

# HCUK Management Committee Meeting

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 @ 6pm via Zoom

## Minutes

**Present:** David Durston, Mike Everitt, Pete Conway, James Woosnam, Rory McKinna, Lindsay Burns, Paul Phillips, Pat Crowley, Ivor Barrett.

1. **Welcome:** David Durston welcomed all those present (see above) to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from John Figgures.
3. **Minutes of last committee meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022:** These were approved without further amendment
4. **Hansa Worlds – Portimao, Oct 2023:**  
HCUK Plans
  - 17 UK sailors wish to attend
  - 6 x 303 on Hansa Rig – Steve Wooding and Ivor Barrett
  - 3 x Liberty – Steve Sawford
  - 3 x 2.3 – Simon Meehan (Frensham)
  - 1 or 2 Liberty – Ben Measures (Rutland)
  - Costs estimated at £9-11K
  - Expect £3k from RYA
  - £4.5k from fundraising
  - Sailor fees: £200 per boat for transport (including rig boats) + £10 per day to hire rig 303s
  - (see also *Hansa 2023 plan v2* supplied in papers for meeting).
  - On-water support estimated cost £2500-3700 using helpers to crew
  - Coaching £2500 with total sailor contribution of £400 (8 sailors paying £50)
5. **Training throughout season**
  - Available funds to be checked before any arrangements made **Action: Paul P.**
  - Training at WPNSA at end of September may be possible.
  - Possible training camp at Rutland – cost still to be established. Need coaches (Alan Hillman was mentioned as a possible)
  - Rib use at TTs for filming/training – check with individual clubs.
6. **General fundraising for HCUK**
  - Looking for ideas and sponsorship. A flyer is available. Several people required to work on this. **Pete Conway** volunteered to get involved.
7. **Hansa Rig – Rota for drivers for TTs, etc.**
  - Steve S to advise on current status of rota. Possibly Tim and Rachel could get involved in maintaining this.
8. **Fleet development**
  - 2/3 boat rig (van + trailer) put on backburner for the time being
  - Paul P suggested having a rib for support/training which could be hired out to recoup costs.
  - Scotland development. Rory M advised that activities planned are the same as last year. The 6-boat rig would be needed for these but RYA may contribute to cost of rig travel. **Action: Rory M.**

**9. Finances**

- Ongoing financing of the rig was discussed. It was agreed to replace the rig in 2028 so fundraising would need to start in 2025.
- This is a possible project for Corporate Direct.
- There was discussion of possible alternative spending of funds currently in other pots. This will be reviewed in due course.

**10. TT series**

- Automated TT entry system – 2 clubs already approached are in favour of the proposed system.
- Payment options: could be Card or BACS (to be decided) **Action: James W.**
- TT Forms to be clarified . **Action: David D / James W.**
- Rig boat booking will be at time of TT entry with payment at the event
- TT and boat booking forms to be sent out by James. **Action: James W.**
- Prizes – the current process will be followed for the 2023 season with the host club providing trophies. A voucher system may be considered for the combined end of season prizes.  
Alternatively, a series trophy may be considered with a sponsor sourced to provide a better prize.

**11. AOB**

- Ben Measures (Rutland) has suggested the formation of a Silver Fleet to encourage less experienced sailors to participate in the TT series. Pete offered to formulate proposals **Action: Pete C.**
- Lindsay B advised that, following Brexit, Blue Badges issued in the UK may not be recognized by some European Countries. The validity of these should be checked before travel to avoid potential penalties.
- NW Event in Manchester – Rory to find out details. There may be interest from the South. **Action: Rory M.**

**12. Next Meeting:** The next HCUK Management Committee Meeting will be **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6pm** via Zoom.

Minutes approved - Signed: -----

Date: -----

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Ivor Barrett 06-03-2023