



Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting
of the
British International Six Metre Association
held at
11:00 AM Sunday 17th November 2013
at the
Royal Southern Yacht Club,
Ropewalk, Hamble, Southampton. SO31 4HB

Attendees: Robin Richardson (Chairman), David Roberts (Hon Sec), Fenton Burgin (Hon Treasurer), Tom Richardson (Class Captain), David & Rosemary Elliot, Tim Russell (ISMA Treasurer), Tim Street, Peter Andrae, Andy Ash Vie, Cathy Ash Vie, Christian. Teichmann, Robert Laird, Matthew Kinkead, Robert Owen, James Fairie, Robert Leigh-Wood, Brian Pope, Andy Postle, Rupert Richardson, Julie Jones (Class Coordinator)
Guests - Andrew Webster, John Mellows, Mathias

- 1 Welcome
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, was most pleased that the meeting was well attended with a high level of interest in the 2014 European Cup, and also to see a number of new faces.
- 2 Apologies
Bertie Bicket, Ben Clothier, Richard Clothier, Claude Draegar, Peter Harrison, Lord Illife, Rees Martin, Tom Owen, Paul Smith, and Andrew Thomas
- 3 The Minutes of the Spring meeting held at the Royal London Yacht Club on the 27th March 2013 were proposed by Tim Street, seconded by Robert Laird and approved by the meeting. The Minutes had been distributed to Members prior to the meeting.
- 4 Election of Officers
There being no nominations or resignations the Committee remains unchanged.
- 5 Financial Review Treasurer
For the year ended 31st October 2013 the Association had a net surplus of £1849, increasing closing reserves to £8,119. Income from membership fees decreased 10% on prior year to £3,560 (£3,955 y/e 31/10/12) primarily as a result of a reduction in the number of both Associate members and a small number of Full members with second yachts not renewing their membership. Additionally, a small number of owners racing overseas opted to pay subscriptions directly to ISMA rather than retaining membership of BISMA.
At year end, the membership comprised: Class 2013 (2012) Full 15 (16) Associate 6 (9) Non Racing/ 2nd yacht 7 (9)
Principal items of expenditure for the year included £979 for the 2013 ISMA subscriptions in respect of 13 full members and 3 associate members, an addition of one full member on



the prior year. Other notable items of expenditure included the RYA Affiliation Fee £110, SCRA annual subscription £50 and marketing costs associated with the 2014 European Championships £208.

In summary, a reduced event programme in 2013 resulted in lower calls on the Association's funds and we enter the next financial year with a stronger cash position than in prior years.

5 2014 Calendar

The racing calendar was presented and the dates prior to the European Cup were discussed to ensure they meet the needs of the Membership.

2014 Racing Programme		
7th and 8th June	Southern Six Trophy	Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble
Post meeting note: now confirmed.		
28th and 29th June	Committee boat	Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Cowes
Post meeting note: now cancelled		
16th -26th July	British Open & European Championship	Royal Cornwall YC Falmouth
16th July	Wednesday	Arrival
17th July	Thursday	Arrival
18th July	Friday	British Open Racing Measurement for Europeans
19th July	Saturday	British Open Racing Measurement for Europeans
20th July	Sunday	European Cup Measurement completes Welcome and Opening
21st July	Monday	European Cup Racing
22nd July	Tuesday	European Cup Racing
23rd July	Wednesday	European Cup Racing
24th July	Thursday	European Cup Racing
25th July	Friday	European Cup Racing Reserve day European Cup Prizegiving.
26th July	Saturday	Recovery of Boats and depart

The meeting agreed that the event scheduled for the 28th and 29th June should be rescheduled as most of the fleet would be gathering in Falmouth by that time. It was proposed to participate in the 2014 Royal Southern Regatta on the 17th & 18th May. This is to be discussed with the Club.

There will also be informal racing in Falmouth 12th & 13th July (details tbc) to be coordinated by Brian Pope. Brian will also organise the launch and recovery timetable in association with AB Ports.

It was noted that Members would support both events in Falmouth, boats yet to confirm include Melita, Sioma II, Georgia & Bob Kat. Don Wood plans to enter St Francis VI and recently presented the 'Nelson Trophy' to encourage the Vintage Modern 6mR's.

The ISMA AGM will be held during the European Cup. Some RIBS will be required and owners are encouraged to let the organizers know if they will be bringing their boats and that if they can be made available.

Other seasons events in the area include Fowey Royal Regatta (www.rfyc-fowey.org.uk) 17th-23rd August, Torbay Regatta (www.torbayroyalregatta.co.uk) 24th – 27th August, Dartmouth Royal Regatta (www.dartmouthweek.com) 28th – 31st August.



The Europeans and British Opens clash with other events in the Solent, including BCYC Panerai Classic Regatta, Cowes Classics, RYS Regatta, Household Division Regatta and Taittinger Regatta at the Royal Yarmouth Yacht Club. It was noted that boats capable of racing should participate in the European Cup in Falmouth and will be given every help to make the event.

Other dates

The 2015 World Cup is to be held in La Trinité sur Mer expected 29th May to 6 June.

The Royal Danish Yacht Club would celebrate their 150th anniversary in 2016

The Chairman confirmed that he, Robert Laird, and Tim Street were on the Europeans Steering Group, and Rees Martin had recently joined the group. Current status as follows:-

- i. The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club (RCYC) are actively engaged as Organising Authority.
- ii. Chris Hadden is appointed Chief Race Officer working closely with the team from the RCYC
- iii. Yves Leglise is appointed as the Chairman of the Jury.
- iv. David Chivers is appointed as Event Measurer, to check boats are in accordance with their certificates, but will not undertake measurement at the Regatta itself, so all are advised to check their certificates are in date and valid for the duration of the Championships.
- v. Fiona Brown is appointed for Press Relations
- vi. The 'International 6 Metre, 2014 European Championships, Falmouth' flyer has already been distributed at Flensburg.
- vii. Event website www.6meuropeans14.com is active and administered by Fiona Brown.
David Elliott requested information to put on the BISMA website to give good press, as with the Website – it is all about content.
- viii. Chairman, Tim Russell (Members of the Europeans Steering group) attended the 2013 World Cup in Flensburg to review the arrangements and ensure any issues were addressed for 2014. As a result, a proposed change to the Championship Rules will be made in the Notice of the Race to allow for up to three races per day, and to race on the reserve day if less than eight races have been completed by day 4, to maximize the opportunity for racing. The Notice of Race will be published shortly.
Arrangements for launching and recovery of boats, and parking for trucks and trailers has been agreed with AB Ports, Falmouth. Brian Pope will agree timetable with the Port and owners based upon notified arrival and departure times.
- ix. Sponsorship requires additional focus. It was agreed that a team was urgently required to support David Roberts.
It was noted that sponsorship secured to date included £5k generously offered by Christian Teichmann on behalf of his company SOLON.
Christian is to be greatly thanked for his most generous support.
- x. Andy Ash Vie reiterated the need to ensure we are delivering *value* to Sponsors not seeking *charitable donations*.
All Members should be asked for ideas and support in this area. Robert Laird agreed to share actions and progress to date to enable the Sponsorship team to avoid duplication of effort and wasting time.
Andy Postle agreed to contact Slam (Chris Ducker).



Robert Owen agreed to contact St Austell Brewery.
James Fairrie has contacts at the Met Office.
Various opportunities yet to be followed up including Falmouth Town Council,
Pendennis, Sharps, & Savills.

The Perpetual Trophies that were presented by Pendennis in 2010 need to be located in readiness for 2014.

- xi. The Budget is in place. Robert Laird confirmed that the budget was c£32k, in response to an enquiry from Brian Pope; close to Brian's initial estimate of £30k, and includes £6k for Race Management (RCYC), £9.7k for lifting & berthing. Entrance fees of 700 Euros/£600 will generate c £15k income, depending upon the number of boats, hopefully 30+.
- xii. Social program including off-water activities for spectators is yet to be addressed. Rees Martin has agreed to lead the shore-side activities, assisted by additional local volunteers.

The Class Coordinator, confirmed that she is willing to assist and Rees Martin would be informed.

- 7 ISAF Update: Tim Russell confirmed that his term as Treasurer will cease at the end of the year, the new Treasurer is Matt Brooks of USA.

Potential presentation of a 4th Rule had been proposed. It was felt that the proposal would be unlikely to provide an upgrade path for existing 2nd or 3rd Rule boats, and would therefore be in effect a new class. All members should use the questionnaire on the ISMA website to register their views. The Chairman said he would write to the ISMA President to express BISMA'S dismay at this proposal and urge an early decision to dismiss the matter.

This matter emphasized the need to pay our BISMA subscriptions which maintains our voting rights in ISMA.

- 9 Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked Robert Leigh-Wood for the beautiful bronze trophy he has presented for the Top UK Modern at the World Championship which is to be presented to Paul Smith in Valhalla for his 2nd place at the World Championship in Flensburg. The names of boats to be affixed to the trophy for the previous years (Tim Street to assist with the results). Robert also sort clarification of the whereabouts of the various class perpetual Trophies and a current list.

- 10 Date of next meeting will be announced in due course but is expected to be in March at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge.

The meeting closed at 13:30pm and Members retired for Lunch.

David Roberts
Honorary Secretary

25th November 2013

