

Topper Class AGM – Carsington – 8th June at 1815

AGM Minutes 2018 – Approval

Proposed: Andrew Goodman, Seconded: Sally Dugdale

Chairs Report - Martin Cooper

Highlights are:

- Update of the Class roles.
- Rib Custodians
- Purchased the ET Rib
- Sponsors – GJW, Harken, Optimum Time, Clip and Rooster
- Topper Development – After Southampton Boat Show – new larger sail. 6:1 Kicker
- Nationals 2018, largest number of entrants for a number of years.

A full report is available on the website.

There were no questions.

Finance Report - Paul Albone

Highlights are:

- Membership 418, average age is 12.
 - 47% of members from Southern Region
 - GJW sponsorship is important as they invest cash, this is ploughed back in to the class.
 - Fees for 2020 will remain as they are for 2019 as membership is on a stable footing.
- Proposed: Martin Cooper, Seconded: Matthew Desorgher.

This was voted on, agreed.

- Running costs have increased in line with an increase in safety cover. Paul Albone, Treasurer will review the costs after the series has finished, he will only increase entry fees by a maximum of £2,50 but he will endeavour to keep increases to a minimum. Proposal is that the committee are given authority to amend this fee without an EGM.

Proposed: Paul Albone, Seconded: Andrew Goodman.

This was voted on, agreed.

- Area Reps should be running on an XL Sheet basis managing the areas finance. He offered advice and support if any required assistance.
- Paul Albone asked people to consider being "vice-treasurer" to learn the role as he is looking to retire.
- Potential loss in 2018/2019 – this is due to purchase of ET RIB and re-tubing of one of the Class RIB's.

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It was proposed that the Financial Report be accepted.

Proposed: Andy Millington, Seconded: Chris Dugdale.

This was voted on, agreed.

Approval of Auditors - Paul Albone

Paul Albone proposed that we re-elect Andrew Budden, Cheshire Accounts.

Seconded: Sally Dugdale.

This was voted on, agreed.

Marketing - Dan Rees

- Dinghy Show
- Topper Generations Tour - this has received five good bookings.
- We need to look for more sponsors. Potentially a finders fee would be on offer.
- We are looking for a sponsor of the Marquee that is being used for the Nationals in Largs.
- Dan Rees, starting tomorrow will be creating a sound bite video of the various volunteer roles.

A full report is available on the website.

Boat Builders - Russ Dent

- Sales are up, 15% increase in 2019
- Topper have gone in to partnership with RYA – 20 x 4.2 sails
- New mast plug
- New 5.3 sail has been signed off, this is made by Hyde, these will be launched at the Southampton Boat Show
- New 6.4 sail has been tested by the army. There will be a radial cut. It is hoped that this will be launched at the Southampton Boat Show
- There is work being done on a foiling Topper
- China are planning on bringing a large number of sailors to the Worlds, 5 sailors will come from Canada.

It was proposed by Sally Dugdale that we accept the report.

Seconded: Dan Rees

This was voted on, agreed.

Martin Cooper proposed that the committee are allowed to introduce the 6.4 sail without an EGM. Seconded: Steve Chandler

This was voted on, agreed.

AOB

1. Anomalies in the rules

There will be a supplement to amend these. Andrew Goodman suggested we need to publicise some of the changes to the rules. Sally Dugdale confirmed that GBR need to tell our sailors what they need to do in line with the new rules.

Steve Chandler proposed we provide a document listing the rule changes. Tamsin Goodman seconded this.

Nuala Dunn suggested that at NS6, Poole boats could be checked in accordance with the new rules. Ben Thomas (new measurer) will be here tomorrow, Martin Cooper will ask him to be at Poole to look at the boats and offer advice.

Russ Dent suggested he bring a boat and rig it at Poole as an "example" boat. It was suggested that a "film" should be made of this for those not present.

2. Volunteers

A new system will be trialled following a meeting today.

3. Loco Parentis

Steve Chandler advised that this will be linked with the safety level. Matthew Desorgher asked what would happen if the safety level changed during the day. It was agreed that the worst case level for the day would be advised. Scarlet Desorgher suggested that a DSQ would be given to the sailor if a parent was not on site. Andrew Goodman proposed that the committee take this forward for discussion. Seconded: Steve Chandler.
This was voted on, agreed.

4. Honorary Members, in perpetuity:

Andy Millington

Sally Dugdale

Steve and Nerys Chandler

Proposed: Martin Cooper, Seconded: Sharon Albone

This was voted on, agreed.

5. Area Reps

These are confirmed as:

South – Andrew Goodman

South East – Graham Evans

South West – Vanessa Ripley

East – Mary Thwaites and Jonathan Robinson

Midlands – Lucinda McMullan

North East – Mike Burton

North West – Greg Martin

Scotland – Rhona Hamilton

Wales – Jonathan Morris

Proposed: Martin Cooper, Seconded: Sally Dugdale

This was voted on, agreed.

Senior Area Rep – Andrew Goodman

Proposed: Martin Cooper, Seconded: Paul Albone

This was voted on, agreed.

Safety Helmets

As six children were hit today by the boom, Lawrence Dunn asked that we take the issue to the RYA. It was agreed that the committee would follow this up.

Addendum:

We have asked the question on the use of helmets, of the RYA and have received the following response:

This is a very opinionated discussion with many people going either way, to wear or not to wear.

There is no specific direction given to Training centres it is very much up to the individual training centre based on their risk assessment and operating procedures.

Classes like the Nacra's will use helmets but again down to the individual.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/knowledge-advice/safe-boating/look-after-yourself/Pages/safety-helmets.aspx>

The only advice we can offer is "it's down to the individuals preference".

Meeting closed at 7.20pm