

## UK Laser Association 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

### MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence, Phil Acton, Guy Noble, Alison Stevens
2. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting – approved. Proposed by Alan Davis and seconded by Keith Videlo.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes - None
4. Treasurer's report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.  
Steve Taylor – Treasurer's report and draft account are available on the website and therefore not covered in detail. Overall, a small profit under £2000 compared to a loss £1500 previous year.  
UKLA main financial objectives are to break even and to reduce operating costs.  
In 2019 operating costs were £5500 lower than 2018. This is due to lower fees paid to ILCA, insurance review, decreased number of RIB and maintenance. A lot of work has been done to bring costs down. Loss incurred when we sold one of the RIBs (ETXX) - this was an accounting loss. Income (not from events and training) was less by 2000 than 2019 & 2018. This is because of lower subscriptions and lower insurance commissions through Noble Marine. Substantial contribution from the RYA increased non-sailing income. Under £100 000 was received from events and training. Overall surplus from events was under £3000 compared to over £7000 in 2018. The strategic financial objective was to lower operating costs and not to rely on the income from events. When entry and training fees are set, they are set to break even.  
Balance sheet: we are in a strong position. Overall big objectives are to run the association at break even and drive costs as low as possible to allow to keep subscriptions and entry fees as low as possible whilst offering quality of racing and training. Steve proposed that accounts are accepted and auditors are re-appointed. This was seconded by Rob Cage. Rob Cage thanked Steve for getting the association into shape.
5. To approve the auditors - PKF Francis Clark – Proposed by Rob Cage, Seconded by Gary Finkelstein.
6. Chairman's report.  
Rob Cage - In addition to the chairman's report (online), Rob Cage talked about UKLA approach during COVID times. UKLA are fully engaged with the RYA, follow all the guidelines and are grateful for the RYA support during this difficult time. Members will have to understand that it is our desire to continue to sail, but only if it can be done safely in a covid secure manner and within all guidelines. Rob Cage thank the retiring committee supporters:  
Welsh Rep – Mick Renny and welcomed to Jonathan Morris.  
Questions on chairman's report: none
7. Sailing Secretary's report  
Keith Videlo – This was a very difficult and challenging year but we managed better than some other classes as we had our qualifiers held before the lockdown. Keith thanked WPNSA, Peter Allam and Sally Reynoldson for stepping up to host our National Championships at a very short notice. Keith also thanked our race officer Paul Jackson and his can-do attitude approach that helped make these events happen. Looking ahead, 2021 Nationals will be at WPNSA hopefully followed by U21 World Championships. 2022 – Abersoch, 2023 hopefully at Mounts Bay.  
Keith congratulated Ali Young and Elliot Hanson on their selection for Tokyo 2020 (2021). Keith also said that UKLA are taking a careful approach to the autumn qualifiers.  
No questions for the sailing secretary. Ben Nicholls thanked and acknowledged Keith's hard work in the challenging year and his dedication. This was echoed by Rob Cage
8. Training Officer's report  
Tim Hulse – National Training has been very successful, and UKLA are looking to go regional going forward. A massive step forward was to have training in each region this autumn. Tim Hulse

specifically thank Dominic Barnes for his hard work behind the scenes. Training limitations because of covid meant limited number of places, but the moment we can expand these we will. A massive step forward is that the open training is now for any rig (ILCA 4, 6 & 7), any sailor of any ability and age. The class is very diverse and UKLA wants to cater for every member. Consistency of training quality across region is the key. Unfortunately, this year we were not able to run super grand prix events. Rob Cage thank Tim for his work.

9. Election of Officers - The following nominations have been received for re-election. Additionally, a new member has been proposed for the ILCA 7/Standard Rep vacancy and Ben Nicholls has been proposed to cover the U21 Rep role as Phil Acton is standing down this year from both roles.

Rob Cage stated that all people that have put their names forward are volunteers and the lifeblood of the class is based on two solid foundations; volunteers and sponsors and therefore we would not get far without them. Over the past year we have co-opted a number of members (being Allison Stevens, Gary Finkelstein and Guy Noble), but everyone needs to be voted on. Most of the current committee members have also put themselves forward for re-election.

Rob asked if there are any objections to any of the names put forward/votes against – no objections or votes against.

Elected committee members:

UKLA Committee			
Association Secretary	Ellie Ratusniak	Appointed	
Role	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
<b>Officers</b>			
Chairman	Rob Cage	Ben Nicholls	Steve Taylor
Vice-Chairman	Ben Nicholls	Phil Acton	Tim Hulse
Training Officer	Tim Hulse	Phil Acton	Ben Nicholls
Sailing Secretary	Keith Videlo	Ben Nicholls	Alison Stevens
Measurer	Alan Davis	Tim Hulse	Steve Taylor
Treasurer	Steve Taylor	Alison Stevens	Keith Videlo
<b>Members</b>			
Media & Communication	Guy Noble	Rob Cage	Alan Davis
Safeguarding Officer	Millie Gray	Keith Videlo	Tony Woods
ILCA 7/Standard Rep	Tim Law	Rob Cage	Alan Davis
Masters Rep	Alison Stevens	Gary Finkelstein	Rob Cage
ILCA 6/Radial Rep	Hannah Snellgrove	Tony Woods	Gary Finkelstein
ILCA 4/ 4.7 Rep	Gary Finkelstein	Steve Taylor	Tony Woods
Women's Rep	Hannah Snellgrove	Keith Videlo	Tony Woods
Youth & U21 Rep	Ben Nicholls	Phil Acton	Tim Hulse
Nationals Coordinator	Tony Woods	Gary Finkelstein	Keith Videlo
Grand Prix Coordinator			

10. Any other proper business, notice of which has been given to the secretary prior to the meeting by Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020 - none received

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General discussion:

Chris Turner (New ILCA builder, CEO of Ovington Boats) – Chris talked about his journey to become a Laser/ILCA builder.