

Norfolk Punt Owners Association AGM

Held at the Church Rooms, Norwich Road, Ludham. NR29 5QA

Friday 21st November 2014

MINUTES

Those Present:

N Khambatta (NK) - Chair, R Whitefoot (Secretary), A Wilton (AW), V Khambatta (VK), J Parker (JP), R Redington (RR), C Haslam (CH), M Griffin (MG), A Penrose (AP), J Jarvey (JJ), C Hare-Winton (CH-W), M Elson (ME), A Hobson (AH), J Pye (JPYE), R Roe (DR), W Glover (WG), A Glover (AG).

Apologies:

M Scott, S Clayton, B Wilkins, D Baulcombe, A Drew & C Drew, C Balls, N Bradshaw, N & D Dixey, P & L Wilcox, R Parker, D Lennard-Jones, S Jenner, T Vincent, K Dulieu

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from those listed above.

2. Minutes of the meeting 21st February 2014

Approved unanimously.

3. Individual Members proposal to change the NPOA Rules and Procedures.

(supplied to meeting)

Proposed by Val Khambatta

Seconded by Mark Elson

PROPOSAL WITHDRAWN

A brief debate followed regarding the position of the NPOA within NPC. VK pointed out NPC is constitutionally tied to Norfolk Punts. DR suggested class should split, JP concurred. No agreement was found on the matter.

4. Election of Officers:- Chairperson, Hon Secretary, Measurers

Chairperson: NK
Proposed by: WG
Seconded by: DR

Secretary: RW
Proposed by: WG
Seconded by: RR

Measurers: Simon Clayton & Robin Slatter
Proposed by: VK
Seconded by: DR

5. Report from the Handicap & Technical Committee

NK briefed on HTC meeting
NK thanked JP & MG for time on committee.

6. Proposed Norfolk Punt Class Rule Change from Handicap & Technical Committee.

Rule 16 (Mainsail), shall be appended as follows:

Top Width shall not exceed 6" (152.4mm).

Proposed by NK

Seconded by RW

DR discussed his International 14 sail, and 'unwritten' rules; and preferred the option of various head shapes; as with all other Norfolk Punt rig and sail plan variations. DR also commented that used sail may cost less than new, JJ disagreed. MG discussed twist and pointing ability lost with square top. CH-W discussed freedom of choice of the sail plan was one of the principles of Norfolk Punt ownership. DR did not think area would increase, RW disagreed if using the current measurement rules that measure sails as a triangle.

JJ pointed out square tops were voted on 4 years ago, RR discussed that price of used sails was a point and JP commented it would leave to cheque book sailing. RR mentioned hard chine limiting proposal could include sail shape. MG viewed his opinion that the punt is not now a development class.

Vote result: 4 in favour, 5 against, 5 abstention

7. Individual Members proposal to change the Norfolk Punt Class Rules as follows:

Remove of Section 21.3, "The spinnaker shall not be flown from a point on the mast greater than 6750mm from deck level".

Proposed by RR

Seconded by RW

A discussion took place on the benefits of mast head spinnakers in terms of numbers of boats on the water and the enjoyment of those that sail and admire them.

Vote result: 12 in favour, 3 abstentions

8. Individual Members proposal, as follows:

That the NPOA Technical and Handicap Committee be directed to prepare an addendum to the class rules for proposal to the NPOA at the next AGM.

The purpose of the addendum should be to define a subclass of the "Norfolk Punt" to be called the "Hard Chine Punt". It should set out restrictions on this subclass such that all existing boats currently handicapped at 908 shall fall within it.

In so doing it is hoped that proposals encouraging the development of the class may in future be accepted without compromising the stability enjoyed by the current fleet of Hard Chine Punts.

Proposed by RR

Seconded by RW

RR discussed proposal is to experiment and promote development whilst retaining closeness and cost-effective hard chine sailing. JP & MP supported promoting close racing. AH was against 'fossilising' the fleet.

12 favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions

9. Travellers series - Flight Trophy

5 boats had entered 4 or more events, with 38 entrants in total.

1st JP (Emperor Goose)

2nd Terry Vincent (Rainbow Trout)

3rd RR (Redwing)

10. Election of the Handicap & Technical Committee 2014

The following were proposed to join:

DR (Flamingo)

Proposed by NK

Seconded by RW

WG (Prawn)

Proposed by NK

Seconded by JP

All agreed to the new committee members.

11. Programme for 2014

VK & NK agreed to run Athene Cup.

12. Event Reports

RW opened a discussion about how we could publish more event reports and results, with the outcome from the floor being proposed that reports should be supplied by the competitors for all 9 events; with race times included in electronic format (typed or spreadsheet, not scanned) for the 5 key open water 'handicapping' events.

RR proposed 3rd place overall writes the report with 1st overall getting a copy of the race results. All agreed.

13. A.O.B

None, meeting closed at 21:00.