# THE MINUTES OF THE 34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE UK INTERNATIONAL DART ASSOCIATION

Held at Dee Yacht Club Dart 18 National Championships On Saturday 22nd August 2009

# Meeting opened 18.05 hrs

No	Item
1	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The 2008 Minutes were approved by those present and by a unanimous show of hands.
2	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Geoff opened the meeting with apologies from Clare Round and Laurie Draper who were unable to attend.
	Geoff thanked the committee for their support and welcomed Sally to her first AGM as secretary.
	Geoff spoke about this years teach in, which was run by UKIDA with the help of Brian Phipps, It was thought to have been very successful with 14 boats taking part this year, along with the savings made by running it ourselves. Special thanks were given to Sean O'Connor, Will Thompson and Marco Manganelli. It was suggested that it maybe a good idea to move the teach in to different locations each year to allow more people to attend.
	Geoff spoke about the transition with the Dart 18, moving it from Laser to Ian Fraser and Brian Phipps. Although there had been a number of teething problems, it was now going well and thought to be back on track.
	Worlds 2010- Weymouth. A world's website has now been set up by Simon Dewsbury and a committee has been formed. More volunteers are encouraged to help out; anyone interested in helping is to contact Geoff directly.
3	HON SECRETARY'S REPORT Geoff Lloyd reflected on the past 12 months: -
	Geoff gave a brief review of the last 12 months.
	UKIDA has 323 current members, which has continued to follow the slight downward trend of previous years and other classes.
	104 boats took part in at least one event over the last year. There were 37 entries at Stokes Bay, 34 at Grafham. Dan Norman and Mel Rogers were the overall TT winners once more. The UK had 28 entries out of 108 entries at the Worlds last year.
	Dinghy Show – This went very well, especially as we no longer had support from Laser. Thanks go to Matt Ambrose and Paul Wakelin for their organisation and to Ian Fraser and Brian Phipps for supplying the Dart 18. Thanks also to the many volunteers that helped out on the stand; it was good to see plenty of interest in the Dart 18.

Geoff continued to summarise the year- There were 20 boats at Snettisham, 22 at Mumbles and 37 at Whitstable. There are 2 TT's to go this year, Sheppey and Worthing. We also have the Inland Nationals that have been rearranged to the 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> October, to be held at Datchet.

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4 TREASURER'S REPORT Geoff explained that Clare Round was unable to attend the meeting and unfortunately there were no up to date accounts to present. Geoff said that Rachel Hodgkinson had volunteered to take over as treasurer and that this would take place as soon as possible.

Geoff proceeded to compare 2008 to 2007 figures.

Subscriptions were down £608

Website and Advertising costs were down £428.

Insurance was up £108.

General Advertising was down £288.

Trophies down £400

Overall we were slightly down on last year; however we had a healthy balance in the bank account.

#### 5 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Geoff summarised the committee as follows:

Geoff Sherwood Chairman

Geoff Lloyd Honorary Secretary/Class Promotion

Rachel Hodgkinson ... Treasurer

Sean O'Connor Fixtures Secretary

Simon Dewsbury Webmaster/Results Co-ordinator

Paul Wakelin Technical Secretary
Matt Ambrose Technical/Exhibitions

Tony Novissimo Marketing

Will Thompson Teach-In Co-ordinator Bob Atkinson Dart 16 Representative

This was proposed by Chris Moore and seconded by Tony Dod.

## 6 Manufacturing Report

Brian Phipps summarised that Laser had surrended the licence at the end of last year to Bryer Mouldings. Ian Fraser and himself had been liaising with the IDA and UKIDA to move things forward.

Brian stated their objectives:

To keep sailors on the water by providing replacement parts.

To resolve quality problems with masts, hulls, rudders etc

To deliver new boats by the end of the year.

Brian also mentioned that they have been working with UKIDA to come along to events, and the teach in to offer their support.

Brian summarised the current situation.

They are resolving the problems with the 'one design' and building within strict

tolerances.

Battens now meet original specifications and are being tested.

Masts are within tolerance.

Hulls- new moulds are to be broken out which are manufacturer controlled to original specification.

Rudder Blades- new moulds had been made and are expected to be delivered in the next 2-3 weeks. They will also meet original specifications.

Ian Fraser, Windsport, the IDA and UKIDA will be overseeing this.

Brian stated that new boats were on target for the end of this year and would be priced between £8000 and £8500 including vat. He also said that new boats would be spread among dealers, both in the UK and abroad. The expected supply would be 2 hulls a week, however if demand increased, then they would look in to this.

## 7 Any Other Business

Sean O'Connor spoke about next years events, with the Nationals to be held either the end of May or the beginning of June as a 3 day event, with the location to be confirmed by the end of September.

There has also been an offer to host next years teach in, this is currently being considered.

Geoff thanked Sarah and Kim Furniss for the excellent job that had done as scrutinneers at the Nationals this year.

David Lloyd asked if people had a preference as the where the socials should be held for the 2010 worlds, either Portland or Weymouth. It was suggested that they would be in a mixture of locations.

Meeting closed 18.44 hrs