

# UKWA AGM - Stokes Bay 2022

Notice of UKWA AGM

Location

**Stokes Bay Sailing Club @ 7.30pm Saturday October 15th 2022**

Meeting began at 7.45pm

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM 2019, due to covid there was no AGM in 2020 or 2021 although the committee met on line throughout Attached

Proposed John Pete

Seconded Annette Kent

Carried

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

None

3. Chairman's Report (Bob Ingram) Attached

See below

4. Finance Report Attached and to receive the Financial Statements and Accounts for the year to

31st December 2019 Attached

31st December 2020 Attached

31st December 2021 Attached

Proposed Rob Kent

Seconded Tom Naylor

Carried

5. Resources Report – by James Palin, Director of Resources [Attached](#)

See below

6. Admin Report - Brian Tilbury [Attached](#)

See below

7. Marketing Report - Rod Davies [Attached](#)

See below

8. Speed Report - Pete Davies [Attached](#)

See below

9. Wave Report [Attached](#)

See below

10. Election of Directors

The existing board puts itself forward for re-election consisting of

**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**

**Mr Andy Watkinson Director of finances**

**Mr Brian Tilbury Director of administration**

**Nominated directors**

**Mr Pete Davis Head of Speed**

## Mr Nigel Treacy Head of Wave

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 be published. [admin@ukwindsurfing.com](mailto:admin@ukwindsurfing.com)

The agenda may be revised should candidates be proposed as above.

None Received

Proposed Edd Pilkington

Seconded John Pete

Carried

11. AOB of the Association

None

Please print your own copies of any documents you may wish to refer to during the meeting. The UKWA will not be providing printed copies in view of its support for the environment. Links can be found above.

Members may wish to refer to The UK Windsurfing Association Memorandum and Articles Of Association As amended by resolutions passed on 24 September 1982, 7 May 1983, 9 April 1999, 22 October 1999 and 12 May 2001, Revised 2014. [Attached](#)

Submit a question via email.

To the AGM (business of the association) [HERE](#)

Meeting Close 8.31pm

To the sailors meeting (any subject you like) [HERE](#)

Answers will be found in the minutes when published.

Sailors Meeting

The AGM will be followed by a one hour sailors meeting, there will be no agenda and the meeting will be open to the floor.

None

Meeting concluded 8.35pm

## AGM 2022 Chairmans Report

1. UKWA AGM normally deals with the business of the association to 31<sup>st</sup> December the previous year, in this case 2021
2. It should be noted there was no AGM in 2020 business to December 2019 and 2021 business to December 2020. Both of these were unable to be held due to Covid 19.
3. Briefly the 2019 season was relatively successful however numbers worried the committee with a downward trend causing concern.
4. Briefly the 2020 season was scrapped due to Covid. We had hoped to run some events later in the year but the restrictions on gatherings on public land remained throughout the year, unlike sailing clubs / private property which had different legislation.
5. Briefly 2021 saw continued restrictions therefore the season started late in June. Many policies had to be written and put into practice to keep everyone safe and to make sure all legislation was followed. 5 Cup events, 1 Inland, The National Championships, 6 Slalom events were held. Unfortunately an Inland and a Slalom had to be cancelled due to the 2021 Fuel Shortages. One significant consequence of Covid was that more of our admin both pre event and on site moved on line, this has been really successful and continues today. Overall given the circumstances the committee were pleased just to get events going again and we did not worry too much about attendance or financial impacts.
6. It was clear moving into 2022 that two issues had to be addressed. Numbers – for two reasons 1. Financial 2. Credibility. We had conversations with the classes and particularly with Ali Masters. It was agreed that a formal arrangement would be set up with The UKWA part funding coach support at events therefore Junior and Youth entry increased by £10 per sailor and this money paid directly to the classes. This has been a great success and working closely with Ali both pre event and at the events has benefited all parties and I believe reassured both

sailors and parents and therefore increasing junior and youth entries. The second issue was going to be finding volunteers to run events safely. I was extremely worried that we would not find enough parents etc to make events happen. Unfortunately one of the consequences of the covid years is that some of our regular volunteers are no longer supporting events or as many events as they did in the past. I must say I was pleasantly surprised when some new faces stood up and got involved in course racing events, they have done exceptionally well and I thank them because without them and our longer term volunteers events would not have proceeded. Unfortunately we did have to cancel Worthing Slalom due to insufficient crew being available. Overall this continues to be our biggest challenge. It is noted that events have become very South Coast focussed but this was deliberate to host events where we thought they would be best supported. Apologies are probably due to anyone living North of the Midlands.

7. Towing and storage of ribs is an ongoing and serious problem for the association.
8. Wave events have got going again with Tiree happening right now
9. Speed celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Speed Week beginning today in Weymouth
10. Freestyle continues to be a challenge with no events currently planned
11. 2022 has seen us racing Wingfoils at Slalom events, this has been a great success and keeping slalom events viable whilst fin numbers have been dropping. The Slalom format needs addressing for 2023 and this will be done at a Slalom Sailors Meeting before the end of season.
12. Thank is due to
  - a. Everyone who continues to support events especially given the cost of living issues
  - b. Our event safety crews, race officers and admin team
  - c. Coaches & classes especially Ali Masters for his support
  - d. Alastair webmaster
  - e. Sue Robinson in the admin office
  - f. The Committee for their hard work and support.
  - g. Kevin Profit working alongside James maintaining and storing the fleet.
  - h. Our good wishes go to Andy Watkinson director of finance who continues to recover from serious illness

- i. It is great to see Brian and Anne back at events following his recent serious illness and we trust he will be making a full recovery.
  - j. All the local councils with whom we work closely and our host venues
  - k. Our Sponsors, Starboard / Severne & Boardwise and the slalom tour sponsors who can be seen in the Marketing report. Additional sponsors support the wave tour under the BWA which falls under The UKWA umbrella if anyone wants more explanation please ask now
  - l. Finally thanks to Sue and Tessa for all the support and the exceptional work they put in behind the scenes.
13. The 2023 calendar is almost confirmed and provisional dates are online. We are excited to be returning North to Pwllheli with the site being open from the Monday prior to the event for holidays/training and fun.
14. We hope to change our third party insurance cover to include wingfoiling.
15. Any suggestions for nominations for windsurfer of the year 2022 would be appreciated.

## AGM 2022 Finance Report

Finance Report.

Our director of finance Andy Watkinson has temporarily stood down due to ill health. Therefore the report is prepared by Chairman - Bob Ingram.

Whilst I am happy to comment of the finances of the association this is not my area of expertise and you should be able to see everything you need to know in the accounts. If questions can not be answered in sufficient detail notes will be taken and answers provided at a later date.

I would point out that the UKWA is a voluntary organisation and no one is paid for their contribution

The exception to this is our part time administrator Sue Robinson who we employ to deal with the day to day business of the association.

The four main expenses of the association are the event & public liability insurance, the third party insurance provided to members, the administrator, equipment maintenance.

You will see payments made to directors including myself these are fuel expenses and other purchases made on behalf of the association and then repaid.

Crew benefit from certain payments including fuel and subsistence payments to contribute towards lunch/tea/coffee etc. In addition this year a £50 allowance was introduced to those towing to events for inconvenience and wear and tear to their vehicles. Happy to expand if anyone has any questions.

We continue to use Thomas Westcott to prepare our accounts and repost to companies house etc.

The 2019, 2020, & 2021 accounts were signed and submitted without AGM approval due to the ongoing covid epidemic

In general events are expensive to run and we try and keep entry fees to an absolute minimum. The association is kept solvent by the membership fees it receives on an annual basis.

A small amount of income is received from Sponsorship which we are most grateful

For those who want to see an overview of the current situation please go to the accounts published 2019,2020 & 2021 and towards the end of the documents an overview can be seen.

Obviously there was no event income in 2020 and the company relied completely on membership income. There were certain payment holidays and it should be noted our administrator Sue Robinson took a voluntary pay reduction which she suggested which was of great financial assistance.

Overall The association is in a reasonable financial position and has reserves in the bank. However the position is always fluid and any major expense such as equipment failure could have significant consequences. In the resources report you will see that the truck may be coming to the end of its viable life and this will need addressing.

A support scheme for coaches was established in 2022 and detailed in the Chairmans report.

We continue to run the Slalom support scheme

We continue to run the BWA support scheme

We continue to own 4 ribs, a launch vehicle, an events trailer and all the associated competition equipment.

The Office laptop and software have both been recently updated/replaced.

## AGM 2022 Resources Report

Resources Report – James Palin

The last couple of years have been challenging on the boats – standing them for a period of time over the pandemic necessitated work on all the engines to get them all working most efficiently once again.

All the boats and trailers continue to be serviced to a good standard and we continue to undertake running repairs as required. There have been some boat tube repairs and trailer repairs this year to keep the fleet running. The engines are still running well, however the oldest engine we have is around 12 years old so we need to be prepared for increased costs in the event of us not replacing them. BUSKA also requires some major fuel tank replacement work over this coming winter (2022)

The cost of fuel and transportation has increased considerably, and we are sadly running low on people who are willing to tow the boats, which has caused problems with some logistics and put some events under threat. Anyone who is willing and able to help us with towing and temporary boat storage, would be welcomed with open arms.

The UKWA truck is also continuing to be a tremendous workhorse for the association and is being serviced and maintained to a good standard, but we may need to consider replacing this in the near future, due to age and its hard use.

11/10/2022

## AGM 2022 Admin Report

Administration Report 2022. The Covid break to our activity's has greatly speeded up the changes to our general administration Procedure's. We are now moved over to a fully on line entry and payment system which has proved to be very efficient at registration. We have had to adjust the system to cope with the new classes, Of foil and winging, but this has been done and we are glad to welcome them onto the water with us. However we have an IT system that is not up to the standard we would like and will be Looking to address this as required. On a personal note, I would like to extend a large vote of thanks to Sue in the office and Sue at Registration who took on my duties when I as



unable to due to illness. Brian Additional comments from Sue Robinson Administrator Membership renewal analysis shows that we have recovered now to above pre pandemic rates and this is very encouraging. The split of type of membership has shifted slightly with an increase from 16% in 2019 to 23% currently of Youth members, Individual membership has reduced from 68% to 58% in the same timeframe and family membership has gone from 16% in 2019 to 19% currently. I wanted to mention the unresolved IT problems which really need addressing, we are not getting the benefit from the investment in the new laptop. The volume of transactions via paypal has had a particular impact on workload which would be greatly mitigated by shifting Quickbooks to the new laptop. I can no longer send receipts from Quickbooks as the old laptop doesn't connect to the internet which needs a solution. There are several options that can be explored with better IT support. There is still a Standing order membership payments issue, which is currently close to £1000 outstanding subscriptions and this is set to increase significantly when we hit the large number of renewals at 1st December. We need to get a message out to all Standing order members to check and update their subscription – preferably by automatic email from the membership system like the renewal reminder.

## AGM 2022 Marketing Report

Report from Rod Davis: The UKWA is extremely grateful to the continued financial support given to us from both Starboard Severne and Boardwise. Their support has paid for the trophies awarded during the season and helps to keep entry fees down. In addition we are grateful to those brands who continue to support the UKWA slalom tour Tabou / GA Sails - OTC The Official Test Centre K66 / Fanatic / Duotone / ION Simmer O'shea / Puravida 4Boards JP / Neil Pryde QuiverWindsurfing / Goya / Quatro / Kachina Clothing Starboard / Severne Boardwise The Beach Company Windsurf Magazine The only activity I have been involved in is trying to contact the Windsurfer IT fleet in the UK with a view to inviting them to participate in UKWA (and LWA) events. The main mover seems to be Rory Ellis at Sandy Point Watersports who are now the importers of the Mistral version of the IT. I have been in contact with Rory and his father and they have agreed to hand out a leaflet to every purchaser of a Mistral LT explaining the role of the UKWA in running windsurfing events in the UK and suggesting that they might wish to take part in our racing, and giving them my contact details for further information. For

whatever reasons, however, the Windsurfer LT has not taken off in the UK to anything like the extent it has achieved on the Continent. At the recent World Championships in Sicily there were some 300 participants, including many names who have been evident at World and European Raceboard events in the past. Our own Paul Leone, although he still sails a Raceboard, also has an LT. I have asked him why such a retrograde design has proved so popular, but all he seems to come up with is that it is a One Design and that you can rent a board when you travel to an event overseas. No doubt because of the small sail size – 5.7 sq m, there are four weight categories. There are severe restrictions on pumping which is only permitted for a maximum of 30 seconds after the Starting Signal in a course race. Adjustable downhauls and outhauls must be tied off and fixed whilst racing. My understanding is that very few Windsurfer LTs have been sold in the UK, so I don't expect any huge surge in participants yet awhile. The only LT sailor in the UKWA has switched to a Raceboard, which perhaps tells us something. Watch this space.....

## AGM 2022 Speed Report

Pete Davies Speed has seen a resurgence this year with the biggest number of week long entrants in over 10 years at WSW. Not sure till registration how many will be UKWA members but my estimate will be approximately 50. Plus this year we will have a UKWA wing foiling fleet and championship which we are estimation will be another 20 or so entrants. So assuming we get wind for championship rounds it will be a huge success. We have sponsorship again from Hey dude shoes who have supported the UKWA championships for over 5 years. Internationally we have two entrants either on their way to Luderitz or already there. Farrel Oshea and Jim Crossley both hoping to break the British record of 51.20 knots over 500m. Zara Davis took part in the Mile record attempt earlier this year in La Palme in the south of France but was unsuccessful in getting mile record back. Achieving 37.18 knots over the nautical mile the fastest this year.

## AGM 2022 Wave Report

ROUNDUP from BWA 2022 We are still feeling the effects of post covid with only 2 of our previous event hosts returning to the UK Wave Tour. Rhosneigr Wave Classic (Round 1) 14-15th MAY Forecast only provided enough wind and waves for 1 full day of competition. All Amateur fleets were cancelled but Pro fleet went ahead. A full day of weather resulted in a single and double

elimination and full set of results for the Pros. Tiree Wave Classic (Round 2) 8th – 14th October The longest running wavesailing competition in the world entered into its 38th year. An entry of 65 sailors enjoyed single, double and triple eliminations over the 5 day event. TV & media reports 'Potential Household Reach' of circa 545million worldwide in 2022 (this is the 'low' estimate) Annual Beach-clean project in conjunction with Surfers Against Sewage took place once again with removal of approximately 3 tons of Of note is the success of the FuturePros project which has now seen the following results of note: 1. Ruairaidh Somerville attaining the highest ever Scottish placing at a PWA event 2. Lucas Meldrum coming 2nd overall in this years results and actually beating the current Champion in 1 heat. 3. Jack Pettit finishing 12th overall but improving quickly 4. 5 new competitors from this year's futurepros camp heading for the Amateur fleet of 2023. Summary Despite there being only events in 2022, the core body of sailors is strong and we are seeing very encouraging developments from our FuturePros project. The model of the BWA ensures that it continues to operate with minimal costs and overheads ensuring it remains risk averse and sustainable. We are working towards ensuring we have 3 events running for the 2023 season. Nigel