UK Class Association AGM 2019

Brightlingsea Sailing Club, 24th August 2019

Meeting Open.1830hrs

Attendees

Sarah Lomas-Clarke (Secretary), Rob Ahlheid (Chair), Gary Finkelstein (Treasurer), David Bailey (Technical Officer), Sam White (Safeguarding), Jane Sunderland (PR and Media Representative and Midlands Representative), Peggy Field (Event Co-Ordinator and International Class Secretary), Jonathan Field (Southern Area Representative), Mark Hatsell (Eastern Representative), Mark Ripley, Carl Thompson, Dawn Ripley, Cathy Johnson, Steve Jenkins, Alan Ringe, Dan Sears, Simon Lomas-Clarke, Stephen Masterton, Tessa Masterton, Iain Soars, Silva Jaumà, Ed Sunderland, Brian White, Jonathan Inglesfield, Jo Powell, Rachael Bailey.

1. **Apologies**

   Sarah John-Ringe (Event Co-Ordinator and South West Area Representative)

2. **Minutes of AGM 2018**

   Minutes of the AGM held at WPNSA- agreed that it was a true representation of the meeting.

3. **Election of Committee Members**

   Rob Ahlheid - Chairman Proposed by Simon Lomas-Clarke, seconded by Jane Sunderland
   Dan Sears – Treasurer Proposed by Jonathon Field, seconded by Ed Sunderland
   Steve Jenkins – Vice-Chair Racing Proposed by Craig Thompson, seconded by Mark Ripley
   Sarah Lomas-Clarke – Secretary Proposed by Rob Ahlheid, seconded by Gary Finkelstein
   Samantha White – Safeguarding/Child Protection Proposed by Steve Jenkins, seconded by Jane Sunderland
   Peggy Field and Sarah John-Ringe – Event Co-Ordinators Proposed by Dan Sears and seconded by Jonathan Field

4. Chairman's Report (Rob Ahlheid)

2019 has seen many new faces join the RS Tera Class, which is real testament to its success and to being known as a friendly and open class with a focus on developing competitive sailors whilst making friends along the way.

At the Start of Season championships we saw the transition of our Class Secretary, Emily Davies and Class Chairman, Nick James. On behalf of the class I would like to thank them once again for the hard work which they put into developing the class and putting on some great sailing events. In addition, Fiona Attwell also moved on from the safeguarding position and thanks also go out to her for her contribution and time spent on the Class committee. Sarah Lomas-Clarke has now taken over as Class Secretary and she's doing a great job in keeping the class affairs organised.

So far, the main National events have been very well attended with many new sailors competing. The regatta fleet has also seen full attendance, which is a great sign for the Tera class that a new intake of sailors is on its way.

I am also delighted that we have two Class Sponsors, GJR Architects and Sailing Chandlery.com and I thank them for their involvement in the class.

As a RYA recognised class we have made progress in sourcing a new RIB which was heavily subsidized by the Eric Twiname Trust. We'll be selling the blue RIB as soon as our new RIB has been fully run in. Thanks go to David Bailey for taking the lead in organising this with the RYA. In addition, I have been maintaining frequent contact with our RYA representative, Duncan West. The RYA seem to be very pleased with our class ethos of openness and inclusion.

As interim chairman I would like to set out some of the thoughts I have for running the class. First and foremost, the class committee is run by keen parents who give up their time and to do their best to carry the Tera class on. I am a firm believer in "many hands" and so creating more roles on the committee will help with that. So far Peggy Field and Sarah John-Ringe have kindly agreed to act as event coordinators to help with organising and running the Big 4 National events. In addition, I would like to include the regional representatives to the main committee so that we get a broader range of inputs from across the class. There are a few more committee roles to be filled, which we'll get to during this AGM.

I have been involved with the Tera Class for the last 5 years and our 3 sons have all enjoyed sailing the Tera tremendously. Tom has since moved on to Fevas, but Tristan and William will still be in the class for a few more years. I would like to take on the Chairman role for a two year period in which I would like to build on the class' success and to maintain its openness, friendliness and great environment for our children to learn and practise sailing.

5. Treasurer's Report (Gary Finkelstein)

See document 1, attached below. The Treasurer noted that the Committee decided that the Class should purchase a new RIB (including trailer) from the RYA, at a highly discounted price, and that the purchase was about to be made. This would reduce the

cash resources of the Class but provide it with a new asset (the RIB). Maintenance costs on the existing Class RIBs had been high this year. After receipt of the new RIB, the Class will dispose of an existing RIB which will recoup a portion of the spend. Overall the balance at the end of August was similar to that at the same time in the previous year. Squads, the Inlands and insurance costs were slightly higher than budgeted, as well as an unbudgeted Worlds subsidy for UK class members taking up UK class coaching at the worlds, but the Nationals had been a profitable event. GF stated that he would be standing down as Treasurer once access to the Class bank accounts had been transferred to DS.

6. **Training/ Events 2019**
   SLC reported a successful year with high numbers at the Start of Seasons and Inlands, and unprecedented numbers for the Nationals. The Regatta fleet has had so much demand that the Class has increased the number of entrants at the last 2 events. Winter training Squads had been well attended and successful with plenty of wind in most cases.

7. **Technical Report (David Bailey)**
   This year has been a case of dealing with various queries from prospective and current boat owners over the Class sailing rules. Most common queries are in relation to, where to purchase a boat, the requirement for country letters on sails, mix and matching of foils vs the age of hulls (foils should match the age of the boat (unless newer replacements were required)), use and length of painters, tack ticks (not permitted) , gybe strops (not permitted) .....to name a few.
   In addition, time has been spent working through the details of the acquisition of a new / heavily discounted RIB through the RYA/Eric Twiname. The RIB is on order and we now have final hard copy paper work to proof check and sign. Furthermore time has been given to sourcing a venue for the winter squad training.
   The move to monthly committee meeting calls has been a positive step forward and helped bring the committee together, ensuring we are more aware of what one another is doing and needs to be done in the coming months.

8. **Forthcoming Training/Events 2019/20**
   SLC reported that Flynn Davies was confirmed as the Class Coach for the forthcoming season. The squad dates and venues have been confirmed and are on the website. Events for 2020; Start of Seasons and End of Seasons in usual venues (Northampton SC and Draycote SC respectively); the Inlands are most likely to be held at Burton SC. The Nationals are planned for Royal Torbay YC over the August Bank Holiday.

9. **Date and venue for AGM**
   Saturday 29th August 2020 Royal Torbay YC

9. **Other Business**
   It was suggested that the Class could organise open training events in addition to the Squad weekends.

It was noted that RS had allocated the UK 8 boats for the Tera Worlds in South Africa in 2020 and discussion followed as to how these boats should be allocated to Tera members, including using rankings, a lottery system, first come/first served, a qualifying system or combinations of the above. It was agreed that the Class needed to gauge interest in potential numbers before an allocation process could be agreed. Furthermore, high demand from the Class could encourage RS to allocate more boats to the UK and oblige the SA Class Association to source more boats in-country.

ACTION:
Secretary to contact members to request expressions of interest for attending the 2020 Worlds in South Africa

Peggy Field is leading the initiative to make the class and class events greener and welcomed any volunteers to assist with this scheme.

Document 1 – Financial Statement

Bank Balance at 23 Aug 2019	34,211
Current Liabilities:	
--- Worlds Subsidies	600
--- Rib Repair	640
--- Brightlingsea Club and Coaches	10,000
Net Balance (before rib purchase)	22,971
Balance at end of Aug 2018	24,211
Surplus/ (Strain)	-1,240

Expected Sources (Treasurer's estimate, not accurately calculated yet)

Squads Strain	-1900
Worlds Subsidy	-500
Inlands Prizes and Gifts	-400
Insurance and Ribs	-1100
Nationals	2700
	-1200
Purchase of Rib	-7434
sale of rib and trailer	1500
net impact	-5934
Bank Balance to reduce to	18,277

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Asset of a New Rib acquired