

Grafham Water Sailing Club: Flying Fifteen Fleet

Unconfirmed Minutes

Annual General Meeting

23rd February 2020

Attendees: Sue Rhodes, Andy Rhodes, Allen Cave, Tim O'Brien, Graham Wadeley, Brian Appleyard, Pip Noon, Dave Philpott, Jenny Philpott, Jonathan Knight, Trish Knight, Suzie Sontag, Barry Wyatt

Apologies: Angela Tasker, Simon Kneller, Jim Hibbert, Ann Grubb, Geoff Parkinson, John Forsdike, Katy Wyatt, Mike & Jean Wilczynski, Les Rant

Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the AGM of February 23rd 2019 were adopted unanimously.

Fleet Captain's Report (including actions arising from the previous AGM)

The fleet captain (Barry Wyatt) reported on:

Club racing:

- Proposals to move to 3-race format throughout the year / start summer racing earlier / abolish afternoon series have been kicked into touch – at least for the moment.
- Series of two a.m. races + two pm races retained for summer 2020
- Single 4-month Winter series will take place from November – February, comprising 3 races sailed back-to-back.
- Through spring, summer and autumn, three series are scheduled, all comprising 2 a.m. and 2 p.m. races.
- Informal early (10:00) races is under consideration for summer Sundays: these would take place prior to regular club racing and would be separately resourced
- 'Special' one-off events are to be continued, mainly to mark 'end-of-series'
- Starts will be simplified: in the winter series, there will be 3 starts (Fast, Slow Double-handed, Slow Single-handed). Summer morning series will have 4 starts (as above with Lasers starting fourth). Summer afternoon races will be as for winter.
- Although we'll have mixed starts, FFs will sail as a fleet and our results will be published as such.

Fleet activities

- Number of boats racing in club series appears stable – but increasingly weather-dependent.
- No proposals to deprive us of fleet status (yet) but this is something to be watched
- Fleet representation at Worlds (Dublin) restricted to Pip Noon, crewing for Nick Heath in 'Fighting Fit' who won the classic division
- Simon & Dave won the Grafham FF Open
- Simon and son sailed (and won) Falmouth Week – sadly the entry is much down on times past
- Simon & Ben placed 10th in the Grand Prix

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer (Jonathan Knight) presented the accounts for 2019-20. These showed a deficit of £208.12 on a turnover of £791.96. The current balance rests at £291.69. The underlying

income is stable, but there was no raffle at the annual dinner and the bill for engraving expenses for trophies and prizes was significantly higher. A change in engravers for 2020 will reduce these costs substantially. John Forsdike proposed adoption of the accounts and this proposal was accepted unanimously.

Scorer's Report.

Flying Fifteen results for 2019-20 are up-to-date and have been published in the fleet Newsletter. Trish was thanked for her efficient discharge of this task.

2020 Fleet Calendar

April 12th - Easter Salver

June 6th/7th – FF Inlands

May 31st – RNLI Pursuit Race

June 28th – 'Past Masters' trophy

September 20th - DoE

Suitable races will be designated and publicised for the Grafham Fox and the Ron Howard trophy

Election of Fleet Officers

In the absence of other candidates, the present holders of the posts of

- Fleet Captain (Barry Wyatt)
- Treasurer & Scorer (Jonathan & Trish Knight)
- Fleet Dinner & Trophies (Susie Sonntag),

having expressed willingness to stand for another term, were elected unanimously.

General discussion

- **Prizegiving Supper** There was a short discussion on possible fund raisers to substitute for the raffle, which has now been held for a number of years. An 'auction of promises' was suggested, and the Committee agreed to look into how this might be introduced.
- **Dates of Winter Membership** These do not synchronise with the dates of the winter race series. David Philpott and Tim O'Brien agreed to put the matter to John Aston (Commodore) and Ian Rawet (Chair, Racing Committee).

Chairman expressed thanks to all for participating and showing such enthusiasm for the Flying Fifteen Fleet and closed the meeting just before 16:30.

Date and Time of next meeting: February 17th, 2020