

flying fifteen Spain: Annual General Meeting 11 September, 2016

Attendees:

Michael Clough	3432 & 3804	FFI representative
Stephen Parry	3471	Treasurer & Measurer
John Walker Stephen Babbage	3577	President Secretary
Michael Beecken (telephone)	3600	Fleet Captain
Scott Walker Andrew Harvey	3763	Social Secretary
Tim Pyne Hugh Birley	3817	
John Leaf	3825	Co-opted

1 Voting of officers

All officers re-appointed nem-con.

2 Declining fleet numbers

Discussion on how to increase new blood.

Idea of open day revived, proposed 13 November (subsequently changed to 29 October, see 10 below).

To invite UK & Ireland people – **action SB**

MC suggested we have team racing, briefly explained how it works. Would need to lend boats, which may sustain damage – although no major damage in previous years. Should be separate from Open Day.

HB stressed that we need to encourage young people from RCNPP who have progressed from Optimists to Lasers.

3 Accounts

Have paid dues to FFI – including prior years.

Around €260 in bank.

Only 5 boats paid annual subs – **SP** to collect from those unpaid who are at meeting – a further €125.

Agreed to continue €25 per boat for 2016-17. To be paid before first major regatta of 2017 – probably Palma Vela.

4 Promotion

We should place an ad in FFI world – **action SB**

5 FFI

We have received no FFI World mags, nor yearbooks

MC to be notified to FFI as Spain representative – **action SB to inform FFI [done]**

Post meeting update – FFI World now published on line – latest issue at https://issuu.com/flying15international/docs/ff_jan16_mag_issuu

Noted that all FFI ballot items were approved by the members' votes, with the exception of Item 8 "Weight" which was rejected.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9 are minor administrative changes.

Item 5 Headsail. This is the final iteration of the development headsails which have been trialled worldwide over the last 6 years. It is essentially the same sail area but slightly taller and slimmer with more foot round but essentially the same area.

Item 6 Prohibitions. This item will legalise the use of on-board cameras and trackers whilst racing.

Item 8 Weight Reduction. This proposal will allow a 5 kg weight reduction as well as a 5 kg reduction to the total weight of correctors which can be carried.

The changes will now be referred to ISAF for their approval, prior to becoming effective on the 1st March 2017 - The FFI worlds in Napier commence before the 1st March and will be sailed under the current measurement/rules requirements. More details at [ffi 2016 rule change ballot](#).

Key change is that – assuming the change are approved by ISAF – from 1 March next year, we can use the new "full hoist" jib.

6 RCNPP yard rental

We have an agreement to discount yard rental to €80 where a minimum number of days are sailed.

Question was asked whether this was regattas or race days, clarified that this was currently 10 race days. **MC** proposed to reduce to **6 race days**. Seconded **SB**, and passed.

7 Club boat

Discussion on maintenance agreed that all should contribute, and if necessary use some of funds to pay for parts.

Further agreed to charge a contribution to costs of €10 per person (=€20 per day) for use of club boat.

JW/SB to fix mast

TP agreed to insure club boat in his name – ***SB to send him details [done]***

8 Newsletter

HB suggested that we need a rolling calendar – supported by all.

SB to get proposal for 2017 from ***MB*** and share with ***HB***

HB to work on newsletter – ***SB to meet him to support***

9 VHF

MC raised issue of handheld VHF. Some members are unclear on the existing rule, which prohibits communications outside the boat whilst racing. ***MC*** to review and propose wording for a local fleet rule, allowing radios to be carried on board, but only used for emergencies or when not racing.

10 October racing

AH noted that there was no racing in October. After discussion agreed to have Open day and race on 29 October. ***MB to liaise with RCNPP***

Further agreed to set up a team race on 30 October – ***MC and MB to organise.***

11 Sharing between members

TP proposed to share emails. Further discussion on WhatsApp or Twitter as alternatives – agreed that email was most appropriate.

MB to send SB latest email list [done]

SB to contact each member to confirm no problems with sharing their email with the fleet [done]

Meeting adjourned at 19:50

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