



ROYAL WINDERMERE YACHT CLUB

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Minutes of the Sailing Committee Meeting held at the RWYC on Wednesday 17th January 2018

The meeting opened at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

Simon McVey (SM)	Commodore
Clare Houlihan. (CH)	Vice Commodore
Amanda Wilson (AW)	Rear Commodore; Training Officer
Peter Gooch. (PG)	Hon. Sailing Secretary
John Pollard. (JP)	Hon. Treasurer
Rachael Hodgson. (RH)	Hon. Secretary
Keith Jamieson. (KJ)	Flying Fifteen Fleet Captain
David Heron (DH)	Flying 15 Fleet Secretary
Matt Nield (MN)	Dinghy Fleet Captain
Ian Bertram. (IB)	Dinghy/Handicap Fleet Secretary
Craig Allwood (CA)	Cruiser Fleet Captain
Jules Allwood (JA)	Cruiser Fleet Secretary
Richard Thompson (RT)	17ft Fleet Captain
Les Gorton (LG)	17ft Fleet Secretary
Steve Bewsher (SB)	P.R.O.

1)Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies for absence.

2)Minutes of Previous Meeting: These were presented to the Committee. The minutes were approved, proposed Clare Houlihan, seconded Richard Thompson and signed by the Commodore.

3)Matters Arising: Lady Patricia – Richard Broughton is now in charge of dealing with this; it will be raised at the Operations Committee Meeting Monday 22nd January.

4)Items from the Classes:

17ft Class: RT stated that currently there is nothing to report.

Flying Fifteen Class: The current system of averages has been discussed with the fleet: there is division between those who want no change and those who would like to see a points system introduced. The disadvantage of averages is that once the twenty races have been completed (and the qualifying races are less than half the total number of races) and all races have been won, there is no incentive to sail again. It is agreed that a low points system will be run alongside the averages, with the possibility of another trophy, and the two sets of results will be compared at the end of the season. It is also hoped to increase sailing by the introduction of the double race days alongside the 17ft Fleet in 2018. There will be an explanation of the points system in the programme.

F15 Open Meeting: this is the first world qualifier. There will be five races, three on Saturday, back to back, and two on Sunday. There will be live tracking of all boats on a screen in the club: cost, 295 pounds included in the entry fee of 40 pounds with a

minimum of thirty boats expected. Trackers will be on the marks and mark layers will need to be aware of these.

Prizes: sponsorship will be obtained for these.

The cost of super will be additional to the entry fee and will be booked directly with Zoe.

Entries for the event will be on line.

Five escort boats are arranged with consistent crews all weekend.

A shore crew, beach master and team, will be needed to get boats out of the water as the tractor is not efficient.

Video of the event: if someone can be allocated to take this, DH will edit; DH is also producing a promo for the event.

A meeting will be arranged, closer to the time, to sort out details of the event.

Dinghies/Handicap Classes: A Handicap Sub Committee has been set up and has agreed to adopt a new system of scoring, the Leigh and Lawton Sailing Club Handicap System, which is fact and evidence based. All dinghy sailors will be informed of this in an email and there will be a link on the website. When additional members join the dinghy fleet the standard PY system will be used until there is enough evidence for them to be incorporated into the new system.

Cruiser Fleet: CA stated that two cruisers have taken part in the winter series.

The Handicap system: other clubs on the lake are using the Clyde Cruising Handicap for which there is a fee for a certificate (which is for the lifetime of ownership). After the Owners Meeting it was agreed that there is no benefit to RWYC matching any other clubs, although there has been no information from other owners, and therefore we will remain with the NHC system which has no cost. It is believed that to encourage people to get out on the water it is better not to increase any costs.

PG asked what would occur when racing with other clubs, during the four weekends of interclub racing, on the lake. CA stated that those racing with the WCA would require a certificate; numbers can be taken from the internet. PG will check with Steve McGibbon. There will be additions to the Cruiser Fleet in 2018, for example, Steve Dodwell. Entries for racing should therefore be better especially on Saturdays.

RWYC is hosting the first inter-club race and catering needs to be checked with Zoe.

There are now fewer cruiser berths required therefore all be placed on one jetty (dory trots will be placed on the others).

5.Draft Programme for 2018: PG asked if there were any queries or complaints.

- MN asked that the dinghy owners meeting be held before the Southport 24 Hour Race 8th/9th September in order for plans for the latter to be completed: the meeting is confirmed for Monday 3rd September at 6.30.
- The Cruiser Fleet Class Dinner currently scheduled in the middle of the Club Series needs to be rearranged with Zoe: CA to notify PG as soon as possible. CA will also notify PG of the date for the Cruiser Class Meeting.
- The Great North Swim is moving to Brockhole: SB will advise appropriately about the race course if sailing is in the north lake that weekend.
- The Brochure: RS400s will be removed and put in the Handicap; prizes will be adjusted accordingly.
- There will be no club racing during the F15 Open; there will be F15 double race days during June, July and August with the 17ft Fleet.
- Monthly Prize Givings, for the previous months racing, will take place on Thursdays.
- Mid-Summer Dance: AW said that the date would be agreed at the next Social Meeting and PG would be informed.
- RNLi 125th Anniversary: this is advertised in the programme and posters.
- Junior Training is in hand.

- Junior Race Week: there will be 3 races in the same week (F15, GP14 and 17ft class) with the Commodores Tea Party afterwards.
- Marathon Fun Day: Windermere school have not yet replied about availability of Hodge Howe and if it is not available, an alternative date could potentially be considered. There is the possibility of moving the date forward a week in 2019 as Bank Holiday Sunday is so busy: a discussion to be held, at the October 2018 Sailing Committee Meeting, for next season.
- Commodores Prize Saturday 25th August for the 17ft Class and Cruisers; Vice Commodores Prize Saturday 14th July.

Special Races: for example, an Endurance Race. These will take place weather permitting; will not be included in the programme but decisions about them will be made the preceding week. If they are introduced, PG stated that it would be important to maintain the Course Meetings.

Course Meetings: no longer taking place on Sundays. Following discussion, it is agreed that these should be reinstated: 12.30 both on Saturday and Sunday except Saturdays when a double race day and the time would be 12.00. The responsibility of all to attend will be emphasised in a newsletter. It is also noted that: those not attending then have no right to make any complaint about the course; they will also be beneficial for less experienced race officers.

6. Training Report: AW has had a meeting with Ian Shirra; Hazel will continue to carry out the administration.

There will be a four week training block in the summer with an extra week added if necessary.

Advertising: Ian's daughter will compose a leaflet which will be distributed to schools; Lakeland radio will be too expensive, however, the Westmorland Gazette could be used.

Youth Squad: training will take place on Friday night and Saturday morning but not Wednesdays as the numbers were low and the atmosphere was not as positive. There will be a meeting with Emma, daughter of CH, to set up a Lakes School Sailing Club with the possibility of including the club on a Wednesday evening.

Youth Squad and involvement in races: Ian Shirra will consider a shorter course with a separate rib on Monday evenings to give more experience for the races on Thursdays and Sundays.

Push the Boat out: has not been very successful and will not take pace in 2018.

The RWYC is now 'On Board' with the RYA: AW has received a package giving the benefits/resources which this has to the club.

Dates for training will be placed on the website: AW to liaise with JP on prices.

A very useful meeting has taken place between Flags and Hons and the three trustees of the Academy (RT, Chas and Graham Murray). There is now a clear understanding of how the Academy operates: the club made an application to the Academy for the three Fevas which are now on the boat park; an application has been submitted for a Lazer.

Information on how to donate to the Academy has been sent to all members and it needs to both raise and spend money. Graham Murray is also applying for funding from other organisations and trusts. We now need to raise further awareness throughout the club of the needs, and benefits to RWYC, of the Academy.

7.A.O.B:

2018 Calendar: The Rules Talk is scheduled for 15th March, however, AW explained that neither Adam McGovern nor Peter Johnson were available to deliver this until 26th April. Two additional names have been given to AW: it will be a lengthy evening and it is agreed that she will approach the latter names first to check availability for 15th March.

Quiz Night 1st February: the 17ft Fleet are responsible for providing the quiz: RT will let AW know who is delivering this, however, it will be advertised as a 'Surprise Quiz Master'.

The New Committee Boat: PG state that it is expected to arrive during April/May.

8. Time and Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday July 18th at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

.....S.McVey Commodore