



# *International Optimist Class Association (UK)*



## **IOCA (UK) Committee Meeting - WPNSA**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 18:45hrs**

### **MINUTES**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Sharon Davidson Guild (SDG) Andrew Taylor (AT) Joff McGill (JM) Louise Wilkinson (LW) Mervyn Hughes (MH) Victor Brellisford (VB) Antony Gifford (AG) Claire Mueller (CM) Sarah Lonsdale (SL) Andy Utting (AU) Mel Hacker (MHR) John Perham (JP)</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Sailing</b></p> <p>JM summarised the sailing report posted on Basecamp. JM advised the committee that a decision was required on the rotation of venues for the Nationals, proposing that the sequence Weymouth; Pwllheli; Weymouth; Largs; be used going forward. The sequence was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The nature and number of events that make up the ranking series was discussed. It was recognised that any change to the selection series would need the agreement of the RYA and would need to take into account the requirement to increase the proportion of girls in the squads. It was agreed that a detailed review of the whole structure was required and, in order to allow sufficient time for this to be done thoroughly, there will be no change to the structure in 2018.</p>

	<p>JM advised the committee that the planned venues for 2018 are:  Nationals – Pwllheli  Inlands – Grafham  LSC – Rutland  EOS – Weymouth</p> <p>It was agreed that it would be preferable to have 2 of the 3 ranking events at sea venues. JM agreed to investigate and see if a second sea venue could be arranged in place of one of the proposed inland venues. Lymington was proposed as a venue for the Spring Champs – JM was asked to follow this up to see if it would be possible.</p> <p>JM informed the committee that a request had been received from the parents of a disabled sailor asking for dispensation for the sailor to compete in 2018 at Optimist Age 16. It was agreed in principle that this would be allowed. JM was asked to clarify with the RYA under which rules the dispensation would be given.</p> <p>JM also informed the committee that the protocol for a partially sighted sailor was due for review and this would be undertaken by JM, Mark Lance (safety officer), Jay Williamson (the author of the current protocol), the sailor’s parents and the class Juror.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Training</b></p> <p>SL confirmed that all venues are booked and coaches are in place for the 2017/18 winter squads. SL advised the committee that an extra weekend of Intermediate and National squad training may be added to the programme.</p> <p>It was proposed and agreed that Gillian Shonrock be co-opted on to the committee to help with building a resource bank for sailors and flotilla leaders in the regions.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Teams</b></p> <p>It was noted that the 2018 worlds clash with the Late Summer Championships. It was agreed that those sailors selected for the worlds would be given their Selections result towards the ranking series in lieu of a result at the LSC.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Marketing</b></p> <p>CM proposed, and it was agreed, that CM look for a new photographer to cover IOCA events.</p> <p>CM noted the importance to the sponsors of having the correct Volvo/Gill stickers on all boats at IOCA events.</p>

6	<p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p>MH advised the committee that last year's accounts are in the process of being finalised.</p>
7	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <p>SDG advised that a newsletter is needed soon, with future newsletters to be produced at regular intervals.</p> <p>The website was discussed. It was agreed that a robust solution is required as the back end is reliant on the goodwill of a volunteer.</p>
8	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>It was agreed that membership fees should not be increased as the class ran at a surplus in the prior year.</p> <p>It was agreed that the surplus funds from the 2015 Euros be spent on development of regional flotillas.</p> <p>MHR was asked to produce a 'how to' guide for regional reps.</p> <p>AG was asked to review the current insurance policy to ensure the class has adequate cover.</p>
9	<p><b>Close</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:15pm</p>