



UK RS Feva Class Association Committee Meeting 25th November 2017 Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Present – Nick Hutton-Penman Class Chairman : Nick Edmunds Class Treasurer : Lucy Jameson Class Secretary : Inge Pye class Welfare Officer : Ian Jameson Vice Chairman : Joanna Tribe – South East Representative : Emily Davis Midlands Rep and Class Liaison (Tera)

Later to join the meeting -Paul Hammett and Steve Andrews

Nick Hutton Penman welcomed all to the meeting and thanked all for their time and commitment.

GDPR – Most pressing point at this time, it was highlighted the need for us to ensure we are compliant with the GDPR rules LP – We have had quotes to update the website and this is part of the update

Finances

Nick Edmunds

Financial year runs from April to March but this accounting year does not reflect the classes working finances well as the bank would have the beginning of the RS Feva Nationals entries, Charter Income and the last of the RS Feva Squads monies. It was therefore decided that to show a true reflection of the classes finances the budgets would be set based on 1st August – 31st July Accounting period

See 1st August – 31st July 2018 budget forecast

Class Chairman - Reporting back on the past 3 months

Nick H-P explained that as a class we needed to be on a break even. Danger areas for the class would be around relying on the sponsorship from both Volvo and PA which is distributed by RS. Nick would like to continue to build relationships with potential and actual sponsors directly and feels this is an area that we must work on.

We have been very lucky to receive £3000 from Tokio Marine, this is a 2-year deal and the payment has been made. Location of their logo on the boat needs to be confirmed – Thanks to Nick H-P for organising this very generous Sponsorship

Nick explained that he was in ongoing discussions with JDX, this is a company known to the class, they are known for recruiting sailors into their intern program, based in London and have been title sponsors of Itchenor Schools Week over the years.

A new incentive to encourage low cost regional training was explained. Open to all who wish to take part, low cost as the class will make a contribution to the cost of the lead coach @ £100 per day for 6

days per year per region. Encourage young RS Feva experienced coaches to come back and share their own expertise and to try to, where ever possible use local coached rather than bring in coaches who are considered to be the best. We need to help these young coaches build their coaching CV.

Nick H P also explained that in the budget set out there is a fund to go towards purchasing a 2nd Rib in the future

The class had our class recognition meeting with the RYA at the Parkston GP. Typically, in the past this meeting was attended by just the Chairman however present in the 2017 meeting was Secretary Lucy Jameson, Treasurer – Nick Edmunds and Class Chairman Nick Hutton Penman. The feedback was positive on all aspects of the classes performances both for our work with the sailors, the sailors who are progressing on from our class and their amazing performances and our general operations and management of the class.

Dinghy Show

There will be no RYA stand as we have known in the past, it is not clear how it will look exactly but the RS Feva will be displayed in the corridor with the other RYA Junior Classes. Each Class Association have been offered a 15 min time slot to make a presentation about the RS Feva class on the main stage. Nick H-P will happily work with a team and do what is needed. Terrific news was that our current National Champion was keen to put something together.

It was discussed having a new to, current and past RS Feva sailor up there presenting and many ideas came about. Time slot is on Sunday 4th at 1230.

Action to Ben Hutton Penman to put a presentation together and select some friends to help support him.

Welfare

Inge Pye- Welfare Officer had no welfare issues to report.

We must ensure the revision date is on all documentation and agreed with Nick H-P over the importance of the GDPR rules coming in in May.

Action Lucy to ensure this is Urgently addressed as part of the Website Upgrade

Transition

Ian Jameson – Would it be possible to hold a weekend when both RS Feva and 29er Classes are at the same venue so that the Feva sailors can see what the 29er is all about.

Options are varied and space and expertise of the teams at the clubs would be a huge consideration, but it was something that all felt should be explored. There should also be Fevas present at the other end of the classes with presence at Optimist and Tera events. Maybe an “Ambassador” could be identified to champion the feva at events-

Action All Think of events that this could be actioned at. Ian Jameson to discuss with 29er class about the possibility of a joint event 16/17 June 2018, this may not work due to it being exam time but the club would be the best of all those we are visiting to be able to manage. If this is something that would work then Lucy to approach Grafham, with the proposal

Key Points of the meeting

Sponsorship

Open Training

Events – Need to find a place for the Chairman’s Cup and look at other race formats- **Action Lucy to find a date. The Royal Corinthian will host**

Dinghy Show

Transitioning – Tera and Opi to Feva and Feva up

AOB

Ian Jameson explained that following an incident at the 29er World Championships the 29er International committee had introduced a new mandatory rule that all sailors MUST carry a Solas approved Whistle. It was agreed that this should also be encouraged in a bid to educate sailors and get them ready for the next steps. It is something that is expected at the RS Feva World Championships, so it should be adopted by the UK Class –

Action Ian Jameson to put into NOR

Course Configuration

Paul Hammett – The trapezoid courses that are typically used at RS Feva World and UK events is very reliant on a consistent breeze across the entire course, if the conditions change there is little or no opportunity to change the course, shorten or finish early. Proposed a Windward Leeward course would be better. Discussions over having to then have 2 courses at bigger events, safety and race teams. Was felt that with a good race officer this should be easily manageable

Action- To put the option of a Windward/ Leeward into the Sis and also add in the option to move the course and shorten course

Meeting Ended