

**Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the UK Windsurfing Association (UKWA)  
Held at Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy on 1 May 2011**

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61 people signed the attendance sheet.

**Welcome from Bob Ingram**

**Apologies:** Peter Davis; Alastair Campbell; Roger Clarke; Nigel Treacy; Dave Barratt; Dave Dobson; Rod Davis; Dave Sibley, Jay Williamson

1. **Previous Minutes:** The AGM Minutes from 2010 were Approved and signed.

**Proposed:** Donna Tailby      **Seconded:** Paul Sibley

**Floor Vote:** agreed

2. **Matters Arising (not covered in the Agenda Items)** None received.

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

Thank you to everyone for supporting the UKWA during 2010 and a big thank you in particular to: our safety crews, race officers, beach crew/admin, volunteers, Alastair Campbell (website), committee, John Ellis, Paul Robinson, our sponsors, Tina Palin for organising the party and James, Arabella and Sue and Tessa Ingram.

It has been decided to not have a party this year, which will affect the Windsurfer of the Year Award, but Bob will liaise with Peter Davis about this. If any members feel that there should be an end of year a party in 2012 please make yourself known to Bob or the Race Office.

2010 was a good year for the UKWA with attendances holding up very well and we ran a lot more events. It was a very busy year and the crews in particular worked tirelessly weekend after weekend.

Slalom: Thanks to Neil Pryde, Fanatic, North, Starboard, Tushingham, Thommen and Cheeky Masts who ran a full programme of 8 events. New BSA branding has been a fantastic success and there has been growing support from both competitors and magazines. The guaranteed income we get from running these events has been a really positive development for the Association. In 2011 it will work exactly the same way as 2010.

Wave: the UKWA worked with a new organisation, the BWA, who put on the wave sailing events. The shared membership fee helps them plan for what they do and puts us in a strong position as an umbrella organisation for representing the whole of windsurfing in the UK. We have agreed in principle for this agreement to run on into 2011 and onwards and we wish them a very successful season.

Freestyle: This was relaunched in 2010 and we were very pleased to get Trevor Funnell back on board to run the events. Numbers are still low and events costs are high but Trevor promised to balance the books by the end of the season, which he did. We will be having the European Pro Kids Tour at Minnis Bay and look forward to welcoming some of our European friends to that. Good luck to Trevor with that and lets hope that Freestyle will continue to grow.

Speed Week: This continues to be a fantastic event selling out well in advance every year and the UKWA is part of that event on the first weekend and we provided safety cover for the whole week – the event then ran into Slalom 8 which was our best turnout. We will be doing the same thing again this year but without the party. Pete Davis apologised for not being able to attend the meeting but he has sent a little statement, which was read out at the meeting.

Course Racing: 2010 saw 6 Cup events with Cup 6 being in conjunction with the RYA Youth & Masters, which we are now running for them and 5 Inland Events, supported by the UKWA, plus the National Junior Championships.

There were issues with the numbers, particularly with the Formula Fleet and perhaps most worryingly Techno numbers have fallen. We have been addressing this behind the scenes in meetings with the RYA and this is high on the list of priorities for the new Techno Class Association. We hope to see those numbers building back up to where they have been in the past.

The 2011 season will be the same number of events and we hope that the numbers will hold up given the issues with fuel etc.

In 2012 the UKWA will run a Regional Team-15 Competition at its Inland Events with the RYA's support.

Thanks to the RYA for the new racing buoys for which they donated 75% of the money, the other 25% came from the Midland Region which was given out of the money that you all raised for the Rutland Marathan, 50% of that money when to the Charity 50% came back into the Association. We also bought out of that money from the Marathon and the raffle money from the party here last year 4 GPS units, 4 compasses and 4 windies which the crew have been using so efficiently all weekend, so thank you for your support with that.

No other questions from the floor.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report (Paul Robinson)**

Accounts to 31 December 2010: You can see a copy of the Accounts on the website

Thank you to all the sailors who attended the events this year, as without you the accounts would look really awful. Secondly thanks to the race/support crews, without them we wouldn't be able to provide any sort of level of racing and support that we do and they have had a really busy year in 2010. Thirdly to Arabella for her work behind the scenes.

As Bob said 2010 was a very busy year and whereas there have been a lot of entrants we also have a lot of static costs. With so many events the ribs do take a bashing so are expensive to maintain. Current net assets are well ahead of our current liabilities so this means that the Association is in a good sound overall financial position. I would mention that our rib engines are over 8 years old so we are now starting to put money aside to enable us to plan for their replacement in the future.

In budgeting for 2011 we have the same cost of running events at the same level so we have to be very prudent and look for other revenue streams to soften the blow of possible lower attendances.

**APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010: AGREED**

**PROPOSED** By John Davis

**SECONDED:** Rob Kent

**VOTE FROM FLOOR:** carried

## 5. **Class Structures within the UKWA (Bob Ingram)**

Since the AGM last year the UKWA has delivered the new Techno Class Association, as promised. Whilst the UKWA always owns the Techno Class there is now a more formal constitution in place and I'd like to say thank you to the Techno Class Committee for all their hard work, particularly to Richard for all the work he did in the preceding years.

Andy Watkinson reported that it was a good year for the Technos with a lot of training events and the RYA have very kindly given some more money for this year so we can put on a lot more events. The Technos will go again to the Worlds, the Europeans and we're hoping to put on 9 Team 15 open training events this year, coached events and we're doing a summer camp at Pitsford. We're currently looking at venues for open sea training so it is going to be a busy time ahead. Thanks to all the Committee for all their effort and hopefully we will have a good and successful year.

RSX Class constitution is still being worked on and should be ready to announce later in the year. The benefits of having a class constitution is available to all classes.

## 6. **Outline plans for revision of UKWA constitution**

Plans for Change: The current constitution document is little changed from that the UKBSA from the 1980s which merged with the BWA some years ago and incorporated into the UKWA. The underlying document and committee structure is still there from those days, but the UKBSA was a single discipline (just course racing) organisation with quite strong regions, whereas the current UKWA is an umbrella for multi competitive disciplines.

The committee, officially the UKWA board of directors has worked hard to ensure that all significant interested parties are represented but this has led to a group which is too large for effective meetings and requires a large number of committee members to travel at their own expense to meeting. This has always been a problem and the trend of increasing travel costs will only make this worse.

Additionally requiring committee members to be directors of the UKWA has been a disincentive to some people who would be an asset to the organisation and leads to a significant administrative burden in maintaining accurate record of directors with Companies House.

The board has therefore set up a sub committee to spend time over the coming year on a significant revision of the constitution with the intention of providing a draft for members' feedback at least two months before the next AGM (currently scheduled around this date next year).

## 7. **Election of Officers**

The constitution requires that all the officers (Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary) stand down each year.

**Re-election of Chairman** (Bob Ingram)

**Treasurer** (Paul Robinson) and

**Secretary** (Jay Williamson)

**ALL AGREED:**

**PROPOSED BY:** Rob Kent

**SECONDED** Alan Jackson

**VOTE FROM FLOOR:** carried

**Remaining Execs, Class Representatives and Regional Representatives:  
4 are standing down by rotation or resignation:**

- Dave Barratt (Midlands Rep) – resigning
- Eddy Carr – resigning – Bob Ingram thanked him on behalf of the UKWA for his input that he has put into the association over the years standing as race crew rep. We hope he will continue to support the Association for many years to come out on the water. As Eddy isn't here perhaps a round of applause for Eddy's support.
- Roger Clark (Head of Slalom) – standing down by rotation
- Brian Tilbury (Raceboard Class Rep) – standing down by rotation for re-election

**Nomination to elect a new crew rep**

**ELECTED:** Paul Sibley

**PROPOSED** by Rob Strange, **SECONDED** Alan Jackson

**Execs for re-election:**

Head of Racing – Bob Ingram

Head of Slalom: vacant

Head of Speed – Pete Davis

Head of Wave – Nigel Treacy

**Class Representatives for re-election:**

Raceboard – Brian Tilbury

Techno – Andrew Watkinson

Formula – Dave Coles

RS:X – vacant

Funboard – to be announced

**Active Regional Representatives**

London & SE Region

Paul Robinson

SW Region

Richard Sills

Midlands

vacant

North East

Dave Dobson

**Specialist areas**

Boson

Dave Sibley

Race Crew Rep

Paul Sibley

Publicity

Rod Davis

Webmaster

Alastair Campbell

**Election of the all above Execs, Reps and specialist areas en bloc - AGREED**

PROPOSED BY: Andy ?

SECONDED: Alan Jackson

FLOOR VOTE: Carried

8. There being no relevant other AGM business – meeting closed 9.15pm.

Thanks to all those who attended.