

RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes Mon 5 Feb 2018

RS Sailing, Romsey

Chair of Meeting: Pete Vincent

Secretary: Clare Sargent

| No. | Agenda Item | Action |
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| 1 | <p><u>Apologies:</u> Heather Chipperfield (Sec), RS600 Ian Montague, Harry Roome, Anneke Kikkert (Ned RS500)</p> <p><u>Present:</u> Sally Campbell (Sec), Steven Lee (UK RS100), Luke and Emma McEwen (UK RS800), Jon Partridge (RS Sailing), Clare Sargent (Sec), Pete Vincent, Martin Wadhams (RS Sailing), Richard Wadsworth (UK RS700)</p> <p><u>Phone In:</u> Lee Bratley (rep UK RS600), Jenny Douglas (UK RS400), Michiel Geerling, Robbie O'Sullivan (Irish RS200 RS400)</p> <p>Harry Roome (HR) welcomed everyone.</p> | |
| 2 | <p><u>Election of Class Association Chair:</u> Pete Vincent (PV) offered to stand as Class Association Chair. Luke proposed PV as Chair. Steven Lee seconded. All in agreement. PV elected as RS Class Association Chair.</p> | |
| 3 | <p><u>Committee Roles</u></p> <p>3.1 Harry Roome has resigned as Treasurer. Treasurer and Auditor positions vacant.</p> <p>3.2 Heather Chipperfield (HC) to send job descriptions to Jenny Douglas. Class Chairs to consider suitable candidates.</p> | HC |
| 4 | <p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting:</u></p> <p>4.1 RS100 questions ongoing. Jon Partridge (JP) explained how RS now forecast all of their 4000 parts to try to supply what is needed on time across seasonal peaks and troughs. Not minimum stock but sales forecasted stock. Each class has a list of essential items which dealers worldwide are instructed to stock so boats can always sail.</p> <p>4.2 RS200 rules observance: The RS200 fleet voted at the AGM last weekend to have a judge at both Summer Championship and RS Games. The cost of the judges will be borne entirely by the RS200 entry fee. Tom Hewitson (new RS200 Co Chair) is working with a group to draw up instructions for the judge. The judges are to take on the water action, with good communication, to work as a deterrent and develop good behaviours. Andy Rice will be invited to see this working in action.</p> | |
| 5 | <p><u>2017 Accounts and Budget:</u> Not presented due to the absence of both HC and Harry Roome. The accounts and budget are near completion so will be sent out shortly.</p> | HC & HR |
| 6 | <p><u>RS Class Association Logo and Branding, Merchandise:</u> The RS Games merchandise will be available to purchase from 1 June 2018.</p> | HC |
| 7 | <p><u>Boat Matters:</u></p> <p>7.1 RS700: Mid vote on adoption of RS Aero daggerboard. New mast spreader bracket holes do not line up. New gooseneck does not fit with collar. JP stated no change of specification had been made so this was a manufacture tolerance issue. Richard Wadsworth (RW) and JP to action. Great variation in fleet rigging styles and bimbles risk boats being outside the RS700 one design. The Chair's newsletter will warn about a crackdown. Martin Wadhams (MW) and JP will provide RW with all relevant rigging and design documentation. The RS700 rigging manual is on the RS website.</p> <p>7.2 RS400: Concern about year on year rise in cost of sails. JP explained how he has tracked sail prices and RS sails compare reasonably with other dinghy sails. There is concern about the longevity of the new design sail. JP to investigate.</p> <p>7.3 RS200: PV expressed concern about wear where on the RS200 jib luff base where it attaches. JP will investigate. Everyone is asked to</p> | <p>RW & JP</p> <p>RW, MW & JP</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JP & PV, Secs</p> |

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| | <p>spread the word about members getting 15% discount in the pre-order sail deal. JP and Sally Campbell will look into writing an RS sail care guide.</p> <p>7.4 RS600: New sails now sorted. Alex Newton-Southon and the Boat Yard at Beer in discussion about the production of new boats. The fleet is happy and growing.</p> <p>7.5 RS800: The second boat from the new builder will be delivered tomorrow and will be on display at the Dinghy Show. JP to confirm if the new daggerboard will have the carbon strip edge. The new rudder will. JP explained that foil production is being moved back to UK to MTag. The carbon strip is a cosmetic finish but has better chip resistance. The same moulds have been used so it is just a cosmetic change. Afternote: Alex Newton Southon confirmed that manufacture of the old RS700 daggerboard will not be done by MTag. So the need for the RS700 vote on adoption of the RS Aero daggerboard is still relevant. The Boat Yard at Beer will be making RS100, RS200 and RS700.</p> | JP & SC |
| 8 | <u>Membership:</u> In the absence of HC this matter was not discussed. | |
| 9 | <u>Calendar 2018 and 2019:</u> 2018 calendar in action. 2019 calendar being planned. RS100 and RS300 Nationals Porthpean SC 12-15 Sept, RS200 Nationals Torbay YC, RS700 and RS800 Nationals Eastbourne SSC 5-8 Sept, RS400, RS700 and RS800 Euro event at Circola vela Torbole, on Lake Garda 22-26 July, | Secs with Chairs |
| 10 | <p><u>RS Games</u></p> <p>5.1 Online entry open including weekend option for RS100, RS300, RS700 and RS800 fleets. NOR written. Food and drink negotiations ongoing. Sailors' village being planned. Strong encouragement to buy food ahead. The RS100, RS400, RS700 and RS800 fleets interested in an easy come ashore food option to buy ahead eg pasta in a pot. Aim to keep sailors on site after racing with après ski feel in village: music, food, bar, daily raffle etc. Request made for supporters' lunch. SC working up food and social plan. To be checked with fleet chairs. The purchase of event and meal tickets will be open to all regardless of fleet because many folk are expected to be around longer than their racing event.</p> <p>5.2 The sustainability of the event is being examined eg reduction of plastic waste. RS and WPNSA looking to green the event. There was interest in a sustainability policy for the RS Class Association. Bins to be clearly labelled with possible contents. JP to investigate eco alternative to electrical tape.</p> <p>5.3 Early entry is encouraged. Luke McEwen suggested that the first fleet to beat 2017's Nationals entry number to be rewarded with free come ashore beer on return of tally. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Secs to discuss. It must be made clear that sailors can enter now and pay later. But payment must be made before 1 June to grab the £50 discount. CS to explore insertion of big colourful enter now pay later banner on website.</p> <p>5.4 HC and Secs to discuss commsplan. Big launch at Dinghy Show.</p> | <p>SC</p> <p>JP</p> <p>Secs</p> <p>CS</p> <p>Secs</p> |
| 11 | <u>RS500 and RS700 Training DVDs:</u> HC chasing Mark Rushall. | HC |
| 12 | <u>Secretariat/Class Relationship:</u> No problems. | |
| 13 | <p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p>13.1 SC promoted the RS Reunion at Hayling Island SC 28-29 April. Attendance encouraged by those who sailed RS boats before 2005.</p> <p>13.2 CS will be organising the RS Class Association presence at the Dinghy Show. JP asked Steven Lee to help them source an RS100 hull for the stand. JP asked for participation in the RS Games promotion talk on the class association stand.</p> <p>13.3 RS600 rep Lee Bratley thanked the RS Class Association for their</p> | <p>SC</p> <p>CS</p> <p>JP&Steven Lee</p> |

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| | <p>support with the reinvigoration of the fleet.</p> <p>13.4 RS200 RS400 Irish Chair Robbie O'Sullivan thanked the RS Class Association and expressed his fleets enthusiasm for the Games. He hopes many boats will attend.</p> <p>13.5 All attendees thanked PV for becoming Chair.</p> | |
| 14 | <p><u>Date of Next Meetings:</u> 1800hrs Mon 14 May 2018 at RS Romsey. Conference call details will be sent out with calling notice.</p> | All |

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RS Class Association Secretary