

# IMCA UK Annual General Meeting 2018

Held at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

08:30 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Notes, Actions and Resolutions

### Those Present:

David Hivey	James Sainsbury	Adam Golding
Jim Mcmillan	Tom Offer	Kyle Stoneham
Jason Belben	Simon Maquire	Simon Hiscocks
Alex Adams	Jeremy Hartley	Dan Ellis
Brad Gibson	Ian Keely	Nic Streatfield
Jason Russel	Mike Lennon	Dave Smithwhite (Minutes)

The meeting was opened by James Sainsbury who announced that after discussion with other members he had decided to retire as President.

Kyle Stoneham was proposed by David Hivey as the next president and was seconded by Nic Streatfield. Kyle Stoneham was elected by unanimous vote.

It was agreed to adopt the following Agenda items for the meeting:

- 1) 2014 Hayling Worlds Levy
- 2) 2019 Calendar 2020 bid for Worlds at WPNSA
- 3) Website/Facebook
- 4) Measurement - discuss 1 item rule
- 5) Training

Simon Hiscocks made the point that IMCA UK should endeavour to organise more and respect its constitution. He pointed out that if IMCA UK does not have a constitution the RYA have a standard one that could be applied if necessary. Dave Smithwhite agreed to find out if we have a constitution already and if not to acquire the standard RYA one which could be adapted.

### 2014 Worlds Levy

Simon Hiscocks read out an email that had been received from Luca Rizzotti regarding the 2014 worlds Levy. From the point of view of the IMCA, the UK owed the levy for the 2014 Worlds which amounted to €1400 being a levy of 10€ per boat.

It was noted that a vote will be organised by IMCA amongst national class associations with a recommendation to halt future payment of the Worlds levy.

David Hivey read out the content of an email from Graham Simmonds our class treasurer and secretary in which Graham set out his strong conviction that IMCA UK should not pay the levy.

The points for and against payment were discussed at length. Although a number of members sympathised with some of the arguments made against paying the levy the overarching consensus was that the levy should be paid to conclude a dispute that has been running for some time and threatens to damage the position of the UK class particularly relating to future world championships.

At the time of the present AGM the bank balance and reserves were unknown so the following resolution was proposed:

IMCA UK will pay the full amount of €1400 to IMCA. If the funds are not currently available then payment in instalments will be considered. Kyle Stoneham and Dave Smithwhite agreed to work with our treasurer to accomplish this. The proposal was carried unanimously.

### **Web Site/ Marketing**

Kyle picked up on the comments in Graham Simmonds' report relating to the class web site. We need to obtain the login details for the site. He also made the point that we need someone to take on the role of keeping the site up to date.

Simon Hiscocks suggested that we should use the web site more as a notice board and less of a means to communicate content. Facebook could be used more for content.

Kyle proposed that we develop our Facebook presence such that we have one page for content and a separate but linked page to use as a forum.

Kyle agreed to find the login details of the web site and look further at our Facebook presence. Simon agreed to tidy up the website into more of a notice board.

Kyle proposed that if we get the Worlds in 2020 we should invest in the Dinghy Show as a means to excite people about sailing Moths in the lead up to the UK Worlds. Dave Smithwhite said that we had previously decided against doing the Dinghy Show and had preferred to invest in good video materials at our Nationals and that we are not likely to be able to afford both. Simon Hiscocks proposed that we could reduce the cost of doing the Dinghy Show by cooperating with partners such as Shock, Allen and Maguire Boats.

Kyle raised a point about having the capability to see who has entered for events before the event takes place. He would like to make the entry process as easy as possible. He will look into what is available for us to use such as "My Regatta" and report back. The benefit of the current system checking for class membership prior to entry was noted.

### **Measurement**

It was noted that there is a discussion at the International level about limiting the amount of gear to be used at World and Europeans Championships to one of each item.

The broad consensus of the meeting was that there was concern that such a step would limit development which has always been a corner stone of the Moth class and that rather than reducing

costs it could actually increase them in the short term because people may have to purchase new items of equipment such as foils that cover a wider wind range.

### **2019 Calendar**

Europeans will be held in Lagos Algarve Portugal from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Foiling week will be 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July

Worlds 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November

A number of dates for next year's Nationals at Castle Cove were proposed by the club. It was agreed that the best option would be 12/13<sup>th</sup> to 15/16<sup>th</sup> September given the above calendar of International events.

Shipping to Perth Worlds was discussed, it was agreed that because we may have fixed wing boats and some people have large boxes a cost per cubic metre would be the fairest approach. Alex Adams agreed to look in to shipping for the Perth Worlds. It was noted that Josie Gliddon had suggested using Pindar since they already have links to sailing.

### **Training**

David Hivey will do more training weekends next year. The first will be the weekend before Queen Mary Open. David said that he always gets strong interest in the training so will be organising further events next year.

### **AOB**

It was agreed that in future the class would move to increase the number of authorised signatories registered with our bank, there should be a minimum of three any two of which are required to authorise and execute bank transactions.

It was noted that for the forthcoming year the IMCA UK Committee members will be:

Kyle Stoneham President

Graham Simmonds Treasurer/Secretary

Rick Tagg Chief Measurer UK

David Hivey Training

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 Email from Graham Simmonds about levy

Appendix 2 Email from Luca Rizzotti about levy

Appendix 3 Email from Graham Simmonds containing Secretary/Treasurer Report.

## Appendix 1

Dear Committee

I am sorry I cannot be at the AGM tomorrow. If you do discuss this issue please make the following facts known to those present.

“As a member of the 2014 Worlds Organisation Committee, I and others spent three years putting together the Hayling Worlds. We put a huge amount of work into it, especially in the last year, and it was, in the end, a great success and gave a much needed boost to the UK Class Association. Please note the following:-

1. The 2014 Worlds Organising Committee made the decision not to collect the IMCA levy for several reasons:
  - a. The entry fee was felt already to be too expensive so adding another 10 Euros to it would have been adding insult to injury.
  - b. At no point was the Organising Committee contracted to collect the fee by the IMCA and it is not mentioned in the IMCA constitution. At no stage were we made aware that it was mandatory to collect it.
2. A contract was signed between the IMCA (not UK) and Hayling Island Sailing Club that included a budget that made no mention of the entry levy.
3. The IMCA UK was not involved in the decision not to collect the levy.

I believe that the IMCA currently holds a reserve in excess of 25,000 Euros although it is difficult to know as they have not published any accounts for several years. In addition to this reserve, it has not invoiced any of the Associations for the last two years of membership levies. Our mandatory contribution to them alone will be in excess of 700 Euros.

Since 2010, the IMCA UK has argued on many occasions that the IMCA has no use for this size of reserve as it has very few appreciable expenses and has never contributed

financially towards any events or activities. Yet we have always paid the annual membership levy when asked as we are obliged to do so in the IMCA constitution.

At Foiling Week, I met with Luca and suggested that the IMCA UK could instead undertake to contribute 1400 Euros to the UK Worlds bid which would benefit everyone - the IMCA, the IMCA UK, and Moth sailors worldwide. He said they would consider this proposal.

In conclusion, I feel that we have a duty to our members to ensure that their membership fees are spent supporting the IMCA UK's activities and to promote Moth sailing in the UK, not to waste it bolstering the funds of an organisation that clearly has no use for it.”

Graham Simmonds

IMCA UK Class Secretary

## Appendix 2

Dear James and UK Moth class committee.

ahead of your AGM tomorrow allow me to recap what I believe are the facts from 2014 Moth Worlds till today.

- when I stepped in as president of IMCA , while closing the 2018 accounts I was informed by class treasurer the UK moth class still owes approx 1400 Euro to IMCA as result of organizing the Hayling Moth Worlds. (the amount is 10 Euro for each entry multiplies by number of entries)
- the fee has always been paid by every organizing class since the decision was made till today, exception being UK
- the fee was established to provide the class with the necessary funds to support a moth world entire organization in case of a sudden issue with organizing club / comitee etc.
- IMCA now has enough funds to support the worlds in case it is needed, a vote will be run shortly to the council of presidents to eliminate the fee requirement to future events.
- the duty to recover the fees is on the local MNA, i.e. IMCA UK, not the club ( which normally collects the entry fee and does set aside the 10 euro for each competitor )
- ImcaUK/ hayling Island YC did made an agreement to define each other requirements and duties. In the agreement the fee to IMCA is not mentioned, but from my understanding is also not excluded specifically
- the above mentioned agreement was not signed by IMCA president (at time Scott Babbage)
- It appears IMCA UK , while of course having limited resources, or in better words having allocated the resources already to this year program ( exact statement of account for IMCA UK is unknown )
- In view of above I proposed to Graham the possibility to pay in installments in 2 years the outstanding debt
- The proposal has been refused , a counter proposal of paying the 1400 Euro towards the Moth Worlds 2020 from UK class to organizing authority has been mentioned
- there is no proposal in case UK does not win the bid ( you are competing against Quiberon , Oman, Portugal ..)
- IMCA is currently supporting with its funds the media production of Moth WORlds and EUropean championship and of course intends to do so in the future, if we find more funds, more will be allocated to facilitate the organization of main events.

In my opinion the funds that IMCA uses to support events or that IMCA UK uses to support event do not change the situation of a debt which among the 2 organization and not present or future events.

I do hope that at tomorrow AGM a proposal will be made to solve the current situation. At this point the executive committee has not yet decided any measure but I have to say that an exclusion of UK from further event bidding is on the table.

Now for a lighter tone...I hope the UK Nationals are the great event it deserves to be with super sailing conditions, and to see the majority of you at the Europeans!

all the best

Luca

### **Appendix 3**

#### Class Secretary's Report for the 2018 IMCA UK AGM

**Membership** The UK Class Association currently has 70 active members, down from 92 members in 2017. This is because our membership was boosted by the 2017 Worlds held at Lake Garda which was the most well attended Worlds ever. Membership numbers normally are between 70 -80 so this is not a cause for concern.

I am very pleased to welcome a number of low riding Moth sailors back into the fold. Their Facebook page is very active and there are many boats being restored back to life as a result of their shared enthusiasm.

The Class continues to be supported by the on-line systems for membership and nationals entry supplied by Blueteq at no cost to the Association. These systems make the management of the UK Class far easier for members as well as ensuring that we are compliant with the GDPR.

As a consequence, I am happy to carry on in my present role as IMCA UK Secretary.

#### 2018 Income as of 10/07/2018

Membership fees to date £2,440

#### Sponsorship

Noble Marine £2,700

Allen £500

Wetsuit Outlet £500

Maguire Boats £150

Shock Sailing £150

Total £6,440

#### 2018 Expenses as of 10/07/2018

RYA Affiliation Fee	£125
IMCA Levy (5 Euro per member)	£310 (approx – 350 Euro – yet to be invoiced)
Scottish Training Weekend	£185
Expected Nationals Expenses	£4,500 max.
Total	£5,120

Please note that the IMCA Levy due for 2017 has yet to be invoiced by the IMCA. I have set aside the outstanding amount of 460 Euros (£407) to cover this.

#### 2018/2019 Events

2018- I would like to thank Kyle Stoneham for his hard work getting the Thorpe Bay Nationals organised and I write just as the first day is finishing. Entries have been boosted by the proximity of the event datewise to the Moth Europeans in Sweden which has encouraged many overseas visitors to attend the event as it is relatively easy for them to do both! As a consequence, numbers should be well over 40 entries.

There are several more events in the calendar to look forward to this year:-

18-22nd July - Europeans – Sweden

11-12th August - GP - Eastbourne Sovereign SC

1-2nd September - Scottish Nationals

8-9th September - GP – WPNSA

13-14th October - INLANDS/End of Season - Datchet

2019 - Sees our return to Castle Cove SC in Weymouth for our Nationals - date to be confirmed. Currently there are no Europeans organised for 2019 and the Worlds in Perth in November should not affect numbers so our Nationals should attract a good attendance. I know that Helen Adams is on the case here so I have every confidence that it will be as good as it was when we were last there in 2013.

2020 – Kyle Stoneham has put forward a bid to the IMCA for Weymouth to hold the 2020 Worlds. This has yet to be voted on by the IMCA presidents and it should be noted that there is an alternative French bid for Quiberon on the table as well. Rather than have one of these excellent bids rejected, it might be a good idea to suggest to the IMCA that one bid should be delayed until 2021. It would be helpful to find a venue for the 2020 Nationals if the UK Worlds bid is not chosen for 2020.

IMCA UK Website <http://www.internationalmoth.co.uk>

There is no getting around it. The UK IMCA website has been neglected since Ken Barker resigned his webmaster post last year. I have decided to take this on temporarily. Ken has provided me with the password details and I want to try and get something at least sorted for the Nats and the Euros. It would be great if someone was able to consider taking this on. Please let me know if this appeals to you.

## GDPR

As you will know, the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) came into force on the 25th May 2018. The IMCA UK has always taken a great deal of care with your personal data to ensure that it is stored securely and is never shared with third parties.

1. The IMCA UK only use your personal data for the purposes of maintaining your membership and contacting you to inform you about future events and activities.
2. The IMCA UK will never share your personal information with sponsors or any other third party company for the purposes of marketing.
3. The IMCA UK will never make event entry lists public.
4. You are always able to check your membership details by requesting an access link from the IMCA UK website [http://www.internationalmoth.co.uk/imca\\_uk/join/](http://www.internationalmoth.co.uk/imca_uk/join/)
5. You have the right to have your data deleted permanently if you so wish. Please contact me on [imca@blueteq.com](mailto:imca@blueteq.com) and I will action this immediately.

## Current Committee Members

President – James Sainsbury

Secretary – Graham Simmonds

Fixtures/Sponsorship – Kyle Stoneham

Measurement – Rick Tagg

Training – David Hivey

Webmaster - ????

I have not been made aware of anyone wishing to step down or put themselves forward to the Committee.

Graham Simmonds

IMCA UK Secretary