

# HCUK Management Committee Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ 6pm via Zoom

## Minutes

**Present:** David Durston, Philip Hall, Lindsay Burns, Andy Sheath, Ivor Barrett, Moira Campbell, Paul Phillips, Mike Everitt, Pat Crowley, Rory McKinna, Ron Sawford.

1. **Welcome:** David Durston welcomed all those present (see above) to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received from John Figgures and Steve Sawford.
3. **Minutes of last committee meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021** These were approved without further amendment
4. **Matters arising** There were no matters arising that were not already included in the agenda for this meeting.
5. **Fun Regatta Progress:** David has spoken to Joff and Brett and support for the fun regattas is unlikely because the sailors they wish to attract are unlikely to be at racing level. They favour a system where RYA run events to attract people into sailing and from this be a feeder into our HCUK racing events. RYA will gauge the need for this at the dinghy show. Our part in the RYA events would be to provide our 6-boat rig as a resource to them. This arrangement will allow us to concentrate on providing racing. And it would also reduce our financial needs. **We decided not to add any fun regattas to our 2022 programme and review it at the end of the year.**
6. **North/Scotland project:** David has spoken to Matthew Daly, Bolton sailability who has taken on a role of supporting clubs into racing so time may be right to get the planned Scotland/Northern rig project moving to support his work. After a full discussion it was decided that a “flexible trailer” (i.e., a trailer that can **also** be used to transport two Libertys when needed) with two boats. **David and Paul will progress this**
7. **Scotland Training:** Moira is planning an advanced training event in Scotland for 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March, she has four participants confirmed and a couple more interested, Rory suggested holding it at Bardowie where they can use their boats. They have Anya as a coach and are looking for a head coach, RYA Scotland have offered a grant of £200 to help fund the event. Rory will ask Bardowie and keep David, Paul and Ron copied in on that. Also, when the event is more certain Moira will put something together for Ron to readvertise it to our members. **The planning for this is ongoing and Moira will keep us informed.**
8. **Intermediate/Advanced training:**
  - a. David reported that Paul has spoken to Brett about us employing him for training us for international events, Anya can probably step in too. The fundraising for international events may fit into this heading too. Lindsay pointed out that most Euros and worlds were on the sea or estuaries, but we really lack sea training. Weymouth would be a good venue for sea training. Phil said to book an event at the WAPNSA in 2023 we would need to start talking to them now. Paul told us that two Frensham volunteers had visited a sailability group at Lymington and he would get some feedback from them and report back. **David and Paul will progress this.**
  - b. Re our idea of adding advanced training/coaching elements to some of our TT racing events such as video + post-race analysis: Paul suggested that we try this at just one event to see how it goes. Anya has expressed an interest in helping with this. David mentioned a Whitefriars member who is a retired international coach who may help too, particularly if the TT chosen was Whitefriars, **David will take this forward.**
9. **Corporate Direct – progress/Charity Fundraising Ltd:** Phil has spoken to Tanzin in order to push down the cap on costs overall. She has looked at the grouped five-year projection, but she needs us to put in more

figures before they can agree to work with that cap. She wants more things itemized but Phil thinks that itemizing would emphasize the extra we would need to ask for to the potential funder and that would be a disincentive to them. There are three major Projects which are:

- a. Developing racing at new sites. This is now on hold
- b. Running the rig, the racing, and the association
- c. Getting training courses going

**Action: David and Phil will look at the figures. Phil will also check what the £10,000 (from Feb 2021) can be used for.**

10. **Membership System, Next Steps:** Ivor reported that all is now set up and ready to implement. Next Steps:

- a. Ivor will put together a cover email and distribute it to the members using his membership secretary email address book.

11. **Racing Support Team:** Potential Fundraising for Hansa Worlds 2023. Paul has circulated an invitation to join this group to all sailors that have previously taken part in overseas events (or might be interested in doing so in future and Rory has offered to help. David, Paul, and Rory have had a couple of meetings and believe there is merit in proceeding. They will therefore progress this:

- a. Regarding fundraising it seems that the most likely means would be to attract sponsors as finding grants for this type of project is difficult.
- b. It has been decided that as a first step they will work towards funding some coaching activities this year.

12. **RYA Conference/Boat show:**

- a. **Conference tickets:** (we have two) can be applied for by any who would like to go. Please let David know.
- b. **The boat show:** All Sailability groups will be together on the RYA Sailability Stand. **Steve S and Andy and Ivor will coordinate our HCUK display/activity.**

13. **AOB:**

- a. Phil told us of the sad news that Tim Scarisbrick had died. Phil and David will send our message of condolence to his family
- b. Paul tabled a paper Draft Summary of 2021 Year end accounts: follow this link to see [Draft Summary of 2021 year end accounts](#) Excel - for discussion at 11th Jan meeting.
- c. We also discussed our NOR and agreed to add a clause allowing for amendments closer to the event if there are changes eg due to Covid. We also mentioned including reference to the RYA Charter. Both these were agreed. **Ron will amend all 2022 Notices of Race accordingly.**
- d. It is our usual practice to ask that the host club collects £3 per boat as the HCUK's share of each boats entry fee to be paid to HCUK to help cover the costs of running the series or event. It was agreed that we would include an item in the advice given to host clubs, requesting that clubs send this by bank transfer direct to the Hansa class UK bank account, **Ron will action this.**
- e. We also, after the meeting, agreed to add to the advice given to host clubs something about our preference being for prizes that are sustainable / recyclable. **Ron will do this.**

13. **Next Meeting:**

- a. The next HCUK Management Committee Meeting will be **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6pm** via Zoom.

Minutes approved - Signed: -----

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