

**Police Sport UK  
Sailing Section AGM  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009  
14:00hrs-16:00hrs Thames Valley Police HQ**

**MINUTES**

**Welcome:**

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

**Present:**

Sara Thornton  
Helen Neaverson  
Louise Nixon  
Stuart Jenkins  
Richard Sivers  
Pete Walters

Brief discussion by those present re the number of those in attendance and whether the AGM could continue. Checked constitution "*The quorum shall consist of four members of the committee*" and it was agreed that there were sufficient people in attendance for the meeting to continue.

**Apologies:**

Robert (Bob) Lowerie  
Paul Heath

**Minutes of the 2008 EGM and AGM:**

EGM minutes were circulated and agreed – Stuart Jenkins explained that the Constitution had been explained to competitors at both the Dinghy and Offshore Championships. Those present at these events understood the changes and were happy with them.

Richard Sivers explained that as far as the EGM and the Constitution were concerned it mentioned that the meeting required only 2 weeks notice where as before it used to say 6 weeks notice and that the AGM would be held in November. Helen Neaverson explained that she had sought advice from Neil Braithwaite in the past as to how much notice should be given for a meeting and was advised a month should be sufficient.

Discussion about length of notice and dates for future AGMs, as it hadn't been discussed at previous EGMs or AGMs.

Louise Nixon explained that she would like future AGMs to be held in October due to funding applications having to be in at the end of October. If the AGMs were held in November then additional applications for funding could be missed, as there wouldn't be time for them to be discussed and agreed.

Sara Thornton said that looking at the Constitution that arose out of the EGM we noted that it said two weeks notice to be given for a meeting and we don't believe that this is sufficient time to notify Regional Representatives in order for them to attend. We are going to amend this to six weeks notice and this is to be held within the first 2 weeks of October. (Half Term Week for schools is different in Scotland and England so this will be difficult to avoid) Constitution to be amended.

AGM minutes were circulated and agreed

### **Election of Officers:**

**Chair:** Sara Thornton

**Secretary:** Helen Neaverson agreed Stuart Jenkins seconded Louise Nixon. Elected

**Treasurer:** Louise Nixon agreed Helen Neaverson seconded Stuart Jenkins. Elected

### **Correspondence:**

PSUK Council Meeting to be held at New Scotland Yard on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009. Stuart Jenkins is going to check his availability for this date and if possible will attend. Sara Thornton isn't available to attend this meeting due to Annual Leave.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Louise is to forward me a copy of the report.

Louise discussed the additional bid we made in order for the winner of the Laser/Dinghy Championships to participate as a PSUK representative at a future event.

Helen Neaverson explained that she had received a letter from Neil Braithwaite confirming we had received additional funding of £460.

Pete Walters explained that the winners of the Offshore Championships take a deposit for a boat out of one year's budget/grant and then take the final balance out of the following years budget/grant.

Stuart Jenkins explained that out of the £700 allocated to the Laser and Dinghy representatives Paul Heath had £200 for his Laser event and Pete Walker and Francis Gifford had £500 (£250 each) for the Dinghy event. The Laser event was held over 2 days and the Dinghy event was held over a week and required accommodation.

The winner for this year's event was Simon Hawks in his Phantom and it is believed that Simon will be entering the Phantom National Championships. Stuart Jenkins has asked for £500 for this event on behalf of Simon. Graham Cook is the winner of the Laser Championships and Stuart has asked for £200 on his behalf. If Graham can't go to this event then it would fall to Paul Heath. It was agreed that £700 should be applied for.

Helen Neaverson made a suggestion that those who are going to represent PSUK at either a Dinghy or Laser event should contact Louise Nixon as soon as they know what event they will be competing in and how much they are likely to need to cover travel, accommodation and food costs. Louise agreed with this suggestion.

Louise Nixon would like notice of the event and costs that the winners of the Laser/Dinghy Championships and Offshore Championships are thinking of entering as a PSUK Representative. This is so she knows how much to apply for and that the competitors can be financially supported as best they can. Louise is to be contacted via email by the successful competitor. Her email address is [Louise.Nixon@spsa.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Louise.Nixon@spsa.pnn.police.uk)

The PSUK Offshore event discussed by Pete Walters and he explained that his team would be entering Cowes Week 2010 in a J109. Costs for this event are estimated at £5,700. £4,800 (yacht charter) and between £800 and £900 (mooring costs) Accommodation isn't included in this amount. It was agreed that we should request £4,200 for the following years event.

Avon and Somerset are hosting the 2010 Dinghy Event and they will be paid £280 towards the costs of hosting this event.

Kent Police are hosting the 2010 Offshore Sailing Championships and they will be paid £250 towards the cost of hosting this event.

RYA paid £100 and this covers insurance.

The website costing is staying the same. Richard thanked for his hard work for the website which is seen as a valuable communication tool.

Accounts agreed.

## **National Dinghy Championships 2009:**

Account Report discussed by Stuart Jenkins.

Held at Netley Sailing Club 14 Lasers entered for the first day and 27 Dinghies entered the 2-day event.

Netley Sailing Club supported the whole event and the Met Police and the competitors were very well looked after by Netley Sailing Club. The weather was good and Netley Sailing club provided an evening meal (which was included in the competitors entry fee). Dave Nichols was the Race Officer. They would have like more competitors but advertised as much as they could. Numbers entered matched the entries last year. Camping was additional costs.

£291 raised for the Anthony Nolan Trust.

Consultation meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 17:35hrs. Stuart discussed the minutes from this meeting. Stuart explained that positions for the Regional Representatives were filled and finalised as best they could but there are still vacancies for Eastern Region, Northern Ireland, Wales and the British Transport Police.

Future events: 9<sup>th</sup>-11th June 2010 host force Avon and Somerset. Bob Lowerie is the Key Organiser and everything is in place for that event. Richard Sivers website will be used to update competitors re the event.

2011 Host Force Leicestershire  
2012 Host Force Cleveland

The date for this event might have to be changed for the 2012 Olympics and it was suggested at the meeting that Leicestershire were to make enquiries as to whether the 2011 event could be moved from June to September to have a "test run" for the event in 2012. Leicestershire were to contact Pete Walters who to date hasn't heard anything from them.

**Action:** Pete Walters to contact Philip Tomaszewski at Leicestershire to chase this up.

Richard Sivers is happy to put arguments for and against this decision to change the Dinghy date from June to September on the website for a vote?

Helen Neaverson gave an update that Representatives for BTP had been found and that the only vacancies now were for Eastern Region, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Stuart Jenkins congratulated for organising a successful Dinghy Championships.

### **Awards of Excellence:**

Roger Glass brought up the Awards of Excellence.

Helen explained that she had spoken to Neil Braithwaite and that nominations for this award must be with PSUK before March of each year. Pete Walters nomination missed the March date for 2009 but has been submitted for 2010. Pete Walters qualifies for part D

Richard Sivers read out the criteria, which must be met in order for an Award of Excellence to be awarded.

Stuart Jenkins said that he had spoken to Neil Braithwaite and that the Awards of Excellence could be backdated as long as the criteria were met.

It was decided that only part D would be relevant to PSUK.

Having had a look at the Criteria for the Award of Excellence Pete Walters fits the criteria, as do some of his team members. With the help provided by Richard Sivers report showing winners of previous events we feel that it is not appropriate to nominate now on performances from a decade ago.

Stuart Jenkins mentioned that as a result of Pete Walters wins there would be members of his team that would be eligible also for this award. Helen Neaverson explained that she had previously discussed this with Pete and Neil Braithwaite. Pete said that there would be 6 core team members including himself that would possible be eligible for this award.

Helen continued that Neil would have a look at Pete's report in relation to team members. An email had been sent to Neil in relation to this Award nomination and Neil would be in touch should he require further information.

Richard Sivers thanked for his research work into previous Sailing Section winners.

Awards of excellence are to be reviewed annually.

### **National Offshore Sailing Championships 2009:**

Report by Terry Clothier read by those persons present. It was agreed it was a very thorough report and very informative.

Louise asked if she had received a Financial Report form Terry Clothier following the event to which she said no.

Stuart stated that there is a requirement for the report to be submitted prior to the AGM so it can be discussed at the AGM.

**Action:** Helen asked to contact Terry Clothier to get a copy of the accounts, which are to be submitted so they can be signed off.

Helen Neaverson mentioned that the Minutes from the Consultation meeting were wrong in the Treasures Report section. Louise explained that the mistake she wanted changing was on page 3. *Louise Nixon paid £2000 to Nottinghamshire Police towards the cost of their 700 Laser Dinghy's.*

What it should say is *Louise Nixon paid Nottinghamshire Police £2000 for their 2009 entry and that £700 is for Lasers and Dinghies.*

Minutes from the Consultation meeting accepted but the above changes need making to the Treasurers report from the meeting.

Sussex Police were thanked for the hard work they had clearly put into organising a successful event.

### **PSUK Dinghy Representation 2009:**

Report from Francis Gifford read by those present.

She was congratulated for coming 28<sup>th</sup> out of 98 boats. Her report was enjoyable to read and it was obvious the event was well worth doing.

Report from Paul Heath received by Stuart Jenkins but was unable to be circulated to those present. Stuart explained that Paul had come 12<sup>th</sup> out of 54 boats.

Richard Sivers is to put the report on the Website so those who wish to read it can do so.

### **British Police Representation Cowes Week 2009:**

Report from Pete Walters read by those present.

Pete and his team from Nottinghamshire Police came 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall. Pete was congratulated for his efforts.

Pete next year will be representing the British Police in Cowes Week in a J109.

### **Expenses:**

No issues raised

**AOB:**

Email from John Walsh discussed. John is a serving Police Officer from Hertfordshire Police who is considering entering Sailing Events in the future. If Hertfordshire don't have enough team members to enter an event can they make up the numbers from other Forces? This is a concern for John as Hertfordshire is a small force and may be merging with its neighbouring Forces in the future.

This was discussed and it was confirmed that he could enter the event but under the name of PSUK and could fill his team with either Serving or Retired Officers/ Support staff as long as they were members of the Sports and Social Club.

Richard Sivers is to liase with Neil Braithwaite to make sure that the websites are kept up to date with future event details.

The Host Forces for either the Dinghy/Laser events and the offshore events are to update Neil Braithwaite and Richard Sivers with event dates.

3:30pm Meeting closed