



UK RS FEVA CLASS ASSOCIATION

AGM

Saturday 28 May 2016

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

In attendance:

David Cotterill, Jon Webster, Steph Webster, Ian Jameson, Lucy Jameson, Robin Caiger, Barry Jobson, Chris Atherton, Nick Neve, Jon Partridge, Jo Harris, Cathy Rastrick, Peter Perera, Gill Talbot, David Rastrick, Marcus Collingbourne.

1. Apologies

None received.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes were available on the website and were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Chairman's Update

David Cotterill welcomed everyone to the 6th Feva National event; to which there had been 110 entries, an increase on 89 from the previous year. The Class was in a good position and membership was growing. The Class goals were being achieved whilst being financially sound and self-funding. The aim was still to encourage young sailors into Fevas from other classes and develop double handed sailing and improve technical ability. It was felt that the Feva Class was the most significant at developing double handed sailing.

It was noted that Robin Caiger, as Treasurer, had been reviewing the legal status and investment strategy. £3,500 had been invested in a rib and there were significant financial reserves. David Cotterill reported that, after four years of prudent financial management, there was now a sustainable foundation and that he considered it was appropriate to maintain financial independence from stakeholders e.g. RYA and Sport England. David thanked Lucy Jameson for her outstanding services as Secretary and all her time and effort which had made his role as Chair much easier.

David wished to put forward the consideration of appointing a President in a governance role. The Chairman felt this would assist with the continuity of the committee with incoming and outgoing chairs. Lucy could work with the committee to put this in place.

4. Treasurer's Update

Robin Caiger circulated the financial report for the Year ended 30 April 2016 (as attached). The cash balance on the account at the year-end was £23,900 further to income during the year of around £73,000 and expenditure of around £69,700. Class events had been overall around £10,000 cash positive enabling the Class to cover its administrative costs and allow £1,500 to finance open training. Memberships brought in a further £5,700 and grants / sponsorship around £16,600, including the contribution from the RYA towards both Class administrations costs and the UK Junior Squad. Other sponsorship is received

from PA Consulting and Volvo; the Class was mindful it should have regard to the continuity of both sources.

It was felt that entry fees for events were suitable as they were affordable and not excessive. There was no clear strategy for supporting local or regional events and support at the Europeans in Garda had been possible last year but not this year. It was noted that much of the increase in cashflow was thanks to the good work of the Regional Representatives in securing growing numbers of sailors attending national events.

Robin suggested it would be good practice, given the dependency of the Class on various sources of external funding, to maintain a surplus of around £15,000. He agreed to consider what re-investment the Class could reasonable afford. Of note, of the reported cash balance, some £8,200 was essentially third-party money, being for the UKJS and CNS squads and regional training balances, and therefore should not be considered as available to the class (the net balance being around £15,700).

5. Events

Lucy Jameson informed the members that all events had been successful and well attended. The Spring Championships were held at HISC and venues for 2018 were being looked at. The 3rd Grand Prix was to be held on the 29th and 30th April in the Yorkshire Dales and as many sailors as possible would be encouraged to attend. The Inlands were to be at Draycote and the July Grand Prix at Whitstable, Kent. The 2017 Nationals event will be held in Torbay. The 1st Grand Prix / RYA Selection event would be held at Northampton.

2018 Inlands will be at Grafham Water Sailing Club and the Nationals will be WPNSA. The weekends for the Class National Squad and the Zone squads had been confirmed. Dates for the National Junior squads were still to be confirmed.

WPNSA would be the venue for the land day for the NJS and CNS squads followed by training at HISC, Northampton, WPNSA (this would need to coincide with profiling), Draycote, Grafham and Oxford.

It was mentioned that some people felt there was an imbalance in proportion of events held in the North relative to the South especially when considering composition of the squads. It was noted that this statement was raised each year and making more events accessible in the North would be taken on board. Members were informed that the 29er Class have 4 national events and 5 regional events and looking at doing a North or South Series and encouraging more regional mini series. It was noted that the RYA was in the embryonic stages of considering becoming more regionalised from March 2017, thereby not having as much national training.

6. Marketing

It was noted that feedback from the live blogs and streaming had been very positive.

7. Safety/Major Events

Members were informed that there had been no issues or reported incidents and processes were in place for managing safety.

8. Technical

Nick Neve raised the issue of the end cap on the pole as it could not be fixed with a rivet; it should be bound with tape. The matter of old foils was also discussed and it was agreed that there should be no old foils in new boats.

Numbers on sails were discussed as some digital numbers were italic and it was noted that this had not been outlawed by ISAF. Clarification on the use of these numbers was required in the Class rules and subsequently in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Welfare

There had been no issues this year and the appropriate governance was in place.

10. Plans for 2016/2017

11. Squads and Open Training

Items 10. & 11. were covered under section 5. Events.

12. Membership and Constitution Changes

It was felt that ways of utilising RYA bank of coaches needed to be considered as many children were currently enjoying the sailing; 20 sailors in CNS, 16 in UK Junior Squad, three zone squad groups and the recent new 8 regional groups. All these sailors were supported by the Class and must be members of the Class Association. It was noted that the Class Association insurance covers only members and therefore all sailors attending regional training must be members.

i. It was proposed by David Cotterill that a new position of Vice Chair be included on the Committee to assist the Chairperson. The proposal was agreed by members.

j.

13. Election of Committee Members

Jon Webster was nominated and appointed Chairperson.

Ian Jameson was nominated and appointed Vice Chair.

Robin Caiger was re-elected as Treasurer.

Jo Harris was re-elected as Class Welfare Officer.

Nick Neve was re-elected as Technical Representative.

Proposed by *Ian Jameson* and seconded by *Jon Partridge*.

Northern Representative elected was *Cathy Rastrick*.

It was noted that the role of Safety Officer be reviewed and at each event ensure club safety was adequate.

14. Any Other Business

It was noted that whilst more sailors should be encouraged into the class it was also felt that when sailors are getting too big they should be advised at the appropriate time to transition into Youth Classes. It was agreed that relationships be further developed with other classes such as the 29er and Catamaran Class Associations. *Pete Pereira* agreed to have a look at 29er Open training sessions.

It was agreed that *Lucy Jameson* had done a good job in matching some helms and crews within the class.

There was a presentation and thanks to *David Cotterill* for his work and support of the RS Feva Class Association before the meeting closed