

## **UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL CADET CLASS ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at**

Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH  
on 16 August 2012 at 5 pm.

**Present:** Carl Anderson, Kate Ayre, Matt Barr, Bob Bennett, Cheryl Bennett, Gillian Blair, Kim Bradbury, Claire Bridge, Mark Chatterton, Neil Collingridge, A Cooney, Clare Corby, Steve Corby, Mike Crowe, Andrew Currell, Sarah Currell, Alison D'Arcy, Paul D'Arcy, Debra Davis, David Elliott, Gary Ferguson, Karen Ferguson, Ian Fitzsimmons, Tony Goodrich, Claire Gosling, Chris Green, Bernice Gummer, Tim Gummer Neil Hardie, Geoff Harris, Phil Hawes, Daxa Jannaty, Steve Jones, Sian Lane, Sarah Linlionthal, Mary Lloyd, Mike Lloyd, Jackie McKellar, Kevin O'Brien, Stephen Page, Yiorgos Palierakis, Ian Philpott Steve Proffitt, D Rose, Phil Rumbelow, Al Sim, Andrew Shorrocks, Katie Shorrocks, Howard Warrington, Beverly Warrington, Matt White, , Ross Wilkinson, Rachel Williams, John Wilson

#### **1) Chairman's Welcome**

Claire Bridge welcomed members to the meeting and asked if there were any further Nomination Forms of those who wish to stand for the officer or Committee roles.

#### **2) Apologies for Absence**

No apologies had been received.

#### **3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Stone Sailing Club on 16 August 2011.**

Claire asked if the meeting was happy with the minutes and if there were any questions. There were no questions.

It was proposed by Howard Warrington and seconded by Tim Gummer that the Minutes be approved as a correct record. This was agreed by the meeting.

#### **4) Chairman's Report**

Claire Bridge reported that the committee had focussed on delivering quality events, exciting training and increasing awareness of the class. She thanked her fellow committee members for their support and help highlighting

- the new training programme designed by Steve Jones that plans to bring the sailors together once a month for training and to enable the Cadet family to become stronger
- The increased promotion of the Cadet Class led by Tim Gummer including the new motto 'Sail a Cadet for fund friends and adventure'.

Claire thanked Chris Green for her admirable on-going support of the class

#### **5) Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Audited Accounts**

Clare Corby presented the accounts for the year to 31st May 2012.

The accounts for the year 2011-12 show a net loss of £16900.

Clare confirmed the accounts had been reviewed by David Elliott and asked that he be re-appointed as auditor for the coming year. It was proposed by Steve Proffitt and seconded by Kim Bradbury, and the appointment was agreed by the meeting.

Clare Corby reported that this year a more stringent view on budgeting for events and squad training had been taken. This had provided a total of 18 training weekends for the cadets with a minimum of cost to parents.

However, it had given us a lower gain, which has caused a knock on effect of a loss overall.

In addition, due to the forthcoming lowering of status within the RYA and also the lowering of members within the class we had to push the Cadet Class out to the public, the committee had decided to spend £5k to achieve this. We have since, improved the website, had a more prominent stand at the dinghy show and taken up more advert space in the Yachts and Yachting magazine. It is hoped that promotion of the class will be taken at every opportunity next year, ensuring the continuation of the class.

Clare reported that as at 31<sup>st</sup> May the class had just over £20k in the bank and explained that if we continue to have the same loss there will be no money to cover costs. The class therefore needed to look into ways of raising funds.

Clare proposed the following changes to the Membership fees to bring the Cadet class in line with other classes:

Drop the family membership fee and instead have a fee per family depending on the number of sailors in each family, calculated as follows:

Helms @ £40

Crews @ £20

In addition, that the fees be increased for the following categories:

Associate (Ex cadets) @ £20

Temporary membership @ £15

Change of boat ownership and replacement certificate @ £15

The helm and crew parents and/or guardians would still have voting rights, as well as the associate members.

These changes will start as from the New Year.

These changes in fees were proposed Time Gummer and seconded by Kim Bradbury and agreed by the meeting.

It was proposed by Katie Shorrocks and seconded by Tim Gummer that the Accounts for the 12 months to 31 May 2012 be approved. This was agreed by the meeting.

Questions were taken from members following which Clare Corby confirmed

- the accounting period shown was for 12 months 1/6/2011 to 31/5/2012
- The item 'Coaching' included coaches fees, subsistence allowance and travel costs

Tim Gummer explained that extra spending on marketing the class in the 12 months had paid for improvements to the website, prominent stand at the dinghy show, increased advertising in marine publications, promotional materials that can continue to be used in future years in particular the 'Sail a Cadet' bags and 3 page leaflets, better photography, database of ex-Cadets and boards to promoted the success at Olympic level of Cadet sailors. This is part of a long term growth strategy and to get Cadets into more clubs and to date the committee had had interest from 3 new clubs.

Clare confirmed that training is cost neutral and fees for squads are included in income line in the accounts.

Claire Bridge explained it would be for the new committee to write a budget for 2012-13 but it would be a good idea to in future have projected budget figures available.

Steve Jones explained that the new training plan needed to be held at clubs with adequate facilities for all groups and that he would be happy to consider proposals from clubs to be a training venue.

#### **6) Election of Officers and Committee to serve until the 2012 Annual General Meeting**

There being only one nomination for each of the following Officer posts the following were elected. This was agreed by the meeting.

Chairman	Andrew Shorrock
Secretary	Howard Warrington
Treasurer	Clare Corby

Class Measurer Vacancy

#### **Committee Posts**

As there were 6 vacancies on the committee and seven candidates a poll was taken. 62 voting papers were cast and the following candidates were elected to serve.

Paul D'Arcy, Geoff Harris, Stephen Jones, Mike Lloyd, Jackie McKellar, Rachel Williams

#### **7) Date of next Annual General Meeting**

To be held in August 2013 during the National Championships.