

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Alasdair Mackenzie (AMack), Douglas Hamilton (DH), Sandra Byrne (SB), Bob Rowe (BR), Maggie Byrne (MB), Ian Hay (IH), Fiona MacKenzie (FMack)

Subject: PSBSC Member Survey 2009

Date of Meeting: Friday 26th March 2010

Apologies: Lyndsay Avern (LA), Alex Mackenzie (Alex)

1. Weather

It was agreed that on race day local forecasts will be published on the notice-board and website. To be sourced from XC Weather.

MB/LA

2. Race Communication

Race Procedures to be updated by MB and forwarded to LA. These will be sent out via email and also published on website and notice-board.

MB/LA

It was suggested that another website administrator should be trained.

Note

3. Safety Procedures

In light of Regatta 09's 'Squall' it was agreed that it is now imperative to have a list of all Crew members participating in races.

Note

This will be the responsibility of the Boat Skippers to liaise with the line officers. To be communicated to members within Race Procedures.

MB

It was also agreed that there should be a link to the Coastguard on the website.

LA

It was suggested that Drysuits should be made available for use at the Rescue Boat Skipper's discretion, to enable them to be appropriately equipped.

SB

4. Officer of the Day

Due to the special circumstances of Regatta 09, it was agreed to review the procedures for the OOD as well as the Commodore's Handbook.

AMack

5. Safety Boat Radio

Dennis Fyfe was to be approached to comprehensively test all communication kit before commissioning day.

MB

Andy Mitchell is to be invited to act as a 'Standby Engineer' during the racing calendar.

AMack

Hands free radio kits or headphones are to be investigated to ensure communication between the line and rescue boat is effective particularly in poor weather conditions.

MB/
AMack

6. Centreboards

Further to support in the survey, interest for new club centreboards would be gauged at club nights. However, the decision on any acquisition will be kept for future review at the end of the 2010 season.

Note

Closer links to other sailing clubs should be of on-going importance.

All

It was agreed that it is important to have a centreboard skipper on the RSSC. MB to source a suitable volunteer for this role.

MB

Enthusiasm for dedicated centreboard races/weekends should be explored through Tuesday club nights.

All

7. Ceathrar Bhalach

Although secured for this year's racing season, it was agreed that promotion of the loan of Ceathrar Bhalach should be done through the website, guidelines and insurance details should also be published there.

LA

8. Training

Committee must meet as a matter of urgency.

IH

Identify new potential instructors. It was suggested Graham should be approached as a possible new Senior instructor.

SB

Further liaisons with both the High School and Primary Schools to be developed.

SB/LA

Another safety boat instructor should be encouraged. Michael Hay may be willing and should be asked.

MB

9. Safety Equipment

It was suggested that the rescue boat may require more hypothermia suits and blankets.

SB

Sponsorship be sought to improve the rescue boat's first aid service.

LA

Depending on Dennis Fyfe's prognosis, funds/sponsorship should be explored for a radio. MB to advise.

MB/
DH/LA

10. Health and Safety

It was agreed that a Health and Safety Co-ordinator (and Sub-Committee) be established to review the Club's procedures. It was suggested that Ruth MacAndrew should be invited to do this.

SB

Health and Safety will be reviewed annually and subsequently, a report will be published on the website.

H&S Sub
Comm

11. Boat Shed

A committee meeting should be held to ensure boat shed is ready for the club nights beginning in May.

Alex

12. Social

Secretary will forward Claire's proposals to the new Convenors.

SB

Ask Douglas and Lyndsay about running a bar for the Open Day on 15th May.

FMack