



UK Class Association AGM February 2023 Minutes

Proposed for Approval

Present : Acting Chair - Jo Powel (JP), Treasurer – Kendall Massey (KM), Welfare Officer - Laurie Callaghan (LC), Regional Representatives Andrew Green (AG), Dawn Ripley (DR), Jo Powell (JP), Dave Stubbs (DS) Builders Representative – Jake Elsbury (JE) Class Secretary – Chrissie Le Petit and Class members

- Apologies
Apologies Received from Nick Neves

- Minutes from 2022 AGM

All agreed that the minutes were accurate for the 2022 AGM.

General Committee

- Chair Jo Powell
- Treasurer Kendall Massey
- Safeguarding Officer Laurie Callaghan
- Technical Representative Nick Neve

All voted in on mass, no votes against.

Area Representatives

- South East Area Rep Floyd MacDonald
- Northern Area Rep Ali Wood
- Eastern Area Rep Floyd MacDonald
- Midlands Area Rep Andrew Green
- Southern Area Rep Dawn Ripley
- South West Area Rep Dave Stubbs
- Welsh Area Rep Jo Powell
- Northern Ireland Area Glynis Ridout
- Scotland Area Representative Jon Ewer

- RS Builders Representative Jake Elsbury

All voted in on mass, no votes against. Chair approved all nominations.

- Chair's Report

It's been a year of getting to know the sailors, changes with the new committee and admin in place. Open training over the winter months. We had a full GP Series and Nationals at WPNSA a

GP series had 97 boats attended

Nationals had 82 boats attended, the class were proud of the sailors and how respectful the sailors were. It was really nice to be welcomed at the Nationals as new sailors to the class.

Thanks yous to our sponsor Rooster, Allen and Noble Marine, and RS Sailing we are pleased to have them all onboard as part of the team.

We have been looking at Open Training to grow the class, if anyone has ideas please share them with us in ways to encourage more sailors to participate.

Chair would like to thank the parents for taking the sailors to the events and waiting around for them, and I'd like to thank the committee for their continued support. I've been Acting Chair for the last couple of months from when Jon Nuttall stepped down.

- Treasurer's Report

KM reported class remains in a healthy position with £37,698.00

We had a loss this year of around £3500 so it was great we are in a position to be able to take that loss.

Membership is our 255 full members, there was a slight increase of membership from £22.50 to £25 late in the year ready for the start of 2022.

Operating costs were a little more than had been budgeted for, we will review these costs and see if we can reduce them for next year.

Revenue of £1000 at the Nationals.

Reduce class cost and increase revenue, we are looking to vote on a slight increase of membership to £30 per member and introduce a family membership.

- Technical Report

Nothing to report

JE reported MK2 is due to be out very soon, with about 20 boats going to UK Sailors.

- Membership and constitution changes.

We ended the year of 2021 with 218 members. 99 members were female and 119 members were male. So that is 45 % of the membership identifying as female. 1 Temporary membership.

Members were from various locations over the UK.

6.5% of members were from the North region , Midlands 8.3%, South West 13%, South 48%, London & South East 15%, East 4%, Northern Ireland .5%, Wales 4 %.

As our financial year ends 31st July we have had another 35 members join the class, with our total number of members for the financial year being 253. The female percentage increased to 47%.

Out of the 2023 members that have joined so far, 58 % of members are yet to attend a GP. 52 % of our current members are females.

The Constitution changes.

Proposal to introduce a family membership (to include parents) of £50 and a single full membership at £30 Voted:

Yes - all voted

Against - no hands against

Chair Approved

Constitution Proposal has been sent out and updated, no questions asked.

Proposal to accept the current proposed changes -

No objections received

- Events

GP4 entry at Draycote towards the end of March.

Nationals in 2023 will be at Plas Heli, entry will be open very soon.

GP5 Leigh and Lowton

GP6 Grafham Water SC

2024 Nationals will be at WPNSA.

GP Events for 2022-23 are planned as follows:

GP1 - Itchenor SC 16th/17th September

GP2/Autumn Championships - Cardiff Bay YC 21/22rd October

GP3/Winter Championships - WPNSA 18th/19th November

GP4 - GP6 dates and venues will be out soon.

Feedback forms are now on the website for events and training.

- Training

Open training took place, some unfortunately were cancelled due to poor weather conditions. The training brought new members to the class. There were some Travellers events in the Midlands, and we saw training starting up in the North. 2 training events in Wales and 1 in Northern Ireland and 2 training events in the South.

We have 3 class Fevas to use from RS they are currently at South Staffs.

- Marketing

Increased coverage on Social media. Not all regions have social media presence, which we are working on. GP posters

Rooster have part subsidised some jumper/jackets to build awareness for the class.

- Welfare

One incident was reported this year, we liaised with the RYA on this and dealt with it in an appropriate manner. We updated our “support persons” policy which can be found on the website.

Policies on the website are reviewed and updated as needed.

Socials had been added to the GP events.

- Safety/Major Events

Nothing to report

- Date and venue for next AGM

Late November to Early December online, we plan to confirm this later in the year.

- Other Business

Dawn Ripley said thanks Jo for stepping in a chair and thanks to all the others that have volunteered to help the class.

Simon Greenhalgh asked if we can we look at attending other Nationals to promote the class. We will look at this, agreed it is a great way to promote the class.

Available coaches for the back end of the fleets at major events. We are looking at how we can introduce this without affecting the racing at the front of the fleet.

New members please get in touch with you regional representative to find out what’s going on in your area.

Meeting closed 19:53

