



International Optimist Class Association (UK)

Minutes from the The Annual General Meeting of the International Optimist Class Association (UK) held at Pwllheli Sailing Club, as part of the Optimist Open National Championships, on Tuesday 12th August 2008 at 1900.

No of Members present 21

1. Apologies for absence

Geoff Stock

2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 31st July 2007.
WPNSA

Proposed – M Harden

Seconded – J Stanley-Whyte

Approved - All

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. A number of questions were raised by members:

1. Membership numbers appeared to be falling any specific reasons? Numbers were returning to the levels pre free membership so could be considered stable.
2. What does membership provide? Participation in the major events and access to subsidised class and club training.

4. Sailing Secretary's Report

The Sailing Secretary's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There was one comment from the members:

1. IOCA organised events were considered to be good value when compared to some other dinghy class events.

5. Training Officer's Report

The Training Officer's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Key points highlighted to the meeting:

1. The Summer Squad is being re-introduced
2. Liz Cropley will be taking on girl's training

3. Looking for someone to take on the lead role for the Regatta Fleet organisation at the Nationals.
 4. The introduction of the “Learn to Sail” group at the Nationals had proved very popular and would be repeated in future years
 5. A proposal for a new ranking system was being worked up. This would be “evolution” not “revolution”
 6. The Spring Championships would be introduced to the Calendar for 2009
6. Approval of the annual accounts for 2006/2007

Proposed – Ravi Gill
Seconded – Graham Wallis
Accounts Adopted - All

The annual accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting. Key points highlighted to the meeting:

1. Increase in profit due to fuel duty refund
 2. Increase in subs
 3. The major events have returned a higher profit this year
 4. Thanks recorded to the RYA for their continued support plus In to the Blue and our major sponsors.
7. Election of the Officers of the Association and Committee Members

Thanks were recorded to those Officers and Committee Members standing down:

Steve Grant
Jackie Taylor
Digger Harden
Fred Deacon-Smith
Phil Tilley
Pam Gratton

Nominations for committee were accepted on mass.

8. Appointment of Auditor
- Jackie Taylor was appointed as Auditor
9. Consider the proposals detailed in Appendix A

Appendix A – Proposals for Consideration

Proposal 1 – To establish the protocol for the creation and adoption of Resolutions as formal operating policies of the Association, which could govern certain aspects of the class in terms of administration and decision making.

(An amendment to the Rules of the Association)

All in favour, proposal adopted

Proposed wording change to the IOCA (UK) “Rules of the Association”

New Clause 18

Resolutions

(i) A Resolution shall be defined as any formal policy which the Association wishes to adopt, and which shall be binding upon both the Committee, and all Members of the Association, and which may control the definition of certain Policies, decisions or actions of the Committee or the Members.

(ii) A Resolution proposed by a Member of the Association must be given to the Secretary in writing at least one month before the AGM, or where appropriate, an EGM called for the purpose.

(iii) All such proposed Resolutions, and any such amendments to them, which must be proposed and seconded must be put to a vote at an AGM, or EGM called for the purpose. Provided that on a show of hands a majority of two-thirds of the votes of those Members present and voting are cast in favour of any proposed Resolution, and any such amendments to them, then the same shall be deemed to be adopted by the Association.

(iv) Any Member of the Association may, upon giving notice in writing to the Secretary at least one month before an AGM, or where appropriate, an EGM called for the purpose, propose a vote to nullify a previously approved Resolution. Any such proposal to nullify a Resolution, which must be proposed and seconded, must be put to a vote at an AGM, or EGM called for the purpose. Provided that on a show of hands a majority of two-thirds of the votes of those Members present and voting are cast in favour of nullifying a Resolution, then the same shall be deemed to be nullified by the Association.

All in favour, proposal adopted

10. AOB

- Request from members that criteria for Development Squad to be clarified
- RYA now recognise the Dev Squad
- Lack of understanding as to why Dev Squad jackets can't be provided with embroidery. The issue would be discussed at committee
- A request for much simpler policies for team/squad selection to be put in place with less discretion for the selectors as their role should be minimal in the whole process. It was intended that the make-up of selectors would be reviewed at the committee.
- A member requested that minutes from committee meetings be posted on the web site as this had been sporadic to date.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm