

HCUK Management Committee Meeting

Monday 23rd May 2022 @ 6pm via Zoom

Minutes

Present: David Durston, Lindsay Burns, Ivor Barrett, Paul Phillips, Ron Sawford.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Steve Sawford, Pat Crowley, Andy Sheath, John Figgures.

1. **Welcome:** David Durston welcomed all those present (see above) to the meeting.
 - a. David reported that we had received an email of resignation from Moira. He has sent our regrets that she has made this decision and our thanks for her enormous contribution over the years, almost single handedly organising TT events in Scotland over several years. He assured her that her efforts haven't gone unnoticed, and that she has highlighted many issues which remain obstacles for the development of Hansa sailing, north of the border.
 - i. We remain committed to developing the class in Scotland, and we're keen to pick up the baton.
2. **Minutes of last committee meeting – 15th March 2022:** These were approved without further amendment
3. **Matters arising that are not covered by the agenda:** None.
4. **Membership Update:** Ivor reported that at the time of the meeting 107 had joined or renewed of which 81 chose full membership and 26 chose associate membership.
 - a. Ivor agreed with David that another reminder email will be sent to those who have not yet responded to the first one.
 - b. Paul pointed out a difference between those figures and the fees he had received. Ivor will look into this.
5. **Boat Hire Payments:**
 - a. Mike had suggested by email that we “revamp the website to enable us to complete our online registering for entering races, memberships, boat booking, finance (paying for the entry fee and boat booking), etc. With most of us always sailing the same boat, we could already have that pre-set information about us on a membership page, thus making it easier to enter a race, book boats etc.

After a full discussion it was agreed that this suggestion has merit but to establish it would require professional input and direct contact with each club so although it is possible it's not yet right for us.
 - b. Ivor described card machine payment system that may enable transfers into our bank at events etc making it easier for membership payments and boat booking payments to be made at events. After a discussion it was decided that Ivor would investigate this.
6. **2022 AGM Planning:**
 - a. We decided not to hold the AGM at the Nationals as there was not much time to get all the papers out and also not much time available on the Saturday after the racing. We therefore chose to hold the AGM by Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday 24th August.
 - b. Ivor will send out a note to all members to say we would not hold the AGM at the Nationals, as pre-Covid, and will couple it with a reminder to a) renew membership and b) emphasise that only full members will be able to vote.
7. **Corporate Direct Update:** This will be put onto the next meeting agenda

8. Liability Concerns:

- a. David expressed concern regarding our liability for equipment/facilities etc that we provide such as hire boats and club equipment when we “hire” their equipment, facilities and staff for events where we are the sole organising authority such as the recent intermediate/advanced training event in Scotland.
 - i. Ivor pointed out that the boat hire is covered by a Disclaimer of Liability on the signed Boat Booking Form.
 - ii. Ron pointed out that all our racing events were covered by our being a joint authorizing authority with the host club and having a full Disclaimer of Liability in the Notice of Race which is summarised and pointed to by the signed event entry form.
 - iii. This still leaves questions around those events, such as training, where we are the sole organizing authority hiring equipment, facilities and/or staff. We may need some documentation to cover this. David and Paul will take this forward.

9. Intermediate/advanced training online + Coaching: David has been working to develop a Hansa Team GB group of interested members. He is planning a Facebook group where discussions can take place. And to use this to encourage the group to engage more in training activities. He is working with Pete Conway to develop/continue some online training as well as coaching at our racing events. To this end David is proposing that Pete continues to provide coaching at our TTs and that he also provides it at our Nationals and probably at the RYA Multiclass regatta. After a wide discussion on this the following decisions were made:

- a. David will speak to Joff regarding including a coaching element at the RYA Multiclass Regatta.
- b. Paul asked many questions and put forward ideas regarding costings and content of the coaching, particularly for the nationals. David will find out the cost of Pete’s coaching at the Carsington Nationals and take things forward from that.

10. Andrew Simpson Foundation (ASF):

David reported that He, Paul, Rory and Ron had a very good initial meeting with James from the ASF.

- a. James told us how they had set up scholarship project which Rory has been part of. He also described the many ways ASF were helping raise the GB para sailing standards through coaching, mentoring, introductions and funding etc.
- b. Rory shared his experiences and aspirations that the scholarship scheme had enabled, and areas where he felt HCUK could improve.
- c. David and Paul shared our international racing experiences and our Advanced/Intermediate training experiences. And from this they identified areas where we felt we needed to improve particularly in comparison to some other countries. They also told what we were currently doing in order to address these and our aspirations for the future
- d. From this James identified many areas where our needs coincided with some of the current aims of ASF, suggesting as he did areas where he felt HCUK and ASF could work together. He also assured us of his future support.
 - i. David sent James our HCUK Sponsorship letter for information about the areas we were looking for help with. He has not yet had a reply,
 - ii. David, Rory and Paul will take the work with ASF forward.

11. AOB:

- a. Ron reported that Carsington had enquired as to where in the IHCA rules it was stated that able bodied sailors were eligible to take part in HCUK racing events. Ron has asked Lindsay, who replied
 - i. “In the IHCA Constitution (under Technical on the website) the preliminary statement begins as follows: *The purposes of the International Hansa Class Association shall be to: promote and develop Hansa Class racing under uniform rules at a national and international level for people of all ages and abilities.*
 - ii. “I think this must be read as open to anyone. Certainly, at Regional and World Events since 2016, when the 303 was selected as a provisional Paralympics boat, the 303 singles have

been raced as open to all genders and ability, but male and female results extracted for all registered Classified sailors”

iii. I add: Since 2016 when Chris Mitchel promoted the fact that the hansa classes are all open classes we in the UK have accepted able bodied sailors in all events.

b. Lindsay reported that new class rules were now in place for the Hansa 2.3 Class and the Hansa 303 Class. John has also sent an email giving links to these new rules.

i. Lindsay has worked with Ron to update our website to link to these new rules.

c. Paul put forward a proposal regarding updating our Accounts Categorization. After a short discussion it was agreed that this would be beneficial and should go ahead.

d. David suggested these agenda Items for next Man Comm Mtg - 25th July

i. Attendance at Meetings:

1. What days would be best for our Man Comm Meetings.
2. Why are comm Members not attending.

ii. Coopt Rory onto Committee to represent Scotland.

12. **Next Meeting:** The next HCUK Management Committee Meeting will be Monday 25th July 2022 at 6pm via Zoom.

Minutes approved - Signed: -----

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