

**Minutes of Port of Falmouth Sailing Association Annual General Meeting  
held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Falmouth Watersports Centre**

Present:

Charlie Choak	Chairman
Brian Adams	Commodore Mylor YC
Nick Ames	Sailing Secretary Royal Cornwall YC
Walter Amos	Vice Chairman, PoFSA
Jacky Andrew	Royal Cornwall YC
Neil Andrew	Sunbeam class
Anji Blackman	Point & Penpol Regatta
Mark Buckley	Commodore Helford River SC
Malcolm Clark	Flushing SC
Bob Collings	Commodore Royal Cornwall YC
Sam Harding	Falmouth Working Boat Association
Roger Hollingsworth	Rear Commodore (Sailing) Royal Cornwall YC
Chris Jellis	Commodore Flushing SC
Peter Mellor	St Mawes Town Regatta
Henry Metcalfe	Commodore Restronguet SC
Dave Owens	Flushing Regatta
Paul Owers	Loe Beach Regatta
Jan Pentreath	Point & Penpol Regatta
Steve Przybylski	Shrimper class
Tiwos Pooley	Point & Penpol Regatta
Nigel Sharp	Commodore St Mawes SC
Gaye Slater	Flushing SC
Sue Treneer	Mylor YC
Chris Williams	Falmouth Classics
Chris Davis	Secretary

1. Apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Bob Chapple (Flushing SC), John Davidson (Falmouth Classics), Don Garmon (Falmouth Classics), Delia Hazell (St Mawes SC), Steve Nicholls (Mylor YC), Sue Swingler (Flushing SC), Dave Williamson (Percuil Regatta) and Mike Wilson (Shrimper class).

2. Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last AGM were agreed. There were no matters arising.

3. Falmouth Week 2017 and 2018. The dates of Falmouth Week 2017 and 2018 were confirmed as:

2017:	Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> August.
2018:	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> August.

4. Village Regattas 2017. The dates proposed at or after the last AGM were confirmed, and are:

St. Mawes Social	8 <sup>th</sup> July
Loe Beach	10 <sup>th</sup> June

Point & Penpol	24 <sup>th</sup> June
Flushing	29 <sup>th</sup> July
Percuil	20 <sup>th</sup> August
Portscatho	26 <sup>th</sup> August
St. Mawes Town	22 <sup>nd</sup> July

In addition, Chris Williams asked everyone to note the dates for Falmouth Classics 2017: 16 - 18 June 2017.

5. Village Regattas 2018. The dates proposed for the Village Regattas are:
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| Loe Beach        | 9 <sup>th</sup> June    |   |
| Point & Penpol   | 14 <sup>th</sup> July   |   |
| Flushing         | 28 <sup>th</sup> July   |   |
| Percuil          | 19 <sup>th</sup> August | (proposed by Nigel Sharp, since confirmed by Dave Armstrong, Percuil Regatta) |
| Portscatho       | 25 <sup>th</sup> August |   |
| St. Mawes Town   | 30 <sup>th</sup> June   |   |
| St. Mawes Social | 21 <sup>st</sup> July   |   |

Chris Williams asked everyone to note the proposed dates for Falmouth Classics 2018: 22 - 24 June 2018.

6. Chairman's report. The Chairman read his report, which is attached to these minutes.
7. Treasurer's report. Neil Andrew gave the Treasurer's report on behalf of Sue Swingler. It was regretted that the accounts had not received their usual wide distribution: this was apparently due to an issue on Sue's email account. Neil drew attention to the following points in the accounts:
- Excess of income over expenditure on the non-Falmouth Week account: £1394.
  - Excess of income over expenditure for Falmouth Week: £2795.
  - Reserves now stand at £24,218.
  - Falmouth Week entries: up 8 on last year, being an increase of 4 in Carrick (due largely to the Sunbeam class) and 4 in the Bay (due to the Firebird, IRC and FAY handicap classes).
  - Sponsorship cash income had increased dramatically this year and now represents approximately 3.5 times the cash figure we received from Henri Lloyd.
  - Payments to clubs were made for club RIBs, at the rate of £100 per RIB per day.
  - There were two exceptional items of expenditure this year:
    - An item to modify the on-line entry system to cater for two 3-day series in the Bay fleet.
    - An item (shared equally with the Shoreside committee) to regenerate the Falmouth Week website. Neil remarked that this had proved to be a very good investment and the website was much improved.

In summary, the accounts are in good order, there were no audit comments and no increase in subscriptions (for full and associate membership) was recommended. The accounts are attached.

8. Race Management Group. Whilst not the leader of the group (it was led by the Chairman) Chris Davis gave the Race Management Group report. This is attached to these minutes.
9. Shoreside report. The Chairman gave a short résumé of the interaction and relationship between PoFSA and the Falmouth Week Shoreside organisation. He asked clubs to

make their profile more visible during the week, and remarked that one way to do this would be to make sure that positive publicity concerning their clubs appeared on the Falmouth Week and PoFSA websites.

Nick Ames suggested that events and functions, in particular in Events Square, were too expensive and this discouraged sailors from taking part in the social scene after racing. This led to a call from Roger Hollingsworth for a designated Regatta Centre, to which sailors would be able to gravitate after racing. Some present pointed out the obvious dichotomy between this approach for après-voile activities and the long standing emphasis on regatta teas and entertainment at the host club of the day. Roger acknowledged the problem but was unable to offer a solution. It became clear during the discussion that there was little appetite to take the regatta centre idea forward. A major stumbling block would be in ensuring that all clubs contributed equally to, and profited equally from, such a centre and, given the geographical and disparate nature of the port and the regatta, it was far from obvious how a viable regatta centre could be implemented.

10. Truro Boat Owners Association – application for Associate membership. The decision taken at the Policy Committee on 14 May 16, to award associate membership to the TBOA, was confirmed.

11. The RCYC nomination of Neil Andrew to lead the Race Management Group in 2017. Neil Andrew addressed the meeting, remarking that this was properly a matter for the PoFSA Policy Committee (i.e. only the full members of PoFSA), rather than for the AGM. Nonetheless, he outlined his race management CV and it was quite plain to all that he was a worthy candidate for the role. It was agreed that this matter was deferred to the next Policy Committee meeting. Nigel Sharp suggested that a short Policy Committee meeting could be held after this meeting, just to consider this nomination: this was agreed.

Secretary's Afternote. This meeting took place and Neil Andrew was appointed to the role. He asked for the support of all commodores as difficult decisions may have to be taken. This was agreed. The next Policy Committee will be held on 10 December at the Royal Cornwall YC. Chris Davis agreed to generate the agenda and issue a calling notice.

12. Election of Officers. The following were elected for the forthcoming year:

Chairman: Charlie Choak. Nominated by Chris Jellis, seconded by Bob Collings.  
Vice Chairman: Nick Ames. Nominated by the Chairman, seconded by Bob Collings.  
Treasurer: Sue Swingler. Nominated by the Chairman, seconded by Chris Jellis.  
Secretary: Gaye Slater. Nominated by Chris Jellis, seconded by the Chairman.

There was no contested election for Vice Chairman.

13. Date of the next AGM. This was confirmed as 18 Nov 17. Bob Collings suggested that AGMs should be held at the full member clubs in turn. Nigel Sharp said that the logistic problems associated with holding the meeting at St Mawes would prove difficult so he recommended that AGMs not be held at his club. It was agreed that AGMs should be held at the other clubs. It was agreed that the AGM 2017 would be held at the RCYC; the 2018 AGM would be at the HRSC. Future locations would be decided in due course.

14. Any other business. The following items were noted or discussed:

- a. Percuil Sailing Club. Nigel Sharp reported that Percuil SC had been dissolved. The Percuil Village Regatta would continue, to be run under the St Mawes SC burgee.
- b. Nick Ames reported that the charge for the use of the RCYC RIBs in Falmouth Week would go up in 2017. Secretary's Afternote. At the Policy Committee held immediately after this meeting, it was suggested that the new rate would be £200 per RIB per day.
- c. Nick Ames said that, in his view, the sailing instructions for the village regattas were incorrect and not following the Racing Rules of Sailing. As an example, he said that in one regatta the SIs stated that communications were to be by VHF, but the channel to be used was not stated. The Chairman suggested that Nick speak to Sue Treneer, in particular, in order to resolve his concerns.
- d. Malcolm Clark suggested that better use be made of the PoFSA website as a communications medium and as a document repository; this was agreed, but not for the accounts. Sue Treneer thanked Malcolm for his work in improving the PoFSA website.
- e. Mirror World Championships. The Chairman said that Restronguet SC had requested PoFSA sponsorship to support this event. It was agreed to defer this to the forthcoming Policy Committee.
- f. The Chairman stated that he had been approached by the Falmouth Watersports Centre: they wished to host a regatta tea after the Champagne Race next year. It was agreed that this was probably unworkable: the Red Arrows display would make movement around the town very difficult and many competitors preferred to watch the display from the boats, anchored in the Penryn River.
- g. The Secretary reported that the Falmouth Docks and Engineering Company proposed to introduce an 8 knot speed limit in their area of water. If introduced, this would need to be policed and the company did not have the resource to do this, so they proposed a volunteer patrol and they would be looking for volunteers. He advised clubs that the company may well approach them for possible volunteers.

15. The meeting closed at 1130 hrs.

C Davis  
Secretary