

Minutes of Poole Yacht Club Handicap Class Meeting 5th February 2014

Present:

Richard Devereux

Tony Sawyer

Stuart Swann

David Evans

Mark Reynell

Bob Holdway

Graham Wallen

Dave Ching

Richard and Emma Hattersley

1. Class Representative Election

It was agreed unanimously that the proposal of roles and nominees, issued with the meeting agenda, should be accepted for the 2014 season.

Class Captain (formal rep for the class, attending sailing committee) – Richard Devereux

Class Vice-Captain (deputising for the class captain as needed, preparing to take on class captain role in a later year, administering the trophies) – David Evans

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

Class Results (calculating and publishing) – Bob Holdway

Organising Dinghy Show Trip – Tony Sawyer

Organising Skittles Evening – Graham Wallen

Graham was thanked for his many years of service to the class as captain. RD confirmed he only wished to take on the captain role for the one season.

2. Class Funds

GW confirmed the numbers:

Balance - £1231.84

2013 income - £337.80

2013 expenditure, engraving - £88

Skittles ev - £94

Dinghy sh - £33

Total - £215

Currently, the class continues to accrue an increasing surplus. It was agreed the meeting would establish a list of options of additional initiatives and expenditure, to be put to the full class for a vote by email. Agreed options as follows:

- (A) Training & Devt, including hire of club RIBs (a few £10's max)
- (B) Holding a Try a Boat day in the summer with complimentary food and drink (approx £50)
- (C) Prizes for Personal Handicap Scoring (approx £50)

- (D) Prizes for Participation (approx £50)
- (E) Special prize to be raffled at Skittles Evening for race fee payers only (approx £30)
- (F) Subsidised Meal to be held after the annual class meeting and prize-giving (approx £100)
- (G) Purchase of a GoPro video camera (approx £200)

It was agreed RD would circulate the above list with the minutes. Class members to choose their preferred order. It was agreed the current expenditure items will continue for the foreseeable future.

It was agreed that the class would provide and pay for a thankyou to Margie Wallen at the annual skittles evening for putting on such a great event. (Flowers for around £20)

3. Race Courses

Dave Best attended the meeting to represent the interest of Osprey sailors in this item.

Bob Holdway confirmed some stats:

- Of the 72 races scheduled, 58 were sailed, of which 38 were available to Ospreys
- Of the 384 individual boat start race attempts,
 - o 148 were assym spin boats
 - o 120 were non-spinnaker boats
 - o 116 were symm spin boats

Following a long debate on the best courses to satisfy fairly the diversity of participating boats, to be used when channel courses are not required due to high enough tide, the following 3 options were concluded and voted upon:

- Olympic course, for 7, against 3
- Triangles, wing mark optional, for 5, against 5
- Alternating triangles and w/l, for 3, against 7

The Olympic Course option was the winner and will be used for the 2014 season. Average lap scoring will continue to be used for channel courses and could be used for Olympic courses, if sufficient numbers of combined triangles and sausages take place, although the latter is probably unlikely. We will review the success of this change at the end of the 2014 season.

It was agreed the Class Officers will set the course on race days, consulting with sailors.

It was pointed out that the SI's do allow for the use of a temporary race mark to be laid.

4. Volunteering and Duties

The situation is still ongoing and further details will be circulated once the new system is established. The boat owner, who pays the race fee, should expect to be allocated around 1-2 duties per season.

5. Frostbite Series

The GP14 class is trying to establish a new, frostbite racing series to be run during the period January to March. There is a desire to pilot this in 2015. Anyone interested from our class should contact Tony.

6. Dinghy Show Trip

Tony will circulate an email to organise. Those driving get a free ticket and fuel paid. Passengers buy their own ticket and make a contribution to the cost of drivers. Class provides a subsidy.

7. Dinghies blocked by parking cars

RD summarised issue. Has been raised at Sailing Committee where it was well supported, and passed on to the General Committee for remedial action. Results to be circulated when known.

8. Preferred evening for racing

SW asked if we can poll which of Mon or Thurs is most preferable for class members, to seek to concentrate a best possible regular turnout. RD agreed this could be included in the poll with the expenditure vote. So, if plan to race on both nights, or happy to attend either, vote "MT", if one or other is preferable, vote "M" or "T" only.

9. Dinghy Park layout and boat tie-downs.

RD summarised situation. More news to be circulated once decided.

GW reminded everyone that the skittles evening takes place on Tuesday 18th March.

RD, 20th Feb 2014