

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
The Barn, Penzance – 7.30pm - 6 April, 2007**

50 people signed the attendance sheet.

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Previous Minutes:** The AGM Minutes from 2006 were agreed and signed.

Proposed: Dick Pratt. Seconded: Tim Leary.

2. **Report from the Chair (John Ellis):**

2006 was a mixed year, a curate's egg of a year. I am pleased to report that membership increased again on the previous year, however numbers at events was down. Your committee have debated long and hard about this; we have had events clashing with RYA events which we try to avoid when it is in our control; we've had bad wind forecasts which can often turn out to be wrong particularly at venues which are effected by local conditions; and we find it difficult to attract people to the East coast.

Last year started with our first joint event; Wave, Slalom and Course Racing, it showed that these joint events are not only possible but can be successful. Hove will be remembered for the event at which Kevin Proffitt went overboard. Christchurch and the squall and Clacton for some awesome conditions. But the highlight of the year was the Fat Face Festival. Not only for the number of competitors, the fun racing, the Night Time slalom but also the conditions. Yes we lost an engine when the boat capsized but fortunately it was one that was due for replacement. Definitely a huge success and plans are well advanced for the 2007 Fat Face Festival.

The weekend of the Fat Face Festival also had the RYA Youth and Masters event at Weymouth making what must have been a record of over 500 windsurfing competitors on the water that weekend. So guys they are out there and in 2007 we hope to see more of them regularly at our events.

3. **Accounts for the year to 31 December 2006 (John Ellis):**

Income and expenditure: income slightly down on previous year – changes in nature of events. Operating surplus doubled from £5K (2005) to £10K (2006) due to Fat Face event. UKWA has invested a proportion of the surplus in equipment (PA system, upgrading boats and purchase of a jet ski).

Proposal for the Accounts to be accepted. Accepted: Xavier Ferlet. Seconded: Mike Simpson.

4. **Amendments to UKWA constitution:**

**(A) Proposal to amend article 52 to:**

The quorum for the transition of the business of the directors shall be one third of the total number of directors.

Proposed: John Ellis Seconded: Ceri Williams

Vote from the floor: all agreed

**(B) Proposal for an additional article at 54 and renumber all subsequent articles:**

A meeting of the directors or sub-committee of the directors may take place with those directors participating in person or by a telephone conference call or other electronic means so long as each director wishing to participate in the meeting can be heard by and hear the other participants simultaneously.

Proposed John Ellis Seconded: Adrian Beard

Vote from the floor: all agreed

5. **Re-election of Executives and Officers – proposals from the Exec**

**Execs:** Chair: Ian Jones  
Treasurer: John Ellis  
Head of Racing and Company Secretary: Jay Williamson  
Head of Wave and Freestyle: Matt Wemms  
Head of Speed: Pete Davis  
Head of Corporate Liaison: Allan Cross

**Class Representatives:**

Techno: Chris Masters  
Raceboard: Brian Tilbury  
Formula: Xavier Ferlet  
RS:X: Lucy Horwood  
Funboard/Slalom: Roger Clark  
Wave/Freewave/Freestyle: Matt Wemms  
Speed: Pete Davis

**Regional Representatives:**

London & South East: Rod Davis  
Midlands: Bob Ingram  
South West: Richard Sills  
North West: to be appointed  
North East: Dave Dobson  
Bosun: Dave Sibley  
Media: Paddy Payne  
Marketing: Ian Kraft  
Race Crew Representative: to be appointed

**Specialist posts:**

Web master: Alastair Campell

Vote from the floor: carried en masse.

Chairing the meeting was passed over to new Chairman, Ian Jones:

Thank you for vote of confidence and thank you also to John Ellis for all the work he has done.

**Resignations:** Stephen Fry and Trevor Funnell

The exec wishes to thank both of them (and Linda Funnell) for all their past support and wishes them well in the future and welcomes them as Life Members of the UKWA.

5. **Any Other Business:**

Vote of thanks from the floor to John Ellis for a sterling job he has done as Chairman.

**Suggestions/recommendations to execs/management committees**

- Better ways of balancing of the books financially/budgeting for small events.
- Attracting new members – have less intimidating events, more social/family friendly aspect at events.
- Thanks to Simon Crowther for the excellent photographs now on the website.
- Rules similar to international racing.
- Thank you to Alastair Campbell for all his hard work on the website

Meeting closed: 8.56pm