

Minutes of Poole Yacht Club Handicap Class Meeting

13 January 2015

Present:

Richard Devereux
David Evans
Dave Best
Tony Sawyer
Stuart Swan
James Mitchell
Mark Reynell
Bob Holdway
Graham Wallen
Dave Ching
Richard Hattersley - for AoB

1. Class Representative Election

It was agreed unanimously that the following roles and nominees should be accepted for the 2015 season:

Class Captain (formal rep for the class, attending sailing committee) – David Evans

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

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

Class Results (calculating and publishing) – Weekdays Tony Sawyer and Weekends James Mitchell

Administration of Trophies - David Evans

Organising Dinghy Show Trip – Tony Sawyer

Organising Skittles Evening – Graham Wallen

Contender Open meeting organiser - David Evans

Richard was thanked for his significant work as Class Captain during the last few seasons. His extensive understanding of club administration and management make him the perfect person to provide advice, if required, during following seasons.

2. Review Of Class expenditure and income

GW confirmed the numbers:

Balance £1050.00 (at Jan 2014) and £1230.00 (at Jan 2015)

2014 expenditure: Engraving £90 Skittles £104 race prizes £ 2x25 Dinner subs £ 3x15 Dinghy show £38

Total - £327

Anticipated income during 2015 season: £290

The meeting agreed to use funding during 2015 as we had in 2014, as shown above and to consider additional expenditure based on the 2014 online vote, plus 2015 AGM proposals. A minimum in year balance of £500 was agreed.

2014 results in approximate priority order:

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

2015 proposals:

- £20 to the winner of a series using personal handicaps. Applies to Monday and Thursday Series and first race on Saturday series. Limited to one win per person each season. This equates to a maximum expenditure of £ 9x 20.

- 50% race fees for participants under 25 years of age. Financial exposure not known. 50% return of race fees once the under 25 has demonstrated an enduring commitment.

- Training days - hire of ribs etc.

- open invitations with social events

Post meeting note:

The meeting approved expenditure in 2015 for all the items above except (D), (F) and (G).

3. Review of racing and handicap systems

BH briefed the meeting on the following:

Participation.

- race stats show that a number of boats race just a few times.
- DE to contact each of the above and ask why? And how can we improve turn out?
- DE will also send out timely reminders ahead of planned races and events

Personal handicaps.

- the meeting welcomed this initiative, thanked Bob and wished them to continue
- the calculation process was reviewed and agreed for the same process to continue.
- it was agreed that all races should have results calculated initially using the Portsmouth yardstick handicap process and then a second set of results produced using the personal handicap process.
- £20 to be claimed by the personal handicap winner of the following series. Monday (3), Thursday (3) and first race Saturday (3). No more than one win per season.

Courses.

- The meeting agreed to continue with the choice of courses used in 2014. Therefore the majority of courses will be of the triangle and sausage format.
- it was agreed to select a balance of longer and shorter courses. Thursday night, when the Ospreys have their own start, may be a good night for shorter courses. Shorter courses are also more appropriate when the wind is expected to fade.

4. Dinghy Show Trip

Tony will circulate an email to organise. Like 2014, 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.

5. Other Class Events

- In addition to the club Regatta and the Contender and Osprey open meetings it was proposed to hold an open event to attract visitors. The Invitation would be enhanced with a social event.
- Training days were recommended. SS kindly said that 'By request' that boats could join in with the laser class training days or if the boats were incompatible use the same on water facilities. laser training planned for 5 Apr, 3 and 31 May and 23 August 2015.

6. Any other Business

- RH proposed that the Handicap fleet should fund the PYC membership for selected Olympic dinghy sailors to enhance the reputation of the club. The meeting thought that this was similar to an Honorary Membership scheme and therefore should be raised at Club rather than dinghy fleet level. It was recommended that RH discuss the concept with RD.

- it was recommended that a 50% reduction in race fees for under 25 year olds would encourage younger sailors to participate.

- Poole week is being re-invigorated. Separate starts when you have 6 or more boats in a class. The event was recommended and is planned for 23 - 28 August.

DE closed the meeting wishing all a good sailing season.

DE dated. 19 January 2015