

YACHTING WORLD DAYBOAT ASSOCIATION

VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 10.30am on Sunday 5th April 2020
Via Zoom link

Minutes

Attended virtually by

Bob Davis, Kath Davis, David Macfarlane, Alastair Seaton

Action

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies, but with contributions received in advance of the meeting by email, were received from Dave Allen, Pete Hewitt, Geoff Honey, John Lokier, Phil Lokier and Tim Parkinson. Their comments are noted in the minutes accordingly.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th November 2019.**

Approved

3. **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

DM suggested that as a large number of the matters arising from the previous meeting related to Brixham 2020 a decision should be made regarding the event before proceeding with the meeting agenda.

There was a unanimous decision from both those present and those who had responded by email that Brixham Dayboat Week 2020 should be cancelled now and all members notified as soon as possible. DM confirmed that BYC had agreed to refund the deposit. It was also agreed that competitors who had paid in advance by BACS would be refunded their entry fee.

KD offered to send out an email to all members to advise them of the decision and to call the very small number who are not contactable via email. **KD**

BD advised that the rules of the Association require that in the event that Dayboat Week does not take place in any one year an AGM must be held no later than the end of October in the same year. With regard to a venue, it was agreed that either Bosham SC or Poole YC would be suitable. The AGM date and chosen venue will be agreed in time for publication in the next Dayboat Notes. **DM/BD**

Other Matters arising:

Dayboat Week Courses:	Actioned via Brixham SI's
Brixham moorings:	No longer applicable
Brixham quiz:	No longer applicable
AGM discussion re length of races:	To be included in agenda for next AGM
Regatta scoring:	Actioned - included in Brixham NOR
Winners forum:	No longer applicable
Trophy management:	Agreed Trophy winners should keep trophies until the next Dayboat Week.
Glassware:	No longer applicable
Salcombe 2022:	DM has notified Salcombe YC but has not received any acknowledgement.
PH re Avon Sailing Club:	Deferred until autumn committee meeting

BD also noted that donations in 2019 of £407 was typical of previous years and that the £821 in 2018 was unusually high due to a number of competitors donating the £30 refund from Poole Dayboat Week.

5. Membership Secretary's Update

Membership at 31/12/19		Membership at 29/3/20	
Full & family members	98	Full & family members	77*
Life members	4	Life members	4
Race Certificates issued	74	Race Certificates issued	59

**(5 resignations, 3 new members, 18 not yet responded to reminders)*

Reminders have been sent to non-payers, with some results, but there is clearly a possibility that some may not renew, and new members may be 'thin on the ground', if there is no sailing activity in 2020.

KD advised that the 77 membership renewals received to date which was typical for this time of year.

BD noted that typically we get a few extra memberships during Dayboat Week.

JL suggested that a further reminder should be sent as "If Brixham is cancelled we won't get the usual few one offs that we get with entries"

It was agreed that KD will send out a chasing email to all who had yet to renew their membership for 2020. KD will also send a club list to the four main class captains and ask them to follow up. **KD**

6. Brixham 2020 Update

AS advised that to date we had received 16 entries.

DA and GH both suggested that we try and rearrange Dayboat Week 2021 to go to Brixham and therefore defer Falmouth to 2022. In anticipation of the decision to cancel Dayboat Week 2020 DM advised that he had contacted both Brixham and Falmouth to see if this would be possible. Falmouth's initial have response was positive, DM still waiting to hear from Brixham.

AS noted that at least 4 of this year's entries were restricted to school holidays 3 of which were new Dayboat Week entrants and therefore it would be preferable to ensure that Dayboat Week 2021 was in school holidays which suits Brixham far better than Falmouth.

AS to contract 2020 entries who have provided cheques for their entry fee to arrange for the cheques to be returned or destroyed. **AS**

It was agreed that trophy winners from 2019 should retain the trophies until they were required for the next Dayboat Week.

7. Marketing

DM displayed to those present the sample logo'd T shirt (£11.50 each) and Polo Shirt (£13.65 each) plus p&p. They were warmly received but it was agreed that under the current circumstances they would not be marketed until next year.

DM thanked BD and KD for all their efforts in providing Yachting World with information for the proposed article about the YW Dayboat that YW was preparing for publication.

DB677 is now complete and with her new owner Simon Bullingham. BD suggested that we should include details/photos of the boat, both during construction and complete, in the June/July copy of Dayboat Notes. PH please contact Simon and ask him if he could take a set of internal and fully rigged photos. **PH**

8. Ally Pally 2020 visit report

The show is relocating to Farnborough International Exhibition and Conference Centre for 2021 and the RYA have advised that stand costs should be comparable with this year. GH and DM both visited this year's show on the Sunday.

GH noted that this year's show was very quiet compared to his last visit about 3 years ago. There were far fewer stands, spaced much further apart, fewer stalls selling chandlery, as like many things these can now be purchased on line. He and DM had spoken to a number of exhibitors including those on the Tideway stand their view was that it is a way of maintaining awareness of the class in the sailing community rather than making a sale. GH's suggested that this had been the YWDB view over the years. GH stated that he believed it may be worth trying to take a stand for the first year at the new venue but we will obviously need to find out about costs etc. before committing. Logistically it is easier to get a boat and stand to Farnborough than the outskirts of London.

DM reported that all the commercial activity had been focused in the big hall with the class associations set out in the smaller hall. The RYA had advised that visitor numbers had been fairly consistent over the last 3 years at circa 8500. DM had discussions with the Chairman of the Devon Yawl Association and he had suggested that the 2 classes should try and get adjacent stands to create a classic dinghy zone.

Other comments included:

PH – “looking ahead to next year I think the Dinghy Show would be a good thing to focus on. As well having the novelty of a new venue it has the major advantage of being close - almost local. Although the class may not get any direct benefit being there it does show that the class is still alive and kicking. We talk about taking the boat to other clubs and venues but it is a big commitment for any individual to take on. If nothing else, the show is not a bad social event.”

JL/PL – “Not sure about the dinghy show but we have nothing else so perhaps give it a go in the new-venue in 2021?”

TP - “I am strongly in favour of giving Dinghy Show 21 a go. I see no other way of demonstrating that we are alive and sailing until the younger members take up social media in earnest”

PH to please discuss with Simon Bullingham if he would consider making DB677 available to exhibit at the show. **PH**

The meeting agreed that we would take a stand at the show in 2021 and then review the level of interest before committing to the following year.

9. DB Week 2022

As minuted above, first choice would be Falmouth subject to Brixham being available for 2021.

10. New Boat

a) Lessons learnt –

BD advised that the internal (thwart, plate-case capping) mould was not in good condition, although usable, and that at some time, if more orders for new boats were likely, we should plan to have a new mould built.

b) Cost of fit out – PH advised cost of fit out was not known

BD suggested that for the dinghy show we should have a budget price list with all key items costed with recommended suppliers. DM to progress. **DM**

c) Mould storage/insurance – See BD Treasurer's report above

11. Committee succession planning – Seek out younger committee members to be appointed at the 2020 AGM

DM reported that Steve and Annette Wilson had expressed interest in joining the committee at the next AGM.

TP advised that he plans “to stand down from the Committee having served for 36 years or longer. I'm happy to keep the website going until someone else can be found to take it over.”

KD suggested and it was agreed that we include a notice in the next Dayboat Notes to see if we can find a suitably qualified member who would be prepared to take on the role of Website manager. **KD**

DM suggested that we should try to ensure that new committee members were regular attendees of Dayboat Week and that all four clubs with established Dayboat fleets are represented on the committee.

12. AOB

a) DA raised the issue of “preserving the class and raising it's profile where possible. With the former in mind I am hoping to take up Tim's initiative of tracking DBs which have fallen off the radar if only to help expand numbers at TSC.” Those present thanked DA for his efforts.

b) TP stated that ‘it is a really good time to register on the website discussion board so as to avoid long drawn out email discussions.’

c) TP - “Re a name for the cup I'm suggesting how about 'Achievement Cup' and then leave it open for the Committee to decide which achievement, first timer, longest cruise (with log), club recruiting most new members and so on.” Those present considered TP's suggestion for the award of the cup a very good idea and DM suggested that the winner, where possible, should be an attendee at Dayboat Week. BD proposed that the trophy should be called the Tim Parkinson Cup, and this was agreed by all present. To be discussed with TP.

d) AS to check timescale for notification of the AGM. **AS**

13. Date of next meeting

To follow the AGM in October 2020

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