

Access Class Association UK
Annual General Meeting 2011

The Annual General Meeting of the Access Class Association UK took place at Frensham Pond Sailing Club on Saturday 11th June 2011 at 6.30 pm. There were 36 members present.

1. Apologies

Harvey Harrison
Dave Durston
Steve Sawford
Clare Andrew

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were approved.

3. Chairman's Report

Richard Smallwood, Chairman of the ACA (UK), welcomed everyone and gave the following report:

I wish to start with some really good news this year. An eight boat group of SKUD and Access sailors from the UK went to the Access Class European Championships in Italy two weeks ago and came away with a gold medal in the SKUDs, a silver medal in the 2.3 class and a bronze in the 303-single class plus, as icing on the cake, the Team Trophy as you see here. There were 9 other countries represented so congratulations to the five team members who are here – well done all of you!

In case you are not clear about the pattern of international events, it is intended to have a World Championships in even years and regional championships in odd years. The next major international event will therefore be the World Championships to be held in Sydney, Australia in April 2012 with a European Championship in 2013, probably in Switzerland or Hungary. I know that two members of Frensham Pond are planning to travel to Australia together with IACA committee member John Figgures and myself. We will be pleased to hear of any others thinking about making the trip. There should be no problem with chartering boats as Australia has a third of the Access dinghies in the World.

Following the World Championships at Rutland last year, the turn-outs for TT events have been generally disappointing this year. I realise money is tighter and fuel costs are much increased but it would be nice to see more entrants at the TTs. It is good to see that we have 33 entries for these championships, the same as last year, and especially to welcome our three overseas visitors. If you want to get to TT meetings, please encourage your supporters to find ways to get you there. Remember there are often boats at the host club that can be borrowed for the event.

IACA Committee member John Figgures and I continue to press for the international rules to be improved and clarified. If you see anything in the international class rules that you think needs clarification please tell John or me.

Finally, your committee:- Tom Harper has settled in well as Treasurer but several members of the Committee are standing down after this AGM, Vice-President Gordon Harle, Pat Jackson, Clare Andrew and Harvey Harrison. Many thanks to those standing down from all of us. There are a number of names put forward for election so I hope that you will be prepared to give us your vote of confidence later in the meeting.

Thank you for your attention.

4. Secretary's Report

Ron Sawford, Secretary of the ACA UK gave the following report.

Membership: there are currently 202 members from 24 different clubs. Membership has increased to this from 198 last year.

Ron again gave a description of the layout of the website stressing to members that all details of events, all management documents, minutes of all meetings, details of clubs sailing Access dinghies, and all contact information are available on the website and that members were encouraged to look at least once a week at the news section of the website because Ron uses the news section to bring members attention to all significant additions or changes. Members were told that any suggestions for improvements are welcome.

Ron explained the year's racing programme, that in 2011 included 11 traveller events (5 to count) incorporating a 5 event Northern and a 6 event Southern series (3 to count in each) as well as a three day National Championship at Frensham. He thanked Andy Sheath for the great amount of valuable work he had put into the 2011 programme. He gave a big thanks to all host clubs for all the efforts they had made in staging the events.

Ron thanked Paul and Tom for the excellent way in which they had handled the finances of the Association.

Ron thanked our chairman Richard Smallwood his excellent leadership throughout the year. His attention to detail and willingness to lead from the front made a qualitative difference to our activities. His and many other committee members' leadership in the many different functions has enabled us to have an Association that we can all be proud of.

Finally Ron thanked the sailors and their helpers for all the effort, enthusiasm and fun they brought to all our activities.

5. Treasurer's Report

Ron distributed the financial papers that our treasurer Tom Harper had supplied.

**ACCESS CLASS ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT STATEMENT 01/01/2010 –
31/12/2010**

| CURRENT A/C LLOYDS TSB | | IN | OUT |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|
| OPENING BALANCE AS AT 01/01/2010 | | £1,599.46 | |
| 18/01/10 | FROM RYA RE DINGHY SHOW STAND | £398.00 | |
| 28/01/10 | TO RYA - DINGHY SHOW STAND | | £755.70 |
| 05/02/10 | RYA AFFILIATION FEE | | £96.00 |
| 16/02/10 | LEAFLET PRINTING | | £200.00 |
| 19/02/10 | DINGHY SHOW CONTRIBUTION FROM SSM LTD | £357.70 | |
| 23/02/10 | DINGHY SHOW SHIRTS AND PRINTING | | £368.00 |
| 24/02/10 | SSM LEVIES | £225.09 | |
| 02/03/10 | ACCESS CLASS FLAGS | | £438.28 |
| 09/03/10 | ACA SHIRTS SOLD AT DINGHY SHOW | £167.00 | |
| 22/03/10 | ACA SHIRT SALE | £16.00 | |
| 16/04/10 | ACA SHIRT SALES | £40.00 | |
| 30/04/10 | ACA SHIRT SALE | £10.00 | |
| 30/04/10 | NOTTS COUNTY TT ENTRY FEES | £47.50 | |
| 17/05/10 | FRENHAM TT ENTRY FEES | £67.50 | |
| 27/05/10 | BURGHFIELD TT ENTRY FEES | £72.50 | |
| 25/06/10 | CHARTER FEES FROM WORLDS ACCOUNT | £100.00 | |
| 05/07/10 | OXFORD TT ENTRY FEES | £35.00 | |
| 17/08/10 | SECRETARY FOR TROPHIES | | £651.27 |
| 27/08/10 | NEW FOREST TT ENTRY FEES | £38.00 | |
| 18/10/10 | BISHOP SKINNER MARINE INSURANCE | | £200.41 |
| 25/10/10 | IACA SAIL LEVIES | £386.20 | |
| 01/12/10 | RYA FOR DINGHY SHOW PRESENCE | £200.00 | |
| 01/12/10 | TIDEWAY TT ENRTRY FEES | £47.50 | |
| 01/12/10 | ACA SHIRT SALES | £18.00 | |
| 13/12/10 | NORTHAMPTON TT ENTRY FEES | £37.50 | |
| 22/12/10 | SSM LTD (DINGHY SHOW STAND) | | £200.00 |
| Total | | £2,263.49 | £2,909.66 |
| CLOSING BALANCE | | £953.29 | |

| SAVINGS ACCOUNT / STANDARD LIFE | | IN | OUT |
|---|----------|------------------|------------|
| OPENING BALANCE AS AT 01/01/2010 | | £6,533.48 | |
| N/A | INTEREST | £100.41 | |
| Total | | £100.41 | |
| CLOSING BALANCE | | £6,633.89 | |

Richard took us through these accounts. He pointed out that the support for the two demo boats from the RYA for the past two years has now ceased.

6. SSM Agents Report

Ron Sawford gave the following report:

We have now consolidated production of most of the Access models in the UK. This has allowed us to protect the UK market from much of the volatile currency exchange rates and to smooth out the production flow.

We are now sourcing most of our parts and materials in the UK in order to gain better control of supply.

Those parts that we need to purchase from Australia we are attempting to get in larger batches in order ensure available stocks.

We are working towards building a stock of finished boats in standard colours so as to reduce the time between receiving the order with deposit and delivery.

Orders are brisk.

Thanks to you all for your loyalty, patients and support.

7. Election of Committee

Retiring Members:

- Clare Andrew - Rutland Sailability
- Pat Jackson - Sussex YC
- Harvey Harrison - Swarkestone Sailability

Existing Committee Members standing for re-election:

- Andy Sheath - Frensham Pond Sailability
- Richard Smallwood - Frensham Pond Sailability
- John Figgures - Rutland Sailability
- Brian Thake - Northampton Sailability
- Melvin Kinnear - Tideway Sailability
- David Durston - Whitefriars Sailability
- Ron Sawford - Rutland SC
- Tom Harper - New Forest Sailability
- John Aldridge - Woolverstone Project

New Members standing for election:

- Linsay Burns - Frensham Pond Sailability
- Martin Hadley - New Forest Sailability
- John Coombs - Rutland Sailability

Co-opted Members:

- Steve Sawford - UK Manufacturer / Agent
- Gordon Harle - SKUD Representative and Technical Committee

The above members were elected en bloc to the Access Class Association UK Committee.

8. Suggestion of Venues of Future National Championships

Ron reported that New Forest Sailability have expressed an interest in staging the 2011 National Championships at Spinnaker Sailing Club, Ringwood. Ron will consult them and hopefully confirm this later.

Nott's County Sailing Club has said that they could possibly host a National Championships in the future if it could be run mid week. Ron will speak to them about the possibility of a Friday-Saturday event in the future.

One member asked if Oxford, Farmoor Sailability would stage a nationals. Ron will investigate the possibility of this,

9. Any Other Business

Malcolm Kirk raised the subject of the sequence of starts in Access racing. Would it be better for the 2.3 fleet to start first 303 second and Liberty third so as to even out the finish and reduce the waiting time between back to back races. There was a lively discussion on this. It was decided to put this on the agenda for the winter Committee meeting where a decision will be made. In order to inform the committee regarding the views of the members present we took a show of hands. The result of this was 7 supports the suggestion and 7 apposed. The remainder did not have strong views either way.