

GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

SATURDAY, 23 APRIL, 2016

PRESENT: D Greenhalgh, M Collingwood, A Penny, G Knox, G Beddow, G Morris, S Boyle (SB2), H Brazier, C Saunders, J Courtney (JC2)

APOLOGIES: P Bowmer, S Parry, D Rowlands, S Brown, Paul O'Neill, Stewart Elder, Vicky Ford, M Stanley, Jon Close

1	Chairman's Welcome	ACTION
	Duncan noted that this was his last meeting as President, stating it was an unexpected privilege to be in the post and thanking the committee for their support through some tough times. GK responded by congratulating him on his term of office.	
2	To Receive any Apologies for Absence from the Meeting. See above	
3	Minutes of the Last Meeting (23 January 2016)	
	a) Matters arising, not considered as part of this Agenda:	
	3 a) Closure of Euro account is being progressed.	PB
	3 b) It was noted that the Members Forum proposed for Barbados did not happen.	
	9 a) It was noted that the burgee made by Liz Parry, and presented in Barbados was much admired. GB to send note of thanks.	GB
	9 b) DG thanked GM for the excellent trophy he has provided to present to the eldest Series 1 boat competing at Nationals.	
	b) Redaction: Nothing in minutes needs to be redacted so they can be published on website.	MC
	c) Acceptance of Minutes of Last Meeting Proposed: AP. Seconded: GB. All in favour	
5	F&G Minutes (12 January 2016 & 9 February 2016)	
	Matters Arising 12/1/16: 5.1 Container Insurance: DG noted that the racking used in the containers going to Barbados worked well and he was only aware of damage to a globe compass on the deck of one boat.	
	9/2/16: 5.2 Barbados Sailing Association: It was noted that some of the boats sent to Barbados by Andrew Davies were in poor condition and agreed that The Association cannot accept liability for these.	
	Acceptance of F&G Minutes Proposed: GM. Seconded: HB. All in favour	
6	Treasurer's Report	
	A written report from PB had been circulated and DG asked for comments and/or questions.	
	a) 2017 Subscription All were in favour of PB's proposal that there be no increase in subscriptions for 2017.	
	b) Dormant Euro Account SB2 confirmed that the dormant Euro account was no longer required.	
	c) Cost Savings Initiatives It was noted that the Autumn 2015 edition of Mainsail was larger than the previously agreed smaller format, that is both cheaper to print and post. However, everyone was happy with value of the larger publication.	
	d) Association Reserves PB to send draft investment policy to GK for circulation to Trustees	PB

	e) Declining Membership JC2 to analyse membership and circulate some statistics	JC2
	f) JC2 to supply list of members' boats (Boat Number, Owner's Name & Valid Certificate) for HB to put in the members' area of the website.	JC2/HB
	Acceptance of Treasurer's Report Proposed: GK. Seconded: CS. All in favour	
7	Website & Social Media Communications A written report from PB had been circulated and DG asked for comments and/or questions.	
	a) DG noted the welcome improvement in performance of the website and asked HB to see if any statistics could be produced to compare traffic with a year ago. GB said she would like to send the traffic statistics to sponsors.	HB GB
	b) DG thanked Michelle Evans for keeping the media going throughout the last year.	
	c) The committee welcomed the approach from OK Association asking if they could share the GP14 website platform. PB to continue discussions and make sure the websites don't look identical.	PB
	d) HB and SB2 to work to update the website with current Information about Irish events, results, etc.	HB/SB2
	e) HB reported that updating the website with archive information and content from the much missed handbook was progressing – albeit slowly. AP offered to help with information that was in the Handbook.	HB/AP
	Acceptance of Web and Social Media Report Proposed: GM. Seconded: AP. All in favour	
8	Promotions AP made a verbal report	
	a) Dinghy Show AP reported that the organisers allocated us a single boat stand, despite previously confirming our order for a two-boat stand. The mistake was discovered too late for them to rectify. SP Boats graciously accepted that we chose to have the Paintcraft boat, so would need to give SP Boats first refusal for 2017. AP proposed that we continue with our usual two-boat stand in the future. All in favour.	AP
	b) Business Cards AP reported that Business Cards had been printed and given out to the Area Reps.	
	c) GP14 Branded Clothing AP reported the new range from Wave Clothing, available via our website, has been promoted in the e-newsletter.	
	d) Video Shorts AP reported that filming planned for 29 May at SSSC – rigging from the basics. To be followed by filming at Hollingworth Lake	
	e) Mainsail AP thanked JC2 for getting the Spring Mainsail out before the Worlds.	
	Acceptance of Promotions Report Proposed: GM. Seconded: CS. All in favour	
9	Technical & Rules A written report from DR had been circulated and DG asked for comments and/or questions.	
	a) Barbados Tech Report No matters arising	
	b) Rule changes agreed in January In compliance with the rules of the Association the rule changes agreed in January were represented to the Committee a second time for ratification. IT was noted that this rule change needs to go to ISAF. Proposed: DR. Seconded: DG. All in favour	DR

	c) Masthead buoyancy: It was agreed that we should fast-track this rule change to allow masthead buoyancy to be used at the UK National Championships at Pwllheli. Rule change to be ratified at the next meeting of the F&G. It was noted that this rule change needs to go to ISAF. Proposed: DR. Seconded: GM. All in favour.	MC DR
	d) Acceptance of Technical and Rules Report Proposed: GM. Seconded: AP. All in favour	
10	Representatives' Reports	
	a) Cruising & Vintage GM reported enthusiasm for vintage racing with owners desiring more than just to cruise. GM to promote in e-newsletter A budget of £300 was requested to provide a RIB for the cruising fleet at Pwllheli. Proposed: GK. Seconded AP. All in favour. GM to publicise Cruising Week in e-newsletter. GB's suggestion to consider holding a Vintage Rally (last held in 1991) was well received and the need to send special invitations was discussed	GM GM GM/AP/DG
	b) Southern Areas CS read SB's report noting there had been two open meetings so far with 25 boats at Welsh Harp. No matters arising	
	c) Midlands CS reported that the first Open was 7 May 16 at Shustoke, where the prizes for the 2015 Midland Bell would be presented.	
	d) Scotland/North No report presented DG noted that we need to get the Area Reps more involved with the Committee.	
11	International SB2 made a verbal report	
	a) Ireland SB2 noted that events had been pushed back because of Worlds, and there had been no events yet. SB2 agreed to encourage presentation of reports for the website and e-newsletter. SB2 spoke of the initiative to provide GP14s for youth teams entering the 24 hour race including invitations to the Mirror class to participate. SB2 reported that they have few clubs in the north and are trying to develop a new one. SB2 said that the youth fleet was becoming more active, with youths interested in the UK Nationals at Pwllheli, the Irish Youth Championships at Sligo and more training (some possibly linked with the Mirror class). MC proposed that we continue to provide financial support for youth training in Ireland and asked that a budget is presented to PB. Proposed MC. Seconded GK. All in favour. Finally SB2 reported that there was much support in Ireland for Curly Morris who has been nominated as Vice President of the Association	SB2
	b) International SB2 said he had tried to maintain dialog with the other international branches, but had encountered particular problems getting hold of the South African branch.	
	c) Acceptance of International Report Proposed: HB. Seconded: GB. All in favour	
12	Championship Committee	
	a) Current Committee GB asked that her thanks to the current committee be recorded: Mike Senior, Liz Senior, Ellie Davies, Bev Hateley, Michelle Evans and Simon Potts.	MC
	b) Minutes of Championship Committee 19 April 2016	

	No matters arising	
	c) UK Nationals GB reported that Curly has offered to look at tracktrack coverage for this event. She pointed-out that drone and tracktrack coverage at an event would lift the Association to a higher level. Tracktrack would be too much to put on the entry fee. Therefore, she reasoned we need either the Association to fund it, or to find someone who could handle big sponsorship. The committee felt that they might consider allocating some funds for a World Championship but not for a UK Nationals.	GB
	GB reported she was struggling to find day sponsors probably because our regular sponsors are inundated with requests. She is hoping to prepare some figures on media coverage to support her requests.	GB
	d) Worlds at Mounts Bay GB reported she is creating presentation and has someone working on a Worlds' logo.	
	e) World Championship Frequency and Location GB asked for confirmation about the frequency and location of World Championships. DG proposed a 6-year Cycle: UK, Ireland, Away (i.e. neither UK nor Ireland). This would mean that there would be a 2020 World Championships in Ireland and a 2022 Away World Championship. Proposed: DG. Seconded: AP. All in favour	
	f) Endeavour Trophy Shane McCarthy to be invited to represent us at the Endeavour Trophy, or failing that the winner of the UK National Championships.	DG
	g) Succession GB reminded the Committee that she had agreed to continue as Championship Chair until the 2017 AGM, and thereafter to organise the 2018 World Championships and that we need to find a successor.	All
	h) Clashes between Major UK and Irish Events SB2 noted that this year the UK and Irish National Championships were contiguous and asked that there could be more liaison in future years. It was noted that, because of the Worlds in Barbados, 2016 was a difficult year with many events compressed together. However, the point was well noted and committee want to encourage international support for both UK and Irish events.	GB/SB2
	i) Acceptance of Championship Report Proposed: GM. Seconded: SB2. All in favour	
13	Barbados GB presented a verbal report	
	a) Sailing Redacted item	
	b) Social Entry and Events Redacted item	
	c) Barbados Yacht Club GB said she would like to record her thanks to The Barbados Yacht Club and particularly Geoffrey Evelyn, the Commodore, and his staff.	
	d) Barbados Sailing Association GB said she would like to record her thanks to The Barbados Sailing Association and their president Gus Reader.	
	e) GP Association Team GB said she would also like to record her thanks to DR, the Championship Committee and the racking teams who all made the event such a success.	
	f) Formal Report DG asked GB to prepare a formal report for review by the F&G.	GB/F&G

14	Trustees	
	<p>a) Investment Strategy GK reported that so far he and DR had found little difference between rates for 1-year and 3-year accounts and so far could see little benefit tying-up any of the reserves in longer-term saving accounts. GK and DR to present a proposal to F&G when their investigations are complete.</p>	GK/DR
	<p>b) Acceptance of Trustee Report Proposed: CS. Seconded: GM. All in favour</p>	
15	Richard Estaugh Fund	
	<p>A written proposal for the Richard Estaugh Fund was circulated by DG prior to the meeting.</p>	
	<p>a) Proposal DG reported that although the raffle of 14000 had raised over £7,000, which had subsequently been allocated to a memorial fund, there had been no proposal on how to spend the money in Richard's memory or how to supply it with a sustainable income. DG's proposal met with much agreement, especially the concept that beneficiaries should payback in kind to the Association.</p>	
	<p>b) Launch DG said he was hoping to invite Richard's family to the Chase GP14 Open Meeting and launch the fund.</p>	DG
	<p>c) Application Form DG said he would work with PB to finalise a draft Application Form for approval by F&G.</p>	DB/PB
	<p>d) Acceptance of "Richard Estaugh GP14000 Fund Proposal Draft 4" Proposed DG. Seconded CS. All in favour.</p>	
16	Any Other Business	
	<p>a) Training MC reported training at Bolton SC 7 May; Youth Training Welsh Harp SC 8/9 July; Ladies Training at SSSC 30 July & Llandudno SC 8/9 October. He also reported he is in discussions about a Youth Training Week at Portland next Easter</p>	
	<p>b) AGM & Next Committee MC reported that the notice of AGM and motion to change the constitution had been published in Mainsail, and noted the AGM would be on Tuesday at the UK Nationals, not the normal Monday. DG said that he and AP had started talking to members who he felt might be willing to serve on the new committee.</p>	MC DG/AP
	<p>c) Lost Trophies GB asked if anyone was able to contact Ian Sinclair to see if he could help her locate some lost trophies.</p>	GB/JC2
17	Date of next meeting	
	Next meeting 29 October.	
18	Closure of the Meeting	
	DG closed the meeting at 3.10 pm.	

Mark Collingwood

24 October 2016