

**Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting  
of the UK Windsurfing Association (UKWA)  
Held at Stokes Bay on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

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28 people signed the attendance sheet, representing 29 membership votes (7 were non-members).

**Welcome and thanks to all for attending from Bob Ingram – meeting opened 19.30**

**Committee Apologies:** Rod Davies, Nigel Treacy and Pete Davies

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM:**

The AGM Minutes from 2017 were Approved and signed.

**Proposed:** Kevin Proffitt **Seconded:** Andy Watkinson

**Floor Vote:** Approved - None against, no abstentions

Copy signed for filing.

**2. Matters arising from the Previous Minutes (not covered in the Agenda Items)**

None

**3. Chairman's Report (Bob Ingram):**

- Start with some thank-yous
  - Thanks to everyone for supporting the UKWA during 2017. As I said last year the committee is always concerned about the popularity of windsurfing as it competes for busy peoples time and commitments.
  - Thanks to our safety crews and race officers and admin crews. My personal thanks to Brian and Ann who turn up early and leave late at every event to help set up and break down the kit. Additionally thanks to Yvonne, John and Sue.
  - Thanks to all out volunteers, support boat crew, committee boat crews, coaches, admin crew and everyone else who helped out in 2017
  - Thanks to Alastair for the web site, there have been continuing changes mainly behind the scenes which has upgraded the web; this takes a lot of Alastair's personal time. In addition we currently have to address the new data protection legislation which is well in hand.
  - Thanks to the committee for all their hard work especially the sub committees and regions organizing their National and local events
  - Thanks to Thomas Westcott for repairing the accounts and a special thanks to Sue Robinson who took over from Paul Robinson following his resignation as Administrator and Finance Director a position which remains vacant end June 2017. It goes without saying we owe a debt to Paul for his contribution to the association especially in our hour of need after the sad passing of Arabella.
  - Thanks to Rod for all his hard work and to all the UKWA sponsors for supporting the association, without which the slalom and probably the wave series would be impossible. Unfortunately despite leads which were followed up no lead sponsor

could be found in 2017 however the committee has worked hard to put a policy document in place published on the web to attract potential sponsors in the future. Any leads are welcome, it helps us all keeping costs down

- Thanks to Nigel Treacy for his continued success with the BWA, Nigel remains as chair of wave but has handed over the event organization to Geoff Houtman, and to Pete Davies for maintaining the high profile which speed deserves.
- Thanks to James Palin, boson. The committee decided to continue to retain all 4 ribs for 2017 and due to James hard work we are in a much better position than we have been for years. Additional thanks to Kevin Profit for all his assistance with the maintenance of the fleet.
- Finally thanks to my wife Sue and Tessa for their hard work and support.

## **2017**

In general 2017 was a good year for events UKWA.

### **Slalom**

Thanks to Fanatic North k66, Starboard / Severn, Gaastra Tabou, Quiver Windsurfing Goya , The OTC, Puravida, Farrel at O'Shea, new sponsor 4Boards, Neil Pryde, and to RRD.

We ran a program of 7 events. The BSA branding has been a fantastic success with growing support from competitors, the brands and magazines etc. however it was decided by competitors to revert to the UKWA name for 2018 as they considered having two brands confusing. We had 30 pros, 56 Amateurs & 26 Masterblasters totalling 112 entrants, up 9 on 2016. The guaranteed income negotiated with the sponsors has helped with planning and has been a really positive development for the association. We took 3 boats to events which helped substantially with running better quality racing. The 2015 season saw a new financial arrangement so that no individual sponsor loses out financially, this remains in place. There was shared risk and indeed shared profit. With an option to hand this profit to the UKWA and all but one did again in 2017.

Moving forward to 2018 all sponsors continued their involvement with the exception of RRD, this was due to one of our biggest supporters Dave White sadly having a serious stroke therefore he relinquished importing RRD. I can report Dave is improving slowly and can now walk and drive.

2018 also sees the inclusion of light wind foil racing in 7 to 11 knots.

### **Wave**

Wave continues to operate with great success under the BWA banner. During 2017 four events were held making up the British Championships, in Wales, Cornwall, Avon Beach and the highlight in Tiree. Tiree had a junior element which is most welcome and especially good for the future of wavesailing. Overall entries rose by 98 from 82 to 180 however these numbers can be distorted by none events when the waves fail to deliver. There is a new concept for 2018 called FuturePros which is a training concept for juniors and youths to turn them into the pros of the future

### **Freestyle**

Unfortunately we have been unable to deliver any events in 2017 despite our best efforts but 'never say never' and we will continue to talk to anyone with the required skills to run such events.

**Speed Pete Davies**

Speed sailing in the UK is still going strong with over 64 entrants for Weymouth Speed week of which many were UKWA members.

GPS speed sailing is also still going strong with riders from all over the UK posting their fastest times.

2017 saw new titles which was a great success.

**Weymouth Speed Week**

UKWA National Speed Sailing Champion (The winner of The UKWA National Speed Sailing Championships)

**Speed Ladder**

British Speed Sailing Champion (The fastest person in any given year)

Both titles are only open to UKWA members which should encourage new members.

**Racing**

2017 saw 6 cup events

There were also 3 inland events

There was 1 additional event

The National Championships/Champions Cup was held at Grafham, again this proved to be less successful than Rutland despite our best efforts. 2018 will see a return to Rutland Sailing Club

Formula numbers continued to be disappointing with just 9 (down 9), raceboard 32 (up 1), RS:X 36 (up 9), and Techno 54 (down a worrying 14). However you can make these numbers say almost anything, given the number of events versus overall series entries the actual number of entries went down 62.

2018 season will see 6 cup event, 2 inland events plus the big event with RYA at end of season, plus the inclusion of a foiling fleet for the first time.

There will be a review at the end of the season and your feedback is welcomed at any time (except right now)

I have had many meetings with the RYA particularly to discuss event planning. I should like to thank Tessa and particularly Rob Kent for shaking things up in our relationship which lead to some harsh words on all sides but this has achieved a new understanding and we start the season with a clean sheet of paper. Thanks should go to both the Techno class and the RS:X class which both continue to flourish under the leadership of Steve and Nigel.

**General**

Windsurfer of the year was awarded to Emma Wilson and the Windsurfing Hall of Fame continues to grow with the inclusion of Simon Bornhoft.

It is clear change is on the way following the recent World Sailing Olympic decision. The good news is that windsurfing will continue for 2024 however options are still to be decided. You can be assured the UKWA will embrace change and continue to monitor information as it becomes

available. I am certain we will be working with the pathway classes and with the RYA to keep the UK at the forefront of international windsurfing.

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#### **4. Finance Report and to receive the Financial Statements and Accounts for the year to 31 December 2017 – Bob Ingram.**

##### **Introduction**

##### **The accounts for 2017 are presented for membership approval**

- The UKWA is a private Company Limited by Guarantee. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the association in the event of liquidation. The UKWA principal activity is the promotion of competitive windsurfing across the UK
- This year the UKWA has moved fully to online banking and bacs payment using a double Director Payment authorisation online system. This has sped up the payment process and made management of the finances more efficient. The online membership and event entry system created and maintained by Alastair Campbell has proved to be well favoured by the members with no paper pre entries received in 2017. Following the agreed proposal tabled at the last AGM, all memberships are now sent by email in pdf form saving time and administration costs. Please remember to update any email or address changes on the online system this is especially important given the new data protection legislation.
- For the second year our new accountants who have prepared these accounts are Thomas Westcott.

##### **2017**

- Overall event entries in 2017 were up by 44 on 2016 across all disciplines. However turnover is down by £9000. The gross profit was running at 19.2% in 2016 and is down to 10.8% in 2017 with gross profit halved from £18000 to £9000. the administrative overhead's was held steady at 1.8% up from 1.5% but the actual spend was slightly less on last year however the percentage is slightly higher due to the reduced income.
- The accounts show a net loss for 2017 of £6030 which is entirely due to the purchase as promised by Paul last year of a new engine for Rescue 1 at a cost of just over £9000
- With the amount of capital equipment secured recent years the depreciation costs are substantial especially give our relatively steep depreciation rates. However we have now replaced all of our rib engines and purchased a towing vehicle and a replacement events trailer. With the support of James Palin and Kevin Profit and the rest of the safety team we have moved from the hugely expensive hand to mouth amateur temporary repairs of engines to a pre-emptive servicing of up-to-date equipment and now operate in a much more financial efficient manner. Our issue is more now manpower to run the equipment.
- Moving forward we are experiencing issues with Tarifa's tubes which are in excess of 20years old. They will need replacing sooner rather than later at a cost of around

£10,000. The association is not in a position to fund this immediately and we will examine this further at committee.

### ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

- We can see on page 3, that the entries show an encouraging increasing trend, despite not being able to run a freestyle competition, this continues to be a disappointment. Increases are entirely due to Wave & Slalom participation.
- Page 7 statement of Comprehensive Income shows the turnover of income versus cost giving a gross profit of £9217. The decrease of the administration of £1487, a small increase in Bank charges of £98 and a decrease of accountancy fees of £120. This gives a final yearly loss of £6032
- A more detailed breakdown of income statement is on page 19. This details the breakdown of turnover and cost of sales for 2017 and compared against 2016
- Page 8 - Balance sheet as a statement of financial position on page 8 shows our tangible and current assets at £38,866. (Tangible assets are shown on page 16 with the corresponding depreciations of £14679 for marine equipment, £2167 for the towing vehicle and £35 for office equipment.) Capital and reserves are satisfactory at £32,748 showing our current level of solvency. Down £6000
- We remain very much in a year by year evenly balanced financial situation. A reduction in entries will have an immediate adverse impact on the financial viability of the Association but the Directors felt there was a need to increase entry fees slightly in 2018 for the long term viability of the association. It should be noted that sailing clubs and councils are increasing charges sometimes significantly upon the association. Increases are also reflected in the price competitors are paying for equipment.
- These accounts are presented to the members present for approval
- Thank you once again for all your support – are there any questions?

One question from the floor:

Mark Kay asked why the profit was down?

Bob Ingram replied that this was due to the purchase of the new engine for Rescue 1 as promised at the 2017 AGM which has come into this set of accounts year end 2017.

PROPOSED that the 2017 Accounts are agreed and signed by the Directors:

**Proposed:** Rob Kent                      **Seconded:** Kevin Proffitt

**Floor vote:** Approved

**Signed:** Bob Ingram / Brian Tilbury

**Resources Report – by James Palin, Director of Resources**

- The 2018 year started off with all boats in a fairly good condition and with the Navara Support truck in fair order, just awaiting a replacement clutch.
- This has caused the association some increased costs and wear and tear on our own fleet.
- The associations support vehicle has worked reliably in the last year; it has worked hard at many events, launching and recovering boats – most notably the Harwich event where the beach recovery is approximately 150 meters from the shore.
- The truck, has had some major work undertaken on the clutch and driveshaft which has proved expensive.
- All trailers have had a full strip down and repack service at the commencement of each season by ONE supplier to ensure consistency in the work completed.
- The boats have continued to be worked very hard in the last year. This has resulted in wear and tear damage to boats on recovery and some periphery prop damage.
- The boats during the winter were once again stored at Kevin Proffitt's which is extremely helpful and creates huge savings for the association from being able to get boats and trailers serviced and winterised locally to him. The crew all got together in order to fettle the boats in February 2018, this included cleaning, as well as renewing, rewiring and replacing parts.
- We have again considered the future of Marmyte and it is to be used in the main as a committee boat due to a large working area on the boat.
- The stocks of ground tackle equipment and lines have been extended to meet the requirement for the new race courses and additional marks and anchors.
- The cost of expenditure on boats and the truck have been high this year, but this is a necessary requirement to keep them running and in good serviceable order.

## **Election of Directors**

May I draw your attention to the published notice?

“Alternative candidates shall be proposed and seconded and the proposals be received in the UKWA office at least 7 days before the meeting to allow the proposal and agenda to be published. [admin@ukwindsurfing.com](mailto:admin@ukwindsurfing.com)”

No Proposals have been received therefore the existing committee stands down on block and puts itself forward for re-election

## **Elected executive directors**

**Mr Alastair Campbell, Director of Communications**

**Mr Rod Davis, Director of Marketing & Publicity**

**Mr Bob Ingram, Chairman**

**Mr James Palin, Director of Resources**

**Vacant, Director of finances**

**Mr Brian Tilbury, Director of Administration**

### **Nominated Directors**

**Mr Pete Davis, Head of Speed**

**Mr Nigel Treacy, Head of Wave**

**Proposed:** Kevin Proffitt

**Seconded:** Mark Kay

**Floor Vote:** Approved

### **Vacant Director of Finances**

The UKWA seeks a Director of Finances, as with all other roles this is a voluntary position.

Paul Robinson served as Director of Finance for many years on the UKWA Committee and his management of the finances has enabled the association to invest heavily in equipment over recent years which leaves our safety fleet in excellent condition.

The UKWA is therefore seeking a replacement volunteer Director of Finance to serve on its main committee. Paul has kindly provided a job description attached here [JOB DESCRIPTION](#).

Should you be interested in volunteering you will not only be serving the UKWA membership but you will have the opportunity to develop your own knowledge of windsurfing across the 5 disciplines we run and influence the future direction of competitive windsurfing in the UK.

**Nominations:** None

**Proposed:** N/A **Seconded:** N/A

**Floor Vote:** N/A

### **7. AOB of the Association**

Mark Kay suggested establishing a youth committee

Bob Ingram responded by saying this was in principal a very good idea and that the Executive Committee would discuss this further but he saw no reason why this could not be introduced

**Meeting Closed at 8.30pm**

Many thanks to all those who attended

**Sailors meeting**

**Opened 20.40**

Following the meeting there was an offer to hold a one hour sailors meeting to discuss any issues related to events or any other subject.

Bob Ingram opened the discussion to the floor

No members had any issues to discuss

**Sailors meeting closed at 20.45****Further Information**

Following the sailors meeting Andy Watkinson indicated that he may be prepared to put himself forward as Director of Finance. Bob Ingram said that he welcomed this discussion and would contact Andy to follow this up.