



Minutes Topper AGM 16th June 2018

Commenced: 1800

Location: Draycote Water Sailing Club

Introduction from Class Chair:

- Short AGM promised as CB had given his Chair report during NS4 @ GWSC

1. Chair report Summarised as follows:

- Class - Changing Shape / New Parents coming in / Volunteers & Participation
- Squads - Continue to be a successful
 - RYA direction is aiming for equal Numbers Girls-Boys / New selection process
- GDPR - Now have an appropriate policy in place, available on website
- Area Reps - Promote the class at grass roots / travellers and Zone Squads
- WorldsGreat adventure for all going
- All Girls - Mixed success

2. Treasurers Report:

- Fees remain same for 2018/2019 membership period.
- This year we have seen an increase in our membership (current 425), however membership is down 40% since 2012
- Changes in the ages of our membership, now 40% is under 12
- GJW Direct still remain as main class sponsor, which is key to our success. We have lost some other sponsors.
- We have seen an increase in the amount we spend on prizes
- Squads – run separate and operate @ break even. RYA recognise the work done by ITCA as an Olympic Pathway Class
- Apology to Area's re extra work caused by changes to Bank account
- Turnover of approx. £250k, last 2-3 years surplus, expect to make a small loss this year
- Expenditure has gone up due to purchase of a new rib engine and paid role split Secretary / Events
- Membership must be paramount, sponsorship helps to balance

3. Auditor:

- Recommended we retain Andrew Buden as our Auditor
 - Proposed Paul Albone; Agreed Simon Percival; Seconded Kirsten Percival

4. Marketing:

- Addressing the shortfall in sponsorship
- Report from Roger Proctor read by Matt Stein

5. Topper Sailboats:

- Sales up thanks to China.
- Working with class towards new 6:1 Kicker, Sail and Mast Cup
- Adding a sticker to show genuine Topper Parts.
- Foiling Topper in Australia

6. Honorary Members:

- Following proposed as Honorary members by Colin Bristow
 - Sally Dugdale / Stephen Chandler / Nerys Chandler / Andy Millington / Dave Cockerill & Ian Cox
 - Agreed Paul Albone Seconded Heidi Cohen

7. AOB:

- Chair announces the appointment of a new secretary Amanda Gwynn and thanks Stephen Chandler for covering this role during the transition period.
- Chair announces the appointment of Vice Chairs Martin & Catherine Cooper
- Sharon Albone would like a mission statement re Girls Sail and would like to see a debate of use of diamonds on girls sails and proposal for the class
 - It was noted from others that not all girls wanted to use diamonds
- Chris Dugdale congratulated the Committee on its approach to the 4.2 class, and that this is now treated more as much more significant fleet during racing
- Volunteers, it was discussed ways in which the class can make it easier for people to volunteer at NS Events and Nationals.