

International RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 22 May 2017

RS Romsey

Chair of Meeting: Harry Roome

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Sally Campbell (Sec), Heather Chipperfield (Int Sec), Chris Feibusch (UK RS800), Tom Pearce (Aus RS200), Max Tosetti (UK RS400), and Richard Wadsworth (UK RS700).</p> <p><u>Present:</u> Michiel Geerling (Int RS500), Harry Roome (Treasurer), Clare Sargent (Sec), Martin Wadhams (RS Sailing).</p> <p><u>On telephone:</u> Ylva Beck (Swe RS500), Anneke Kikkert (Ned RS500). Harry Roome (HR) welcomed everyone.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting:</u></p> <p>a. RS500 rule changes: All rule changed accepted.</p> <p>b. New RS500 Chair to be voted at AGM at World Championship in Como. Michiel Geerling (MG) expects to hand over to a pair of very enthusiastic sailors: Olivia from Belgium and Jochan from the Netherlands.</p> <p>c. Fleet Communications: Chairs to come up with 6 key topics to push across the year for their fleet. The International experience is being developed for the RS500 and RS800 fleets. MG briefed on a good international RS500 and RS800 European Championship at Medemblik. The Italians were unhappy about weekend entry weakening fleet size across the whole event whereas the home boats were very keen on it. It was noted that May is problematic for anyone studying because it is the exam period. Ylva Beck explained that May was very early for the Swedish fleet which only starts sailing in April. It was agreed that it is hard to attract any big numbers earlier than May.</p>	HC
3	<p><u>2017 and 2018 calendar:</u></p> <p>a. Heather Chipperfield (HC) brief on 2018 – 2019 was given.</p> <p>b. Carnac is booked for late May 2018 for all fleets. This gives a good gap before the RS Games in August 2018. MG asked that HC work closely with Gilles Peeters to ensure that Bri Skiff does not clash with Carnac. The French will prioritise the Bri Skiff event over Carnac.</p> <p>c. 2019 International events to be decided. HC will speak to Chairs about locations and dates. RS400 and RS800 fleets keen to return to Garda.</p> <p>d. RS Games: Planning all going well. Chunky is preparing a website. MG asked that the RS Games entry is launched in time for sailors to sign up at Como or other Summer championships. Giving a free beer if you enter at the major Summer event has really driven up RS500 entry in the past. It was not done last year and entry for Como is lower than expected. MG also suggested that a short promo video be made giving a glimpse of the Olympic sailing venue to tempt folk to enter early.</p>	HC HC HC HC
4	<p><u>Boat matters:</u></p> <p>a. RS700 RW to produce a 'tips' newsletter to show sailors how to prevent breakages. CS to chase Alex Newton-Southon on rule change rigging guide and rules update.</p> <p>b. RS500 off boom sheeting: MG to lead on at the RS500 AGM at Como.</p> <p>c. MG explained how the RS800 vote for choice of helm or crew main sheeting has been a good step forward. Both methods were used at Medemblik with no noticeable speed difference.</p>	RW CS MG
5	<p><u>Secretary/class relationship:</u> MG explained that the idea of an RS Class Association Secretary for the Netherlands fleets of RS Tera, RS Feva, RS Aero, RS500 and RS800 is being investigated.</p>	MG
6	<p><u>Any other business:</u> RS500 Sweden and RS500 Netherlands are happy.</p>	
7	<p><u>Date of next meetings:</u> 1700hrs Mon 17 July 17 at RS Romsey</p>	All

Clare Sargent, RS Class Association Secretary