

# HCUK Management Committee Meeting

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 @ 6pm via Zoom

## Minutes

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

**Apologies:** John Figgures, Pat Crowley

### 1. Welcome

David Durston welcomed all those present (see above) to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from John Figgures. Pat Crowley sent his by email post-meeting.

### 3. Minutes of last committee meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> June 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. AGM – Matters arising

None

### 6. Corporate Direct – progress

Negotiations are continuing with CD to set a cap on fundraising charges. CD have suggested 43% but HCUK have proposed 35% including VAT as a cap. As CD charges vary according to the amount of funds raised, the question was asked: “what is an economical project value?” i.e. when charges are at an acceptable level. Paul P. is preparing a summary of past projects showing that overall charges are approximately 30%.

There are not many alternatives to Corporate Direct. Charity Fundraising Ltd. was mentioned, and David D. will investigate what services they offer.

**Actions: PH/DD**

### 7. Membership

Ivor B. presented a document describing the new membership system and categories, and a draft application form. There was some discussion about the wording of the membership categories and IB will redraft to clarify and circulate.

Next steps: Publish details of new membership system and subscriptions on website.

Arrange with Simon at Spectulise to generate Cognito form and set up on-line payment facility using debit/credit card via Stripe.

Test systems

Go fully live with membership renewals in January – March 2022

**Action: IB/AS**

## **8. Charity Commission**

Ivor B reported that all annual returns (i.e. Annual Report + Accounts) have been submitted to the Charity Commission and all records checked. The new HCUK bank account details were entered online. Paul P. advised that the old Reliance accounts were now closed so these can be removed from the records.

Our Easyfundraising and Just Giving accounts will be updated with the new bank accounts by Ivor B. and David D. respectively.

**Action: IB/DD**

## **9. Season Review / Next season plan**

Ron S. reported that, following a survey of members at AGM, events will return to the format: 2 races in morning – Lunch – 2 races in afternoon but this can be modified by the host club. Following numerous difficulties with the Bristol TT, this venue will not be included in the 2022 season.

2022 TT Series: Dates have been finalised for Frampton, Whitefriars, New Forest, Notts County and Burghfield. Oxford and Northampton are currently in process with Waveney, Birmingham and Frensham outstanding.

Hansa Nationals: Carsington 17-19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

RYA Multiclass: Rutland 7-8<sup>th</sup> August with possible extra day on 6<sup>th</sup>.

Scotland – Moira C. reported that there are now very few Hansa sailors in the region as many have switched to Challengers. It was suggested that training/fun events may drum up support. Fun regattas – feedback is that participants are just starting sailing and not ready for racing yet. Suggestion that these should be focused on areas where there is a concentration of Sailability groups.

**Action: RS**

## **10. Finances**

Paul P. reported that the new Natwest bank accounts are fully active and the old Reliance accounts are closed. The insurance on HCUK boats needs renewal soon. It was suggested that insurance should be extended to cover keeping boats on the water for the duration of an event for both overseas and UK regattas.

The new bank accounts do not currently have 2<sup>nd</sup> authorisation facility of online payments. Paul to arrange this.

**Action: PP**

## **11. Racing Support Team**

Paul P reported that the Netherlands Team in Palermo had raised funds through sponsorship to enable extensive participation of sailors in the Worlds accompanied by a large support team. Paul suggested that HCUK consider a similar scheme to help finance attendance by a national team (sailors + helpers) at overseas events and to fund transport of boats and equipment. The formation of a sub-committee to look into this was proposed and Paul P. will email members to gauge interest.

**Action: PP**

## **12. AOB**

Paul P. reported that there were two incidents in Palermo where the C-Crane hoist rope failed and no fall arrester was fitted to the hoist. This is a safety issue requiring investigation and corrective action. Agreed that IHCA VP Championships (Bob Schahinger) and IHCA VP Rules and Measurement (John Figures) should be informed.

**Action: PP**

From John Figgures by email: It would appear that World Sailing have accepted the revised Liberty rules (with some minor amendments; they will be formally published in due course. I appreciate the help I received from GBR sailors (and Steve and Claire) at the recent Worlds at Palermo

From Pat Crowley by email: Pass on my congratulations to team GB and Ireland for their fantastic efforts and results in Palermo.

**13. Next Meeting:**

- a. The next HCUK Management Committee Meeting will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 at 6pm via Zoom.

Minutes approved - Signed: -----

Date: -----

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Ivor Barrett  
27<sup>th</sup> October 2021