

**GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Saturday, 5 November 2022 – 9.30 am**

PRESENT:	Steve Parry, Vanessa Devereux, Gill Beddow, David Rowlands, Charles Saunders, Rob Bailey, David Bower, Frank Whitley, Graham Knox, Oliver Shaw, Adam Chaplin, Arthur Logan, Keith Budden, Adeel Khan, Roger Jeffs	
Minutes Secretary	Julie Courtney	
<b>•</b>	<p><b>President’s Welcome</b></p> <p>The President welcomed all attendees to the meeting.</p>	<b>ACTION</b> <b>CS</b>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Co-option of an additional member to the General Committee R</b> Jeffs, A Khan</p>	<b>P:CS S:</b> <b>DB</b>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b> David Innes, Curly Morris, Jon Close, Bruce Idleman</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting (9 April 2022)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To receive and accept the minutes of the meeting held 9th April 2022</li> <li>• To confirm whether those minutes can be published without redaction – <i>DR mentioned Sri Lanka (page 2/3) Charlie Cotter notes (page 4) should be redacted. Replaced with short summary explaining rather than fully detailed.</i></li> <li>• Matters arising from those minutes not considered as part of this agenda elsewhere.</li> </ul>	<b>P: SP S:</b> <b>AC</b> <b>DB</b>  <b>None</b>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Association Governance</b></p> <p>To receive a report from Past President, David Rowlands on possible changes to the management of the Association. DR showed a presentation. Reflecting on what had happened during COVID and impact on F&amp;G.</p> <p>VD commented on her experience and how Zoom has helped to encourage help with events. CS asked about circulation of F&amp;G minutes. FW feels he is not getting the updates he needs. GB said F&amp;G minutes just go to general committee, not to the wider membership. OS thinks the cruising section is almost autonomous. RB said the Publicity &amp; Promotions sub-committee has been discussed. We need to ask members what their main interest is, how do members use website? what they get from the association.</p>	<b>DR</b>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Election of sub committees and of the Chief Measurer</b></p>	<b>ALL</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chief Measurer – Jon Close</li> <li>• The Finance and General Purposes Sub Committee - CS, RB, VD, GB, SP, DB. GB and VD are happy to just report to F&amp;G. DR asked CS about getting VPs. We need to find people to provide succession on the committee. CS confirmed F&amp;G should include officers and 2 others, we're just short of VPs, hence attendance of GB and VD. DB thinks they should be invited to meetings for a report. OS said he was invited to the meeting because it was relevant. It was agreed to stay as is until new volunteers are found.</li> <li>• The Technical &amp; Rules Sub Committee – JC, DR, SP, J McKee, A Johnston</li> <li>• The Events/Championships Sub Committee -VD, DK, RC, + area rep, C Whyatt. There was a short discussion regarding the split between the Racing and Cruising programs. VD mentioned Dinghy Show. AK offered to help out with Instagram</li> <li>• The Publicity Sub Committee was agreed with AK, RB, JC.</li> </ul>	<b>AK/JC</b>
7.	<p><b>F&amp;G Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received the minutes of the F&amp;G Committee meetings held in May, June, July, September 2022 - The June minutes still have to be accepted.</li> <li>• All the others were accepted.</li> <li>• There were no other matters arising that are not part of this agenda elsewhere.</li> </ul>	<b>P:DR S:VD</b>
8.	<p><b>T&amp;R Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The minutes of the October T&amp;R meeting were received and approved. David Rowlands highlighted the following matters:</li> <li>- We have received an approach from a GRP boat builder in Sri Lanka who wishes to build GP14 dinghies. T&amp;R committee will be supporting this initiative as far as we possibly can, including finding appropriate means of validating the measurement of the boat. This action was strongly endorsed by this committee.</li> </ul> <p>The changes to Class Rules agreed at the General Committee of April 9<sup>th</sup> were ratified and will be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.</p> <p>The updating of the drawings for the Series II wooden boat is now complete. A copy of the AutoCAD file for the revised drawings is held by the Association. Pdf copies of the updated plan portfolio are now available for sale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- David Butler Boats have built a 2nd composite boat (sold to a member at Frensham Pond). There is an anomaly on the boat in that the gunwale edging of the foredeck has been extended around the bow plate to form a rounded 'buffer'. DR showed photos. The position of the bow plate, when</li> </ul>	<b>T&amp;R  AGREED</b>

	<p>measured from the transom, is correct but the overall length of the boat is 25mm greater than class rules stipulate. DR suggested a dispensation for this boat only. This was agreed unanimously by the committee.</p> <p>Pat Mitchell, a member living in Zimbabwe has acquired an early GP14 (named Bad Fish). It appears to have lost both its number and certificate. Julie will check our records to see whether we can trace it. If nothing turns up, the boat will have to be remeasured before a certificate and number can be issued. T&amp;R committee will be kept informed.</p> <p><b>PROGRESS IN THE USE OF THE ASSOCIATION MOULDS</b>  Steve Parry gave a brief update, explaining that the proprietor of Woodwind GRP had made a good recovery from serious illness over recent months and that production of an example of the Allrounder for the 2023 Dinghy Show was on schedule.  Oliver Shaw asked whether through-deck sheeting might be available as an optional extra. Steve confirmed that this could be provided.  The selling price of the boat has yet to be finalised by David Butler but having purchased the mast, sails and fittings 12 months ago, he reassures us that those items at least will not be subject to the current price inflation. It is David’s intention that his boat should retail for a price comparable to that of the RS Quest (it being ‘the opposition’ in its market).  T&amp;R Committee proposes that the Association should support the net cost of production of this first example of the boat with a loan of up to £5k. The Association would get the money back when the boat was sold.  This was approved. David Rowlands will prepare a letter that can be sent to David Butler by way of an agreement. He will liaise with F&amp;G Committee before it is sent.</p> <p>Steve told us of a ‘try a boat day’ planned for next spring by the RYA at the East Yorkshire Water Park. He will be working with Butler Boats and Winder Boats to make sure that at least one GP14 is on show and available to attendees to try. If it has not already been sold, this could be the perfect shop window for the Allrounder.</p>	<p><b>AGREED</b></p> <p><b>JC/T&amp;R</b></p> <p><b>DR</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>AGREED</b></p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurer’s report:</li> <li>• To consider the membership fees for the year 2023, including whether crews for National and World Championships should be</li> </ul>	<p><b>RB</b></p> <p><b>P: GB S:</b></p> <p><b>OS</b></p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p>



<p><b>10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report on future Championship events</li> </ul>	<p><b>Events/Championship Sub Committee:</b></p> <p>The entries were Low this year. Robline sponsors wre hit and miss. Explained sponsorship and area reps.</p> <p>Age for youths – 31st Dec RYA sailing age category to be used.</p> <p>Masters age ranges – There was a discussion regarding age categories at events. Certificates: change of ownership should be explained better. KB to write an article for Mainsail</p> <p>VD – asked about insurance – no need to show at events (RYA legal advice).</p> <p>Youth Champs 2023 – should the fees for coaching be paid for by association. (£400 incl travel and accommodation). OS said that we should not be subsidising youths too much. VD mentioned there is free entry to these events in other classes. SP supported the Association subsidising the Youth training, but we need to keep our eye on our finances</p> <p>The following future World Championships are being planned.</p> <p>2026 – Sri Lanka 2028 - Ireland 2030 – UK</p> <p>Lots of trophies have been returned. VD has written a report on these.</p>	<p>VD</p> <p>KB</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>GP14 International Representatives reports</b></p> <p>Report on the recent World Championship at Skerries CS – Skerries World Championship was a well organised, great event that created a lot of positive comment. The power washing was an excellent innovation. DR – We should replicate some items, he especially noted the prize giving using a natural cheerleader DR – discussed CM role with World Sailing. DR -Jon Close is to attend an International Measurer qualification course.</p>	

<p><b>12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p><b>Future World Championship and International updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plas Heli (Pwllheli) 2024</li> <li>- Sri Lanka 2026</li> </ul> <p>The events need people to help with artwork, and sponsorship. Roger Jeffs has offered to help with this.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p><b>GP14 UK area representatives' reports:</b> Posted on Dropbox</p> <p>Midlands – KB – 8 boats travelled across the whole series and 2 qualified. We are looking to encourage new members. There is a Regional travellers WhatsApp group.</p> <p>Northerns – AC – Quiet with few travellers, sailors mostly staying with their own clubs. There is a preference not to travel for a one day event.</p> <p>Scottish – AL - Requested that we publicise championship series early.</p> <p>Joint sailing with other fleets looks as though it's the necessary way forward</p>	
<p><b>14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cruising Section report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To receive a report on non-racing activities</li> <li>• To discuss RYA legal advice on Event organisation</li> </ul> <p>FW discussed the document Race Training and Fleet management - complying with law and guidance, and drew attention to his conclusions. For example, if there is a Booking form and payment, there is a contract for which liability is inferred.</p> <p>Risk assessment needs to be included and voluntary medical information. DR clarified the wording needs to avoid liability at events. DR will supply a checklist document for FW to adopt.</p> <p>DR gave a simplified NOR and booking form.</p> <p>CS asked if we need to look at it from a racing point of view.</p> <p>FW – 2 good events 6 x GPs – Cruising week on the Norfolk Broads</p> <p>OS – Training – Advanced Cruiser Training perhaps in 2023</p> <p>FW – enquiry Simon Conway- Cody SC wants to organise one day sailing days – pop up sailing days on Facebook asked for permission to use GP14 Facebook page. AL mentioned this should be a peer event or not “a GP14 event”.</p>	<p><b>FW</b></p> <p><b>DR to supply checklist</b></p>
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p>Training Report:</p> <p>After a very successful year of Training events in 2022, these are the projected dates for next year and all will be confirmed and available to book with possible other dates in January .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midland Area Pre 1<sup>st</sup> Travellers event Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March Chase Sailing Club</li> <li>• EHD Youth Week Plas Menai Outdoor Pursuits Centre Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• Weekend Adult Training Weymouth Andrew Simpson Centre confirmed April 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Pre Northern Areas Confirmed Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> Budworth SC Paul</li> </ul>	<p><b>GB</b></p>

	<p>Gray Budworth Fleet Captain Speak with Paul January re figures and advertising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Championship Training South Staffs Sailing Club</li> <li>Pre Nationals Sea Training confirmed Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August Looe Sailing Club</li> </ul> <p>GP14 Class Training Coordinator</p> <p>Asked AK about a training survey – wants to show responses. AK will look at this.</p>	AK
16	<p><b>Website and Social Media:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee welcomed Adeel Khan as the new Webmaster and reviewed recommendations from the retiring Webmaster.</li> <li>The Publicity sub-committee is to review our marketing and publicity strategy, including comments from members regarding Championship and Traveller Trophy strategies gained from recent ZOOM conversations.</li> <li>As in item 9, to review the publication of Mainsail in the light of increasing costs.</li> <li>AK – mentioned GDPR – The committee explained that SP is in charge of data protection. He can be spoken to about any ideas or issues that may arise.</li> <li>AK Will update Committee on website when he has had a further look</li> <li>Exchange account – add on aliases for each area rep.</li> <li>VD gave the social media report – 1900 followers, 628 Instagram, 2687 Posted 12-1500 per post, This is the same number of followers as RS, and above everyone else.</li> <li>VD noted that we cannot differentiate between countries.</li> </ul> <p>Any Advertisers for Mainsail and events should be sent to RJ and AK.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>JC- update emails on Microsoft Advertisers</p> <p>JC/AK/RJ</p>
17.	<p><b>RYA Dinghy Show 2023</b></p> <p>The first deposit has been paid, This is for a 2 boat stand. The total is £2400. We intend to display the new Allrounder and a Duffin.</p>	VD
18	<p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Endeavour Trophy</b>, we need to consider any changes necessary to be made to ensure that we have an entry for the 2024 event because there is currently no National Championship scheduled for that year. The current entry conditions for the trophy are that National Champions should contact the CYC committee to be considered for an invitation to the event. There does not appear to be any other option currently on the CYC website.</li> <li><b>GB</b> Commented that the previous year's National champion will still be in place.</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>DB</p>
19	<p><b>Dates of next General Committee meetings:</b> 7th January - 15th April</p>	

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