



## International RS Feva Class Association AGM

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 1700 Golfo di Follonica ITALY although time may change, time change will be communicated on the official noticeboard.

Chair: Jon Partridge Secretary: Lucy Jameson	
<b>Apologies :</b> None received	JP
<b>Present</b> - Hanneke Rijk-van Gent HRVG (NED), Duncan West (GBR), Michele Colledan MG (ITA), Emilio Giambarda MG (ITA), Anatole Masfen AT (NZL), Steven Hyde SH (NZL), Frans van den Biggelaar FvdB (NED), Matteo Rusticali (ITA), Steve Fisher (GBR), Michele Giorgini (ITA)	
<b>Welcome:</b> Jon Partridge welcomed all those at the meeting and thanked them for taking the time to come to the meeting	JP
<b>Matters arising from the 2018 minutes:</b> LJ explained that in the most part the matters that had been discussed at the previous AGM had been in relation to the 2019 RS Feva World Championships and its location.  JP – When the original club due to host the RS Feva World Championships 2019 fell through the Italian Federation worked hard to support the International RS Feva Class Association in finding a suitable replacement, the federation that helped to make the 2019 RS Feva World Championships happen allowed the class to experience a superb venue with near perfect sailing conditions, JP wanted to thank all those involved for working with the class.	
<b>International RS Feva Class Association Update:</b> <b>USA</b> – Sales to the USA have been strong with a fleet of RS Fevas being sold for the Siebel Project, it is looking positive for the future. The idea being that this project helps to move sailors on into racing.  <b>Singapore</b> there is some interest from some clubs in Singapore, will keep all updated  <b>New Zealand</b> – Had a great Nationals, the biggest so far. Feva been placed as the official pathway boat for Yachting New Zealand. All clubs are moving to having their own Feva fleet.	

Developed a schedule for 2020 where Fevas can race as a class enabling the sailors to sail 2 boats. 4 teams representing NZL at 2019 Worlds

**Dutch fleet**- 40 competitive boats, 1/3 beginners, 1/3 progressing and the 1/3 very active racing all over. The RS Feva has now been selected by the Dutch Sailing Association as the Youth 2 person boat.

**Italy** – double handed junior championships had 60 boats with good growth over the past 3 years growing from 40 to 150 members. The federation has placed the RS Feva as the double handed boat before the 29er and Nacra. Breakthrough was last year when the Federation allowed the sailors to sail from the year the children become 11

We need to put efforts into those countries who would have been in attendance in previous years but not at the Worlds now

French are really working hard

AM asked why the distribution in Australia has dropped off especially as the RS Feva is such an idea boat for the country - RS Distribution network

#### **Committee Update**

Welcomed Technical Representative Frans van den Biggelaar to the committee

The Committee has been sparse, no chair in place at this time. The general feeling from the 2018 AGM was that all are happy with everything as long as the events are run well. There is still a need for every country to represent one contact as a representative.

#### **Finances Update**

The class is sitting on a working capital of around €20,000, this is surplus from the World Championships, 2018 was not a great year, 2018 Worlds did not make any money. With no Sponsor, it is difficult.

AM suggested an alternative approach to approach those Parents/Supporters who may be able to afford it to make a donation to the class. AM said that he would discuss with LJ in the future.

#### **Events Update**

RS Feva World Championships 2020  
Confirmed – July / August Travamunde

- RS Feva World Championships 2021

Proposed New Zealand – February/March around the Americas Cup. SH explained a bit about the area and how the event would work. It would take place the week between the Prada Cup and Americas Cup. 3 Yacht Clubs all keen to host.

Shipping – look at shipping sponsors, JP explained that he felt it would be easier for RS to supply charter boats.

AM – Suggested that there may be an opportunity get an Airline Sponsor

It was agreed that It was a trip of a lifetime

LJ asked if anyone had a reason for NOT going to New Zealand in 2021, everyone was happy.

A vote took place and all members of the meeting voted for the 2021 World Championships to take place in New Zealand around the time of the Americas Cup

RS Feva European Championships

- 2020 - TBC – Venues to be discussed, Sailing Clubs invited to submit a Tender
- 2021 – TBC

Summer of 2021 Europeans would then be the big European event for the year, the class would look to run the event

Would like to look for a low cost venue, I easy reach such as France. Carnac was suggested but the French Federation would like to see the class visit another venue

HRvG -suggested Lake Lipno was suggested but felt it was a little small, Alpine lakes may not have wind at that time of year

Quiberon and Hourtin suggested

Newport in Austria- too much tide for the size of boat, big tow out and big tow in

Sardinia was suggested, maybe not for the 2021 Europeans but would like it to be considered as they would love to host the class

By the end of September, we will produce 2- 3 options to the class representatives for feedback

MC asked if there was a need to have a Europeans and Worlds in Europe at the same time. JP explained that while there are lots of Nations who are not big enough to have their own Nationals, this would allow sailors to compete in more events in the year

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MC – Requested a “Coaches” event so that all coaches can be updated and better understand the RS Feva, much the same as the Dealers Forum, an event would be set up and coaches invited. Alternatively run a coaches forum 2 days before the Worlds

HRVG – Suggested Lake Garda, Campione in October – Lucy to look into this

HRVG – wanted to know what had happened to the EuroCup, it was explained that it was proving too much to manage and that it needed scaling back to be just 3 – 4 clubs, more thought is needed

Date of next meeting: RS Feva World Championships 2020 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Time and exact location TBC