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ITCA Committee Meeting 19 October 2019

In Attendance:

Martin Cooper (Chair), Catherine Cooper (Prizes), Nerys Chandler (Events), Steve Chandler (Safety Lead), Mike Burton (NE Rep), Flip Foulds (National Coach), Sally Dugdale (Racing), Matthew Desorgher (Fixtures), Vanessa Ripley (SW Rep), Ruth Attridge (Safeguarding), Paul Albone (Treasurer), Lucinda McMullan (Midlands Rep), Paul Wren (RYA), Kathryn Deaton (Secretary), Andrew Goodman (South Rep)

Minutes of last committee meeting 11 June 2019 (MC)

Agreed.

Events update and summary (NC/SC)

Events all went well.

Finances for each event NS1-6 (PA)

2018/2019 the income is down £6,000, performance down £7,700. A key cost variant is RIB hire which is £3,400 up. Over all of the weekend events we are 54 sailors down. Paul Albone advised that we made £920 on the events. Previous years we made £8,000 plus. The event entry increases to £55 this year will part compensate for this loss.

Nationals 2019 (PA)

We made £2,000. Mileage claims and RIB hire were very higher than the previous year.

Racing Update (SD)

A meeting is held on the Monday prior to the weekend, there is then a review afterwards resulting in action points.

The class trailer is no longer taken with all of the marks. Venue tackle is now used for the 5.3 course.

Graffham is not being used for the Inlands in 2020, Carsington is being used instead. Both fleets will be on the same course.

The 5.3 fleet and 4.2 fleet were sailed on the same course. Discussion followed over combining them at more events and possible variations on the course. This also raised the question of more possible venues if the two fleets sailed the same course. (NS2,3 and 4 will all be sailed on the one course.)

The Nationals – Sally Dugdale has undertaken some analysis on the different ways of running a Nationals. The two key options were taking a position through from the qualification series or taking your points through from the qualification. Discussion followed over the pros and cons. It was decided that



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we would continue with carrying through the position. This coming year one day will be a “down day” with no racing planned, rules will also be amended “four races will be sailed per day”. The championship will remain as eight.

Finance Update (PA)

Paul confirmed that overall we are about break even with the revenue from sponsorship. Martin suggested we need to look at the overall costs associated with the RIBS – maintenance, hire and repair.

Paul again asked for the Class to look for a replacement for him as Treasurer.

Marketing Update (DR)

ITCA's message for the Dinghy Show.

Staffing of it – Kathryn to manage:

Saturday and Sunday – 10-4 – 1 Hour Slots – Juniors.

Paul asked for a budget for the Dinghy Show 2020.

Two more people are need for Marketing – Social Networking and Sponsor Liaison. Kathryn will create an ITCA Committee WhatsApp group.

Child Protection Update (LC/MC)

It was discussed and decided that all coaches should have their qualifications and DBS check. This is to be held by Class Secretary. Ruth will liaise with Jackie Reid, RYA and come back to Andrew Goodman and Kathryn

Squads Update (CD/MC)

22 Girls and 24 Boys are confirmed for National Squad.

5 Girls and 18 Boys ITCA 5.3 Squad

3 Girls and 11 Boys ITCA 4.2 Squad

Membership (KD)

On 1st September everyone received an email through Mailchimp advising their membership was due for renewal. Posted twice on Facebook

Next year will be better as people will be able to join for 2020/2021 before 1st September 2020. Clive is currently working on this as it does cause an issue: qualifiers and NS1 is early September but new members this year could not join and get a champ number until after 1st September 2019 so puts pressure on parents and sailors.

Everyone who has paid has had a welcome email that Martin prepared and I send in batches on joining.

Everyone who now joins gets a Champ Number

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Before every event I check that every sailor is a current member

Should I do checks against those accepting places in Squads?

315 members as of Tuesday evening.

Update from the area reps

South and Area Rep Lead (AG)

There will be a 5% cancellation fee on training.

There will be a £5 fee to join the Traveller Series. Notice of Race of training will include this.

Andrew is looking at creating inter-area events.

Midlands (LM)

Confirmed there are lots of new sailors in her area.

North West and North East Zones (MB)

Mike suggested joining the two areas. Discussion followed over the pros and cons of joining the areas and travelling distance.

South West (VR)

Reduction of Paper at NS Events – Sally will speak to Clive who manages OurClubAdmin.

Sailors Council – the older more experienced sailors would like input to the class. It was suggested there should be one sailor per class. Vanessa will co-ordinate this.

Review of Payments to Coaches at Regional Events – Lead Coach - £125 and Coach £85. Mileage @ 40p. No subsistence.

ET Rib (MC)

This now belongs to the class and is insured. Sally asked if ITCA2 could also be re-tubed, Paul asked for this to be delayed pending his review of the finances. Martin asked for confirmation on frequency of service. It was agreed an annual service would be done on all engines.

Regionalisation of Squads (Paul Wren)

The RYA are there to support the best sailors in the sport but also to retain sailors within the sport.

Paul shared a presentation outlining the key challenges facing sailing and so the class. He highlighted that there is a decline in Club racing but not

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necessarily in club activity. Paul demonstrated the cost of training and entering National events versus training and racing locally.

From Spring 2020 there will no longer be RYA Zone and UK Junior National Squads. Autumn 2020 they will create RYA Regional Training Groups. Discussion followed.

A copy of the presentation will be added to the Topper website so that parents with children coming in to the class can understand the changes to the policy. In addition, this new policy will be explained at all of the Land Days taking place shortly.

ITCA Squad and National 4.2 Squad are both class squads and national squads. Martin Cooper suggested we need to discuss this further and revert to RYA once we had seen the RYA presentation.

RYA Grant

This has to be "bid" for with a plan on how this will be spent and progressed. The Squad Co-ordinator role will need to be reviewed.

National Series 2020-21

We aim to make £400 for each National Event and £8,000 from the Nationals.

It was proposed that NS6 be cancelled so we only have five events. This was chosen as it is so close to the Worlds, already some parents are suggesting they will not be attending. This was agreed. Martin Cooper will draft a letter to go to the class explaining why this change has been agreed.

The calendar for next year now looks like this:

- NS2 22-23 February Winter Championships at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA)
- NS 3 28-29 March Datchet
- NS 4 2-3 May Carsington
- NS 5 13-14 June Pwllheli
- ~~NS 6 11-12 July Lowestoft~~
- Worlds 18-24 July Riva del Garda, Trentino, Italy, hosted by the Fraglia della Vela Riva



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- Nationals 1-7 August WPNSA

(Dates below are provisional at this stage – 28/10/19)

NS1 may then be delayed to October 10th/11th 2020 and moved to a more central location – Rutland, Graffham or Draycote.

NS2 – 27/28th February 2021- WPNSA

NS3 – 27/28th March 2021- Datchet?

NS4 – 15/16th May 2021 - TBA

NS5 – 26/27th June 2021 – TBA

NS1 – 16/17th October 2021

Impact on Events Co-ordinator role

Steve and Nerys agreed that they were happy with the reduction in events and recognised this would affect their payments.

Prizes (CC/MC)

Discussion followed over the prizes for the next series. It was agreed that these would remain as currently managed by Catherine Cooper. Paul Albone agreed that costs were currently at a reasonable level.

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Date and times of future meetings:

Committee Meeting – 14th January 2020, 17th March 2020

Meeting with RYA – provisionally February 2020

Winters – February 2020 – South Area Lead with help from SE and SW.

Sally Dugdale asked the Area Reps to complete the figures for RYA returns.

Close 16.00hrs