

CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held at the Royal Ocean Racing Club, St James' Place on Tuesday, 22nd September, 1992.

Present: H Caldwell
J Laing
W Brown
J Black
R Mcleod
M Smith
G Jones
R Creer
M Ware
J Dunkley

ACTION

1. Apologies for absence were received from P Dale, P Chivers, A Reynolds, P Wallace, G Calvert.

2. Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Monday, 10th February, 1992 were approved and signed by the Commodore.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising which had not been dealt with during the course of the year or within the following matters to be discussed.

4. 1993 Programme:

The Sailing Secretary presented to the Committee a provisional programme for 1993. This was discussed by the Committee and a number of alterations were suggested. It was noted that start times should where possible allow members to leave Northney and Chichester Yacht Basins avoiding low water. Comment was expressed on the number of races but it was generally felt within the Committee that 25 races had proved sufficient.

The Sailing Secretary informed the Committee of a clash on the dates with the NAB Cup and Sparkes Trophy. It was agreed by Committee that in the circumstances an alternative race would be laid on on these dates as they particularly suited the ladies and crews race and there were better alternative dates available for the NAB Cup and Sparkes Trophy. It was hoped that by liaison with Geoff Coop mutual agreement could be reached.

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5. Prizes

The Treasurer informed the Committee that as an interim measure he had purchased 250 10oz whiskey tumblers from Collins Clayton & Co for the 1992 season. This measure was necessary to ensure sufficient prizes for the 1992 season but would provide prizes also for 1993.

ACTION

P Wallace was still trying to organise a supply from Czechoslovakia but this was unlikely to be available this year.

PW

Concern was expressed at the substantial cost of the prizes and in particular the costs involved in providing racing for a third fleet. These costs used a substantial part of members' subscriptions. It would be necessary at the AGM to raise significantly the subscription, particularly if it was decided to continue with three fleets. This did not take into account cup prizes.

6. Review of Handicapping

A discussion took place concerning the season's turnout for the three classes and the Sailing Secretary presented a brief analysis. It was agreed that a decision on the matter would be postponed until after the AGM.

The Committee noted, however, that both the Alpha II and Beta fleets had relatively low turnouts and there seemed to be an uneven split between Alpha I and Alpha II. It was also disappointing that a large number of new members had not actually raced.

7. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 14th November, 1992 at 11.00 am at the Chichester Yacht Club. The Flag Officers would present their reports to the AGM and it was hoped that these may be sent to members prior to the AGM.

HAC/JL/RC

The Treasurer raised the question of subscriptions for 1993 and this was discussed by the Committee. It was agreed that a subscription of between £40 and £45 would be necessary but that a final decision would be taken by the Flag Officers after consideration of a forecasted cash plan prepared by the Treasurer for expenditure over the next 4-5 years. This was necessary to allocate costs for prizes, entertainment and club regalia over a reasonable period.

HAC/JL/RC/MAS

ACTION

8. Any Other Business

a. Results

A review of the results service was made and in particular the Sailing Secretary drew the Committee's attention to the potential costs of the present system. Whilst it was agreed by the Committee that the present system was the most preferable distribution, it was agreed that the costs were substantial. Three options were put forward to the Committee whose preference was for Option 1 which basically restricted race results to class weekly rather than all members. It was decided that this should again be reviewed at the next Committee Meeting and that alternatives should be costed.

MW/RC

b. The Sailing Secretary informed the Committee that it would be necessary to review the sailing instructions and courses for 1993. It was hoped that these would follow more closely the layout within the IYRU Regulations which were due to be changed for 1993.

c. The Sailing Secretary would present to the Federation that Chi Buoy is moved further to the south.

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d. The Commodore reported that a reception would be held at Cobnor on Sunday, 4th October, 1992 at 12.00 noon for other Commodores and Dignitaries.

e. The Commodore reported that we have been invited to sail at the Queen Mary Sailing Club on Saturday, 31st October, 1992 with the Yeoman Fleet.

f. The Secretary reported to the Committee the resignations of P. Dale as Press Officer and A. Reynolds as Assistant Sailing Secretary. The Committee asked the Commodore to request B. Dandridge to take up the position of Press Officer since he was effectively already dealing with the publicity through the Club handbook.

The Committee thanked P. Dale and A. Reynolds for their past assistance to the Club.

There being no further business the meeting concluded and the Committee proposed a vote of thanks to Hugh Caldwell and RORC for their hospitality.