



Class Association UK AGM 2016

Plas Heli, Saturday 27th August 2016

Meeting Open.1830hrs

Attendees

Robin Caiger Treasurer, Emily Davis Secretary, David Oakley Chairman, Richard Pye Technical Officer, Inge Pye Safeguarding, Rupert Nevile Vice Chair Racing, Ruth Lewis, Charlie Gilmore, Emma Hawley Northern Area Representative, Jane Sunderland PR and Media Representative, Richard o'Sullivan Easter Area representative, Sarah Caiger, Matthew Caiger.

1. Apologies

Nick James SW area Rep
Robbie Wilson Scottish Area Rep

2. Minutes of AGM 2015

Minutes of the last AGM held at WPNSA - agreed that it was a true representation of the meeting, proposed by Richard Pye , seconded by Inge Pye.

3. Election of Committee Members

The regional area representatives were individually elected by their regions prior to the AGM and accepted onto the committee; proposed by Emily Davis, Seconded by Inge Pye.

4. Chairman's Report

My thanks go to all those on the committee, area reps and volunteers.

Who once again have helped the class develop and provide superb Training and Racing opportunities for our young sailors.

The association has two main areas of activity

Racing

The 4 association events; Start of Season,

Inlands,

Nationals,

End of Season.

We also send teams to the RYA team racing event in September and our

participation at RYA Zone Champs is also gaining momentum.

Running cost effective events remains challenging as well as matching locations to our sailing areas as we try to encourage greater participation.

Thanks go to Richard Pye for the introduction of the monthly event rankings, this has added another dimension to the class as a whole.

The Worlds 2016 were fantastic with Coached support available for all UK sailors , our thanks go the international committee for the event and well done to Jack and Ewan the UK world champions.

The second area of activity is

Training

This is currently delivered via the National Squad, thanks go to Steve Jenkins for putting in place the coaching arrangements for 2015/16.

It was a successful year with once cancelation during the Winter. The core coaching team remains in place and applications are on their way in.

Thanks go to the Secretary for making it all work and to Robin for making it all balance, the core element remains the same to provide superb training and good value.

Our two ribs remain a valuable resource for the squads and this year sees one also in use with the SW area.

We reviewed our activity here in 2015 and the committee felt it was the correct way to proceed for the immediate future.

Volunteers remain important to the class, Lucy our secretary stepped down during the year. The role of secretary was successfully advertised and Emily Davis has stepped in to develop the role further. Thanks go to Lucy for all the work over the years.

During the course of this year we will be looking for some core roles for the association ; Chair

Treasurer

Vice Chair Racing

If you are interested in stepping forward please approach one of the role holders who can explain our activity.

It is also a good time to make a minor adjustment to our constitution to better state the role of areas. The current wording does not reflect the actual position in practice.

Areas are so important to the association and it is important that they are fully involved in the committee to increase the sharing of knowledge and to develop the class further.

The Current active areas that have reps will join the committee they are Scotland, North, East, SW. We will encourage those that are not represented to do so in the future.

Current Constitution

7. Committee

The RS Tera Owner's Club (UK) shall be administered by a Committee which shall maintain the Register of Members and the Class website in cooperation with RS Racing.

The Committee shall comprise a Chairman, Treasurer, RS Representative, Secretary and other Committee Members. A Vice-Chairman, Training Officer (Class Coach), Technical Officer, Publicity Officer, Social Representative, Website Manager, Events Coordinator and sub-committees may be appointed as required.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer shall be elected at the AGM when the positions are vacant or otherwise appointed from within the Committee if nominations are not made at the AGM.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer shall serve for two-years but may then be re-elected. Other Committee officers shall be appointed from within the Committee in consultation with RS Racing.

Regional Representatives to cover RYA regions shall be appointed by the Committee and shall be Committee Members. Regional Representative shall try to keep in contact with RS Tera Fleets in their region and encourage open competition and training for RS Teras in the region.

Proposed adjustment to constitution

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The Committee shall comprise;

Chairman, Treasurer, Vice Chair Racing, Vice Chair Training, Secretary, Class Coach, Technical Officer, Publicity Officer, UK Child Protection Officer. Area Representatives from all active regions. Ex Officio RS Representative

Other Sub Groups may be formed to support the work of the Committee, examples are Sponsorship, Event Organisation/Race Team, Safety Team, Rib Management.

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There will be two formal Committee Meetings per year, at Start of Seasons

Regatta and at the End of Seasons. Additional Committee meetings may be held as needed as long as 5 Committee members are present.

The proposed changes to the constitution were agreed by all present.

5. Treasurers Report

See Separate document.

This year had been unexpectedly good due to great turn outs at events despite large numbers moving on from the class at the end of last season. Discussion will be held with regard as to how best to use the surplus to grow the class further.

6. Area Reports

Eastern Region Report (27/8/2016)

1. All well in the East despite the regime change that took place in the Spring with Alex and Steve retiring. Thanks to their efforts over the last four years we have a well established pattern of winter and summer training and find ourselves in a very healthy position.
2. Inevitably we lost a number of our longstanding sailors at the start of the year as they had outgrown their boats and we will no doubt lose more of the old guard in the coming year, but the numbers for both the winter training and various events that make up the Eastern Traveller Series remain high, and as the number of our Pros has reduced so the number of Sports has increased.
3. So far this summer we have at the Eastern Champs at Royal Harwich Yacht Club, the Bough Beech Train and Race (special thanks to the Caigers who did all the hard work), the Brightlingsea Train and Race and the Burham Open, with the Aldeburgh Train and Race taking place on 17th and 18th September (unfortunately the second day clashes with Bart's Bash) and the Alton Water Train and Race on 8th and 9th October.
4. Regular winter training will commence towards the end of October and the aim is to have 6 sessions before Christmas and a further six sessions of training in the New Year, before the start of the next Traveller Series. Training sessions take place on a Saturday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm. To make them more worthwhile for those who travel distance we are currently exploring the possibility of slightly longer sessions. Based on past years I anticipate that we will have between 25 to 35 sailors signed up for the winter training.
5. Our Head Coach remains Sarah Bines and she is supported by a number of former tera sailors such as Sam Doble-Thomson, Matt Smith and Oscar Cubbitt and we have earmarked funds to continue to train up those who have outgrown their

boats to continue in a coaching capacity. We also have the benefit of Mike and Will Taylor's experience and expertise to draw upon.

6. Less of our sailors were involved in the National Squad training last year than in previous years. However, there appears to have been a good turnout of Eastern sailors at this year's national events where they have had some success. I would anticipate a similar pattern in the year ahead.
7. Needless to say it would be good to have a National Event in the East at some point in the future. Alton Water and Brightlingsea being the obvious venues.

Richard O'Sullivan

Scottish Area

Not much to report, Scottish area still not taking off!! Required loads effort from me last year to get club boats and borrowed boats to events to get newbie sailors to come to events. We had some pretty successful events with 34 entries at 2015 Scottish champs and couple other events with 20 plus boats. This year at beginning of year I told sailors and parents they had to get towbars (especially from my own club where we have 12 club teras and we have two club triple trailers free to use plus boats are free to use) and roof racks and would be expected to take their own boats to events. Unfortunately they haven't and as results not much happening, real pain when you put so much effort in but will keep at it and doing club junior training. RYA Scotland do brilliant job up here getting kids into racing through their academy program but use oppies and toppers, not teras. RYA Scotland guys love teras and want to see them succeed and always available to help but as not pathway boat they can't offer too much compared to toppers and oppies which they basically run the fleets up here, so hard work for it to work up here until it becomes a pathway boat!

SW Region Update for Tera association AGM 2016.

Nicholas James. 15/08/16

This year we have had SW sailors attend Start of Seasons, Inlands, Southern and the Worlds to date. Having two of our sailors Will James and Freddie Gillmore gain places on the national squad has inspired and motivated many of our local sailors. This year we currently have five Tera sailors and Three Topper sailors traveling to squad selector events to hopefully gain places on their respective squads.

From twelve sailors in year one to over thirty in our second year it's looking like we might be in excess of forty for this coming winters sessions. One of our limiting factors being the availability of boats with some clubs allocating all their club boats already for the next winters sessions. Boat purchasing by individual sailors is very good with five of our sailors buying their own boats this year. Also one of our principle clubs Paignton sailing club has applied for funding for six Tera's, another local club Babbacombe has just purchased three and The Royal Dart yacht club are increasing their fleet of Tera's from 12 to 15 all directly due to our winter training.

After last winters sessions we have encouraged all the involved clubs to hold an open event where possible, at their club with Salcombe having a race and fun day then Stoke Gabriel hosting

recently with a race and BBQ with 31 of our boats on the water including 18 Tera's racing.

Our plans onwards are to increase the overall fleet size which helps us stream the sailors in ability and class and through a combination of local friendly open events and feeding back information on national events through our Facebook and youtube sites to encourage our local sailors to attend more national events. Linking with the National Association at Committee level can also help us here in the South West in feeling part of a larger group with our South West Tera Squad and hopefully steer the occasional national event to somewhere less than three hours drive! I would also like to engage some of our National squad coaches to coach our Tera sailors and update our coaching team with current class specific techniques and to raise the overall standard of sailors here in the South West.

7. Training / Events 2016

World Championships Carnac, France.

Charlie Gilmore requested more national events to be held in the South West, much discussion ensued regarding venues that were best placed for all areas; National Championships particularly difficult as a sea venue is preferable. Future venues to be carefully decided.

It was asked if the regatta fleet could be a feature at all national events; Richard Pye is to investigate the possibility of holding it at Draycote End of Seasons if there is enough interest.

7. Technical

Digital 8 numbers have been confirmed to be legal provided they are italic.

ISAF stickers are coming off some boats; these should be replaced but an alternative is to post the hull mould numbers with their corresponding sail number on the RS Tera Website.

Richard Pye confirmed he would be taking on the international Technical Officer role.

8. Date and venue for AGM

Saturday 26th August 2017 WPNSA

9. Other Business – To be submitted to the Class Secretary prior to the meeting

Question raised regarding Southern and Midland Area reps; these are to be listed on the website as vacant to encourage people to come forward. Also a Wales Area Rep to be listed.

Question raised regarding the Secretary position being a paid role when the website states the association is run by volunteers, also that the remuneration package is not public knowledge ; this was not see to be an issue as the secretary is not employed directly and therefore there is no requirement to publicise the payments.

Question raised regarding value for membership; membership for other classes had been looked into and had been found to be comparable and in many cases more expensive.

