

Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting of the Streaker Class Owner's Association held on Friday 29th August 2008 at Rutland Water Sailing Club.

The chairman (Mike Rimmer) opened the meeting.
Apologies were received from Peter Crooks

Minutes of 2007 AGM.

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record. Proposed: Peter Tyerman seconded: John Hollis

Matters arising from the 2007 AGM Minutes.

IB to forward details of making Open meeting report submissions to Dinghy magazine on to Peter Tyerman.

Chairman's report

Mike Rimmer reported that the yearbook had been recreated by Alan Gillard and gave an overview of committee members and their strengths.

Secretary's Report

Ian Bradley reported that the secretary's job and indeed the work of the whole committee was made rather more difficult by the complete absence of any records being passed on from the previous secretary. The committee have pursued this as far as we can for the benefit of the class, and feel that there is nothing more to be gained.

Thanks were expressed to Alan Simmons and Peter Tyerman for their work in bringing together the Southern and Northern Paddle circuits, to the many people who have worked hard to make a success of their open meetings and to all those who have given up their time to take some excellent photographs during the year.

The secretary commented that the class has got into a fairly good routine of getting Open Meeting reports written quickly and submitted to our own website, Yachts and Yachting, Dinghy magazine and the Daily Sail. One or two clubs are still a little remiss in this area which is a missed opportunity for some free publicity for the host club. It was observed that new authors were always welcome to write reports, as it keeps them fresh.

Membership

The secretary reported that the written membership list that was supplied to the committee was quickly found to be wholly inaccurate and the decision was taken to use the 2008 membership renewal round for the purpose of rebuilding the class database. The new post of membership secretary has been filled by Nick Lovell, who reported on the current membership situation.

Number of members at 28.8.2008 is 149, comprising 143 single members, 3 family members and 3 junior members.

Technical

The Technical Officer will make a separate report at future meetings. Alan Gillard gave a précis of the technical issues dealt with in the last twelve months. He reported that the latest sail number at the end of 2007 was 1630 and number 1671 has now been issued. He explained the new measurement certificate and thanked those members who had brought their old membership cards to the Nationals for scanning.

Publicity & Events

It was reported that a number of people both within the class and independent of it have observed that our stand at the dinghy exhibition was very successful in raising the profile of the class. This was largely due to the efforts of Dave Shuster and his family. Dave reported that the 'Name the Streaker' competition attracted 120 entries and was won by the suggestion 'Golden Behind'. For 2009 it is intended to have a larger stand in the main hall. Alan Simmons suggested that an amateur-built boat be included on the stand.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the accounts summary were issued to members present and are attached. Dan Rimmer explained the formation of new accounts and stated that the association was in a healthy financial position and there was no fiscal reason to raise membership fees.

Election of Committee Members.

Mike Rimmer explained that the SCOA rules state that two committee members are required to stand down each year. Ian Bradley and Dave Shuster then stood down from the committee.

Ian Bradley was then proposed by Alan Simmons and seconded by Hugh Brazier. Dave Shuster was proposed by Alan Gillard and seconded by Matt Whitfield. There being no other nominations, Ian Bradley and Dave Shuster were duly elected by show of hands.

Venue for 2009 Nationals

The 2009 National Championships will be held at Lancing SC on July 18th & 19th. Suggestions for venues for the 2009 inland championships were canvassed and the following were noted: Leigh & Lowton; Bassenthwaite; Pennine; Ullswater; Saundersfoot; Jersey. It was suggested that wider opinion could be sought from the class via the website. It was noted that all members present at the AGM had email access.

Thanks were expressed to Steve Cockerill for Friday's training day and several members suggested that we consider repeating this prior to future nationals.

Changes to Rules of Measurement and Construction.

Three proposals had been received.

Proposal 1: Chine bands (1)

Proposer: Peter Thornley

Secunder: Bill Strange

Rule 7 ix. Add 'Chine Bands' to the list of permitted equipment.

Reason: To allow extra protection for the hull. Many other double chine classes have these.

Vote For: 1 Against: 15 Abstention: 0

Proposal denied

Proposal 2: Chine bands (2)

Proposer: Alan Gillard

Secunder: Dave Shuster

Rule 7 ix. Keel bands and protective edges to dagger-board and rudder, within permitted measurement tolerances.

Replace this with:

Rule 7 ix. a). Keel bands and Chine bands shall be of metal or plastic, 10mm (± 5 mm) wide and 3mm (± 1 mm) depth. Standard 'D' Section banding is preferred. These may be either screwed or glued to the hull. The Chine bands shall only be fitted to the hull bottom panel and shall be a maximum of 1500mm long, following the curve of the lower chine.

b). Protective edges of optional material may be fitted to dagger-board and rudder blade, within permitted measurement tolerances.

Reason: It was considered that the proposal 1 was not detailed enough, and was open to misinterpretation. It was suggested that the sentence 'Standard 'D' Section banding is preferred' be amended to read 'Proprietary 'D' section banding must be used' to avoid confusion.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 10

Proposal carried

Proposal 3: Centre Mainsheet

Proposer: Geoff Town

Secunder: AG to notify

Delete from 8xi 'pure centre sheeting is prohibited'.

Add new rule:

The centre main bridle shall be fitted to deck eyes. A single cleat may be fitted for the centre main bridle position, position optional.

Amend Rules of Measurement:

Either renumber existing rule 26 to be 26 a, b, c.

26. a, Position of rear traveller deck eyes from transom 250 min. 450 max.

b, Position of centre main deck eyes from transom 1672 min. 1860 max.

c, Lateral separation of centre main deck eyes 700 min. 990 max.Or:

Add new rule 76 a & b.

76. a, Position of centre main deck eyes from transom 1672 min. 1860 max. b, Lateral separation of centre main deck eyes 700 min. 990 max.

Add above to guide sheet #3

No performance enhancement would accrue, but the centre main might make the Streaker more manageable for a novice helm as the mainsheet could not catch under the quarters.

The main concern expressed was over the structural strength of older hulls where the centre main was retrofitted. The fitted boat had not been tested in strong winds. The strength and stiffness of the boom was also questioned.

A further question was raised over the effect of the system on sail shape and leach tension in particular.

Concern was expressed that this development might be a move away from the one design principle of the class. The counterview was offered that the centremain made the class appear more modern, and this was compared to other recent changes to the rules.

It was clarified that the current rules permitted either transom sheeting or hybrid sheeting.

Vote For: 10 Against: 10 Abstentions: 7

Proposal denied.

It was recommended that this demonstrated clear interest in the proposal and that it should be investigated further to address the issues raised by members. To this end a further dispensation would be considered if requested.

Changes to the Rules of The Streaker Class Owner's Association.

None were proposed.

Other Items for Discussion.

1. The meeting was asked for their views on a modification to the structure of the Paddle series. The proposal was to have several geographical clusters of 3 or 4 open meetings within each Paddle, with a prize for each cluster in addition to the Paddle. The number of meetings needed to qualify for a cluster prize would be 2 or 3, with approximately 5 meetings needed to qualify for the Paddle. The meeting considered that this idea was worth further consideration with a view to implementation in 2009 if a suitable structure was devised.
2. The question was raised as to whether a free membership on the purchase of a new boat was transferable. It was clarified that this was not possible.
3. It was suggested that only SCOA members should be permitted to race in open meetings. It was clarified that only SCOA members can win prizes at open meetings but in order to encourage streaker sailing, non-members were permitted to race. This also presented another opportunity to promote membership and its benefits such as the £5 insurance discount from Noble Marine.
4. It was raised that it was not always easy to track down recent additions to the website. It is intended that all new additions will be accessible through the 'new' tab if they are not otherwise on the front page.
5. The thanks of the committee and the membership to Peter Crooks were noted. It was suggested that the committee investigate some appropriate award such as Life Honorary Membership.

Meeting Closed at 7.35p.m.

Appendix 1: Attendance at 2008 AGM

Robert Adams
Ruth Baker
Ian Bradley
Hugh Brazier
Peter Collier
Jeremy Daniels
Alan Gillard
Alan Gillies
Mike Hanes
John Hollis
Keith Jones
Nick Lovell
Mike Mooney
Pierre Naude
Ian Parish
David Parkinson
Mike Rimmer
Dan Rimmer
Stuart Robertson
Cathie Shuster
Dave Shuster
Jonny Shuster
Alan Simmons
Richard Smale
Peter Thornley
Geoff Town
Peter Tyerman
Glen Wells
Ian Whitfield
Matt Whitfield
John Wolsoncraft
Chris Woodard
Chris Wright

Total: 33

**Streaker Class 2008
Profit and Loss
April 2007 through March 2008**

Income

Advertising	55.00
Interest	262.63
Membership	1647.00
Certificates	135.00
Sail Numbers	1235.00
Total Income	3334.63

Expense

Exhibition expenses	788.25
Office Supplies	321.23
Website	1069.62
Printing and reproduction	523.40
Prizes	316.08
RYA membership	89.00
Total Expense	3107.58

Net Income **227.05**

**Streaker Class 2008
Balance Sheet
As of March 2008**

Assets

Current Savings	
Barclays	2228.44
Standard Life	5727.47
Old account	304.39
Race Trophies	825.00

Total Current/Savings **9085.30**

Total Other Assets

Total Assets

Liabilities and Equity

Opening balance	8858.25
Net Income	227.05
Total Equity	9085.30

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY **9085.30**