

Hansa Class Association (UK) **Annual General Meeting 2015**

The Annual General Meeting of the Hansa Class Association (UK) took place at Chesil Sailability Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, DT5 1SA on Friday 14th August 2015 at 6.00pm.

There were 25 members present and HCA (UK) Chairman Marcus Frith chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies

Moira Campbell, Ian McNair, Malcolm Kirk, Gordon and Ann Harle, Simon Harle, Ric Cassell, Chris Molesworth, Alex Hovden

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 2014 AGM. Proposed by Lindsay Burns, seconded by Pat Crowley and approved unanimously.

3. Chairman's Report

The last season has been an exciting one for the Hansa Class, with the Hansa Europeans in Rutland and the Nationals in Weymouth. Local major events are the flavour with the Worlds in Medemblik in 2016

Andy Sheath stepped down as Chairman earlier this year; Andy has been instrumental in setting a new and exciting direction for the class and has been tireless in getting our exciting programme complete for 2015. It's great to see Andy joining us on the water here in Weymouth.

Congratulations to Paul Phillips for winning the liberty Class at the Euros, and to David Durston 2nd and Monique Foster 3rd for a UK clean sweep, Tim Scarisbrick and Anya Deiongh finished 8th and first UK boat in a competitive 303 double fleet.

As we continue to develop our programme we hope to have our major events booked and confirmed for 2016 in a few weeks with a focus on preparing for the worlds in 2016

I must thank my fellow committee members for their tireless efforts and support, and to the regional co-ordinators new for 2014/5 who have made such a difference.

The class association has applied to become a Charitable Incorporated Society; all documents have been submitted with just the last few amendments required for completion.

4. Secretary's Report

Membership:

There are currently 270 members from 31 different clubs. Membership has increased to this from 266 last year. New Membership cards were issued in December 2014. These are now not dated and will therefore be valid until the committee decides to re-issue.

In order to maximise the quality and consistency of our racing events once again I have produced and had professionally printed three new "Running a Hansa Event Booklets". They are in TT, GP and Nationals versions. Each club that has hosted an event this year has received a hard copy and a PDF version of the appropriate booklet and has been given support in using it from their new Regional Co-ordinators to ensure their event is a success.

The Hansa Racing programme in 2014:

This includes a National Championship at Frensham and 12 traveller events with 6 to count. This also incorporates a 4 event Northern, 4 event Southern and a 4 event Western TT series with 3 to count in each. We also continued with the new Grand Prix (GP) Series of three events with all three counting. This year consisted of the Whitefriars, Carsington and Oxford.

There was a full discussion around the racing programme which covered the difficulties of achieving sensible TT Series' with such small groups and with low competitor levels, The question as to whether the GP series posed a threat to the TT series' and the objective of providing as good range of racing choices to

the widest number of sailors. It was decided that a full review of our various racing series' will be discussed at our first full committee meeting in October/November.

Once again throughout the season I have worked closely with the host clubs to achieve a good event report and photos that can be published in Yachts and Yachting and on ours and the International Hansa website. Between us we have achieved this for every event for the past three years. The publicity can only do our class good and I hope you have all enjoyed reading them.

I would like to record a big thank you to Andy, Lindsay, for the great amount of valuable work they have put in the 2015 programme, to Bob (West TTs) and Richard (South TTs), our regional coordinators and Marcus (GPs and Nationals) for the invaluable help they have given me in supporting our Host clubs throughout the planning and "on the day" running of all our events. I also give many thanks to all host clubs for the efforts they had made in staging the events and to all the sailors and their teams for supporting the events throughout the year.

The Association Website:

Throughout this year we have improved our results by using Sailwave. These give our sailors much better information throughout the year. Thanks to Marcus for producing these results and to Tom for publishing them.

We have maintained a schedule of publishing event results and reports within one week of the event. This is a demanding schedule and I thank regional coordinators for the work they have put into prompting the Host clubs to achieve this and all the host clubs reporters and photographers that have helped to make this possible.

You will also find all management documents, minutes of all meetings, information on the boats, details of clubs sailing Hansa class boats with all contact information, newsletters from Sailability groups and much more.

I encouraged you to look at least once a week at the news section of the website because I uses the news section to bring members attention to all significant additions or changes on the site.

5. Treasurer's Report

We have been spending funds as part of our 5 year plan of promoting the class. We have produced a new logo, produced promotional material to promote a corporate identity at shows and designed and purchased new perpetual trophies for all the Traveller series'. It is obvious that this level of expenditure cannot be sustained at the level of income we currently have. The committee needs to urgently address this at their next meeting. Tom.

The following accounts were presented. Hugh Lansdowne proposed their adoption and this was seconded by John Figgures and unanimously approved by a show of hands.

HANSA CLASS ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT STATEMENT			
01/01/2014 – 31/12/2014			
CURRENT A/C LLOYDS TSB	IN		OUT
OPENING BALANCE AS AT 01/01/2014	£414.12		
08/01/14 Nationals entries (Rutland '13)	£65.00		
04/02/14 RYA Affiliation fee			£115.00
05/02/14 Keith Harris mileage			£80.00
05/02/14 Hillingdon meeting room			£150.00
17/02/14 Transfer from savings account	£1,000.00		
21/02/14 IHCA sail levies	£600.85		
03/03/14 Trophy engraving			£9.95
11/03/14 Comp slips			£23.59
11/03/14 Display boards			£90.37

02/04/14 Promotional banners & stickers			£513.00
13/05/14 David Durston Nationals reimbursement			£61.00
15/05/14 CLADS Donation			£100.00
04/06/14 P Crowley mileage			£119.20
05/06/14 Promotional leaflets			£66.00
05/06/14 Event guidelines printing			£502.00
14/07/25 K Harris mileage			£78.40
28/07/14 P Crowley mileage			£92.00
05/08/14 Transfer from savings account	£1,000.00		
18/08/14 A Sheath mileage			£125.00
19/08/14 Oxford meeting room			£50.00
19/08/14 Promotional clothing (Gill)			£683.35
20/08/14 T Harper worlds reimbursement			£500.00
22/08/14 Transfer from savings account	£2,450.00		
01/09/14 TT Annual trophies			£932.00
01/09/14 TT Perpetual trophies			£1,095.48
03/09/14 WPNSA Visit David			£96.00
17/09/14 TT entries	£322.50		
19/09/14 WPNSA Visit Andy			£101.60
14/10/14 Nationals trophies			£187.70
17/10//14 L Burns mileage			£23.20
20/10/14 Nationals entries	£92.50		
27/10/14 Woolverstone TT entries	£60.00		
31/10/14 Transfer from savings account	£1,000.00		
03/11/14 R Scull mileage			£28.00
05/11/14 Trophy engraving			£20.00
07/11/14 M Frith Millage			£170.00
10/11/14 Bluefin Insurance			£184.47
21/11/14 Oxford meeting room			£50.00
21/11/14 Trophies			£478.40
03/12/14 R Cassell			£46.50
10/12/14 K Harris mileage			£50.00
Totals	£6,590.85		£6,822.21
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT / STANDARD LIFE	IN		OUT
AVAILABLE BALANCE	£182.76		
OPENING BALANCE AS AT 01/01/2014	£8,404.73		
N/A	Interest	£59.95	
17/02/14			£1,000.29
05/08/14			£1,000.29
22/08/14			£2,450.00
31/10/14			£1,000.00
	Total	£59.95	£5,450.58
AVAILABLE BALANCE	£3,014.10		

6. Charitable Status

Marcus updated us on where we were in the process of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). He told us that we were well into the process and that we have a charity number that will allow us to raise funds as a charity and that the next stage will need us to amend the Constitution.

In answer to questions from the members Marcus confirmed the following:

1. The trustees will be the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. This is not the maximum number of trustees allowed, the Association is allowed to set the number of trustees themselves so we are starting with these 4 and then the association can decide the optimum level later.
2. Members will retain their voting rights.
3. We envisage that the trustees will need to have "Trustee Liability Insurance". Hugh pointed out that you cannot be insured against a "wilful breach of trust". This was acknowledged. Marcus said that the Associations new structure gives added protection and this insurance can be added later.

7. Election of Committee Members

Committee Members retiring at the end of their current three year period:

- None

Existing Committee Members standing for re-election this year:

- David Durston Whitefriars
- Keith Harris New Forest Sailability
- Richard Smallwood Frensham
- Ron Sawford Rutland SC

New Members standing for election:

- Mike Stoker - Carsington Sailability

The above five members were elected en bloc to the Hansa Class Association (UK) Committee by a show of hands.

8. Future National Championships

Carsington Sailability will host the 2016 National Championships on the 9th, 10th and 11th September.

9. Any Other Business

There was no further business

The AGM was then closed.