

GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

SATURDAY, 10th October, 2015

Days Inn Jct27-28 M6 Northbound, PR7 5LR

PRESENT: D Greenhalgh, M Collingwood, P Bowmer, A Penny, S Parry, G Knox, D Rowlands, S Brown (SB1), G Beddow, S Boyle (SB2), C Saunders, J Courtney (JC2)

APOLOGIES: Hugh Brazier, Martin Stanley, Paul O'Neill, Vicky Ford, Eleanor Davies, Stewart Elder, Gareth Morris, Jon Close (JC), Laura McFarland (Secretary Irish Assoc.)

		ACTION
1	Chairman's Welcome	
2	To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting.	
3	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (25 April, 2015)</p> <p>Matters Arising, not considered as part of this agenda.</p> <p>a) Julie to send full list of members to all Area Reps</p> <p>b) SB2 to investigate the status of the Associations Euro Account.</p> <p>c) Traveller Levy payments were discussed. It was agreed that levies collected should be sent to the office and not held by individuals. SB and JC2 to discuss how to do this for the Southern Travellers.</p> <p>d) DR reported on the Boon Moulds that had been sold to Ovington and then sold to SP Boats.</p> <p>e) MC gave an update from the AGM:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The change of name to 'International GP14 Class Association' was accepted. MC asked that we all start to change our document headings, website etc.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. The proposal to remove the setting of maximum prices was rejected by members. MC reported that there was much approval from those present at the AGM for the committee to decide what, if any, maximum equipment prices should be set and MC to draft a motion accordingly for the committee to discuss.</p> <p>f) It was agreed that the 2016 AGM would be at Pwhelli and that we should hold a members' forum at Barbados.</p> <p>To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 25 April, 2015 Proposed: SP, Seconded: AP. All in favour.</p> <p>Redaction Comment from 13g to be redacted.</p>	<p align="center">JC2 SB2</p> <p align="center">SB/JC2</p> <p align="center">All</p> <p align="center">MC</p> <p align="center">DG/GB</p> <p align="center">MC</p>

4.	<p>Committee & Sub Committee Appointment DG announced the following appointments:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 40%;">Role</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Name</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="2">Nominated Roles:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Past President</td> <td>Graham Knox</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Past President</td> <td>David Rowlands</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chief Measurer</td> <td>Jon Close.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Finance & General Purposes Committee:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>President (Chair)</td> <td>Duncan Greenhalgh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>Ann Penny</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>Stephen Parry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Paul Bowmer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Mark Collingwood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assistant Secretary (Co-opted)</td> <td>Vicky Ford.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Technical & Rules:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>David Rowlands</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chief Measurer</td> <td>Jon Close</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Irish Measurer</td> <td>J McKee</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Gareth Morris.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Championship Committee 1 (Including Barbados):</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Gill Beddow</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Bev Hatley</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Eleanor Davies</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mike Senior</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Michelle Evans.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Championship Committee 2 (From Barbados):</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Gill Beddow</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Michelle Evans</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Graham Flynn</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Sue Konczyk</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Paul Owen</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Dave Pickering.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Training & Coaching:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Mark Collingwood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Training Coordinator</td> <td>Eleanor Davis</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Adam McGovern</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mark Fleming</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Promotions & Media:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Ann Penny</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Steve Parry</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Seonaid Young</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Sam Watson</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lewis Coppinger.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Cruising & Vintage (Non racing)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Stewart Elder</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vintage Representative</td> <td>Gareth Morris</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Zara Turtle</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Ed Washington.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">International Branches</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Stephen Boyle</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>All other branch Presidents.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Association Assets & Historical</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>David Rowlands</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Trustees.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Website & Social Media</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Role	Name	Nominated Roles:		Past President	Graham Knox	Past President	David Rowlands	Chief Measurer	Jon Close.	Finance & General Purposes Committee:		President (Chair)	Duncan Greenhalgh	Vice President	Ann Penny	Vice President	Stephen Parry	Treasurer	Paul Bowmer	Secretary	Mark Collingwood	Assistant Secretary (Co-opted)	Vicky Ford.	Technical & Rules:		Chair	David Rowlands	Chief Measurer	Jon Close	Irish Measurer	J McKee		Gareth Morris.	Championship Committee 1 (Including Barbados):		Chair	Gill Beddow		Bev Hatley		Eleanor Davies		Mike Senior		Michelle Evans.	Championship Committee 2 (From Barbados):		Chair	Gill Beddow		Michelle Evans		Graham Flynn		Sue Konczyk		Paul Owen		Dave Pickering.	Training & Coaching:		Chair	Mark Collingwood	Training Coordinator	Eleanor Davis		Adam McGovern		Mark Fleming	Promotions & Media:		Chair	Ann Penny		Steve Parry		Seonaid Young		Sam Watson		Lewis Coppinger.	Cruising & Vintage (Non racing)		Chair	Stewart Elder	Vintage Representative	Gareth Morris		Zara Turtle		Ed Washington.	International Branches		Chair	Stephen Boyle		All other branch Presidents.	Association Assets & Historical		Chair	David Rowlands		Trustees.	Website & Social Media		
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5	<p>F&G Minutes from 14/4/15, 12/5/15, 09/06/15, 14/07/15 and 18/08/15 Matters arising from these minutes, not considered as part of this agenda.</p> <p>DR asked whether we had put a team into the Battle of Classes. DG said no and explained that as a cost saving we had agreed only to provide (limited) support for the Endeavour race and that at AP had approached several of our top pairs, but there was no interest.</p> <p>GB said that we had not put a team into the Endeavour race. No-one remembered receiving an invitation. MC to find out why.</p> <p>SB2 queried why the Irish youth membership fees were discussed. PB explained that complimentary youth membership had been offered to those who attended the Irish Association youth training which had made calculation of the capitation fee more complicated, but reported the fee had now been agreed.</p> <p>To accept the Minutes of the meeting of 25 April, 2015 Proposed: DR, Seconded: CS. All in favour</p>		MC
6	<p>Treasurer's Report a) 2014/15 PB Reported:</p> <p><u>Income</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, income is £2000 under budget, because of shortfalls in membership subscription, and championship events. The championship events figure is still to be fully reconciled, but part of the reason is due to Endeavour Trophy costs with no income, and subsidised Youths Championship entry. There has been excellent support from the Championship Committee and from Gill in particular to manage events budgets. It is important to maintain focus on recruiting / retaining members to the class, providing value from money for members, because we will inevitably lose 5% to 10% of members each year. • Our income from Royalties is up, partly because we no longer pay out royalty to Jack Holt Ltd. • Income from sail labels, advertising revenue and insurance commission are all close to planned amounts, however it is important to recognise the efforts of Stephen Parry in encouraging advertisers to the class. The insurance scheme is very important to our finances and should continue to be promoted. <p><u>Expenditure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, expenditure is under control and the Committee's effort in saving unnecessary costs has significantly improved. Although the cost savings initiative is no longer a live project, we continue to challenge all costs for added value to the class. One of the reasons for underspend is because we did not spend for specific items budgeted. These include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training (circa £1000 underspent) ○ Barbados Worlds planning – budget transferred to 2016 ○ Promotion budget - £1000. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been some useful savings in the production of Mainsail, now that it's done in-house (£1000 saving) and Dinghy Show expenses due to a fantastic effort securing sponsorship and advertising from supporters to the class (£1200 saving) <p><u>Questions</u></p> <p>SB2 asked for confirmation of the current total number of Irish members.</p> <p>DR asked if any Reserves would be required. PB said he saw no immediate requirement. In fact he felt it might be possible to transfer some money to Reserves and he would review this again after the Membership Direct Debits had been received.</p> <p>b) 2016 Budget PB said he is preparing the 2016 budget and asked for input from those expecting to spend money next year to help him prepare an accurate budget.</p> <p>c) Cash Flow PB said the current cash flow is healthy despite of it being boosted by Barbados container deposits which will be paid out before 31/12/2015.</p> <p>d) Trustee Direction Following a meeting with Mike Senior and discussion at F&G, PB is proposing that the follow motion:</p> <p>The Committee approves that Trustees should maintain 25% of Trustee Funds in a short term deposit account, 25% in a term account, accessible within 12 months and 50% of funds in a term account accessible within 3 years. The Treasurer and F&G will assist Trustees if necessary to determine the best available interest on these accounts. This direction should be reviewed annually, and there should be no capital risk taken.</p> <p>Proposed: PB, Seconded AP. All in Favour.</p> <p>DR agreed to discuss with the Trustees and make a specific proposal to F&G</p> <p>e) Office Administration PB reported that this December will mark the two year anniversary of our arrangement with Type-It. The F&G feels that the working relationship with Julie and her team is excellent and there has been a notable improvement in customer service in the last 2 years for our members. In 2016 we hope to continue to develop this relationship and make improvements to our membership facing activities including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainsail • Social media communications • Improvement to Sage Pay and our ability to pass on credit card charges to members • Web-site improvements (speed and content) with a new web hosting supplier • General communications to publicise Association activities <p>f) Maximum Equipment Prices PB proposed not to increase the maximum prices Proposed: DG, Seconded: GK. All in favour.</p> <p>g) SagePay PB reported that due to web server limitations Credit Card payments had still not been implemented yet. GK reported on regulations being sought to limit costs. PB to investigate</p>	<p>JC2</p> <p>PB</p> <p>All</p> <p>DR</p>
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	<p>Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report Proposed: CS, Seconded: GB. All in favour DG thanked PB</p>	PB
8	<p>Insurance Scheme Report a) GK reported 678 policies in the current year, v 655 last year. Claims were £16,775 & Euros 1,106. Underwriting will remain the same. However, insurance premium tax is going up, so there will be a slight increase in premium. b) PB asked if any benchmarking had been done to compare the scheme to other competitors. GK said generally the scheme gave us good commission and as we have a long-term relationship we are well looked after and receive good support for our events. GB had done some informal investigation of other schemes and although we pay no overseas excess generally other insurance companies charge.</p>	
9	<p>International a) SB gave a run-down of the events in Ireland during the year and particularly commented on the success of the Youth training. b) SP commented on the link with Mirrors, with a possibility to introducing in the England. Should also think about the 420 class as well. c) SB thought it might be a good idea to ask Shane to write an article on his training.</p>	SB
8	<p>Representatives Reports a) Midland Area – CB reported a good year with better turn-outs and that he is planning a Fleet Captains meeting on 7th Nov to discuss next year b) Southern Area – SB reported that turn-outs appear to be up and down and asked about training. DG suggested speaking to ED & MC. c) Northern Area – MS reported reasonably good turn outs. He has some concerns about there being too many travellers and is looking at other options. d) Scottish – PO reported by e-mail that Scottish areas were well attended, but there has been a problem with travellers having to be cancelled. e) Vintage/Classic (Non Sailing) –Ullswater very successful, but low GP14 turn out. Brixham went well. Plymouth for Cruising event next year. GB/GM to discuss Classic/Vintage on racing.</p> <p>DR suggested a more diplomatic approach with regards to the travellers, as clubs want to run these events and simply saying no can offend.</p> <p>DG gave a big thank you to area reps for their work.</p>	<p>CS SB GB/GM</p>

9	<p>Championship Matters and Minutes of Championship Committee 07/05/15, 14/06/15 & 14/07/15</p> <p>a) Review of 2015 and plans for 2016 season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB thanked Craftinsure for sponsoring series. • GB Reported that 2016 would be a short season with a ‘Super Six Series’ GP14. Levy to be kept at £3.00. GB proposed that the youth subsidy is formalised at: 50% reduction crew/helm, 25% just crew. All in favour • GB reported a Super Six Incentive was being considered by the Championship Committee (CC) so if you attend 5 you get the 6th free entry. All in favour. • GB requested a small budget for the distribution of the Super Six artwork, i.e. business cards, banner. DR proposed £250, Seconded: PB All in favour. • GB reported that to reduce her workload. Sue Konczyk is to look after Inlands & Masters. <p>b) Barbados</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB reported she attended a useful meeting with DR and Andrew Davies in Manchester. • Steve Parker has agreed to oversee any boat repairs. P&B to provide chandlery. • It was agreed that World Trophies should not be allowed to go to foreign visitors but must be returned to the UK. SB commented that Irish trophies do not leave the country. • GB confirmed that previous Bajan World Championship would be presented with write up and medals at the Opening Ceremony: (£132 each and included in £1000 budget) • GB said plans were being put in place to enable sailors to leave trailers after loading. • GB reported that the host club is responsible drawing-up Disaster Plans and that they had been told that we needed separate tallies for helm and crew. <p>c) Youth Championship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CC is looking at combining events because of poor entry, i.e. Masters/Youths. GB noted that the Irish allow a Youth to sail with an adult sailor and this too is to be discussed at committee. • GB said she had a request for July event, after the exams and is perhaps considering doing something with Mirrors or 420s. <p>d) Media Release Guidance This was warmly received and is to be put on member’s page of the website.</p> <p>Acceptance of the Championship Report Proposed: DG, Seconded: GK. All in favour</p>	<p>GB</p> <p>GB</p> <p>GB/PB</p> <p>GB</p> <p>GB</p> <p>GB</p> <p>GB/GB</p>
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<p>10</p>	<p>Technical & Rules</p> <p>a) T&R Meetings DR reported that no formal T&R meetings had been held and that T&R are not currently expecting to present any rule changes.</p> <p>b) Boat Checklist At Barbados each competitor will be expected to check their own boat and a checklist will be drawn-up. A service of weighing at clubs will be offered in January/Feb. DR to liaise with J McKee.</p> <p>c) Second-hand Boats for Barbados 14 boats boat have been bought by Andrew Davies for Barbados and need to be measured in advance to being shipped.</p> <p>d) Boat Inversion DR reported that streamlined masthead floats on the main sail had been discussed, that a neat device for the end of mast is required, possibly like one from Crewsaver (£75) or the one used on the of a Xenon. However, more investigation is still required.</p> <p>e) Discrepancies in age criteria for Championship events DR asked if the formats used for the championships was acceptable and asked for an feedback from members.</p> <p>f) Furling Genoa AP asked if you could race with a furling genoa. DR Confirmed this was allowed.</p> <p>g) Ageism DR proposed to standardise the rules for age categories for use next year. All agreed</p> <p>Acceptance of T&R Report Proposed: AP, Seconded: SP. All in favour.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>All</p> <p>DR</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Promotions</p> <p>a) Class Promotion report AP said that she had circulated a report to the committee which included the outcomes of the membership survey and progress being made if following up the priorities.</p> <p>b) Mast & Car Stickers AP reported that she is looking at a design and asked confirmation that this would be supported by the committee. All in favour.</p> <p>d) Drone Videos AP reported that she had looked at prices and so far they were prohibitively expensive.</p> <p>a) Log Book Plans still being developed.</p> <p>e) Dinghy show AP reported that plans are underway but that she is having trouble getting moulded boat as David Winder not very keen. It was agreed she should approach SP Boats.</p>	<p>AP</p> <p>AP</p> <p>AP</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Website & Social Media Communications PB reported that the first meeting had taken place on 2nd Sept and it was agreed that the key objective was to ensure robust web environment, web hosting, new web opportunities, and greater use of social media.</p> <p>Pat McVey – a GP14 sailor with a webhosting business - has offered his services and DG/PB to telephone him to confirm our interest and encourage him to come back with a</p>	

	<p>plan to migrate to a new server etc.</p> <p>PB reported that contact has been made with Simon Cox who runs our current web server. Transition costs to be approved by F&G before work begins.</p>	<p>DG/PB</p> <p>PB</p>
13	<p>Training & Coaching Committee</p> <p>MC reported:</p> <p>a) Training at Llandudno</p> <p>Plans in place for two coaches. Entry forms going out.</p> <p>b) 2016</p> <p>Plans for 2016 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 day training course in each area on the previous day of an Open Meeting • Youth training to be planned. • Ladies Training session at SSSC– date 30/07? <p>c) Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GK asked about funding from county sports partnerships. MC said he would investigate with Adam McGovern • DR asked if the links with Adam McGovern were strong enough so training is not duplicated with RYA. MC replied that yes but he had not asked the direct question, but that opportunity to provide RYA funded coaching has still be been properly investigated. • GK asked whether a full Plas Menai style event was possible in 2016 and there was much support for this. GB mentioned that often a different top GP sailor went each day to support the training. • DG asked SB2 if he expected here would be youth training in Ireland and if so he send the request for funding to PB to help him draw-up an accurate 2016 budget. 	<p>MC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>SB2</p>
14	<p>Class Development - Boat Design</p> <p>As a result of feedback from the Membership Survey DR presented a short summary of recent design changes.</p> <p>a) Sails – Trialled different sail plans without success. No plans to move away from laminates and woven sails or introduce larger spinnakers.</p> <p>b) Hull – No significant development, just minor design alterations. Weight: material being used now can be 30kgs lighter and up to 15kg of correction is being added in modern boats. The issue with reducing weight impacts on the older wooden boats, but he noted that we could introduce boat age related handicaps as other classes have done. MC suggested a reduction in weight could be announced for several years hence. 105 kg was suggested.</p> <p>DR said that discussions were required with the boat builders and trials needed to be conducted before putting this to an AGM. PB suggested maybe we could agree that such boats could be used for training, whatever the outcome, to encourage the builders to participate in the trial. DR to discuss with T&R and report back.</p> <p>DR was concerned that should news of the discussions/trials spread through the fleet we need to manage queries carefully and make sure we emphasise the message that they are discussions/trials and no decision has been or can be made without discussions/trials</p> <p>c) Builders - We only have Winders, SP Boats, Duffin & Harper: DR said ideally we need other manufacturers.</p> <p>d) Fittings - A trial has been carried out using high strength braid as an alternative to</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>wire rope for the standing rigging. This proved unsuccessful due to stretching of the braid and the trial has ended.</p> <p>e) Mast top buoyancy – under consideration (as reported above)</p> <p>DG Thanked DR for preparing his report</p>	
16	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>a) Next Irish Worlds</p> <p>SB asked about the cycle of World Championships in Ireland and GB stated the next Irish Worlds would be in 2020.</p>	
17	<p>Date of next meeting: 23 January Days Inn Jct27-28 M6 Northbound Mill Ln, Chorley PR7 5LR (30 January was agreed at the meeting but this has since changed)</p>	
18	<p>Close of the meeting</p> <p>DG thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey.</p>	