

UK RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes

21 March 2016

RS Sailing, Romsey

Chair of Meeting: Harry Roome

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p>Harry Roome (HR) welcomed everyone and did introductions.</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Sally Campbell, Andy Howard (UK RS Vareo Joint Chair), Max Tosetti (UK RS400 Chair), Richard Wadsworth (UK RS700 Chair), Cheryl Wood (UK RS Vareo Joint Chair).</p> <p><u>Present:</u> Heather Chipperfield (HC), Chris Feibusch (UK RS800 Chair), Jon Partridge, Harry Roome (Treasurer), Clare Sargent, Martin Wadhams.</p> <p><u>On telephone:</u> Mark Harrison (UK RS100 Chair).</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting:</u></p> <p>a. Heather Chipperfield (HC) explained that the Sportography media package was expensive but would be great: stills, video, drone, own RIB and driver. This is booked for Southern and RS500 Nationals, RS200 Nationals, RS400, RS700 and RS800 Nationals, and End of Seasons (as a freebie). Mike Rice ex Fotoboat will be photographer for RS100 and RS300 Nationals. Clare Sargent (CS) to organise for RS Vareo Nationals. Local photographers will be used for all other events. RS700 and RS800 at Garda to be covered by club video and photographer. HC will speak with Peter Barton and then Sportography about using them for RS Aeros and other fleets at Travermunder.</p> <p>b. Dinghy Show: HC thanked CS for her work on this. She formally thanked all the class volunteers for working so hard all weekend. She explained how everyone had a great time together. She thanked Jon Partridge (JP) and RS for hosting the Class Association. It was agreed by all that it was a very successful weekend. The plan is to repeat the format for 2017: RS Sailors dinghy park manned by knowledgeable Class Association hosts. JP asked that for Dinghy Show 2017 CS sorts out the accommodation to keep things simple. He also called for more set-up help on the Friday.</p> <p>c. Merchandise sponsorship: The Gill "RS Sailors" polo shirts are up for sale on the website.</p> <p>d. Sponsorship: Harken have agreed to include RS700 and RS800 Nationals in their sponsorship of RS200 and RS400. CS in process of distributing Magic Marine flags and prize headwear to HC and class Chairs for awarding at Grand Prix events.</p> <p>e. Newsletters: HC will offer the Chairs the opportunity to have newsletters again. RS would like to build in content such as tips and offers. The fleets must provide sufficient content. Secretariat to turn into newsletters.</p> <p>f. Website improvements: At the Dinghy Show Chunky demonstrated his proposed improvements to make the website more mobile and tablet friendly and easier to administer. HC will chase this up.</p> <p>g. RS800 Video: RS is interviewing new Marketing/Events employee this week. It will be their task. HC to discuss with Sportography and Chris Feibusch (CF) about potential shoot at HISC Open 28-29 May.</p> <p>h. RS Class Association Chair: This item is to remain on the agenda. Everyone is to try to talk to likely candidates and explain how the role will have a focus on presence at events. HC will speak to Pete Vincent about potential candidates.</p> <p>i. RS200 Committee and Chair: There are now only three members on the RS200 committee (Lucy Preston, Kevin Druce and John McKelvie) and they are all happy to work with Sally Campbell. Additional committee</p>	<p>HC</p> <p>CS</p> <p>HC</p> <p>CS and JP All CS</p> <p>HC and CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>All</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC and CF</p> <p>All</p> <p>HC</p>

	members representing the full spectrum of the RS200 community are being sought. A new RS200 Chairman is required. Regional reps are hard working and run successful regional tours	HC and SC
3	<u>RS Class Association Collaboration Project:</u> a. HR talked through his proposal document. Any work with Noble Marine would be for 2017 onwards. There is risk that their overall contribution decreases. JP stated that RS aim to have their new discount scheme up for 1 April. They are working on the system currently. The aim is for club membership to be at low cost to broaden its appeal. It must be a value for money no brainer to join up. The benefits can be tweaked later if necessary. HC will research PayPal split payment levels and options in detail. JP explained how with PayPal if the minimum payment period is not met then PayPal initiate debt collection by email. b. HC will work with RS Sailing to make it the default that new boat owners become members (3 months' free membership). The new boat owner list will be shared with Chairs for contact.	CS HC HC and RS Sailing
4	<u>Vision of RS Class Associations:</u> Subsumed into collaboration project work for now. To remain agenda item.	CS
5	<u>RS Class Association Logo and Branding:</u> "RS Sailors" launch eagerly awaited.	JP and Sec
6	<u>Boat Issues:</u> RS Vareo spinnaker pole: JP explained how Alex Newton-Southon was working on this. CS will chase it up.	CS
7	<u>UK Calendar 2016:</u> a. It was unanimously agreed that CS should go ahead and book QMSC for EOS 11-12 Nov 2017. <u>Afternote:</u> Booked, party planned for Sat pm. b. It was agreed that CS should sound Parkstone YC out for Southern Championship June 2017. It was noted that the RS200s should be offered a course inside the harbour. <u>Afternote:</u> Await decision from PYC.	CS CS
8	<u>RS Games 2018 to incorporate all National Championships:</u> HC, CS and JP have concerns about Plas Heli following their staff restructuring. HC awaits price proposal from WPNSA and will then present recommendations for venue choice to fleet Chairs to decide.	HC
9	<u>Training DVDs:</u> a. RS300 DVD awaiting fine weather for completion. b. RS500 to be shot at Southern. c. RS700 to be shot at HISC open 28-29 May.	CS HC HC
10	<u>RS700 equalisation vote outcome:</u> RS700 fleet voted overwhelmingly to maintain current equalisation system. The hard work of Alex Newton-Southon, Ian Swann, Jerry Wales and Richard Wadsworth is greatly appreciated.	
11	<u>Any Other Business:</u> Nil.	
12	<u>Date of Next Meetings:</u> Please note date change of next meeting. 1800hrs Mon 13 June 16. at RS Romsey. Conference call details will be sent out with calling notice. 1800hrs Mon 11 July 16, Mon 12 Sept 16 and Mon 14 Nov 16.	All

Clare Sargent

RS Class Association Secretary