply crew. - Mainsail due out end of March – to include AGM, Calendar page. 	JC Noted DR AP Agreed Not agreed JC
	<p>Date of next meeting: Monday, 22nd April – 7.00 to 9.00 pm</p>	
	<p>Close of Meeting: 13.30 pm</p>	