



## **Police Sport UK Sailing Section Meetings held during 2012**

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## **Minutes of the 2012 Police Sport UK Offshore Sailing Consultative Meeting**

Held at the Royal Corinthian yacht club on 17th May 2012 during the PSUK National offshore yacht championships.

### **In attendance**

Stuart Jenkins (Met) PSUK sailing secretary (stand in chair)

John Oldham (Met) minutes

Henry Scutt (Warks)

Nick hunt (Cleveland)

Tony Riordan (Cleveland)

Pete Walters (Notts)

Andrew Buchanan (Hampshire)

John Austin (Notts)

Alan Rausthorne (Notts)

Rick Priestley (Notts)

Steve Norcross (Hampshire)

Duncan Weston (Hants)

Louise Nixon (Strathclyde) PSUK sailing Treasurer

1. Welcome by Stuart Jenkins

2. Attendance, apology from CC. Sara Thornton (Sailing chair)

3. Matter of eligibility of competitors was mentioned by Stuart (outstanding action), this issue had been previously raised and no coherent definition could be found.

From the PSUK committee meeting Stuart Jenkins was asked to confirm with the national PSUK committee

- What the difference between an amateur that undertakes some paid work in the sport and a sport professional. In addition what if anything would bar them from PSUK sport.
- Where a employee leaves the police employment early but is not in receipt of a pension are they eligible to compete

Although these issues were raised clearly at the PSUK committee meeting by John Oldham they could not be answered in Clarity. Neil Braithwaite undertook the research and reply but due to his untimely death the matter has not been dealt with. Stuart Jenkins is continuing the liaison with Neil's replacement to ascertain an answer.

4. Minutes of previous meeting were accepted proposed by Louise Nixon and seconded by Pete Waters

5. Regional reps, there are a number of vacancies across the country. Stuart Jenkins will use the current offshore competitor email list to seek volunteers to fill these roles.

6. Financial matters, Last year we spent £4922.00 The winners ( Notts) and runners up ( West Mids) of last years PSUK Off shore's could not attend Cowes Week to make use of the Grant so the money was split and £1500 was given as a subsidy to this years organising committee ( Cleveland) for the 2012 offshore event. Louise was uncertain at this time what the budget will be for next year.

Nick Hunt will take over from Louise Nixon as treasurer next year and Louise will become the Scottish rep.

7 Secretaries report, Helen Neverson stood down and Stuart Jenkins took over from her, John Oldham became the MPS regional rep.

Simon Hawkes should have received an outstanding achievement award this will be presented in Leicestershire (Dinghy nationals) in September

8. Cowes week report 2011, Peter Walters stated that it was a very windy week; they sailed on the J109 fleet and came 14th.

9. Trophies, Stuart Jenkins commented that there had been an excellent handover from the last year's offshore event organisers (Met). He pointed out to this year's organisers and future that it is vital to appoint someone early to ensure trophies are received back and issue out formally.

He commented that some of the dinghy trophies were in a poor condition and Nick Mason (Met) has undertaken to have them restored. The intention is to have the same process for the yacht trophies.

10. Current PSUK offshore event. This is being run by Cleveland to an excellent standard. Using Sunsail fleet with Dave Nichols (met) as the race officer helped by John Irvine's (met) boat. The format of longer races seems to have prevented damage and loss of deposits. The Sunsail deposit issue is starting to become a big issue for this event

Louise Nixon stated that the northern forces preferred the format of the Northern regatta (June) this is demonstrated by a good turn out of yachts. The format is not "round the cans" but longer passage races in less competitive boats.

Issues that need to be debated at AGM are:

- Price of event how to keep it as cheap as possible, maybe use smaller matched boats (J109's a 35' asymmetric boat?) or a handicap fleet.
- Mixed force crews - some of the smaller forces cannot get 8-10 crew)
- Damage deposit how to mitigate this, Passage races, offshore longer races, (argument against is bad weather scatters fleets?)
- Two tier event where some forces cannot fill a boat with all police personnel?

11. Future events, 2013 Hampshire will host the offshore championships, using the same format as this year. 2014 Scotland is a possibility Louise will clear it with Steve House (CC Strathclyde)

12. Close and formal thanking of those in attendance, next meeting is the AGM at TVP HQ

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**PSUK Dinghy Sailing Championships**

**Consultation Meeting**

**18.00 - 18.45 Hrs - 20th September 2012**

**Rutland Sailing Club**

**Minutes**

**In Attendance**

**Sara Thornton (ST)**

**John Oldham (JO)    Pete Walker (PW)**

**Andy Taverner (AT)    Sean Moore (SM)**

**Henry Scutt (HS) Wendy YEADON (WY)**

**Joe Maughan (JM)    Oliver Jemson (OJ)**

**Nick Mason (NM)    Kevin Boyce (KB)**

**Richard Sivers (RS)    Mike Scrivener (MS)**

**Welcome by the Chair:**

Sara Thornton opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions by all present.

**Apologies for Absence:**

Roger Glass and Stuart Jenkins

**Minutes of the PSUK Dinghy Consultation Meeting 2011:**

**Action - Stuart Jenkins to ensure all regional reps are notified of the PSUK Sailing Section Annual Meeting**

Minutes Agreed - NM Seconded by AT

### **Matters Arising:**

- RS had no response with the programme printers for the event and therefore WY organised their own printers for programmes.
- ST thanked Leicester for hosting the event and especially after all the commitments to the Olympics.
- RS will arrange for the Guidance document to be amended and passed to West Midlands who will host next years Dinghy Champs.

The Trophies are now all up to date, engraved where they could be and that several trophies were in a poor state and it was suggested that it was not cost effective to repair or replace. Consideration for several of the trophies to be re-allocated to other fleets, such as the Lancashire Bell as there has not been an entry from a GP14 for some years.

**Action - Nick Mason will look at the reallocation of trophies and seek permission from Force or Individuals before any reallocating is completed.**

ST mentioned that the award for Simon Hawkes will be awarded at the dinner in appreciation for his efforts.

ST mentioned that it was critical to all hosts of events to balance the money that had been applied for.

### **Review of Event**

13 Lasers for Laser event.

20 Mixed Handicap Fleet for 2 day event

The race officer was new to Police Racing and may have listened to the competitors more.

Disappointing turn out but hopefully this was mainly down to the Olympics and continuing annual leave after the Olympics. It was noticeable that several regular competitors were missing this year and this was hopefully an exceptionable year.

There were suggestions to open the event up to other emergency services such as the Offshores have introduced. This may need to be taken forward to the sailing section AGM.

WY - Thanked the additional support given by the Met with regards to the rescue crew and appreciated the funding. It was suggested that and funding left should go to the Met Rescue Crew as they were not being supported by the MPAA or Met Sailing Club.

### **Future Events:**

2013 West Midlands being held at Blithfield

2014 Currently Dorset are to hold event, however RS has tried contacting Paul Smith without any response. Sussex is keen to hold the event (MS) and will need to speak with Dorset.

NM stated that if Sussex held the event then a Beach party was essential as many were put off with shingle beaches. MS stated that they had several places in mind and would report back. Nottinghamshire were also keen to hold event.

The time of year was discussed and agreed that September seems right and there was preference to hold the event Tues/Weds/Thurs as people didn't enjoy travelling back on a Friday, especially if the event was in the South.

### **Next Meeting - September 2013 - West Midlands**

#### **AOB:**

NM mentioned about making the Laser day as a single handler event as numbers have dwindled over the past few years. The numbers were also made up individuals having to bring along 2 boats, a Laser and the boat of the choice for the Mixed Handicap Fleet. This idea was not really opposed and WY stated that perhaps this should be gauged at the next dinghy champs held by West Mids. This matter took up some debate and the final decision could/should be made at the main Sailing Section AGM in November. NM was attending and could raise this as AOB. NM also agreed that if this was accepted then the Met would provide a trophy.

**Meeting Concluded at 18.45Hrs**

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## Police Sport UK

### Sailing Section AGM

1100 hrs Thursday 22nd November, 2012

Thames Valley Police Headquarters

#### Minutes

##### 1 Welcome

Everyone welcomed by Chief Constable Sara Thornton to Thames Valley Police Headquarters. Those present were thanked for making the journey.

##### Present

Sara Thornton	Thames Valley	(ST)	Chair
Richard Sivers	Northants	(DS)	Archivist
John Oldham	Met	(JO)	
Noel Lightfoot	South Yorks	(NL)	
Colin Lightfoot	South Yorks	(CL)	
Steve Norcross	Hants	(SN)	
Louise Nixon	Strathclyde	(LN)	Treasurer
Lee Maughan	Warwickshire	(LM)	
Henry Scutt	Warwickshire	(HS)	
Sean Moore	Leicestershire	(SM)	
Duncan Weston	Hants	(LN)	
Ian Ingram	West Mids	(II)	
Marie Bond	West Mids	(MB)	
Alex Piggott	Notts	(AP)	
Stuart Jenkins	Met	(SJ)	secretary

## **2 Apologies**

Nick Hunt (Cleveland)  
Paul Heath (Gtr Manchester)  
Mark Fordham (Avon & Somerset)

## **3 Minutes of AGM 2011**

Minutes approved Louise Nixon and John Oldham

### **3A Matters Arising**

Stuart Jenkins stated he in been in contact with Ian Campbell the PSUK secretary about matters raised by the sailing section at the council meeting in November 2011

1. With regards to employees affected by TUPE where a private company takes over a police staff role and continues to employ that person in that role in the police environment then that person is still eligible to compete in PSUK events.
2. If a person is made redundant and is not current receipt of a police pension they are not eligible to compete in PSUK events until they reach the age when they draw their pension. ST. Asked that JO /SJ push this issue at the PSUK council meeting on the 28th November as this issue is likely to affect a lot of people in future across all sports.

Note: this was raised at the 28/11/12 council meeting and a quote from their minutes:

"We talked today about staff leaving voluntarily and there is no proposal to change the rules. However we are to introduce rules to cover those who are transferred to say G4S and yet still work in a police establishment"

### **Information packs**

RS confirmed that these were available to future organizers of events

## **4 Election of Officers**

Chair remains Sara Thornton

Secretary now John Oldham (MPS) voted SJ seconded RS

Stuart Jenkins stands down with thanks for service from ST

Treasurer remains Louise Nixon

## **4. Correspondence**

Invite to RYA AGM meeting. LN will attend

## **5 Treasurers Report**

See attached document for the 2011 spend.

Discussion then ensued on how the funds should be spent in the next sailing season. It was agreed that the funds should go to the widest possible users of police sailing subsidising the main regattas and giving a proportionate split between dinghies and offshore racing.

1. It was agreed to grant £250 for Paul Heath (winner of the PSUK Laser championships) to enter the SOLO Inland Championships
2. It was agreed to grant Francis Gifford /Peter Walker (Dinghy National winners) £250 x2 to enter the Merlin Rocket Nationals. Should Francis take another crew member they must be a police employee to qualify for the crew grant of £250
3. It was agreed to grant a £1500 subsidy to the organizers of the PSUK offshore championships (Hampshire)
4. It was agreed to grant £500 to the organizers of the Dinghy Nationals (West Mids)
5. It was agreed to grant £1500 to Peter Walters (winner of the PSUK offshore championships) to take part in Cowes Week.

## **6 National Dinghy Championships 2012**

Verbal report presented by SM

The event was run successfully for the second year running at Rutland water all reported a very enjoyable event. Thanks to Wendy Yeadon and Jerry Summers. The report on the racing with photographs can be seen on the Police Sailing website. The winners were Frances Gifford and Peter Walker sailing a Merlin Rocket from the Met and Paul Heath won the Laser championships.

The organizers stated that the Laser Day entries were about the same and broke even, whereas the Nationals were actually 13 boats down from the previous year and the obvious cause was the Olympic Games effect.

The accounts due to a very successful raffle-come-auction fell into profit of £3.07

Leicester Sailing Section was thanked for stepping into the breach for 2012. It was hoped that entries would improve significantly in 2013.

## **7 National Offshore Championships 2012**

Briefing from SJ from submitted report by Nick Hunt who could not attend.

The event was held in the Solent using the Sunsail boats and run by Cleveland. Dave Nichols (MPS) was the race officer.

There were 17 entries and each boat was given a country to represent in line with an Olympic theme.

The event was won by Notts second Met and third Met.

The organizers were able to reduce overall costs by £100 per boat due to the £1500 grant from the committee.

The organizers reported that competitors expressed concern that two crews had been allowed to have their boats early ahead of the normal 1900 hrs handover. This gave them extra preparation and social time. This point excludes those crew who chose to charter a day early for practice purposes.

Hampshire the 2013 organiser have taken this point on and will devise with Sunsail a fair allocation policy and procedure that does not penalise crews that practice and prevents allocations of cherry-picking boats or favoritism.

## **8 Consultative Meeting – Dinghy**

Actions outstanding

SJ to contact all regional reps to attend the AGM - complete

Nick Mason (Met) to review the allocation of all trophies – outstanding, i.e., the Lancon Bell & the Mark Peers trophy. SJ stated that enquiries as to their future use was ongoing and suggested that he comes up with a plan as to their future use and circulates it to Regional Reps.

Note: ST stated that all must remember that it is the responsibility of the force that wins a trophy to have it engraved.

Action to Leicestershire: Leicestershire to give West Mids a list of all trophies awarded at the national championships to assist them tracing and awarding at next years championship.

Discussion raised at the meeting was a proposal by John Oldham and Nick Mason (MPS) that the Laser championships be converted to a single-handed championship due to declining numbers for that day.

This proposal was put to the meeting.

As the result of an email circulation to over 40 police sailors DS produced a list of comments on this proposal from the responses received. It was agreed that of the 12 responses only 4 were totally against the proposal.

There was a discussion that digressed slightly into the merits of a two day national dinghy championship only, but it was felt that this was too big a step at this time. However, this point will be raised at the Dinghy consultative meeting in 2013.

It was agreed by all ( DS against) that the event current called the PSUK Laser Championships will become the Dinghy Single-handed Championships. The PSUK Laser championships will be retained within the single-hander championships. The PSUK will be informed of the change to gain acceptance by them of this event.

DS and SJ will review the Laser event rules and convert them as appropriate.

The MPS (agreed by SJ) will fund the trophies for the 2013 event for the Laser class winners (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) to ease the changes in.

New trophies will be allocated for the overall winning boats - Action to be added to Nick Mason's continuing action on the dinghy trophy review.

Note: so the minutes are clear. The Dinghy Single-hander Championships will be won by the fastest boat overall on handicap. The winner of this event will qualify for funding for a further championship outside PSUK events. Laser sailors will still compete for the Laser trophies within the championships but unless they are fastest on handicap they will not qualify for funding.

## **9 Consultative Meeting – Offshore**

It was agreed that Hampshire would host the 2013 event and provisionally Strathclyde for the 2014 event. (This was confirmed by LN stating that it will be a handicap event)

The matters arising were discussed.

1. The Cost of the event. It was agreed that every effort was to be employed in keeping the cost down but there was little that could be done if one design yachts were used.
2. Mixed force crews (PSUK team) it was agreed that should a crew not be able to find a full crew from their force then they could compete under the PSUK badge and be eligible for prizes.

3. Damage deposit. A discussion around this pointed out that Sunsail offered an insurance of £120 per day to reduce the liability to £800 maximum this was considered a good option by most. It was raised by CL that forces could make their own insurance by pooling their £120 per day and building up a "sinking" fund. This could be an option for some
4. Two tier event (including non police crews) this was dismissed as an idea at this time.

### **10 British Police Representation 2012 and 2013**

This will be Peter Walters and Simon Hawkes, - await reports.

### **11 National Offshore Championships 2013, 2014**

The 2013 off shores will be run in a similar line to the 2012 off shores using the Sunsail fleet traveling to Poole or possibly further. It was felt that longer races were better and safer.

The social event is likely to be in Cowes on the Thursday night at either the yacht haven or Corinthian

Dates 13th to 17th May, 2013.

Action to Hampshire ST asked that the offshore consultative meeting be planned in advance with her secretary so she is warned and able to attend.

2014 - Strathclyde -awaits update.

### **12 National Dinghy Championships 2013, 2014**

The 2013 dinghy nationals will be held at Blithfield in Staffordshire. On Monday, 16th to Wednesday, 18th September. The Club has good links with West Mids police sailing and a free camping field.

There will be a push towards keeping the costs down and introducing more competitors to the event.

Action W Mids to consult with ST Secretary as to dinghy consultative date and time

Note: Post meeting DS spoke with Alex Piggott and he is planning to run the 2014 championships so awaits from Notts.

Note: Also outside meeting DS pointed out that Sussex are now earmarked for 2015. - awaits Sussex info.

### **13 Award of Excellence**

This was awarded to Simon Hawkes at the Dinghy Nationals in September by ST.

The criteria for consideration include winning three successive national police championships.

### **14. Scottish Police North Brits**

North Brits Event is 10th to 14th June in Strathclyde. There is a debate as to whether this is a PSUK recognized event. Action to JO to ask PSUK to consult their minutes as LN states this was agreed at a previous PSUK AGM (Edinburgh)

This was raised with PSUK secretary Ian Campbell by JO the clarity is:

The North Brits are on the list of registered sailing fixtures held by the PSUK. They are not registered for specific PSUK central funding but since they are supported by the PSUK sailing section funding for competitors is up to individual forces sport association.

## **15 Any other business**

MB asked all to ensure that if any events are booked the sailing diary on the website should be consulted to avoid clashes.

South Yorkshire section gave a presentation about a charity event organized for September using the Fairview fleet in the Solent.

SM proposed that a rule be introduced that a competitor can only take home one trophy each. Should they win another, this would automatically default to the runner-up. The idea was to spread the trophies around and encourage sailors to compete without taking anything away from the winners and to spread the cost of engraving. Action to bring this up at Consultative meetings to canvas views.

Further idea from II was to have a bronze silver and gold fleet. Action to bring this up for discussion at the Consultative meeting.

JO/SJ to ensure that these items are included and circulated in an agenda beforehand

DS stated that Dorset were likely to have an open meeting possibly Weymouth and possibly 3rd July 2013

World Police championships. Raised by SJ, Nick Mason from the MPS and Brian Tucker from Dorset are consulting on running the offshore sailing part of the world games in 2014. Details to follow.

DS informed the meeting that Roy Williams (Kent police sailing organizer) died in April 2012.

MB asked for email addresses of all known contacts with a view to increasing numbers at the Dinghy Championships. RS will collate and forward.

**Date of next year's AGM, Thames Valley Police Headquarters. TBA**