

# RC Laser AGM 2015,



## Minutes of meeting held at Gosport

### *Present*

Dave Fowler	John Park	Richard Johnson	Garry Moore	Nick Hodson
David Pratt	Paul Nesbitt	Chris Treguest	Dave Swainson	Mark Barker
Nigel Seary	Fred Body	Denis Bookham	John Smyth	Chris Moore

### *Apologies*

Robert Wheeler          Alan Tickle          Skip Reasor          Adrian Tomlinson

### *Matters arising from the previous Minutes*

A copy of the Minutes wasn't available, but the only matter arising was the retirement of John Park - Membership Sec, Sec and Treasurer.

### *Secretary Report*

Nothing to report apart from a letter from a member who attended the nationals, Letter has been added as an agenda point.

### *Chairman's Report*

Not received.

### *Treasurer's Report*

A copy of the accounts had been given out for members to view. Payment by bank transfer was a success, as long as people included their Name and boat Number on the transfer info.

We spent more than income due to the purchase of a replacement printer.

A question was asked from the floor about bouncing checks, the reply from the committee, was that they would be refused entry from any association event until resolved.

A vote was taken and the Accounts were approved.

## Racing Sec Report

We have had 9 TTs which were fairly well attended with 60+ boats attending at least 1 event. But only 10 qualified (3 races from 9). The Nationals at Medway were again poorly attended, with 2/3rds of the attendees only entering in the last 3 weeks. It was mentioned that 10 years ago we were getting SO+ at the nationals, but the group felt rising travelling and accommodation cost were a contributing factor

A question was raised if there was to be a ND series next year, the answer was yes there is one in the planning and the possibility of having a Southern District local circuit was discussed, there was interest but no offers of someone to organize, committee to look into it. Using existing and new clubs in the south, and get a trophy organized for it.

Even though the TI local attendance was low, those who took part enjoyed the sailing.

NH- commented that paying ahead for everything by cheque could be causing a problem, this year we did more pay on the day, or PayPal may a way forward in the future.

NH- Suggested a Midlands club to hold the event and will approach Nott's County for 2017/2018

## Election of Officers

With John Park standing down after 10 years of working on the Committee, the proposals of the new committee was read out.

President- Nigel Seary.  
Chairman- Adrian Tomlinson.  
Class Secretary- Vacant. (Dave Fowler to cover).  
Racing Secretary- Dave Fowler.  
Membership Secretary- Dave Fowler  
Treasurer- Alan Tickle  
Trophy's - Skip Reasor  
TT and ND series -Robert  
Wheeler SD Series- Vacant  
Webmaster- Dave Fowler.

There were no other nominations or volunteers, Vote taken on mass - Approved

## *Motions for debate*

The Association fee was brought up for discussion, through the year there have been talks for removing the membership fee and fund the association another way, by the TT's and Nationals being self-funding, i.e. costing more, Dave F explained the current TT funding. The association provided the winning trophy for the event, at no charge to the running club, the club provides the top 3-10 prizes depending on entries, and the remaining money to go to the club and nothing comes to the Association. Similar happens with the Nationals where the club is paid per boat to hold the event, with the association picking up all the rest of the bills.

The view from the members was to keep the fees at the same level as proposed by the Treasurer and for the committee to come back next AGM with proposals for and against.

A vote was taken on

- I. The committee propose that the membership subscription for the year 2016 shall remain at £7.50. Junior £4.00.

Current Treasurer proposed, NH seconded.

It was approved.

The 'D' sail was discussed the new OT sail seemed to be getting reports of it failing in strong winds and not being robust enough, Nigel asked for more information, as if there is a manufacturing problem he needs to get it rectified. DF to find out more and get examples.

A vote was taken on whether we were to allow the use of the Tushingham 'D' sail for another year.

OF Proposed, DS seconded it

It was approved. With 1 against.

We had a letter from a member, to summarize, he was upset at some of the bad Language and shouting when incidents occurred on the water at the 2015 Nationals which was held in a public park, DF owned up to one incident of swearing and apologized, the whole shouting and language was discussed along with the rule 69, there was a big problem at the Nationals with the sun being behind the 2 windward marks causing helm great problems in judging distances. NH congratulated the race team for ending the nationals early due to this problem.

## AOB

OF proposed update to the web site,

- Giving all members a login
  - Allowing to see a list of current members
  - And other members only information

OF also offered Association run club training days for the club members and visitors.

It was asked how we could promote the class further

- Boat shows
- Dinghy show
- MYA
  - Not being affiliated,
    - This was discussed, DF informed the group that we had received the letter of affiliation under the un-discussed affiliation of our class, we replied to this asking for a meeting to discuss and no further contact had been forth Cumming from the MYA.
    - RE measuring, rules hitting marks etc.
    - DF to re-contact the MYA through Tim Long.
  - DF also to discuss affiliation with MYA like a club to offer insurance with MYA
  - Or have our own membership insurance.

Meeting ended.