



International Optimist Class Association (UK)



Committee Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 24 January 2023

Minutes of the meeting to be read in conjunction with the papers produced for the meeting.

Present

Sarah Gosling (SG)

Stephen Wright (SW)

David Davies (DD)

Hannah McCarthy (HM)

Jane Saunders (JS)

Nick Rogers (NR)

Richard Edwards (RE)

Jenny Eastwood (JE)

Victoria Perratt (VP)

Deborah Waggett (DW)

Nick Holley (NH)

Ben Wimpory (BW)

Filippo Di Salle (FD)

Wil Welfare (WW)

In Attendance

Tim Hall (TH)

James Parker-Mowbray (JPM)

Alex Keegan (AK)

Introduction/Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Will Welfare joining the Committee as Technical Coordinator and joining for his first meeting.

Apologies

Apologies of absence had been received from Ian Bullock (IB).

1. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the last committee meeting on 29 November 2022 were approved by SW.

2. Matters Arising

The following updates and comments were added:

- a. SW to circulate Conflict of Interest form to Committee Members.

- b. JP to publish Committee minutes.
- c. HM to work towards closing the regional bank accounts after the winter training has concluded and the class has control of the Barclays bank account.
- d. JS to confirm Winters 23 venue.

3. Finance

HM – reported that Simon Kelsall (SK), previous IOCA Treasurer has been asked to transfer the remaining balance in the existing bank to the new bank account.

ACTION: JP to contact SK to regarding the transfer of the remaining balance.

4. Secretary

DD – informed the Committee that there was a need to remind families to renew IOCA membership for 2023.

Posed the question – does the class want to have a temporary membership option. It was decided that the class no longer wanted to have a temporary membership option.

Membership to date – 143 sailors and 94 families.

ACTION JP – to include a membership reminder in the Springs 23 Updates.

5. Teams

JE – gave an update on the progress of planning the events that IOCA Teams would be participating in 2023.

2023 Teams to be selected.

- Worlds
- European
- Development 1
- Development 2
- Development 3
- Junior Irish

For the Team Selection Trials 2023 in May, 60 sailors from the Spring Championships 2023 would be invited to register and an additional 20 sailors would be offered a discretionary place. A draft Teams Selection Policy 2023 had been written.

JE discussed IOCA sailors participating in International Team Racing following the experience sailors had at Monaco Team Racing in January 2023 which was not good. This level of achievement was mainly due to a lack of training and experience. The committee gave consideration to maintain the existing sailing programme or adding Team Racing into the annual programme of sailing.

ACTION: JE to send a list of Coaches to Committee members.

6. Event Support 2023

JP – informed to committee that Event Support Braass 23 had 33 sailors expressing an interest. Four Coaches had been contracted and 4 support RIBs identified. The plan is to progress to the next stage by requesting the payment of the training fee.

JPM – informed to committee that Event Support Garda 23 had 7 sailors expressing an interest. The Coach is confirmed, and a Coach RIB has yet to be identified.

7. Sailing

JS – gave a update on the progress of planning the national event sailing programme for 2023. Key points below:

Major Event Instructions 2023 draft completed.

Nationals 2023 Notice of Race written and published.

Nationals 2023 entry fees to remain the same as 2022.

The Race Officials for the majority of the IOCA national sailing programme have been booked.

The committee discussed changes to the MEIs 2023 and suggested changes were made.

The committee discussed including the Late Summers event in the programme for 2023. No conclusion was reached.

8. IT

BW – informed the meeting of two IT updates

- IOCA had a revised contract for iocaexpenses
- Nexus, results app is in development and presented to the committee the main features of the app.

9. Marketing

AR – informed to committee on the IOCA UK stand at the RYA Dinghy Show 2023 and class sponsors.

RYA Dinghy Show 2023

Taking place at Farnborough International on 25 – 26 February 23.

IOCA has a stand with IOCA members present on the stand

Bookings have been made for stand equipment and furniture

New pull up banners have been commissioned and will be used on the stand

JPM to make a presentation on the stand on Saturday and Sunday.

Class Sponsors for 2023

Noble Marine Insurance have agreed to be a class sponsor for 2023

ACTION – AR to set up a meeting with Gill to discuss class sponsorship for 2023.

ACTION – AR to send IOCA bank details to Noble Marine.

ACTION – JP to add Noble Marine to the class sponsors on MainChimp

10. Training

DW – gave an update on the IOCA Winter Performance Training programme 2023.

Proposed that a Coached Regatta be included in the IOCA training programme in June of July. This event would be open to all sailors. The purpose of the event is to have a large group of sailors racing supported by a Head Coach and a number of younger Coaches.

The pre event training for IOCA Teams 23 is to be based at WPNSA for 3 day in May.

11. AOB

Discussion on making the class 6 boat trailer available for members to use to transport boats to events.

12. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 20.00 on 28 March 2023