



2013 UK RS FEVA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY MAY 26th 2013

Thorpe Bay YC

Present from the Committee:

Steve Hopper (SH); Debbie Darling (DD); Tim Bilbrough (TB); Lindy Prescott (LP); Bart Prescott (BP); Martin Swindon (MS)

Apologies:

David Nicholls

Welcome:

UK Feva Class Chairman (Steve Hopper) welcomed everyone to the meeting & thanked them for coming.

Minutes of 2012 AGM & matters arising:

Minutes of 2012 AGM were available & there were no matters arising. TB proposed that they be accepted & LP seconded.

Committee Structure:

SH explained the structure & announced his plan to stand down after the Nationals & the proposal for Tim Bilbrough to take over as Chair on a temporary basis (until Courtney leaves the fleet). This was agreed by the meeting. All other members of the committee were happy to continue & all were proposed & seconded.

Barry Jobson agreed to take on the Events Rep role whilst George Barker agreed to take on the International Rep; Nick Neve agreed to take over from TB as Technical Rep. The updated committee structure is in appendix A.

Report from the Chair:

SH outlined the strength of the RS Feva & it's growth in the UK. The RYA are disappointed that zone squad numbers have remained low but class squad numbers have grown. To ensure the Feva

remains within the RYA Youth & Junior Classes they have requested that all class squads (except Class National Squad) are disbanded & that all focus is moved to the RYA squads. After many meetings & discussions within the UK Feva committee & between committee members & RYA it was agreed that a new structure would be promoted for only RYA NJS, Zone Squads & CNS. DD explained that the RYA had requested contact details for all sailors within zone squad age (under 14) who competed at these nationals. These sailors would be invited to apply for zone squads. Unfortunately there are only 9 teams in this category, some of which will be out of age by December 31st 2013. TB suggested that we request that the age criteria be moved to school year rather than calendar year a system the youth squads follow.

Victoria Payne & Barry Jobson asked whether HISC Squad & Torquay Squads could continue. DD explained that they could not be promoted by the class but Open Training could be run from these venues (similar to those run in the London area).

SH explained that the cost of events & running the class has increased therefore the committee had decided earlier in the year to increase GP entry fees to £50. But sponsorship support was encouraging with Volvo now sponsoring the GP circuit with a £4k budget over two years; Insurance for dinghies supporting the Inlands with £400; Sekonda supporting the Nationals; Magic Marine are supporting the class with vouchers as prizes for all events.

MS had to leave the meeting but SH explained the accounts were in good shape with cost saving measures put in this year & tight accounting.

LP asked the meeting to keep promote the need for sponsorship & to involve her in any opportunities. It was suggested that the sailors themselves could be encouraged to fundraise for the class.

RS membership:

DD explained that membership healthy with 250 members. This membership helps pay for admin staff, judge & underwrites events & training.

Events:

DD announced 2014 Nationals at WPNSA, Worlds in Carnac, GP's at Grafham, RTYC, Northampton & inlands at Rutland.

AOB:

Dave Hivey asked for a longer Nationals with racing starting on the Saturday. DD explained that a questionnaire went out to sailors & parents two years ago which asked which race format was preferred. Sailors preferred 3 days racing but parents 4 days. Dee & Sue suggested another questionnaire out to sailors & parents.