



UK 29er Class Association

Special General Meeting

Rutland Sailing Club

26th March 2011, 5.20pm

Minutes of the Meeting

***For the record:** Over 65 individuals attended the meeting, including members of the association, parents and other independent observers. Members of the Association were checked off against the current membership list, and voting cards were distributed to all those eligible to vote, ensuring that family members only received one vote in line with the Class Association Constitution. 37 members were thus registered as being eligible to vote at the meeting (as listed at the end of these minutes).*

The meeting was chaired by Ben Cooper, Acting Chairman of the UK 29er Class Association.

The Chair opened the meeting by explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to present a proposed new Class Association Constitution, and to hold a vote for potential approval or rejection of the proposed changes.

The Chair continued, by outlining the process that had been followed in arranging the Special General Meeting, whereby, in line with the existing Constitution, the elected committee had called the Special General Meeting as it is allowed to do, giving more than six weeks notice on the time, date and place for the meeting as required. The Chair further explained that a 2/3rds majority vote was required for a change to the Constitution to be approved.

The Chair then explained how the proposed changes would be presented to the attending audience by way of a visual presentation; this would present the proposed changes to the Constitution clause by clause, detailing unchanged text, deleted text and new clauses, such that the proposals could be explained and understood. In conjunction with the presentation of each clause, an explanation of the proposed changes would be given, describing why the changes were recommended.

Finally, before presenting the actual proposals, the Chair explained that the intention was to present the whole proposed Constitution as a single proposal, and that one vote would be held to either approve or reject the Constitution as a single document.

The Chair then proceeded to talk through the proposals, Clause by Clause, 1 to 16. After each Clause had been presented, and the changes explained, the attendees were invited to ask questions about that clause; there was only one such question, about a commitment to continuing with social events, and this was confirmed as being a key feature of the Association's activities (although not needing to be incorporated into a Constitution).

Following the presentation, the Chair then proceeded to invite general questions from the attendees; there were none.

The Chair then read out a letter from Duncan Truswell, RYA Youth Racing Manager, which provided general positive support to the proposed new Constitution.

The Chair then called the meeting to order to hold the vote on the proposed new Constitution. This was initially done using a show of hands; then, to ease counting, two ballot boxes (one marked "Yes", one marked "No") were passed amongst the attendees, and all those eligible to vote posted their cards accordingly into one of the boxes.

The votes were then counted, giving the following result:

- Total votes cast 33, with 4 Abstentions
- 33 "Yes" votes cast in favour of the proposed new Constitution
- 0 "No" votes cast against the proposed new Constitution

In line with the requirements for a 2/3rds majority, the proposed new Constitution was formally confirmed as being accepted, and the changes thus adopted.

The Chair thanked all attendees for their time, and the meeting then closed at 6.30pm

Martha Berry
UK 29er Class Administrator
26th March 2011

Eligible Voting Members in attendance

(Where more than one family member was present this is indicated, as there was only 1 vote per family membership)

Ruth Allan, Tessa Allan (1 vote), Ben Batten, Sam Batten (1 vote), Chris Berry, James Bolinbroke, Harry Boweman, Molly Brown, Tom Bucktrout, Dominick Burke, Will Carlisle, Ollie Cooper, Catrin Drake, Callum Ellis, Will Glover, Will Harris, Jack Hawkins, Toby Hodge, Charlotte Hooper. Sarah Jackson, Adam Kay, Henry Lloyd Williams, Giles Lloyd Williams (1 vote), Rob Loveridge, Emma Loveridge (1 vote), John Mather, Robert Morris, Alexandra Orton, Stephanie Orton (1 vote), Abbie Page, Gavin Page, Vikki Payne, Ian Payne, James Poyner, Tom Scott, Peter Sedgwick, George Shelley, Sam Smith, Chris Thomas, Phil Walker, Jeremy Williamson, Joseph Winbush