

UK Moth Class Association AGM Minutes

Held at Royal Torbay YC on the 10th July 2010

1. Matters Arising

- a. Direct Debits - setting up direct debits was discussed at the 2009 AGM. From previous experience, it is known that this is extremely difficult for small organisations to set up as banks are very reluctant to do so. The meeting felt that it should look at setting up standing orders or a repeating PayPal arrangement as a way of securing annual membership.
- b. Measurer workload – there is a lot of burden on Adam May, Alex Adams and Mike Lennon as the current active measurers. Ricky Tagg kindly volunteered to be trained up as a Measurer. Alex asked that people try to have their boats/sails measured outside of events.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Current bank balance stands at £2292. This is down slightly because of late payment of World fees (2009 and 2010).
- b. Membership income £1547 which is £400 up on 2009.
- c. The 2010 dinghy exhibition cost £1175 in fees, carpets, stands etc., It was decided that this cost should be capped at £700 in 2011.
- d. Class Shares – the class has some shares which should be sold. This is being looked into.
- e. Membership fee – whilst the membership has grown in recent years, in 2009/10 expenditure exceeded income by £500. Therefore it was agreed unanimously by the meeting that the membership fee should be increased from £25 to £35 as from 1st January 2011. This is the first increase since the late 90s.

3. Fixtures

- a. Alex Adams was thanked for stepping into the breach left by James Roche for 2010.
- b. The priority is to find a Nationals venue for 2011 and then secure other venues for subsequent years:
 - i. 2011 – three possibilities: Stokes Bay – Jason Belben offered to liase with the club. Restronguet – Alan Watson to contact. Thorpe Bay – ask Danny Clarke to contact the club.
 - ii. Subsequent years – venues suggested were Hayling, Weymouth, Mar Menor, Torquay, Abersoch.

4. Web Site

- a. Everybody agreed that the new website was a great improvement. Phillippe Oligario and Helen Rollinson were thanked for their hard work.
- b. Phillippe asked for more content and pictures to be sent to him. He also encouraged members to send in their profiles – a few words and a picture are all that's needed.

5. Publicity

- a. More promotion of events was needed.
- b. The class should look to secure a sponsor for the circuit and Nationals events.
- c. More effort should be made to send regular reports to the media.

6. World AGM Issues – two issues were discussed at the World AGM which needed UK input:

- a. Sail numbers should be blue, black or red – everyone agreed that this was sensible.
- b. Pumping – three options were to be put forward to the European EGM:
 - i. Increasing the minimum windspeed from 5 -7 knots.
 - ii. 2 pumps or 2 “ooches” should be allowed.
 - iii. Leave the rule as it is

These were not discussed in great detail but Katherine felt that it would be option ii that would go through.

7. Social

- a. Everyone was reminded of the end of season Coaching/Dinner to be held at Hayling Island Sailing Club on the 20/21 November 2010 which Helen Rollinson is arranging.

8. Election of members onto the UK Committee:

- a. President – Mike Lennon
- b. Fixtures – Ben Paton
- c. Website Editor - Phillippe Oligario supported by Helen Rollinson
- d. Secretary/Treasurer – Graham Simmonds
- e. Publicity – Mike Cooke
- f. Marketing/Sponsorship – Simon Reynolds
- g. Special projects – Ricky Tagg

All were proposed by Ricky Tagg and seconded by Simon Propper.

The outgoing committee members were thanked for all of their hard work, particularly Tim Ollerenshaw who has been Secretary/Treasurer for many years and Katherine Knight as President.

The meeting closed at 7:30.