

B14 European Class Association AGM 2009

Minutes of meeting. Sun 30th August, Carnac YC

1. Election of Officers

Role	Held 2008	Elected 2009	Notes
European Chairman	Mark Watts	Mark Watts	
European Vice Chairman	Mark Barnes	Mark Barnes	
Treasurer	Trish Dixon	Trish Dixon	
Publisher	Mike Bees	Mike Bees	
UK Events Coordinator	Dan Cowin	Dan Cowin & Rod Boswijk	
UK Nationals Coordinator	Rod Boswijk	TBC	To be decided based on venue
Worlds 2010	N/A	See Section 4 (below)	
Social Secretary	Leaky/Kathy	Kathy Sherratt & Rachel Bennett	
New Members Rep	Matt	Lucy & Andrew	
French Fleet Rep	N/A	Sebastien le Cam	New position from 2009 ☺
Website	Mark E & Alan	Alan Davis	Looking for additional person to work with Alan

2. Chairman's opening comments

Great to see so many new faces and be hosting the first Europeans for a couple of years and the first truly European event in recent memory so welcome to the French fleet. Fantastic to see the level of sailing and interest in France and we look forward to this growing over the coming years.

Thanks to all for attendance. The committee do appreciate people making time to attend the AGM as the fleet does not run itself and without the support of the fleet the committee will cease to function.

Special thanks to Mark Barnes for putting in a super human effort again in 2008/2009. I am not sure that all see the hours that Mark puts in on behalf of the fleet but without his continued passion for the future of the B14 we would certainly not be maintaining the resurgence we see today.

Mark Watts

3. Summary of class accounts (Mark Watts on behalf of Trish Dixon)

A huge thanks to Trish for her work as Secretary.

20.05.2009 Balance in B14 Class Association A/c £3348.77

Overview

Taken at 14th January from statement, as not many subs received by this time and expenses not yet incurred)

NB: All Amounts relating to Worlds transport/shirts have been extracted.

Balance 14th Jan 2009	£4583.09
Balance 14th Jan 2008	£2197.69
Less o/s payment to shippers	(£1163.00)
Total income to 14th Jan 2009	£2364.00
Adjusted balance (<i>Doh! £5 out!!</i>)	£3420.00
Total outgoings to 14th Jan 2009	£1136.00

12 month position £1228 CR (**inc. £500 received as Fat Face Night Sail prize**)

Main Outgoings 2008/2009

Feb 2009	RYA Affiliation fee for B14 Class Assoc International*	£96
Feb 2008	RYA Affiliation fee for B14 Class Assoc International	£89
Feb 2009	Dinghy Show	£499
Feb 2008	Dinghy Show	£453.55
	Misc events costs so far	£120
Aug 2008	Ovington	£100
	<i>(bugger still £5 out!)</i>	£1141

4. Worlds 2010 Update (Mark Watts)

- Discussion over the choice of venue for the 2010 worlds. Dates 8th -16th July (8th-10th Pre Worlds)
- Discussion of the reasoning for not securing Garda being due to unacceptable event costs for a 50 boat fleet.
- Proposal that the 3 day pre worlds be branded the B14 European Championship for 2010 to encourage larger turnout. The committee consider that 2 European events in 1 season will see depleted attendance.
- Request for someone to volunteer to support developing the 2010 event working with the committee and the Carnac Yacht Club team

Volunteers (with thanks from the committee)

Alan Davis	- Event Documentation
Tony Blackmore	- In some Capacity
Dawn & Toby Barsley-Dale	- In some Capacity
Mark Emmett	- Sponsorship

5. Nationals 2010

General discussion about confirmation that Whitstable will not be able to host the event in 2010 and as such the fleet will need to consider another venue.

- Discussion of whether we should try for a Northern Nationals
- Concern from a number of the fleet that, with the Worlds in the same year, attendance at a Northern nationals would be reduced
- Also discussion that the French fleet may like to attend the nationals
- Confirmed that a 3 day event was preferred by the Majority
- Discussion of plans for the 2010 nationals. No conclusions drawn – Initial contact to be made to a number of clubs to check possible availability

Actions

- **Due to the fleet not being fully represented at the AGM 2010 Nationals venue isto be discussed over the forum over the next few weeks – Mark Watts to drive the discussion**

6. Future Nationals (Mark Watts/Mark Barnes)

- Discussion with the attendees of preferences and options for the 2011 Nationals
- Preference of the committee to look to secure a northern venue for 2011

7. 2011 Europeans

Suggestion of France or South of England, not Garda

- Discussion of possible options for 2011 Europeans. Comment from the committee that events need to be secured further in advance to secure dates and venues. Committee to work on this with UK and French representatives to secure a venue during early 2010
- Thanks to Mark Emmett, Cedric, Celia and all from Carnac YC involved in this years European Championship, recognised by all as the first meaningful Europeans in recent memory and a hugely successful event
- Huge thanks to Chris and Scotty for making the trip all the way from Australia for the Europeans. We look forward to them selling the venue back to the Australian fleet ☺

8. TT Series 2009/2010 (Dan Cowin)

- Firstly thanks from the committee and fleet for the efforts of Dan behind the scenes to secure the calendar. It is a thankless task but Dan has yet again put together a great calendar for 2009
- No specific requests for location, Fleet agreed it was still ok to share with the Musto Skiffs where possible
- Discussion of the TT Format suggested smaller TT series with winter events or regional events to count out of the series
- General feeling that the TT series title was not considered of interest by many due to not doing enough events. Current format is meaningful only to those that travel to the majority of the events
- Suggestion TT runs from national to nationals to provide more interest and allow opportunity for the prizes to be awarded at a more meaningful time of the year
- Committee to review the current TT series and using the forum discuss altering the series from the end of this year potentially moving to a nationals to nationals format (TBC)

- Committee thanks all for their input on this and agrees further improvements need to be made for the TT series. Despite relatively low turnouts the northern and South West events are considered essential to growing the fleet

9. Fleet Sponsorship (Mark Watts/Mark Barnes)

Committee thanked Rod Boswijk for securing the European Championship sponsorship from Neil Pryde Sailing. Also thanks to Mark Barnes for his efforts in producing a master sales pitch for the B14 fleet and his discussions with potential sponsors. Agreed that we should stay in touch with Neil Pryde Sailing for the 2010 worlds as well as looking to secure further sponsorship.

10. Carbon Wing Update (Mark Barnes)

General discussion about the new production wings from CST (nearing final form) and the breakages that have been seen across the fleet. Discussion of the problems being due to mounting the wings as well as clear reliability issues for the front wing horns, particularly on the Ovington hulls due to the increased shock loading with Carbon wings.

Actions

- **For next newsletter produce a quick guide on how to get boats ready for carbon wings - Piers to write with input from Mark Barnes**
- **Additional update on the status of the CST wings as the single class solution**
- **Confirmation of current grandfathered wings in the fleet and clarification on availability of Carbon wings through registered class builders only**
- **Additional section proposed on techniques used to repair wings damaged to date.**

The Committee apologises to the fleet for the problems over the last 12 months in evolving the supply and design of the new wings. The committee is confident we are nearing the conclusion of the issues and thanks all those involved in the development and feedback on the early prototype/production wings for their patience.

11. General Q&A – Committee

12. AOB

No Specific Q&A or AOB tabled. Mainly due to the fact it was 25 degrees plus and sunny outside ☺

Further questions to the committee via the forum as part of the Minutes thread to be published.

2010 AGM Scheduled for the 2010 European Championships. Exact date to be confirmed as part of the Worlds/Pre Worlds Notice of Race.

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