



**Minutes of the Combined Comet Class Association (CCCA)  
Annual General Meeting  
Held via Zoom on Tuesday 28 Sep 21 at 19:30  
Chairman Adrian Padro**

- 1 **Introduction.** The Chairman thanked the 14 members of the CCCA for attending and briefly covered the events of the year.
- 2 **Explanation of Procedure.** Steve White acted as host for this Zoom meeting and briefly covered the procedures for running the AGM by Zoom.
  - a. **Proposal** – ‘The CCCA AGM 2021 should be conducted in accordance with the procedure published on the CCCA website’ Proposed by CCCA Committee. This was agreed unanimously.
- 3 **Apologies.** Apologies had been received from Bill and Avril Carlton, Steve Ashford and Stephen Sharp.
- 4 **Acceptance of the minutes of the 2020 AGM.** The minutes of the 2020 AGM had been posted on the CCCA website since September 2020.
  - a. **Proposal** – ‘The minutes of the CCCA AGM 2020 held by correspondence are accepted as a true record of that meeting.’ Proposed by CCCA Committee. This was agreed unanimously.
- 5 **Reports:** The reports of the CCCA Officers and the Trio builder had been posted on the CCCA website since 21 Sep 21. They were not read out at the meeting and no questions were raised on the matters reported. The reports are attached to these minutes. Glyn said that he was due to deliver one Trio to Richard at Cotswold and that 2 more had recently been ordered by sailors at Exe.
- 6 **Adoption of Accounts.**
  - a. **Proposal** – ‘The statement of accounts presented by the Treasurer at Item 5 should be accepted as a true record of the CCCA accounts.’ Proposed by the CCCA Committee. The accounts were unanimously accepted as a true record.
- 7 **Election of officers and committee:**
  - a. **Chairman** (Adrian Padro) – re-elected
  - b. **Secretary Vacant** (Bob Horlock is standing down, no one has volunteered to fill this role) – post is vacant
  - c. **Cruising Secretary** (Steve White) re-elected
  - d. **Treasurer Vacant** (Caroline McAusland would like to stand down but is willing to continue until a replacement steps forward) – awaiting volunteer
  - e. **Communications Officer** (Tracie Padro) re-elected

- f. **Trio Mk1 Representative** (Stephen Sharp) re-elected
- g. **Versa Captain** (Richard Salliss) re-elected
- h. **Duo Captain** (Stephen Linton) re-elected
- i. **Webmaster** (Steve White) re-elected

**8 Venues for Inlands, National Championships, and Open meetings for 2020/2021.**

a. **CCCA Inlands 2021** Llangorse 16/17 October 21

**b. Nationals**

**i. Trios**

1. **2022 – 5 – 7<sup>th</sup> Aug Exe SC**
2. **2023** CCCA Committee to seek sea venue away from Exe SC

**ii. Duos** Cransley S.C

**iii. Versas, Zeros**

**c. Open Meetings** – Adrian reminded members that the Shustoke Trio open would be held on Saturday 1 Oct 21. Richard Salliss mentioned that Cotswold were considering staging a ‘Comet Week’ next year but this had not yet been agreed.

Bob Horlock

Secretary CCCA

1 Oct 21

## Reports for 2021 CCCA AGM

### Chairman's Report

Firstly, as Bob and Caroline stand down from the committee, I want to thank them both personally and on behalf of the association for all of their efforts over the past years, we have all benefited massively from their time on the committee - Thank you both and to the rest of the committee for the amazing work they do in the background. If you would like to join us, then please let me know.

As we all know, it's been a different year to other years but despite this we had a brilliant turn out for the Trio nationals at Exe sailing club, the closest finish in both classes that I've seen in a long time. Exe S.C were the perfect hosts and we were able to enjoy both the great racing and social aspect of the championships.

It was great to see so many familiar and new faces in the fleet and some great news - the Trio nationals are back in Exmouth for 2022, I've already booked our accommodation! The Comet Duo's also enjoyed a great event at Cransley with plenty of fun and entertainment.

Some more good news, our boat builder - Glyn (Peak Dinghies), has been busy and a new Trio is on it's way to the Cotswolds and there have been some more enquiries for new boats, so hopefully more in the pipeline. Since the launch of North produced MK1 sail, there have been several orders taken, please see the builders report for further details. Looking forward to the rest of this year, we still have the Trio Inlands to enjoy, based in the fabulous setting of Llangorse, and the Shustoke sailing club Trio Open Meeting, I hope to see you there. Future events for 2022 will be announced soon once finalised.

We still continue to use email, Facebook and our CCCA website as the main communication and promotion of the classes and it's great to see the reports of events on-line, via Yachts and Yachting, keep the posts and pictures coming please.

Finally, a big thank you to all of you involved with the association that makes it great to be part of, including the committee, sailors, our sponsors (Noble Marine) and Glyn our builder.

Adrian Padro

### Secretary's Report

The 2020 AGM was held by correspondence on Saturday 25 July 2020. The minutes were published on the CCC website in Aug 2020. Actions arising from the AGM:

Trio Rules: The Trio Rules proposed at the 2020 AGM were rejected by the membership. Discussions between Peak Dinghies and North Sails lead to an agreement that North Sails would produce a Mk1 white dacron mainsail. A small working group was set up that agreed that, together with the existing North jib and the Code Zero spinnaker this would provide a suit of sails that closely match the original Mk1 sails produced by Rowsells enabling Mk1 owners to continue to race their Trios in a Mk1 fleet. A revised set of Trio rules were put to the Trio owning membership and were ratified on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021.

When I took over the role of Secretary from Guy Farrant 6 years ago, I'm sure he said something along the lines of "it's easy, you won't have much to do!" Well, the membership register is consolidated, we have a new builder for the Trio, a new rig for the Trio has been introduced, a new set of Mk1 Trio sails have been approved, the Trio rules have been changed to keep pace with these developments and new trophies have been sourced for the same reason. Dave Talbot, who had been Chairman for 18 years, stood down due to a life changing illness and sadly passed away in Dec 2018. Thankfully Adrian stepped up to the task and has guided us through the uncertainties of the Covid 19 pandemic. So, I feel I can say to my successor, "Most of the work has been done, just the constitution to revise and then it's down to the routine annual tasks of arranging the Nationals, Inlands and the AGM etc." If anyone feels they would like to take this on please contact myself or Adrian.

The CCCA Inlands, due to have been held in May were postponed due the pandemic and, as advised in an e-mail to all members on 5 Aug, will now be held on 16/17<sup>th</sup> Oct at Llangorse. Details are available on the CCCA website under the events tab.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Trio Nationals sponsored by Noble Marine were held at Exe SC on 31<sup>st</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August 21. 23 Trios participated split between 13 Mk1s and 10 Mk2s. Friday racing was cancelled due to strong winds but after 4 races on the Saturday the leader board in both fleets was tightly packed with no one dominant in either fleet. Sunday dawned with little wind and a postponement but eventually sufficient breeze on the race course allowed the fleets to be released and 2 races to be sailed in light and shifty conditions. Richard Salliss and Carole Williams headed the Mk1 fleet chased by Chris and Ben Biglin whilst in the Mk2 fleet Adrian and Tracie Padro beat Andrew and Caroline McAusland in the last race to win the event with both teams being level on 7 points.

The Duo 'Worlds' was held at Cransley on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 21, 12 Duos took part and further details are covered in the Duo Rep's report.

I would like to say thank you for the generous gift given to me at the Trio Nationals to mark the end of my time as Secretary and to Adrian and the rest of the Committee for their help and support during my tenure, particularly Steve White who has updated the CCCA Website since the last AGM, has helped me start to understand how to edit the content and has facilitated committee meetings and this AGM via ZOOM.

Bob Horlock

## CCCA Accounts

CCCA Income & Expenditure Year Ending 2020

	Dec 16	Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20
<b>INCOME</b>					
Bank Interest	11	2	4	4	4
Noble Marine	500	500	440	440	400
National's surplus				84	
Donation					250
<b>Total Income £</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>654</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Dinghy Show	568	0	0	0	0
Internet-website domain name	315	48	48	93	93
Donation				30	0
RYA affiliation fee	125	125	125	130	see note 1
Trophies	231	275	519	449	see note 2
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>SURPLUS/ DEFICIT (£)</b>	<b>-728</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>-248</b>	<b>-174</b>	<b>561</b>

Notes:

Note 1 RYA affiliation fee payment delayed until April 2021 due to Covid

Note 2 Due to Covid no official class events & therefore no expenditure on trophies.

Balance in Nationwide account on 29/01/2021 £5035

## Peak Dinghy Builders Report for the Combined Comet Class Association 2021 AGM

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and that you have been able to sail more this year. It's been a very challenging time for all of us, but with the removal of restrictions things are starting to move back to something like normal.

The shortages of products in the wider market place has also been an issue for us. Thankfully customers have realised that such delays are outside of our control and I would just like to say thank you for your patience and understanding.

It's great that there are now new sails available for both the Mk I and Mk II rigs and good to see a reasonable turnout of both at the Nationals.

The sale of new Trios continues with a new boat to be handed over soon, another ordered and a third in the wings, it's good to see the steady increase in the number of Trios out there.

Whilst racing is a key part of many peoples sailing, a great many others don't race and with those people in mind we are looking at producing a set of Cruising Sails. The thinking is that these will be the same cut as the MK I Main, but using Tan cloth and with two sets of reefing points.

I also want to produce a rigging guide so that people have a much clearer idea of how to set up their new Trio. Along with this North will be putting together a tuning guide, so that people can get the best out of their Trio. Both are scheduled as autumn projects.

Some of you may have heard that Peak Dinghy has taken over production of the Solution from Ovington. For those of you who have not seen a Solution, the best way to describe it is a mini Phantom.

The addition of this new class has drawn my attention to the Peak Dinghy website and that is about to go through a complete refresh. The focus will be on the new boats that we sell; Trio, Solution and Enterprise and all the spares and accessories will be there too. Not only will this make life a little easier for you, but it will also help people outside of the Class to gain a full understanding of the boats.

It's usually the norm for a classes AGM to be held at the Nationals and for me to say, have a great Nationals. I am not sure it works as well when I close by saying "have a great Zoom meeting, hope to see you there".

Glyn Rawson