

**Minutes of the 26th Laser II Class Association AGM held  
at Filey Sailing Club on 25 June 2011**

**In Attendance**

Amanda Childs (AC), David Annan (DA), Jude Baird (JB), Fred Fuller (FF), Stuart Moore (SM), Andrew Whapshott (AW), Diana Croker (DC) and Mike Croker (MC).

**Apologies for Absence**

Had been received from Mike Clapp and Mark Bond.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

No AGM was held in 2010: the minutes of the 2009 AGM were not presented / discussed.

**Chairman's Report**

No report: the post is vacant.

**Treasurer's Report**

See Appendices 1 and 2.

Mike had suggested that the UK Association repay the International Class Association for the £3500 it paid in 2009 for the World's jury. The meeting rejected this idea: alternative uses of the existing funds were discussed under Any Other Business (AoB).

Mike had said that he would be OK to continue as Treasurer unless there was another volunteer.

**Secretary's Report**

See Appendix 3.

Membership stood at 14 (of which 4 were renewals).

As stated in his informal report, Mark questioned whether the role of secretary was necessary. He is also giving up sailing (for now), and was thanked for his efforts as Secretary.

**Elections**

No elections for committee posts were held, but as noted above, Mike Clapp is willing to continue as Treasurer and MC will continue to administer the web site (hopefully with improvements / additions - see AoB).

FF offered to look for a possible regatta weekend, similar to Filey, for a 2012 'gathering'. **Action FF**  
AW will continue to monitor the Facebook page. **Action AW**

**Any Other Business**

MC started by reminding all present of the objects of the UK Laser II Class Association, which are to:

*"a. promote, develop, encourage, organise, and co-ordinate racing and sailing Laser II class dinghies in the United Kingdom under uniform rules and to generally encourage and foster the enjoyment of sporting and recreational aspects of sailing.*

*b. represent the interests of members of the UK Laser II class Association with the Laser II International Class Association, Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and the licensed manufacturer."*

In the subsequent discussions, a key role for the association was seen as ensuring the supply of unique parts for the many Laser IIs still in active service at clubs around the UK, so that they remain (essentially) Laser IIs. To this end it was suggested that the association should engage with the distributor (sailboats.co.uk) to see if some financial support (possibly loan guarantees) would ease the supply of 'difficult / unique' spares. **Action MC**

In view of the Secretary's comments, it was suggested that the association run a bone fide forum, rather than the Yahoo group, tied into the website. Registered (UK?) forum members would be regarded as UK association members by default. MC offered to look into the options. **Action MC**

It was also suggested that the website should be revised so that the front page was essentially 'news', and that a picture gallery be included. MC agreed to revise the site along these lines (but commented that this was not an overnight change). **Action MC**

The meeting closed at circa 9pm.

Mike Croker

## Appendix 1

### UK Laser II Class Association Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2009

#### Income and Expenditure Account

	Year ended 31 December 2009	Year ended 31 December 2008
<b>Income</b>		
Membership subs	379	175
Boat royalties	0	0
Insurance royalties	170	190
Training Video	110	90
Other Income	0	0
Nationals/ Worlds	5,718	693
	<u>6,376</u>	<u>1,148</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Printing	(325)	(346)
postage, telephone, stationary	(92)	(151)
Publicity	(257)	(527)
Nationals /Worlds	(8,452)	(1,239)
Insurance	0	0
Int class & RYA fees	(96)	(89)
Training	0	0
Other	0	(208)
Travel	(32)	0
	<u>(9,253)</u>	<u>(2,560)</u>
<b>Surplus income before interest and taxation</b>	<u>(2,877)</u>	<u>(1,413)</u>
Interest (net)	3	128
<b>Surplus/(defecit) for the year</b>	<u>(2,874)</u>	<u>(1,285)</u>

#### Balance Sheet

	Year ended 31 December 2009	Year ended 31 December 2008
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	4,430	7,283
Debtors	0	0
Prepayments	(20)	(5)
	<u>4,410</u>	<u>7,278</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	0	0
Accruals	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>7,278</u>
Reserves b/fwd	7,278	8,563
surplus/defecit for year	(2,874)	(1,285)
	<u>4,405</u>	<u>7,278</u>

Michael Clapp, Treasurer

## Appendix 2

### UK Laser II Class Association Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2010

#### Income and Expenditure Account

	Year ended 31 December 2010	Year ended 31 December 2009
<b>Income</b>		
Membership subs	141	379
Boat royalties	0	0
Insurance royalties	150	170
Training Video	35	110
Other Income	0	0
Nationals/ Worlds	0	5,718
	<u>326</u>	<u>6,376</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Printing	0	(325)
postage, telephone, stationary	0	(92)
Publicity	(20)	(257)
Nationals /Worlds	0	(8,452)
Insurance	0	0
Int class & RYA fees	(96)	(96)
Training	0	0
Other	0	0
Travel	(20)	(32)
	<u>(136)</u>	<u>(9,253)</u>
<b>Surplus income before interest and taxation</b>	<u>190</u>	<u>(2,877)</u>
Interest (net)	2	3
<b>Surplus/(defecit) for the year</b>	<u>192</u>	<u>(2,874)</u>

#### Balance Sheet

	Year ended 31 December 2010	Year ended 31 December 2009
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	4,641	4,430
Debtors	0	0
Prepayments	(20)	(20)
	<u>4,621</u>	<u>4,410</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors	0	0
Accruals	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>4,621</u>	<u>4,410</u>
Reserves b/fwd	4,410	7,283
surplus/defecit for year	192	(2,874)
	<u>4,601</u>	<u>4,410</u>

Michael Clapp, Treasurer

## Appendix 3

### Notes from the Secretary, Mark Bond

I can't imagine that we'll have many volunteers for committee positions, but perhaps we don't need an association secretary at all...

#### Secretary's tasks

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Collecting fees: I get the impression that we are currently more concerned with getting rid of funds in way that's of benefit to the class rather than than collecting more, so perhaps we could waive the membership fee.

Maintaining member's contact details: Most members appear to just want the DVD and have no further interest in the association, so their contact details aren't particularly useful. I expect that most active members monitor the eGroup.

Answering queries: Since I'm not usually the best person to answer boat-related queries (not having access to a Laser II), I tend to forward most queries to the eGroup anyway.

Supplying literature: I believe we have electronic copies of Tips-on-Twos, the Class Association Constitution, and the Class Rules. We could publish these on the website.

Supplying DVDs: The rigging DVD image is 4.6GB; do we have a means of hosting something that size of the website? Would the class be willing to do that? How would members who have already paid for it feel if it was made available for free?

Minuting the AGM: This isn't something I'm able to do anyway now that I'm no longer attending events.

Allocating membership numbers: I've never been contacted to have a membership number verified, so any numbers I allocate are rather meaningless anyway. If membership becomes free, then a membership number has even less meaning.

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Whilst I'm writing, here are the figures for the 2011 secretary's report:

Members so far for 2011:

New: 10

Renewals: 4

Total: 14

For 2010:

New: 20

Renewals: 0

Total: 20

Additional notes:

- There have been no university subscriptions over the last two years.
- Almost every new membership includes a request for a DVD.
- Six of the new memberships over the last two years have been for international sailors. It appears that they are unable to get the DVD from the International Class Association.

Mark.

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