

Access Class Association UK Committee

A meeting of the ACA (UK) committee was held on 15th August 2007 at New Forest Sailability, Ringwood.

Present

John Morley	Rutland
Bill Mitchell	Rutland
Keith Harris	New Forest
Joyce Smith	Rutland
Richard Smallwood	Frensham
Andy Sheath	Frensham
Dave Durston	Whitefriars
Ann Lewis	Colne Valley
Janet Lee	Sussex Yacht Club
Ron Sawford	Steve Sawford Marine Ltd

Apologies

Johnty Dickinson
David Cousins
Steve Sawford

1. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected.

John Morley	Chair
Richard Smallwood	Vice Chair
Johnty Dickinson	Treasurer
Ron Sawford	Secretary

2. Co-option to Committee

It was agreed to co-opt Janet Lee from Sussex Yacht Club Sailability onto the committee.

3. Technical Sub Committee

Richard Smallwood, Keith Harris and Andy Sheath will form the technical sub committee and co-opt others to it where specialist expertise is needed.

4. Consideration of the Fund Raising Committee

It was agreed at this point that this was not needed. It may be revived should needs occur.

5. Nomination of Executive Sub Committee

It was agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer form such a committee to make urgent decisions, keeping the full committee informed as early as possible.

6. Possible venues and timing for 2008 National Championships

It was agreed that Richard Smallwood, Andy Sheath and Ron Sawford work together to identify possible hosts for this event. It was stressed that it is important to move quickly on this issue because of the need to get the 2008 racing programme completed. Andy questioned whether the Nationals could be held as an in week event. The committee felt that it could not, although a Friday/Saturday event may be possible. It was agreed that if the event was to be different from the normal weekend event the committee would be consulted on it before firm decisions are made.

7. Any Other Business

John asked committee members to raise any issues they wish via e-mail and presenting their argument and giving reasons. Then John will ask for e-mail responses from the committee and where needed an e-mail vote. This way much of the business of the committee can be dealt with without face to face meetings and all the travelling that that involves.

David told us and Johnty had informed Ron via e-mail that Pete Bisson had asked for Whitefriars to be included in the Traveller programme again in 2008. Ron will take this into account when preparing the 2008 racing programme.

It was agreed that there were many issues currently needing discussion and that it was important that we had a face to face meeting of the committee with time to deal with them. Therefore

1. Richard will compile those issues and head an e-mail discussion on them in preparation for the meeting
2. Ron will organise a meeting for some time in November.