

Mirror Class Association

AGM Minutes. 23rd July 2022.

Those present;

Stephen Cross, Marie Cross, Carol Heppell, Nettie Heppell, Adam Broughton, Emma Appleton, Trevor Appleton, Phil Smith, Toby Wincer, Chris Balding, Paul Nichols, Chris Fuller, Martin Egan, Polly Tregaskes, Steve Bland.

Minutes of 2019 AGM recorded as accurate, proposed SB, seconded CF. All actions from 2019 AGM complete.

Family friendly format working well, all agreed to continue.

Proposal for attracting new / younger sailors to have a "coached fleet" to start 5 minutes after main fleet for one lap to be introduced at next Nationals. Unanimously agreed.

Fleet size of 37 this year is good, still viable without combining with other classes. Early entry prize (spinnaker) went very well and enabled numbers in fleet to be established helpful for planning.

Accounts

PT revised accounts in some detail, full accounts published on website. Insurance costs kept under control (CF), some discussion re charter boats, two available, and will be required for next Worlds as overseas visitors more likely to attend if boats are available.

MCA Vacant roles (website for details) no applications at present, all Existing roles proposed and accepted.

Apologies from Stewart Bottom who proposed three changes to the class rules but was unable to attend. These were discussed individually at length as follows.

1. Increase diameter of boom. Although a larger boom would undoubtedly be stiffer the meeting did not see any benefit as broken booms are very rare and any increase in performance would not outweigh the increase in weight. No seconded for the proposal, unanimously voted against.

2. Sail cut. The proposal to change the seam layout was discussed, there has been extensive work carried out by Stewart and although there maybe some life expectancy benefits from the proposal this was not seen as advantageous enough to warrant change to the rules. Any improvement in performance from a change was seen as detrimental to the Class as could split the class. Proposal had no seconder, and was unanimously voted against. Action; Martin Egan to discuss this proposal with Ben McGrane although any increase in performance will not be acceptable.

3. Sail sizes. The photos of the proposed jib were considered, the larger size would be more difficult for smaller crews and the increased performance would split the fleet. This would apply to future proposals for changes to the main sail and this proposal was not seen as beneficial to the class. There was no seconder to the proposal and there was a unanimous vote against the proposal.

AOB

Boat show, very good to have a presence but the association couldn't fund a stand (£1k min), Harken stand was excellent, as was ME's mirror, possibly a mirror sail? on someone else's stand. All ideas welcome.

Next AGM Brightlingsea Nationals.