

YACHTING WORLD DAYBOAT ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting

Saturday 25th November 2023

Minutes

Attended by:

David Macfarlane, Julie Bowden, Bob Davis, Kath Davis, Peter Hewitt, Annette Wilson, Steve Wilson, Dave Allen and John Mullan (via Mobile)

1-Apologies- Tim Wilcock.

2-Minutes of the previous Meeting held 20th November 2022.

Approved

3- Matters Arising

There were two matters arising:

1-Paragraph 6: Day Boat Week 2024 entry competence:

Matter discussed in agenda item 6e below.

2-Paragraph 13(a) **DA** confirmed that he had collected and was storing the hardcopy archive material from Tim Parkinson.

4- Treasurers Report

a- Available funds £9,980 (2022- £9740)

b- Trading profit £239 (2022 – 1,419)

RD comment: Difference accounted for:

1- We have paid £500 deposit to Brixham YC for DB Week 2024

2- We made a surplus of £800 for DB Week 2021 whereas for 2022 we broke even.

c- There was discussion around mould storage. It is likely that Steve Creasey's son will be setting up a business on a separate site which will have more space to store our moulds, however the storage cost will, as a result, increase to nearer £500 pa.

d- **RD** made the point that if we need to raise a significant sum to, for example, replace the interior mould this would be better achieved by raising loans from members.

e- **DM** warmly thanks **RD** for his work as Treasurer. This was fully supported by all the other committee members.

5- Membership Secretary Update

a- On **KD**'s behalf, **RD** reported that membership levels remained very level with 42 (44 in 2022) family members and 40 (38 in 2022) full members plus 4 life members.

b- The level of subscriptions was discussed. The decision was made to hold them at the current level as, even a modest increase, would most likely be self-defeating as it would trigger the cancellation of a number of long term non boat owning members.

c- **DM** warmly thanked **KD** for her work as membership secretary. Again, this was fully supported by all the other committee members.

6- DB Week 2024

- a- **DM** reported that arrangements for the Week were progressing very well with BYC and that it was very good news that Peter Lytton would once again be our nominated PRO. Peter did an excellent job for us in 2020.
- b- Re Entries: **DM** reported that he had received positive indications from between 15-18 boats who were planning to enter the Week.
- c- Re Entry fee: **DM** circulated the cost breakdown for the week which showed that at an entry level of 17 we would breakeven on the costs.
It was agreed that the entry cost would therefore be set at £280.
If however entry numbers fell below the breakeven level we should use the surplus from DB Week 2021 to subsidise any shortfall
NB The only outstanding cost to be finally confirmed is for the two set meals. **DM** has subsequently heard from BYC that they are in the process of appointing a new chef and hope to confirm that they can work within our budgeted costs within the next 3 weeks.
- d- Re Race and Social programme: It was agreed to maintain the same format that has worked successfully for recent DB Weeks.
- f- Re Quiz: As 2023 winners, Nigel and Isabelle Russell, will be asked to act as quiz masters in 2024. If they are not able to do so **RD** volunteered to stand in.
- g- From Matters arising, there was a discussion around including a clause in the DB Week paperwork to require all entries to meet certain competence requirements. The meeting agreed to include an appropriate clause. **Action DM.**
- h- **DA** asked why it had been necessary to move DB Week from RTYC and hold it out of school holidays given that the previously agreed plan was to hold it in the holidays to encourage the participation of younger DB owners. **PH** said that this year's Salcombe Town Regatta was a very popular with those owners with children and as a group they have decided to return in 2024. The original date for DB Week 2024 in Torquay would have been the following week and it was not practical to sail both weeks. **DM** also confirmed that a number of Bosham boats are not planning to attend this year. The net result was that the projected fleet size for Torquay was not financially viable for RTYC and it was mutually agreed therefore to cancel the event. **DM** expressed his apologies to the committee that he had not fully communicated the background for the rescheduling to the whole committee.

7- RYA Dinghy Show 2024

- a- **PH** confirmed that Michael Hewitt would again be happy to loan his for the Association stand.
- b- It was agreed that a flier would be produced for this year's show to include:
 - 1- The key contact information for Association
 - 2- Clubs where DB's are regularly raced.
 - 3- Boats for sale including any 'sold' during last year.
DA volunteered to produce the flier. **Action DA**
- c- **DA** commented that he felt there was a potential difficulty for visitors to differentiate the DB from the adjoining Devon Yawl stand. **KD** suggested adding a larger 'top nameplate' to the stand wall. **DM** suggested that we approach Matt Straker to see if he could

produce a large adhesive YWDB insignia that could be stuck to the DB 678's mainsail. (Similar to those used by North sails). **KD** to consider both ideas. **Action RD KD**.

8-DB Week 2025

- a- **DM** confirmed that the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club in Falmouth had agreed to host DB Week 2025 over the week 26th-31st July.
PH confirmed that the younger DB owners were keen to attend the event.

9- Club Updates

- a- **SW, DA, JM, PH**(Avon) and **DM** gave brief updates about activity at their respective clubs.

10- Website update

- a- **JB** gave the meeting an overview of the recent Website upgrades. She had previously sent around a test link to newly designed website which included the 2024 events. All members of the committee were very impressed with the upgrade and expressed their thanks to **JB** for all her efforts. **JB** will now go ahead and fully load and launch the newly designed website. **Action JB**

11- Committee Succession Planning

- a- After many years of excellent service to the Association, **RD** and **KD** confirmed that they will be standing down from their Hon Treasurer and Hon Membership roles at the 2024 AGM in Brixham.
- b- **DM** stated that, if re-elected at the 2024 AGM, he would be happy to continue as Class Chairman with a view to standing down in 2025.
- c- **RD** and **KD** then gave a brief overview of their respective roles and **DM** then asked whether there were any members of the current committee who would be prepared to consider taking on the roles.
- d- **AW** expressed an interest in the Treasurer role and **DA** for the membership Secretary's role.
- e- It was agreed that **RD** and **KD** would write a brief 'job specification' to include key activities, busy periods etc. These would be circulated to the committee and considered by **AW** & **DA** who would advise whether they would be happy to be proposed for the two roles at the AGM.
- f- **DM** advised that both Nigel Russell and James Hewitt are keen to join the committee.

12- AOB

- a- **PH** asked whether the plans for DB679 had been issued to Lyme Regis. **RD** confirmed that they had.
- b- **PH** expressed the view that the various roles and responsibilities involved in the running DB Week should be shared amongst as many members of the committee as possible. **DM** agreed to issue a list of key activities and get volunteers signed up. **Action DM**

The meeting ended at 1pm