



2012 UK RS Feva Annual General Meeting

Venue: Rutland Sailing Club

Date: 22/06/12

Present: UK RS Feva Committee – Steve Hopper (Chair); Debbie Darling (Secretary); Lindy Prescott (PR Rep); Bart Prescott (Webmaster); Tim Bilbrough (Tech Rep);

Apologies: Chris Proud (Treasurer); David Nicholls (Child Protection Officer)

1. AGM declared open at 17.30 by Class Chairman
2. Apologies for absence read out.
3. Previous minutes were not found therefore not read .
4. A request for volunteers to fill vacant posts on the committee was made but those on the floor were unable to volunteer. The secretary will approach new Feva parents in the autumn regarding Training Rep & International Rep roles (committee structure in appendix)
5. The Chair asked the existing committee to re-stand – they all accepted.
6. The committee was proposed by Andy Hill & seconded by Sam Taylor-Nobbs then unanimously carried.
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 - a. The Chair (**SH**) gave a short account of his first year in office highlighting the good shape the class is in with healthy growth in numbers racing & training. His goals for 2013 are to see the class move from RYA Supported to RYA Pathway status. He wishes to see the committee roles re-focused & new extended roles filled. The Feva ethos is sound & racing is encouraged for all without being elitist & schools & families are key to our growth.
 - b. The Webmaster (**BP**) explained that the move to improve the website has been tricky but is now working well. Blog structure is still in need of improvement with Tweets taking 10 minutes to come through & the Live! button not working on Blackberry's.
 - c. The Tech Rep (**TB**) discussed his plans to update rules & tips on the website & asked for thoughts on qualification for 2013 Worlds. The meeting felt that a Q series would be good encouragement & perhaps the top 30 would have access to organised UK class coaching at the Worlds.

- d. The Secretary (**DD**) spoke about how the new website has made the admin process much easier.
- 8. The treasurers report was read out (see appendix)
- 9. Championship & event locations were discussed with **DD** requesting that the class book a Nationals in Scotland in the future so as to encourage the spread of the UK class & also it will sit well with the RYA. The parents at the meeting thought ELYC would be a good venue & sailors would make the journey. Currently the following are booked: 2013 – TBYC; 2014 – WPNSA; 2015 – Scotland ? other options are Tenby, Saundersfoot, Mumbles for the future although south coast likely for 2016.
- 10. A.O.B: Sam Taylor-Nobbs asked about membership renewals for next year. **DD** explained that all members would receive a reminder in December. Problems this year due to change of website.

The meeting discussed allowing outside assistance for capsized boats further down the fleet. **SH** explained that as we are an ISAF class we are governed by ISAF rules. **DD** to check with Class Judge whether we can relax some rules at some events.

The Chair asked to permission to alter the Class Constitution which restrict the committee to max 6 people (5a) & also he requested that the word 'written' be removed from the notice procedure (7c) thus allowing email notice. This was proposed by Sam Taylor-Nobbs & seconded by Nick Neve.

Meeting closed at 18.00.