

GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Saturday, 9 April 2022 – 9.30 am

PRESENT:	Curly Morris, Steve Parry, Vanessa Devereux, Gill Beddow, David Young, David Rowlands, Charles Saunders, David Bower, Frank Whitley (left at 11.15), Chris Hearn, Graham Knox, Michael Collender, Oliver Shaw, Charlie Cotter, Adam Chaplin, Arthur Logan, Bruce Idleman	
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: Jon Close, Colman Grimes, David Innes, Andy Johnston	
3.0	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (8 January 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive and accept the minutes of the meeting held 8th January • To confirm that those minutes can be published without redaction – DR mentioned item 6, regarding the discussion about methods of joining the association. DR said he would be happy to precis this item and pass to DB for publication. • Matters arising from those minutes not considered as part of this agenda elsewhere 	P:GB S:VD OS abstained Otherwise unanimous DR
4.0	<p>Acceptance of previous F&G Committee Minutes and any matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive the minutes of the F&G Committee meetings held in September, October, November and December 2021, and January, February, March 2022. • DR said the F&G minutes don't get published on web so no need to redact any items. • DR mentioned November minutes re public liability – what became of that? CM confirmed that this has not been taken further. • VD thought that we have £10m third party insurance cover for events. DR confirmed that we have £5m, which is the standard for our type of events. • DR referred to March minutes item 6, SP T&R re SP Boat moulds – that we might control commercial aspects of the sales. DR stated that we own the moulds but it is up to builders to decide how to publicise and sell the boats. CM confirmed it was more of a discussion of what we'd like the builders to do. • The minutes were accepted • Matters arising, not considered as part of this agenda elsewhere. There were no other matters arising 	P:DR S:DY unanimous
5.0	<p>The Covid Pandemic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the likely impact of the pandemic on our forthcoming activities. • CM Discussed the pandemic and confirmed that the outlook is more positive than a year ago, but there might still be problems that are currently unforeseen. • CM also mentioned the Ukraine war and the many unforeseen things that would be out of our control. • It was agreed that we should continue to plan our events with the current information that we have. 	CM

<p>6.0</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p>	<p>World Championship and International updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland 2022 (Michael Collender) – The season has not yet started, but there have been plenty of training events. There is an Issue with people not committing to events more than a month in advance because of the current World/Covid situation. DB commented that this is now common in the travel industry and that there had been several news reports regarding this. Problems with Insurance have now been resolved – MC thanked all involved for their assistance. MC gave a brief Breakdown of events that have been organised. The Irish Association is currently working on a new website. • Worlds 2022 – work is progressing steadily. MC asked for help in promoting the different categories for the event. • GK commented on the article re chartering boats and stated that the word “loan” should be used instead of “Charter”. GB said she had spoken to Craftinsure and was under the impression that the rules are not quite that tight. It was agreed that this should be confirmed with Rod at Craftinsure, before any agreements are completed. • With regard to categories, JC confirmed that all dates of birth are collected on entry, so we should be able to classify most the entries. • Sri Lanka 2024 (Joseph Kenny) – GB/CM had a Zoom meeting with JK. • In summary, due to the current worldwide economic situation it was still impossible to accurately cost an event in Sri Lanka in 2024 such that committment from a sufficient number of competitors to make it a viable event could be obtained. As promotion of the event would have to start, at the latest, at Skerries in August (with a Sri Lankan presence absolutely necessary), it was looking like a very challenging timescale to organize. This would be kept under close review by the F&G Committee. <p>The GP14 Class in USA (BI) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (BI) Winter is finally leaving and sailing just starting on the eastern seaboard. Boat supplies and costs of shipping continue to be a problem. So far BI has had no luck getting his own boat brought over from Europe, but maybe next month. • There is to be an increased effort to get two clubs to join for an event to increase the popularity of the class. <p>International Measurement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR reported that Jon Close ran a successful measurer training session at Skerries. • T&R are refining the draft of Sailing Instructions for Llandudno, These will be adapted for the Worlds and sent to DC/CG and race officer/chairman. • Racing Rules now say Jon Close is the Technical Officer for event as per World Sailing instructions. • JC asked for a list of new measurers to send certificates and stamps to. <p>The GP14 Class in South Africa -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM reported that the National Championship had an entry with 12 boats. • There has been a request for Jack Austin and Richard Estaugh funds to go towards attending the Worlds in Ireland. It was confirmed that there are 2 people so far. DR asked how old the applicants are? 21 helm/23 crew. • GB explained how the money distribution worked. • OS commented that he thinks applicants should be members. • VD asked do we have to give the same amount to each one. • CC said that we need to advertise the funds with a closing date. CC confirmed 	<p>JC</p>

	<p>that this would be End of April for the Jack Austin fund – and slightly longer for Richard Estaugh fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC commented that the Richard Estaugh fund was meant to be used to assist with training, perhaps for help towards Howard Davies training. • CM said it was also to be used to promote the class. 																													
7.0	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>The Hon. Treasurer presented her report that had been distributed to the committee via Dropbox.</p> <p>The Treasurer outlined the current position. Although the bank balances are healthy, the Association is heading to make a substantial loss in the current financial year as costs are rising and membership (the main source of income) continues to fall. An increase in subscriptions is therefore necessary after several years of no change, as well as possible cost savings e.g an electronic Mainsail. The proposed membership subscription rates were:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Membership type</i></th> <th><i>2022</i></th> <th><i>2023</i></th> <th><i>Covering deficit</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Full</i></td> <td>33</td> <td>36</td> <td>42.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Club</td> <td>33</td> <td>33</td> <td>33</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Associate</i></td> <td>25</td> <td>25</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Youth</i></td> <td>16</td> <td>16</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Non-European</i></td> <td>10</td> <td>12</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Temporary</i></td> <td>15</td> <td>18</td> <td>15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>These figures were agreed by the committee and will be voted on at the AGM.</p>	<i>Membership type</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>Covering deficit</i>	<i>Full</i>	33	36	42.25	Club	33	33	33	<i>Associate</i>	25	25	25	<i>Youth</i>	16	16	16	<i>Non-European</i>	10	12	12	<i>Temporary</i>	15	18	15	<p>P:DY S:SP Unanimous CC/MC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>OS/CH P:CC S:VD</p> <p>APPROVED</p>
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6.0	<p>Champion Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trophies 18 valued-circa £45K Discussed the values and differences. CM asked total value and how much to insure. VD to work out amount for next F&G. VD reported on engraving bill due to missing info. DY liked the option of photo. GB said if you are only going to offer a photo what is the point of having the trophies at all and people often like to take the trophies. CM suggests giving the option to certain people. OS asked if trophies photos can be put on website. • Championships – people not entering early enough. Reviewing policy with regard to membership of events. CH specifically says Terms & Conditions, which they tick when paying, states to enter helm must be member of association. DR commented that it is also on NOR. CH reports our procedures are solid. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Northern Area - Putting together NOR at the moment. ○ Southern Area – VD meeting next week ○ Youths Area – Bolton Sailing Club ○ Nationals – not many entered at moment. ○ End of Seasons – issues with Poole over pricing ○ Welsh – poor entries so far. • VD asked for ideas on getting people to enter events. GB asked if there was a late entry – VD confirmed figures. GB mentioned South Staffs just don't have the sailors. Issues not wanting to travel. DY mentioned all the issues and commented that he is going to places he can go on holiday. Might be worth considering venues where families can go to. 	<p>VD</p>																												
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider issuing a class certificate for hull 14278 (details in the attached minutes of the T&R committee) – DR presented a report and asked for the Committee to approve to register the boat. To consider changes to class rules 19.2 and 9.4 – there shall be 3 versions of glass fibre boat as shown in DR’s report. To consider changes to the Plans to add required dimensions; define the shape of the thwart and the curvature of the decks; the layout of buoyancy tank bulkheads. (details in the attached Minutes of the T&R committee). Rear end of boom to cut a wedge – stops helm lassoing themselves. Must not extend more than 200mm. DY have already seen GP14s with this in place for sometime. To receive a report on the plans for equipment checking at the UK national and World Championships 2022. DR adding to plans maximum and minimum measurements to the blade. To receive a report on developing the system for measuring GP hulls. Butler Boats/Duffin/Boon – shape of the thwart, also shapes of aft deck and deck. DR propose amending plans to allow the different shapes. Also with bulk head. Shelf on front buoyancy tank. Change to plans – allow a curved thwart and the hand holes. BI – would there be a min. curvature. CM welcomed Bruce to the meeting. OS this is an option. Equipment checking at Worlds and Nationals. Jon Close will be sending out checklist to do their own checks. Patrol inspection before first race also if there is a protest. Race Office to radio ashore boat positions and will be selected at random to be checked. Measured two boats this week – used measuring jig – very heavy to use and quite dangerous to body and boat – Going to develop a Laser spirit level. CM suggested using carbon fibre or jig. DR said yes but laser system much cheaper and lighter. 	<p>P:OS S:DY Unanimous</p> <p>P:DY S:CC Unanimous</p> <p>P:DY S:VD Unanimous</p> <p>P:OS S:CS Unanimous</p> <p>P:CS S:MC Unanimous</p>
8.0	<p>Training Report – provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CM thanked GB for comprehensive report and hard work. VD please send list of Llandudno training. GB asked about form being sent from ASC – should she send out a medical form in additional to this. DR responds as long as its not made compulsory. 	GB
9.0	<p>UK area representatives’ reports (Distributed on Dropbox)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Midland Area</u> (Charles Saunders) – Nothing to add to report <u>Northern Area</u> (Adam Chaplin) – Not a lot. JC reported re Burwain. <u>Scottish Area</u> (Arthur Logan) – nothing to add to report. <u>Southern Area</u> (David Innes) – not attended 	
10.0	<p>Dinghy Show</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VD footfalls back to levels prior to 2020. Very busy - 14 members since 1st March. CH commented above the audio on the video. 	VD
11.0	<p>Website and social media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Someone commented website looking old and out of date. Ibex said it would needed a whole new rethink and would be very expensive. 	CH
12.0	<p>Cruising Section report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OS good to go on events with 5/6 boats Ulleswater and 10 boats for the other event. 	OS/FW

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning well underway for 2023. • FY observation Ulleswater next month – lots of novice/inexperienced sailors – found a lot of interest and enquiries from Dinghy Show. • OS re Medical forms – doesn't want to use them from the cruising events. 	
13.0	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR progress of next moulding system – Woodwind GLP/Butler – Ed has been poorly and building boats has slowed down. Ed now back in work – the Allrounder now on their list, perhaps in a few weeks, will be ready. • VD Allrounder Leigh & Lowton Sunrise to Sunset (replaces 24 hour race) 	All
14.0	Date and mode of next meeting: End of October	
15.0	Close of Meeting: 13.50 pm	CM