

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held at Draycote Water SC 27th October 2018

Meeting Opened at 1200

Present: Nick James (skype)

David Bailey (whatsapp)

Emily Davis

Fiona Attwell

Gary Finklestein

Rob Ahlheid

Apologies: Jane Sunderland

1. The budget for 2019 was discussed. Due to a small squad number this year, a likely break even Nationals at Brightlingsea and an increase in class administration costs (Xero accounting system) there is likely to be a £5k deficit. It was proposed that the membership fee was increased by £5 to £20 and the event entry fees would go up proportionately, which would lead to a budget deficit of around 1k. After much discussion the proposals were agreed. However it was suggested that next year we request squad applications to be in by the time of the Inlands, (though still with the rankings not available until after the Nationals in August) to give more time to plan the squad resources more cost effectively. It was felt this would make the squad placing system more competitive and less likely to lead to a large loss as per this year. This proposal was accepted by the committee and will be implemented first by rewriting the squad selection policy.

2. Safeguarding-Time on the water at events

At the AGM in Weymouth the time on the water question was raised by Fiona Attwell after a lengthy day on the water at Worlds. Since then she has spent considerable time liaising with the RYA to ensure we have the most up to date information possible. Whilst time on the water is an important issue it is not necessarily a safeguarding issue and the Race committee lies fully responsible for safety, working with the Class representative through the event. It is also the sailor (and their parents) who are responsible for their decision to race.

It was decided that whilst we are as a class doing everything we can to make the events safe and inclusive, we need to communicate this better with the class members. The following suggestions were made and will be implemented on the website ;

A checklist for those new to National Events

A guide to nutrition and hydration on the water

A video of a sailor showing what they wear and what they have on their boat

It was also decided to make all sailors/ parents aware of the communication between the class representative and the Race management team both before and throughout the event, and to make sure all sailors know they can ask for help or go in at any time during the event. Information for female sailors will also be made available on the website.

A suggested guideline of a maximum 6 hours on the water will also be communicated to the race management team; this is a guideline and will be variable according to venue and conditions.

3. The secretary role whilst advertised has as yet had no applicants; the deadline was to be extended and advertised again through the website; also the RYA may be able to promote the position.

Meeting closed at 1300.