

UKLA (Previously UK Laser Association) 49th Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence: Hannah Snellgrove, Gary Finkelstein, Steve Taylor, Tim Hulse
2. Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting – approved. Proposed by Jon Emmett and seconded by Alison Stevens (available [online](#))
3. Matters arising from the Minutes – none.
4. Treasurer's report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 (available [online](#))

Rob Cage on behalf of Steve Taylor - UKLA Financials are in good shape. We continue to cut costs and we shifted revenue model from making profit from events. This was done just before Covid and therefore during Covid when we needed to cancel events, this was cost neutral on the financials. Our strategy continues to keep running costs down and entry fees low. We received financial support from sponsors and the RYA. RYA has also agreed similar support for this year. We have a very significant cash balance and running events on a break-even basis. We can commit to events without dipping into reserves.

No questions raised.

5. To approve the auditors - PKF Francis Clark. Proposed by Rob Cage and seconded by Nick Harrison.
6. Chairman's report (available [online](#))

Rob Cage - UKLA faced challenges last year. We worked hard through Covid and navigated that as well as we could be expected. We had to change the name of the class, which is not something we wanted to do, but were forced under a threat of a legal letter we had no choice.

RC thank Guy Noble for his tremendous efforts at producing the Year Book.

No questions raised.

7. Sailing Secretary's report (available [online](#))

Keith Videlo - Organising and cancelling events was a challenge but it is good to see so many people at here the nationals. 250 boats compared to 200 last year. Unfortunately, the Under 21 worlds were cancelled but we have a transition week next instead which is a great opportunity for those transitioning into class or moving between rigs. KV congratulated Elliot Hanson and Ali Young at the Olympics and thanked Ellie Ratusniak and especially Paul Jackson for his enthusiasm and amount of work done for the class.

8. Training Officer's report (available [online](#))

Rob Cage of behalf of Tim Hulse – Reiterated driving of the training strategy which is to make training even more prominent across the country.

No questions raised.

9. Election of Officers –

Rob Cage thanked Hannah Snellgrove (ILCA 6 & Women Rep) and Tim Law (ILCA 7) as they step down from the committee. Huge amount of work is done by the committee members behind the scenes throughout the year, and Rob thanks all committee members and volunteers for their work. The class is always looking for more volunteers to get involved to share the load, bring great new ideas and help to execute them. Committee meets once a month over zoom and in between works in sub-groups to achieve results.



Current vacancies are for the following posts:

Women's Representative
National Grand Prix coordinator
Safety Officer

None of the below roles have received more than one nomination.

Elected committee members:

UKLA Committee			
Association Secretary	Ellie Ratusniak	Appointed	
Role	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Rob Cage	Alan Davis	Tony Woods
Vice-Chair	Ben Nicholls	Rob Cage	Alison Stevens
Training Officer	Tim Hulse	Tony Woods	Alan Davis
Sailing Secretary	Keith Videlo	Alan Davis	Rob Cage
Measurer	Alan Davis	Rob Cage	Gary Finkelstein
Treasurer	Steve Taylor	Gary Finkelstein	Alison Stevens
Media & Communication	Guy Noble	Rob Cage	Alan Davis
ILCA 7 Rep	Mark Lyttle	Rob Cage	Guy Noble
Masters Rep	Alison Stevens	Rob Cage	Keith Videlo
ILCA 6 Rep	Gary Finkelstein	Rob Cage	Alison Stevens
Youth Rep	Ben Nicholls	Alan Davis	Keith Videlo
Nationals	Tony Woods	Alison Stevens	Guy Noble

Jane Sunderland has been co-opted as an ILCA 4 Representative proposed by Gareth Edwards and seconded by Alison Stevens.

10. Any other proper business, notice of which has been given to the secretary prior to the meeting by Monday, 19th July 2021
- Changes to [constitution](#) – word laser has been replaced with the word ILCA throughout and; *“The name of the class association shall be The International ILCA UK Class Association (“the UKLA” or “Association”). Which covers the 3 classes of ILCAs, being 7, 6 and 4. written all the way trough”.*

These changes have been agreed unanimously as proposed by Rob Cage and seconded by Alison Stevens.

After the meeting, the Chair welcomed discussion of any matter affecting the Association.

- Rob Cage thanked all Class sponsors: Vaikobi, SailingFast, Ovington, Fernhurst Books, Southeast Sailboats and all volunteers.
- Gareth Edwards requested a special shout to Nettie and Tony Woods for organising the Nationals socials.
- Member of Island Barn Reservoir SC – noted that a lot of topper sailors have moved across to ILCA this year and was curious whether this was a national trend. IT was discussed that this may be due to Toppers cancelling their events during covid and nationals as well as UKLA providing an opportunity to transition, which is what most sailors would naturally do.



- Ben Flower asked if it was possible to go back to paper forms, entries to events on the day and day rates and Rob Cage along with other committee members explained that the class has no bandwidth to deal with manual work like this and unlike some other classes we do not get a financial back from a manufacturer. Covid has forced UKLA the online route that we were preparing to take anyway. Further discussion around grand prix events and management of media post in relation to them for which Ben expressed an interest in assisting with.
- Craig – nationals we should encourage masters to join in? Lancing sailing club, youth program running.
- Natalya Williams asked if UKLA considered running other events outside of qualifiers at different times of the year to cater for university students and other age groups and club sailors. Rob Cage explained challenges and considerations taken when setting up events and why the Super Grand Prix events came about to fill this gap. There is still more appetite for event such as anniversary championship we had this year.

