



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held via Zoom details at end of Agenda
on Saturday 14th November 2020 at 10.00 am

MINUTES

Present: Nigel Sharp (Chair, Carrick RO) Derek Hill (Vice Chair, FSC) Neil Andrew (Race Management) Gaye Slater (Hon Sec, Commodore FSC) Chris Davis (RCYC Rear Commodore Sailing, Bay RO) Ken Whitney (Commodore MYC) Steve Przybylsci (racing Secretary MYC) Sue Treneer (Prizes, FSW Admin) Jane Wright (Sponsorship, Publicity) Alex Mills (HRSC) Syd Turner (RSC) Malcolm Clark (FSW Results, PoFSA website) David Mitchell (Sailing Secretary FSC) Keith Tullet (Chair Falmouth Classics) Alan Macklin (Sailing Secretary St MSC, IF class captain) John Maunder (FSW Finish Boat, FSC) Dave Owens (FSC, Flushing Village regatta) Julie Hopkins (Sailing Secretary RCYC) Melody Hitchen (RCYC) Geoff Hall (RSC) Glenn Torpy (Rear Commodore Sailing St MSC, Rustler/Piper Class captain) Anji Blackman (Point and Penpol Village Regatta) David Mantle (Sunbeam Class Captain) Robert Talbot (Loe Beach Regatta, FSW Carrick DRO) Paul Hobson (Point and Penpol Village Regatta) Don Garman (Vice chair Falmouth Classics)

Nigel Sharp welcomed attendees to 2020 AGM

1. **Apologies for absence:** Viv Rose, Alex Davis (FSW Protests) Chris Hosken (HRSC)
2. **Minutes of last meeting** agreed
3. **Matters arising** none
4. **The dates of Falmouth Sailing Week 2021 and 2022** were confirmed as follows:
2021: Sun 8th-Sat 14th August
2022: Sun 7th-Sat 13th August
5. NS reported that there was a great spirit of co-operation among the Committees that run the Village Regattas.
The dates of the Village Regattas for 2021 were confirmed:

Loe Beach	5th June
Point and Penpol	26th June
St Mawes Social	3rd July
St Mawes Town	24th July
Flushing Village	31st July
Portscatho	28th August
Percuil	29th August

RCYC will not be running Falmouth Town Village Regatta instead will be running a Keelboat Regatta on 10th July 2021
6. **The dates of the Village Regattas for 2022** were proposed:

Point and Penpol	10th September
Loe Beach	25th June

Flushing Village	23rd July
Percuil	21st August
Portscatho	27th August
St Mawes Social	9th July
St Mawes Town	30th July

7. Reports were received from:

Chairman. Nigel Sharp

NS reported that this was an extraordinary year for FSW that involved a lot of planning and re-planning in order to safeguard volunteers and also comply with Government guidelines. Clubs were not able to hold teas and prize givings.

Competitors on the whole entered into the spirit and had a lot of fun and enjoyment.

There were 119 entries which was more than expected. The event was conducted in light airs and has been nominated for the British Yachting Event of the Year Award.

All Village Regattas were cancelled, all local clubs finally managed to run some racing. Everbody is planning positively for 2021.

Treasurer. Neil Andrew on behalf of Sue Swingler.

NA audits the accounts for PoFSA but the day to day running is done by Sue Swingler.

He reported that FSW was run at a loss, this was a deliberate decision. The forecast was for a loss of £3300 but in the event was only £2000 as there were more entries than expected and other economies were made. The loss can be covered from reserves. The 2019 Accounts also show a loss but this was due to a bad debt carried on from 2018 when a sponsor didn't pay. In recent years entries have gone down, PoFSA is tightening up by reducing the rate to clubs who provide RIBS and by a raise in entry fees.

Steve Przybylsci suggested that PoFSA should be proud of this achievement and continue planning for 2021.

Race Management Group. Neil Andrew

NA reported that the NOR was posted in time in January but was overtaken by events in March. The FSW Organising Committee wanted to run an event so competitors were asked to enter without payment to show interest. There 40 boats crewed by single households entered in this way. A formal amendment was made to the NOR with a race entry fee of £20. The event was reduced from 7 to 4 days. Close to the event, the guidelines changed to allow mixed households and finally there were 119 entries.

The RO Briefing was filmed and sent to competitors.

PoFSA ran the week, it was a fantastic success and had a lot of accolades. A huge thank you goes to all involved.

Sponsorship Jane Wright (Report at end of Minutes)

This report prompted some discussion of Race Formats but it was suggested that this would more appropriate for the FSW Organising Committee meeting in January.

8. Election of Officers.

The following are willing to stand and were dully elected for the forthcoming year:

Chairman:	Nigel Sharp
Vice Chairman:	Derek Hill
Treasurer:	Sue Swingler
Secretary:	Gaye Slater

As approved at Policy Committee meeting on 7.11.2020

9. **The new PoFSA Constitution** as approved by PoFSA Policy Committee meeting on 7th Nov 2020 was confirmed. NS explained that this was necessary as the role of PoFSA has changed e.g. no longer runs shoreside events for Falmouth Week. Robert Talbot noted that PoFSA is the Organising Authority for Loe Beach Regatta

10. **The date of next AGM** was confirmed as Saturday 13th November 2021, at 10.00 a.m. at RCYC (depending on COVID

11. Other PoFsa Calendar dates for 2021:

Falmouth Classics	11th-13th June
FSC IRC Regatta 1 and 2	2nd May and 27th June
FSC 100th Anniversary Regatta	19th June
Firebird Championships	3rd-4th July
RCYC keelboat regatta	10th July
St Mawes SC 100th Anniversary Celebration	15th August
MYC Shrimper Open	3rd-5th September

These dates and any others that are sent in will be posted on PoFSA website to aid Clubs in their planning.

1st Falmouth Sailing Week 2021 Organising Committee Meeting 30th January
Policy Committee Meeting 20th February (MYC or Zoom)

12. Falmouth Sailing Week Charity donations:

PoFSA has agreed to support one of the childrens' sailing trusts per year. This year Mylor Sailability will benefit. Competitors donated £135, PoFSA will top this up to £200. JW will arrange a presentation. Next year, the Roseland ST will benefit. PoFSA will also donate £100 to Coastmedics who provided and crewed a RIB for FSW.

13. Any other business : NS "thanks everybody and be positive"



PoFSA AGM Sponsorship Report. Jane Wright. 14th November 2020

2020

We are grateful to the continued support from our 14 race mark sponsors throughout the last year, including three new/returning businesses, The Flip Flop Shop, Penryn Dental Practise and Fal Boat Co.

3 of these businesses also continued their support of PoFSA during a reduced format by sponsoring the Carrick Fleet (MYH); the Bay Fleet (Hine Downing Solicitors) and Ancasta (The Champagne Race)

PoFSA also enjoyed partnerships in 2020 with 3Deep Aerial, Coast Medic and Eightwire

Plans were in place to partner with Mainbrace Rum, The Falmouth Harbour Commissioners for their 150th Anniversary and moves were made to organise a sponsor and competitors'

reception at the RCYC, after the skippers briefing on the Saturday prior to racing. We were in the throws of asking David Brain from BBC Spotlight to come and do the weather forecast for us. Music, food and a rum bar were all to be organised, but these plans had to be postponed.

These will hopefully all be moved forward to roll out for FSW 21

The PoFSA Calendar was able to be amended to reflect the seasons cancellation of racing and a limited print run went ahead and distributed during a lockdown which was rather difficult.

2021

All sponsors will be contacted by the 16th November. Initial letters were put on hold as it was thought insensitive to send out the very first morning of Lockdown 2.

2 local businesses are keen to sponsor a race mark if they become available. Rates will be set at £175 for a race mark in the bay and £250 in the Roads.

An urgent need is to find a sponsor for the Wednesday Carrick Fleet race as Ancasta only want to sponsor the Champagne Race in the Bay Fleet. Conversations have been around a more informal and stand out race such as a Rum Race to provide an interlude from the rest of the week with a treasure hunt, a Le Mans start or fancy dress mooted. A chance to start new traditions. Approaches to Mainbrace Rum will be made over the next few weeks.

Plans will need to be made to accommodate two separate key partner sponsors on prize giving.

The PoFSA calendar will be put together in the same format as 2020. Dates of racing events from associations and clubs requested and emailed to Gaye Slater as soon as possible.

The combined Falmouth Week/Falmouth Sailing Week sponsorship document and the PoFSA regatta and racing sponsorship document have been updated for 2021 and have been posted on the Falmouth Week Website and will be uploaded to the PoFSA website as pdfs.