



International RS Feva Class Association (IRSFCA) Annual General Meeting 2018

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1700 hrs

### Apologies

Received from Tim Rush International Class Coaches Representative.

### Welcome

Emma Crawford welcomed everyone to the meeting and all for taking the time to attend.

The RS Feva Class Is doing well around the World and we have seen good steady growth Worldwide.

USA - A good example of the success of the RS Feva Class in America is it Larchmont sailing club regatta, the last few years the club hosted a regatta open to the RS Feva Class, previous years has seen 6-8 boats attend but this year the entries reached 52.

French Federation working hard to develop the RS Feva Class and there are some exciting developments taking place.

Many European countries are all working hard to build fleets, Germany and Hungary have both recently hosted well attended RS Feva events. Czech Republic, Lithuania, Estonia are all going from strength to strength.

Good representation from 11 European countries as well as USA and Hong Kong at the RS Feva Europeans.

### Committee Update

Emma Crawford explained that there was a need to create a new committee. Emma had spent the last years chair lady of the International RS Feva committee and Would be happy to continue but does not have a child in the fleet so the class would need to find a replacement or a solution.

Ally Dennis as Treasurer will be stepping down Ian Jameson as vice-chairman will also be stepping down. Vaclav the class development officer will also be moving on. Jon Partridge explained that the role of vice-chairman was vital to the class as this acts as liaison between

the principal race officer and jury at events. Lucy Jameson thanked Vaclav for his work in pulling together a Jury for the RS Feva Europeans and for all his hard work on the EuroCup series. All members of the committee were thanked for their valuable contribution to the class.

It was agreed that filling these roles is clearly difficult it was discussed and agreed that the head of each class from each country will represent their country on the committee, so every country will get voting rights. It is up to each country to select the person who will represent them.

### **Matters Arising from the 2017 Minutes**

No matters arising and all agreed the minutes to be a true representation of the meeting

### **International RS Feva Class Association Update**

Italy worlds 2019

Visits had taken place to a venue in Tuscany for the 2019 RS Feva Worlds and for a time all was looking very positive however due to a disagreement in the budget it was felt was no longer a suitable venue for our class and competitors and so we have had to look at alternative venues for the RS Feva World Championships.

We have identified 2 - 3 clubs in Lake Garda that have the potential to be able to host the RS Feva

The venues identified Circolo Vela Arco which would benefit from good wind in the afternoon but maybe the wind could be too strong for our fleet especially as we have such a spread of ability.

Campione del Garda, this venue is known to RS and Class Association. The venue has some accommodation. Accommodation locally would be a drive away but good facilities.

Fraglia Vela Malcesine was the third option, it is desirable due to its location close to accommodation restaurants and so on.

Marcella Motta explained that Italy is such a beautiful place and from the Italian perspective Campione del Garda is not the most beautiful part of Italy.

As a class along with our RS Sailing colleges and Italian Class Association in Italy we have already approached a couple of clubs and are waiting to hear back on budget. The dates are quite fixed and so we will look for a club that can accommodate us on the dates that we require.

For the Italian class Tuscany was a super opportunity to show off Tuscany to be a World Class

venue however it is high season at that time of year and the cost of accommodation is very high

Jon Partridge asked members of the meeting to vote

- should we continue to work with Tuscany or look at alternatives in Garda

All agreed that we should look at an alternative venue to Tuscany given the issues we have been experiencing

### Finances

The 2018 World Championships in America was a break even event.

The Europeans should provide a positive balance we should know this by the end of December when the year-end loose ends are tied up.

### Events

Ally Dennis asked if the worlds in 2020 are still potentially going to be held in China. Jon Partridge explained that only been pencilled in and they have not committed it to do anything.

Jon did explain that it is good for the class to have a truly international event, the China team have supported the last three years World Championships with large teams, they have the successful China Cup so do have a large fleet in the country and in order to be a truly International Class we need to visit International venues. The Topper Class have their World Championship at the same venue during the summer and so the committee will keep an eye on how it has all gone, nothing has been decided and Jon will keep everyone informed as to any progress if any over the next few months.

2019 Worlds Italy – Venue TBC

2019 Europeans – France TBC

2020 the class is looking to take the RS Feva Class to Travamunde again which was truly enjoyed buy all in 2015

2022 would see the RS Games return and this time it will be in medic stop for racecourses consolidated into a shorter period of time than that of the hours games in Weymouth stop

### Any other business

How many countries to compete in an event to constitute a EuroCup Event?

Václav confirmed that two or more countries should be competing in that event for it to be a euro Event

## Prizes

It was felt that some teams were receiving multiple prizes at the 2017 RS Feva World Championships and that this was unfair.

The difference between “Prizes” and “Titles” was explained

- A title will be awarded such as 1<sup>st</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> Silver, 1<sup>st</sup> Family, 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior and so on and prizes are given to accompany the award with the title. It is not always possible to pre-empt what sailors are going to win in each category in advance of the event. Ally Dennis explained that when setting out the prize table and a prize-giving we have more understanding of who has won which title and therefore can make changes appropriately to the prizes that go with each title to ensure a good balance. We will not be taking a title away from any sailors. The RS Feva World Championships 2018 saw every competitor leave with a special prize, The class also ensures all competitors receive a nice entry gift as a memento of the event. In some cases it will be the Sponsor who will stipulate what category their prize will go too.

Meeting ended