



UK RS Feva Class Association AGM

Rutland Sailing Club

30th May 2015

17:30 hrs

Attending Members

David Cotterill, DC | Nick Edmonds | Lucy Tardrew, LT | Lisa Black | Mike Black | Brenda Purse | Michael Purse | Penny Carter, PC | Morven Leggot | Simon | Carol | Kaz | Julie | Anne Wyle | Richard Pye RP | Marcus Collingbourne MC | Hedley Tardrew | Steph Webster | Victoria Payne | Ruth Lewis | Lisa Killham | Cathy Rastrick | David Rastrick | Sarah Richards | Andrew Richards | Sue Ormerod | Martyn Lewis | Sandra Odell | Jo Bonsey | Miles Odell | Andrew Bonsey | Robin Caiger | Adam Pettit | Caroline | Becky Parker | Peter Aitkin | Mark Holliday MH | Sally Campbell | Inge Pye | Chris Atherton | Frances Peters | Nigel Bird | Josh Bonsey | Rory Odell | Barry Jobson | Johnathan Luke | Jon Webster

Item

Action

Apologies

Tim Bilbrough, Jo Harris (Child Welfare Officer) and Jon Webster (joined half way through)

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting approved as a true reflection of the meeting

Outgoing Committee Members

DC Recognized the superb work of the committee and thanked all for their hard work. DC explained that we say goodbye to

Tim Bilbrough has been the UK class Treasurer for the last year and also class Chairman from 2013 Nationals at Thorpe Bay. Tim has worked incredibly hard over the years especially in the financial areas, we now have an accurate accounting system in place as well as having accurate book keeping now firmly in place. Jon Partridge (RS Sailing) also added his thanks for all that Tim has done. It was also noted that it was thanks to Tims vision and hard work that all competitors at the UK Nationals 2015 received a Dry bag as part of their entry pack

DC received 1 application for the new Treasurer post from Robin Caiger.

PROPOSED By Ian Jameson

SECONDED By Hedly Tardrew

Further committee members are moving on from the class

Lucy Tardrew (LT)– Social Lucy has done a brilliant job over the year in post, organizing some great socials at the RS Feva World Championships in Carnac in 2014 and also a valuable member of the committee. DC Thanked Lucy for all she has done for the class

Hedley Tardrew (HT) – Marketing. HT has enjoyed the year and is still very keen to pursue the idea of making a film to send out to schools, HT asked members to please send him any footage that he may be able to use to produce this film. Hedley has been a huge support on the committee.

George Barker – International Liaison. DC explained that George has been a great help over the years but his son has now moved on from the class.

Bart Prescott – Webmaster. Bart has been a massive part of the class ensuring that the website runs smoothly, a tremendous amount of work has gone into the ongoing upkeep of the old website. Thank you to Bart for all this time and effort

DC – As the New website has been designed by a Webdesigner company the class receive ongoing support so there is no need for a webmaster

DC asked for volunteers to fill the various vacant roles

General Committee Members- Brenda and Michael Purse

Co-Opted Members

Regional Representatives

South West – Sally Campbell

Midlands – Nick Neve

East – Marcus Collingbourne

North – Cathy Rastricks

South – Michael and Brenda Purse

Wales – John Luke

Chis Atherton (RYA) will put all area representatives in touch with the RYA regional High Performance Manager in their areas who will be able to assist with planning and contacting clubs in the area

Action LJ to email
and sort email
addresses

Chairman's Report

Chairmans Statement 2015

Overall the Class is in a very good position. Membership, participation and engagement are all increasing.

In 2014 we had 245 full members plus 20 affiliates from schools, clubs etc.

First GP of 2015 increased from 40 (2014) to 62 (2015).

Nationals 2015 – 89 entries compared to 94 – Weekend moved conflicts with exams for year 11

Class goals are all being achieved

“We need good governance to mitigate investment risk”

Financially Sound. Cash reserves, no commitments/liabilities, self funding.

Meets the needs of stakeholders: Sailors and Parents, RYA, Schools, Boatbulder, sponsors.

Supports the growth of the RS Feva Sailing Community. Events, training, infrastructure, social activity.

Objectives

- Encourage young sailors (Optimist, Topper, Tera...) to experience double handed sailing and progress into other classes (29er, 420, Catamaran...
- Race, Train, Sail, Learn - enjoy.
- To encourage all round sailing excellence. Fitness, attitude, skill, performance, technical...
- Boat sales in UK and Internationally are stronger than any other class and boat ownership goes from strength to strength (private, schools and associations/clubs)

Governance has been strengthened since January this year

Secretarial Services have improved substantially supporting the Chairman and Committee

- New website and entry process
- Better financial book keeping – financial discrepancies have been resolved and accounted for. The Accounts are now a true representation of the actual bank position.

Financial

Class has invested £3500 from sponsorship and reserves. Class has £15000 in reserves on end of April 2015

Results

- **RS Feva European Championship 29-31st May 2014, Aquavitese, Holland**
 - RS Feva Europeans. 9 GBR Boats. 5 Class supported. 4 GBR in top 8.
 - Nationalities. NED, BEL, LTU, GBR, EST, CZE, GBR, FR, ESP
- **Crown Cup, Czech Republic, Yacht Club Lipno nad Vltavou, CZE. 21-22nd June, 2014**
 - 3 GBR Boats

RS Feva Worlds – Carnac – July 2014

- 184 Boats from 19 Nations including Aus, Can, Est, Lith, It, Fr, Sp, HK, No, Sw, Ire, USA
- 80 GBR Boats
 - World Champions: Harvey and Bobby
- 7 GBR Boats in top 15
- 1st All Girls, First Family
- 1st juniors
- 1st Silver fleet

Europeans 2015, Lake Garda

- Top 3 GBR Boats.
- 8 GBR Boats in top 20
- 8 out of 11 podium places

Events for 2016-17

2015/2016

2016/2017

Grand Prix

September 5th/ 6th	HISC	September 3rd/4th	Draycote
October 3rd /4th	Grafham	October 8th/9th	Exe
Apr-16	Northampton	Apr-17	Northampton
Jul-16	Brightlingsea	Jul-17	HISC

Inlands

June 25th/26th Queen Mary SC June 16th/17th 2017 Draycote

Nationals

30th May WPNSA 27th-31st May PWLLHELI

Nationals 2015 WPNSA 4 Days

A question about the Europeans being on the Bank Holiday weekend again came up.

JP- The Europeans was and will always be arranged around the UK Nationals and this was the case for 2015 not the other way around. JP proposed moving the Europeans to July when commitments with Exams etc are over as so many seem to have so many other commitments in May. May is also at the very start of the season for many of the Northern Europe sailors who may not have sailed over the cold winter. JP will keep the class posted

Nationals-

2016 – WPNSA Saturday 28th May – Tuesday 31st May 2016

2017 Pwhelli - Provisional National Championships program still to be confirmed

Saturday 27th May - Registration and Practice

Sunday 28th May - Qualifying Series

Monday 29th May - Qualifying Series

Tuesday 30st May - Championships Racing

Wednesday 31st June - Championships Racing

Safety

Barry Jobson

Barry Jobson – Governance and Safety Policy has been written and adopted. This policy is based on the current RYA policy

Jon Webster

Both Barry Jobson and Jon Webster have been working on aspects of safety and safety cover at events and DC thanked for all their hard work and support.

Jon Webster asked that we start running events more “in house” and asked for support with safety cover allowing the class to build a team of people who are experienced in rescue and on water safety. Jon would like to appeal to all rib owners who may want to come along to the events and be part of the safety team.

Action JW, BJ, LJ to build a list of willing helpers

Marketing

The class have been working on using more social media such a Facebook and Twitter, UK RS Feva have a dedicated twitter feed and Facebook page now which is all helping to spread the word.

New Website is up and running

Hedley Tardrew

Hedley would still like to produce a Video to send into schools and asks for any footage people may have.

Action all to get video footage to HT

The UK class have had Frances Peters working for the class 4 days a month on Marketing.

Technical

NN- Junior at RS sent a link to a Youtube video of a repair that needed to be done NN explained that this was very useful and informative and allowed him to do the repair independently. JP explained that after some comments posted on a forum they removed the videos but said that should anyone require any advice on repairs then to contact RS and they will be able to send links to the relevant repair video

Welfare

Process in place and nothing to report

Plans for 2015/16

Working with Clubs, Schools and Associations to build fleets and offer support to help with training encouraging more participation

Action LJ to advertise Class Boat

DC asked the floor "Anything we as a class should be doing", "are we on the right track"

Mark Holliday asked that the class communicate with clubs directly LJ said hopefully this will be an easier task with class area representatives and support from RYA HPMs

JW Reminded the floor that the class currently have a class owned Feva for people to use

Action - LJ and FP more direct contact with clubs

Richard Pye asked that details be put on Website

Nick Neve recalled there being a Training Officer on the committee in previous years and suggested it may be worth thinking about

Action all to think of a Training officer

Open Training and Squads

2015/16 will have RYA UKJS and Zone Squads as well as the Class National Squad. Dave Hivey is stepping down as Head Coach for the UKJS and DC said he felt it important to recognize the effort Dave has put in and passed on his congratulations for a great few years having done an incredible job with great success, all evident in the impressive results all of his sailors have had

Class National Squad (CNS) Coach has been appointed- Pete Perera who is currently working with the 29er fleet also, Pete has an impressive Sailing CV, is clearly a very popular choice .

MC asked what was the qualification for CNS

DC- RYA UKJS is for sailors up to the age of 15 and the class recognize that we do have sailors who still want to access squads but are considered too old by the RYA. The primary purpose of the CNS was to take the older more experienced sailors who are not yet ready to move onto the next class and offer them good quality squad coaching. Many weekends will be shared with the UKJS but some will be separate

Action LJ to make CNS Qualification Clearer on Website

NB – CNS enjoyed the joint weekends and DH did a great job with both squads

Penny Carter (National Championships Judge) said that she would like more access to squad weekends so that she can sit down with sailors and discuss rules and suggested being invited to a squad weekend.

RP said that that many more sailors could access this resource if it was held during an event with more people such as Inlands or Nationals.

PC Suggested the Opening Season event such as the All Squads weekend. DC explained that All Squads weekend would be run more like an open meeting / Championships

NN – Encourage sailors to put teams together and got to he ET Team Racing Championships in October, this is a great way of learning the rules. You learn more in 1 weekend form on the water experience and it is a super event.

DC – Set up a Sub Committee based on Rules, how to use them, share with sailors etc

Constitutional Change

Members Voting Rights

At this time the “Member” is the sailor, the parent, and guardian are not members. In order to be able to vote on matters DC proposed a change to the wording

Proposed by Josh Bonsey

Seconded by Rory Odell

JP reminded the floor that ant such changes had to be approved by the Copy right Holder – Action LJ and DC to discuss

Action DC, LJ and JP to discuss with Copy right holder

AOB

No AOB was submitted prior to the meeting

NB – said to Keep up the good work

Meeting Closed
