

RG65 UK Class Association AGM Minutes, 24th June 2017

Venue Birkenhead Model Yacht Club

Minutes taken by Garry Box

Mark Dicks (class captain) asked for volunteer to chair the meeting Noel Donaldson was only volunteer.

Apologies received from, Wayne Stobbs, Matt Riley, Peter Shepherd & Vic Thomas

Chairman's report

Just a few days before this meeting Alex Cory volunteered his services to the class council, it was suggested that he would make a good class captain and Mark was happy to return to his original position of technical officer. As there was not enough time to have him added to the voting it was suggested he could become temporary/interim class captain until there was time to put this to the vote. This was accepted by the members present.

Membership Secretaries Report

This was submitted by Wayne Stobbs & read by the chairman.

Please read the associated report.

Appointment of class executive officers for year ahead

The results of the voting are:- Total number of members who voted was.... 33

Total cast for Mark Dicks as class captain....32

Total cast for Noel Donaldson as racing secretary....33

The appointment of Wayne Stobbs as Membership secretary...32

Total cast for Matt Riley as Web officer....30

(The announcement above ref. Alex Cory obviously changes things going forward)

Update on IRSA / ICA approach

An interesting report was presented by Phil Holliday, this needs time to study and consider, the general feeling of the meeting was that we need to concentrate on getting the UK class stronger before we take on anything else. In the meantime, we should try and move closer to IRSA standards so that if & when the time comes to integrate we will not be so far apart.

It was suggested that a lower level 'B' international class with fewer restrictions/rules should be considered to make costs & admin lower therefore making international events more viable. Those present who had been involved with other class international events stressed that the time and resources (people & cash) needed to run these events was very considerable.

Phil Holidays report may be found separately

Racing Secretary Report...Noel Donaldson

During 2015 the entry level in events was often disappointing, however 2016 was much improved but still a long way to go.

2017 so far is going 'OK' however everyone needs to understand that without an entry level of at least 14/15 boats many clubs are not happy with the financial return & also the fact that their members give their time for little return.

We accept that there needs to be more promotion of the class in general & racing events in particular, this is already under way but needs everyone's support.

Can everyone enter as soon as possible please, this encourages others to enter when they see a healthy list of skippers already entered.

The 2018 calendar was given to all present and is posted on the web site, the race secretary would welcome any club that would like to host an event to get in touch.

Please remind everyone that DF65 boats (non A+) are very welcome to sail in all events.

Class Constitution

It was agreed that this needed updating along the lines of the DF65, John T, Phil H, & Wayne S, have all offered to help with this. When ready the changes will be put to the members for approval.

Information/Communication

Don't blame the web master for lack of info on the web site, his job is to make it work and enter information given to him by others ie You & Me the members!!

Facebook & RG65 & MYA Forums should also be used.

Can all members who are familiar with these social media places please help others to find their way around this 'jungle'

Finally

The meeting thanked all members of the class association team for their time & and efforts, and looked forward to seeing some new ideas, comments & leadership from Alex Cory as he goes from temporary class captain to fully elected class captain in the very near future.