

Minutes of the Poole Yacht Club Handicap Class Meeting

Held on 25th January 2016

Present:

David Evans
Bob Holdway
Graham Wallen
Tony Sawyer
Peter Harlow
Chris Greetham
Mark Reynell
Chris Playfair
Ian Hart
Simon Philbrick (AOB only)

1. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

The minutes of the 2015 meeting were agreed as accurate. DE has completed his two actions. DE will continue to provide timely reminders ahead of planned races and events. He will specifically remind the class when Cup races are approaching and provide a description of the event.

2. Class Representative Election

It was agreed unanimously that the following roles and nominees should be accepted for the 2016 season:

Class Captain (formal class rep and attending sailing committee): David Evans

Class Vice-Captain (deputising for class captain as needed and preparing to take on Captain role in 2017): Bob Holdway

Class Treasurer (maintain class account and bank account): Graham Wallen

Class results leader (calculating and publishing): Tony Sawyer

Admin of trophies: David Evans

Organising Dinghy show trip: Tony Sawyer

Organising skittles evening: Graham Wallen

Contender open meeting organiser: David Evans

Bob, Graham and Tony were thanked for their hard work in 2015 which underpinned a successful and fun year.

3. Review of Class Expenditure and Income

GW provided the following data:

Balance Jan 2014:	£1050
Balance Jan 2015:	£1230
Balance 17 Nov 2015	£1392

3.1 2015 Expenditure and Income

Engraving	£90
Skittles	£100
Dinghy Show	£30
Prize winners	£140(7x£20)

2015 income from the return of a proportion of race fees: £270

3.2 2016 Expenditure

The meeting agreed the following expenditure for 2016:

- a) £20 to the winner of a series using personal handicaps. Applies to Monday series, Thursday series and the first race of Saturday series. Limited to one win per person each season. Max financial exposure 9x£20. Should an Osprey win on Monday or Saturday the Osprey class shall fund the award.
- b) 100% of race fees for participants under 25 years of age. Financial exposure not known. 100% return of race fees once the under 25 has demonstrated an enduring commitment.
- c) Training days: hire of ribs etc.
- d) Trophy engraving, skittles and the Dinghy Show.

4. Review of Racing and the Handicap System

BH gave a comprehensive review of the 2015 season. All agreed that the hard work by BH and TS to calculate personal handicap results was worthwhile and encouraged racers. Action TS/BH to continue please.

The PYC PY results indicated that we are all sailing close to our predicted PY numbers indicating our course selection methodology was working. We agreed to continue with the course selection policy we used in 2014 and 2015, which is:

- a) Majority of courses Triangle sausage format
- b) To select a balance of longer and shorter courses. Thursday night (Osprey class race day) may be good night for shorter courses. Shorter courses are also more appropriate when the wind is expected to fade.

5. Review of Racing(to inform the 2017 programme)

We agreed to review the participation and conduct of the 2016 trophy races. We agreed that we should propose an 'open meeting style' top triangle weekend (3 races a day) with a committee start and finish.

6. Off-water Events

- a) GW is organising the skittle event for 2nd March
- b) TS is organising the Dinghy Show visit.

7. Safety Issues

The PYC sailing safety issue process was discussed. The 2016 requirement to carry Tow ropes was understood. The need to avoid 'navigational issues' with commercial craft was recognised. The conduct and hazards of conducting mixed dinghy / keelboat (R19) racing was discussed.

8. Issues for the PYC Sailing and Racing Forum(26th Jan 2016)

- a) We agreed that it would be good to conduct joint racing with Parkstone YC including barts bash 2016
- b) We agreed that the payment of race fees may be a disincentive and should be reviewed
- c) We agreed that the payment of race fees for every boat you owned may also be a disincentive
- d) We are delighted to sail on Wednesday night to encourage the transition to other club racing
Action: CF to co-ord with Mark
- e) We recommend some club enhancements to further encourage younger families without disturbing other club members:
 - Introduce a safe play capability
 - Improve the nappy changing facilities downstairs (introduce upstairs)
 - The park is relatively close but consider some low risk children amusements inside the wire
- f) We have agreed to fully support the 'Tracey plan':
 - i) Will demo boats etc on Wednesday
 - ii) Mentor and take sailing or racing on Saturday and Mondays as required
 - iii) Work with other fleets GP14 dayboats etc to welcome the sailors

- iv) Minimise race fees for under 25s who regularly join in
- v) Establish the need for a club sponsored training boat(e.g. retain the Topper 16 training boat or propose the acquisition of a higher performance boat?). Handicap class members could oversee the use of this training boat
- vi) Continue to support the new members day.

9. AOB

None.

10. List of Actions

10.1 TS/BH to continue with PH calculations

10.2 CF to co-ordinate Wednesday demo sails with Mark

11. Post Meeting Note

All the issues and proposals recorded in paragraphs 5 and 8 above were raised at the PYC sail and racing forum held on 26 Jan 16. A hard copy was passed to Tim Edom (RC sailing) and the assistant sailing secretary. Notes from the forum will be circulated for comment before a review at the next sailing meeting on 8 Feb 16.

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