

Hansa Class UK

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Charity Registered Number 1165467

The 2022 Annual General Meeting

2022 Annual General Meeting of Hansa Class UK was held on
Wednesday 24th August 2022 at 7.00pm ONLINE using the ZOOM.

Minutes

Total Number of full members present = 15

Email votes received = 0

Proxy votes received = 0

1a. Attendees: Ivor Barrett, David Durston, Paul Pearson, Paul Phillips, Mike Everitt, Pat Crowley, Lindsay Burns, James Woosnam, Kim Davies, David Lebec, Tom Hepburn, Steve Sawford, Ron Sawford, Rory McKinna, Rob Boyd.

1b. Apologies: None.

2. Chair's Welcome

David welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them all for coming.

3. Minutes of 2021 AGM and Matters Arising.

The minutes were proposed by Ivor Barrett and seconded by David Durston as a true and accurate record of the 2021 AGM. There were no matters arising

4. Chair's Report To receive a report from the Chair of the board of Trustees for Hansa Class UK

The 2021 Annual report was circulated with the Notice of AGM. The report was unanimously accepted by the members present. For the full report **see Appendix 1**

David added:

It's good to see that our sailing programme is close to being back to where we were before Covid with only one TT event lost to date. David thanked Ron and all our host clubs for all the work they had put into achieving this.

We held our 2022 UK Nationals at Carsington, and David thanked the Carsington team, and all involved in making it such a successful event.

David thanked Ivor, Steve K, Mike, and Ron for their work in the boat booking team, which has ensured the fair and efficient allocation of six rig 303s to our members at all our racing events this year. He also thanked our driver group volunteers for getting the sailor support 6 boat Rig to all our racing events this year, Ron and Steve organising, with drivers, Steve & Claire, Peter & Lynn, Tim & Rachael, Ben, Nevil and Burnie.

We had a successful international competition at the 2021 Hansa Worlds - Palermo – Sicily - 2nd - 9th October 2021. We are developing a group interested in attending the Hansa Worlds in Portimao in October 2023 to include a container, training, and coach support.

David thanked Pete Conway for volunteering his time to coach our sailors at the Carsington Nationals and other TT events. This coaching is paying off in raising the performance of our sailors

99% sure there will be an Advanced / Intermediate level training event at Weymouth in late September.

5. Treasurer's Report: To receive a presentation of the 2021 Annual Accounts from the treasurer and to receive and approve the accounts of Hansa Class UK for the period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021:

Paul presented the Accounts using the following slide presentation: for details follow this link and see pages 3 to 5 of the power point slide show Hansa Class UK AGM: [Power Point Slides to be used in the 2022 AGM](#)

a. **Resolution 1:** It is proposed that the accounts of Hansa Class UK presented by the Treasurer are accepted and approved by the Members.

a. The result of the vote was as follows:
For = 14. Against = 0. Abstained = 1. (The Treasurer) The resolution was therefore carried

5. Election of Trustees: There are no resignations from or new nominations to the Board of Trustees. All Trustees are willing to continue in their current roles.

a. It was proposed by Ivor Barrett and seconded by Ron Sawford that all Trustees be accepted to continue in their current roles and the meeting be asked to ratify this by a vote

i. The result of the vote was as follows: For = 15. Against = 0. Abstained = 0. The resolution was therefore carried

6. Elections to the Management Committee:

There is one retirement from the Management Committee – Moira Campbell. There were no new nominations. The committee will continue for a further year.

a. Paul asked that we analyse the make up of the committee. It was agreed to do this as part of the working together initiative,

7. Hansa Class UK – Working Together: The Trustees and Management Committee are keen to continue all current activities of HCUK but need to spread the workload wider to ensure these activities remain sustainable. Please read the accompanying document “Hansa Class UK – Working Together” which will form the basis for discussion. **See Appendix 2**

After a full discussion it was agreed to take this forward as a priority, David will lead this.

8. AOB:

a. 2023 Hansa Worlds Portimao: David said we are trying to get a team to this event including coach boats, support boats and are working with all who are interested in going to raise the money needed to do this. The three projects that are being planned are a sponsored triathlon-based event by Lara Sturgis, using a hand bike, swimming and cycling and we are organising a prize draw for two lovely paintings that were given to Lara by Henry Fraser, a very accomplished mouth painting artist. David asked that help promoting these to any of our contacts, philanthropic companies or sailors that may sponsor them would be appreciated. The third is from Tessa who lives near Wimbledon and has some parking space that she will let and donate all she raises to this project.

b. Pat asked if we had any feedback about the Multiclass that he could put to a meeting he was at later in the week. After a discussion we agreed that there was a lot less sailing than with the previous format at Weymouth 2018. That the part young sailors had played did not seem to be even noticed by RYA which seemed very contrary to current aims of attracting new sailors into the sport. We agreed that Pat could put this forward at his meeting.

c. Pat pointed out that in the 303 fleet there was now a very wide spread of sailor skills, from elite to novice and it was very discouraging for the novice sailors. He asked, could we divide the fleet into gold and silver fleets using the same start to encourage novice sailors to compete. The idea got a lot of support and it was agreed to put this on the agenda of our next Management Committee meeting,

These minutes are a true and accurate record of the Hansa Class UK 2022 AGM.

Signed - Trustee 1 Date

Signed – Trustee 2 Date

Appendix 1:

Hansa Class UK Annual Report January 1st – December 31st, 2021

Over the winter months at the start and end of 2021, Hansa Class UK continued running Virtual Regatta events for those who were interested, meeting simultaneously on zoom. This gave people an opportunity to interact out of season and keep their hand in with sailing tactics and strategies. We regularly attracted up to 18 sailors who enjoyed the competition and banter.

The start of 2021 saw the start of the vaccination programme and continued uncertainty over restrictions on movements and gatherings. With many volunteers and sailors being vulnerable, many clubs remained cautious. We put together a speculative programme of events, outlining necessary assessments and adjustments that could be made so that risks were minimised for participants and volunteers. Only two of the planned events had to be cancelled, meaning that 8 Traveller events took place, although some opted for slightly modified formats to make them more manageable. In total 71 sailors took part over the series.

July 31st to the 1st of August saw the return to the Hansa National Championships at Rutland Sailing Club. Numbers were slightly down on pre pandemic seasons, with 30 boats attending. Competition was fierce across the fleets, but off the water there was a good opportunity to start enjoying distanced socialising again.

To avoid close contact the AGM was carried out by zoom later in August. This format appears to be more inclusive and popular, not interfering with proceedings at the event, hence it was decided to adopt this approach for 2022. A key outcome from the AGM was the decision to introduce a membership fee of £10 which would be implemented from March 2022.

Over the season we ran 3 Fun Regattas aimed at new sailors and volunteers to get into Hansas in a less competitive environment. One event was run at Whitefriars, with two more being held at a new venue for us, the Midland Sailing Club in Birmingham. This was a collaboration between the club, RYA coaching, and Hansa providing the boats. The Hansa van and 6 boat rig was used throughout the season to great effect. Sailors who have found it difficult to get boats to events, or who don't own their own boats were able to participate. We are very grateful to the volunteers who transported the boats, and to those who helped with the rigging and loading.

The pandemic continued to affect travel throughout 2021, and a decision was made to not support a GB team to attend the Hansa World Championships in Palermo, Sicily. It was deemed to be too much of a risk regarding the necessary investment for the transportation of boats. However, closer to the event, World Sailing agreed to transport the boats to help with their development programme. This enabled some GB sailors to attend and achieve 2 podium places; Rory McKinna was 3rd in the 303 fleet, as was Paul Philips in a Liberty.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees David Durston Chairman

Appendix 2:

Hansa Class UK - Working Together

At present we have 5 Trustee positions who are responsible for the delivery of the HCUK objectives, compliance, and acting in the best interests of the charity at all times.

On top of these responsibilities, these 5 people sit on the Management Committee alongside 9 other volunteers.

Over the last few years HCUK have increased the services that we provide for our members, the 6-boat rig, training, and supporting international events. Many of these activities have been taken on by just a few people, which is not sustainable.

We have looked at the tasks that are needed in order to continue with everything that we deliver. None of the roles requires committee attendance, but how reporting is fed back can be discussed.

Ron has for over 20 years managed all the tasks listed in the Events section, but now has to hand this over. He is happy to mentor people through the transition. We are enormously grateful to Ron, without whom Hansa Class UK, would not exist. Finding people for these roles is essential to our future.

Please look to see how you can be part of the team to make things happen. You will be supported by the relevant Trustee:

Events Team

Calendar - Compiling a suitable calendar of events across the UK.

Club management (established clubs) - Supporting clubs who are delivering an event.

Prizes – Ensuring that all HCUK trophies are ready for presentation at the Nationals, Multiclass, and final TT.

Event representative(s) – Representing Hansa at events to work with the club's race team.

Results administrator – Keep results up to date on Sailwave.

Site development – Liaise with clubs and develop future sites for hosting events.

Membership/Fleet Management services team

Membership system & comms - Maintaining membership system

Rig/Fleet Management (Central) - Ensure that the Hansa Fleet is maintained, and relevant administration completed.

Rig Management (logistics) - Managing bookings and the team of volunteers required to provide the rig at events.

Sailing Team

Sailor representation - Ensuring that the needs of our sailor membership are being met.

Technical - Delivering standards across the fleets, and international representation.

Performance – Improving standards and support through working with a team of ambitious sailors.

Marketing/PR - Managing the outward image and communication of the HCUK service and benefits

Fundraising - Working with a fundraising agency, and furthering alternative sources of income, to enable all activities to proceed.

Trustees and Management Committee

Hansa Class UK

9th August 2022
