

GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Saturday, 16 October 2021 – 9.00 am

PRESENT:	Curly Morris, Steve Parry, Vanessa Devereux, Gill Beddow, David Rowlands, Adam Chaplin, Charles Saunders, Oliver Shaw, David Bower, Michael Collender, Frank Whitley,	
Via. ZOOM:	Charlie Cotter, Arthur Logan, Bruce Idleman, Joseph Kenny, Graham Knox, Chris Hearn	
Minutes Secretary	Julie Courtney	
1.0	<p>President's Welcome</p> <p>The President welcomed all attendees to the meeting.</p>	ACTION CM
2.0	Apologies for absence: Dave Young, Jon Close, David Innes.	
3.0	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (10 April 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive and accept the minutes of the meeting held 10th April 2021 • To confirm that those minutes can be published without redaction <p>Matters arising from those minutes not considered as part of this agenda elsewhere: World Sailing Min. entry numbers for World Championships: Women 15, Youth 15, Men 30</p> <p>Pimpennell is ready to be delivered to IOW Maritime Museum. Ownership has yet to be clarified in case of liquidation of the museum. Once this is complete the boat will be delivered. There will now be automatic entry to the Cowes Classic Week for GP14s. CM thanked VD and SP for sourcing this information.</p>	P:SP S:CH unanimous
4.0	<p>F&G Committee Minutes and matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Elect the Members of the F&GP Committee: VP, Sec, VD, GB. • SP to organise liaison group of newly purchased moulds. • To receive the minutes of the F&G Committee meetings held in May, June, July, August and September • To accept those minutes- DB only sent to F&G. Need to be put in Dropbox. 	P: DR S:OS unanimous Deferred
5.0	<p>T&R Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Elect the members of the T&R Committee. – DR, JC, SP, J McKee • Chief Measurer. Jon Close • To receive a report on the progress of hull manufacture using the new moulds. • To discuss the further business of manufacturing, fitting out and selling the boats from the moulds. • Currently Butlers are selected as the finishing company. • SP is sorting a price with builder. • D Butler given firm price for finishing the boats. • Welsh Harp SC have indicated that they require 2 new training boats. • Wembley SC is also looking for 10 boats, they are currently currently looking at the RS Quest, but it is believed that they are also interested in the new GP14 training boat. • The price target is approximately £5K. We need to get close to that figure for a 	P:DR S:VD Unanimous P:VD S:OS Unanimous

	<p>viable product.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SP suggests GP14 Assoc subsidise £1K into first 2 boats to allow for any unforeseen problems with building and delivery. • DR referred to SP's report. Production by 2 companies, Woodwind just want to build and sell to hulls to companies that finish and rig. • David Butler would be the public face for selling the completed boats, so he is determining the selling price. The current mooted price appears to be £1K too much. SP will lead negotiations regarding this. • We need to get move quickly to put 2 boats on the Dinghy Show stand next year. DR also mentioned, as part of the report, that the Committee should take on responsibility of pushing idea of GP14 training boats. VD asked for emails go out to clubs to send info. We need to find a promoter for this. 	
<p>6.0</p>	<p><u>Legal obligations of organising sailing events</u></p> <p>To receive a report on the legal liabilities of event organisation for racing and training and to consider whether amendments are needed to the Association's current practices.</p> <p>DR questioned our legal liabilities as an organiser of events, i.e. the co-host with clubs, and the liability of the committee and officers should something go wrong. CC has previously mentioned incorporation as a means of protecting the Association officers. The Association has Public Liability – details read by DR/MC previously only covered UK, but now covers UK and republic of Ireland. DR spoke to RYA and guided to the Racing & Training, Legal Aspects booklet. DR then went on to explain his report and asked for directions on equipment checking and medical information, how are we operating audits, suitability of hosts.</p> <p>The following points were emphasised!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOR – to mention that the boat inspection is a check to ensure that the boat meets with class rules and is <u>not a safety check</u>. Boat preparation is the responsibility of the boat crew. • Host venue – safety boats. We should ask the host club if their safety boats and crew meet with the necessary RYA standards. It is not for the GP14 Association to carry out any inspections or other checks. If anything is noted to be amiss, then this should be raised with the club for an explanation. • OS pointed out that neither the Club nor Association should ever check any insurance documents. The club or competitor has signed a disclaimer to say that they are properly insured. The Association members are not trained in the minutiae of such documents to determine their validity. • Medical information is intrusive and <u>should not be</u> a requirement of entry. • A better system for holding medical information is to ask if there is “anything you want us to know”, in this way there is no conflict with GDPR or to possibly embarrass competitors. (GB commented that sea event hosts always ask for medical forms.) • We should redesign our Entry Forms to take the above points into consideration. • Entry forms should be signed to agree the above points. • 	<p>DR</p>

	<p>Earliest possible Zoom meeting: CH, JC, Colman and David Cooke.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sri Lanka 2024 (Joseph Kenny)</u> – SL is opening borders now. We require more sponsors so the entry can be cheaper. Negombo is now looking favourite for the event. Asked about container and travel costs, JK didn't think they would come down to previous levels, but felt prices would be lower than current. JK reported talking to shipping company for sponsorship. JK wants more numbers, asked for idea. We should aim to fill all 9 containers that we have racking for. CM thinks we can ship from Ireland and UK (London). Will send figures from last Worlds in Barbados. Shipping is a real issue. GB to organise Zoom meeting re-event - time and date to be arranged, early December is best time. • We need figures for accommodation, it was suggested that sponsorship may help. VD wants some photos for the Dinghy show stand. Videos of Mounts Bay/Barbados to be sent to JK. • VD asked about Ferry costs. These are not yet known, but are currently very high due to Covid creating a downward pressure on demand. Colman asked to be on Dinghy Show stand. Measurers for Worlds – training failed due to COVID. DR will reorganise. Skerries needs to appoint a technical officer. • USA (BI) – Holding pattern, mostly local sailing. Covid still causing issues. There is no progress regarding boat movement/construction over past year. His boat is still in Wales with no further action foreseen in the near future to get it transported to USA. Not heard from Phil Riley or any new builders, but will try again. CM commented that Alistair Duffin has 2 sets of templates of his model of the GP14. Association commissioned these and would be happy to provide one of these kits. Other boat builders who might be interested in GP building on the East coast, would perhaps feel better if jigs are available. BI to pursue that. 	<p>JK</p> <p>JK to arrange Zoom</p> <p>BI</p>
<p>10.0</p>	<p>Championship Committee Report – report provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOS – 21 entries. • Organisation is behind on next year's events, but went through what's in place. • Suggested we need to be more flexible about how people can enter. Need to get many boats on water as easily as possible • Youths went very well – There was coach on water, who gave feedback after racing. • DR suggesting tapping foundations for money for coaching: R Estaugh, J Merrick. VD also asked about travel expenses. We may be able to use the Jack Austin fund to subsidise travelling youth. CM offered to look over application. DR offered to look into contacts at Rutland. • GB – David should advertise the Jack Austin fund on World Sailing website. • Sponsorship is looking good at present 	<p>VD</p>
<p>11.0</p>	<p>Training Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 boats are available for next year's Youth event • Southern area on an up for training. • CM thanked GB for her efforts and commented on the number of GP14 sailors in top 10 of the Endeavour Trophy • GB has had a meeting with Ali Young – who agreed to do a talk for no charge except petrol expenses. 	<p>GB</p>

<p>12.0</p>	<p>UK area representatives' reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Midland Area</u> (Charles Saunders) – final Midlands event was completed successfully - reports are on Y&Y Website • The Telford's are due an endurance trophy. • Petrol 'issue' affected entries on the last 2 events. • Currently finalising dates for 2022. • <u>Northern Area</u> (Adam Chaplin) – 12 entries at Northern's (Bassenthwaite). 45 boats competed in series – The Telfords will win overall. There is increased participation by GP14's at RWYC, Budworth and Derwent. • <u>Scottish Area</u> (Arthur Logan) – report included – not much happening but plans for next season – venues so far are North Berwick SC & Largs. Asked about northern events at Derwent (30/31 May) and Bassenthwaite (18/19 June) – Scotland Area will take part in those. • <u>Southern Area</u> (David Innes) – report included – Worried about losing travellers, Frensham moving more and comparable to 2019 9 qualifiers. There is a new venue in the pipeline. • CM thanked the representatives for their work with their regions during difficult times. 	
<p>13.0</p>	<p>Dinghy Show</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new venue is Farnborough Air Field • VD Explained cost of stand (3K) – increased by having 3 boats, 2 FRP, 1 composite. It was acknowledged that it was important to have 2 boats from our moulds and a further FRP boat from Winders as they were due to have a space on the stand. • World Championship at Skerries, a representative will be available on the stand. Special offer for 2022 End of Season Championship and Sri Lanka Worlds (we should contact Sri Lanka regarding this) could also be included. • Speakers – Options are available but not booked yet • Saturday night social – DI confirmed this will be organised. • DR suggested we have a question and answer session – possibly 20 min on main stage. • We might book a mini auditorium – SP commented that this was not successful in the past. • GB suggested a Zoom interview option, This was popular last year – VD thought that the internet connection provided might not be good enough. This will be checked. • Sustainability pledge – VD intends QR links on reusable banners. All signage will be reusable at other events. • Asked if David Rabbett could be on the site with help regarding • A boat for life strap line, suggested by SP, was agreed. • DR concerned about the venue being away from the mainstream of GP sailing but agreed good parking. (DB Checked with Sat. Nav. and is 93 Miles from J21 M1, and 216 miles from Manchester) 	<p>VD</p>
<p>14.0</p>	<p>Website and social media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the search for new webmaster. This has been unsuccessful so far. The search must continue, perhaps looking outside The Association. It was 	<p>CH</p>

	<p>also felt that we should be looking to younger members who may be more 'Internet Savvy', even if they would only be relatively short term appointments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area reps. were asked to contact their clubs to ask about possible webmasters. • We need to review our marketing and publicity strategy, including recent comments from members regarding Championship and Travellers Trophy. There were several strategies gained from the recent Zoom conversations. • CM felt the Zoom interviews from the Dinghy Show went very well, one being taken up by the RYA to be accessed from their website. There were several suggestions for Zoom discussions and talks. VD; Youth zoom talk. GB; with the ladies. CM might be able to do mixed crews. Possibly Sally could give a video chat, she is well versed on Rule 42. • Production of 2022 Calendar, due to costs, will not go ahead, however a calendar of events will be included in Autumn and Spring Mainsails. 	
<p>15.0</p>	<p>Cruising Section report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS introduced Frank Whitley as a new member of his group • Cruising report and discussion document were presented. Overall, OS was very pleased with year just passed. • There were good entries for Cruising week and training course. All participants were keen for next year's events. • 2022 cruising events will be on the Norfolk broads and at Ullswater – provisionally the Broads event for 3/4/5 June, 6 boats a probable maximum. SP mentioned York RI going to Ullswater every year, would be good if the events could overlap. • Cody Sailing Club – a virtual sailing club specialising in fleet dinghy cruising and family camping is running a training course which we may attend. • GP14 cruisers are likely to join Cody SC sailing at Poole Harbour. • This is still under discussion, but a cruising event is likely to be run in the north in 2 years time. • Cruising week – It was suggested that we could have passages along the coast with extra motorised craft carrying the kit for camping etc. • Discussion document – OS presented a discussion document regarding safety boats for cruising events. There followed an open discussion regarding safety on cruises, especially the use of safety boats. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM asked if cruisers carried radios or mobile phones in waterproof bags? Apparently most do and It was agreed that this should be mandatory. FW said everybody he had cruised with had been keen to have a radio on board. DR thought a rib to be very expensive and not always effective. BI has cruised with Wayfarers in USA, and said they never take rescue boats with them. It was suggested that we create list of safety equipment to be carried on GP14 Assoc. cruises. Entrants would have to sign off, before sailing, that they are carrying all the equipment. Again, an inspection is not required. Buddy sailing could also be introduced because it is known to work well. • CM asked if a radio could be used to contact hosting club. This is apparently popular with some cruising associations, but could depend on the venue. • DR suggested asking motorised or sailing boats to follow along as part of the event, especially if a long day was expected. They could also provide mobile toilets and assistance if needed, but should not necessarily be regarded as formal 	<p>OS/FW</p>

	<p>safety boats because they may not comply with the RYA specifications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM concluded that safety boats are not mandatory, but there should be more details written down as above, including making it clear that no safety boat would be available when necessary. 	
16.0	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no other business 	All
17.0	<p>Date and mode of next meeting: Saturday, 8th January 2021 - Zoom</p>	
18.0	<p>Close of Meeting: 2.45 pm</p>	CM