

## RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 9 Feb 2021

Online Zoom      Chair of Meeting: Chair Pete Vincent      Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p><u>Apologies:</u> None received.</p> <p><u>Present online:</u> Jacob Ainsworth (UK RS400), Lynn Billowes (RS Sailing), Sally Campbell (Sec), Nick Crickmore (UK RS Vareo), Dan Goodman (UK RS800), Mark Harrison (UK RS100), Clare Sargent (Sec), George Smith (UK RS600), Jon Partridge (RS Sailing), Will Taylor (UK RS200), Pete Vincent (Chair), Paul Watson (UK RS300).</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting: Matters Arising:</u> None arising.</p>	
3	<p><u>Treasurer:</u></p> <p>3.1 We are looking for a new Treasurer. Luke Morrison resigned from this post in late 2020. Thank you to Luke for his hard work in the role.</p> <p>3.2 Sally Campbell (SC) has sent the accounts to the Chairs. They have been published on the RS Class Association website document library under Accounts. Turnover £35k. Membership down due to Covid 19 event cancellation. Surplus £640 due to Secretariat slashing their hours. Project 4% surplus for 2021 and expect membership to return to 2019 levels.</p> <p>3.3 Lack of Volvo sponsorship May 2021 onwards will leave a hole in 2022 finances unless it can be replaced.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
4	<p><u>Membership:</u></p> <p>4.1 2020 total of 642 members compared with 903 in 2019. Big impact of event cancellation due to Covid 19. January statistics circulated. 2021 membership already picking up.</p> <p>4.2 Membership vote passed rule amendment requiring double hander crews to be members for national tour events and championships. Option for helm to take out any crew extension to allow crew changes. All competitors will now pay towards event organisation.</p>	
5	<p><u>Sponsorship:</u></p> <p>5.1 Volvo have withdrawn from all sailing sponsorship and have moved into field sports. Our Volvo contract ends May 2021.</p> <p>5.2 Noble Marine Insurance continue as generous national championship title sponsors.</p> <p>5.3 Rooster continue as generous clothing sponsors. They continue to sponsor our Rooster National Tours in terms of event prizes and overall tour prize winner vouchers. This year we start an affiliate programme in which our members get 10% off clothing if they use our code. This will generate us an income stream from every clothing item purchased with the code.</p> <p>5.4 More sponsors are coming on board: West Country Boat Repairs, Harken etc. More sponsors are being approached. RS Marketing Lynn will help SC with leaflet design.</p> <p>5.5 Members are encouraged to help with the hunt for sponsors. Entry level sponsorship starts from just £100, which could be in the form of product prizes. Examples range from title sponsorship of RS200 Nationals (£750), to sponsoring a race day at a nationals (£150), offer coming ashore refreshments (at cost), or sponsoring a specific category eg 1<sup>st</sup> youth, master or lady (£100). Products for goody bags can also be supplied for a small admin fee.</p> <p>5.6 RS Sailing have generously offered to match any new sponsorship monies raised.</p>	<p>Lynn</p> <p>All</p>

6	<p><u>Merchandise:</u></p> <p>6.1 Rooster continue as clothing sponsor with RS Class Association branded kit available to purchase from their website now.</p> <p>6.2 Rooster RS Class Association design UV neck gaiters will be available to purchase soon. Suitable for use as face covering.</p> <p>6.3 Event t-shirts to be investigated for 2021. Idea to buy in bulk then brand on site or locally as per demand.</p>	<p>CS and SC</p> <p>CS and SC</p>
7	<p><u>Boat Matters:</u></p> <p>7.1 The Boat Yard at Beer has liquidated. RS Sailing offered support. There is much excitement about RS200 production moving to Ginger Boats. Once this is up and running RS800 production will follow. Kevin Driver will continue to make RS700, RS300 and RS600, and deal spares, sails and spars for the latter two classes. Historically there has been disappointment in this service. So RS Sailing are in discussion with the classes monitoring the situation. Potentially both fleets could come back into house with RS. RS Sailing has ordered some RS300 and RS600 sails. Jon (JP) will report back on the detail then CS and SC can advertise to the fleets.</p> <p>7.2 The RS800 spreader situation is now resolved. A rules vote is imminent to tidy up the rules following spreader solution. There is an ongoing discussion about uppers. The RS800 virtual plank was hosted on an outside website which has closed. Chunky our Webmaster is migrating the tool onto our own platform.</p> <p>7.3 An RS Vareo plug has been found. However to work this into usable tooling and mould would cost c£30k which has been deemed uneconomic by RS Sailing. There is therefore currently no plan to build more RS Vareos.</p>	<p>CS, SC, RS300 and RS600 committees JP, CS and SC</p> <p>CS</p>
8	<p><u>Race Documentation:</u></p> <p>8.1 CS working with World Sailing Judge Robin Gray to update race documentation in line with 2021 RRS changes. Templates will be offered because every event now requires its own individual NOR. Investigation has been made into Rooster National Tour eligibility under potential Covid tiering restrictions. It has been deemed too complicated to account for such uncertainty. Rather the Rooster National Tour notice table will show how many events to count taking note of how many events held. Any problems to CS before year end tour results are calculated.</p> <p>8.2 Image permission positive consent is required for every event. This will be by tick box on online or paper entry form.</p> <p>8.3 RRS 50.1.c trapeze harness compliance with ISO 10862. CS has consulted RYA on the new harness standard. Currently there are no compliant harnesses on the market. CS will monitor the situation and to report at skiff AGMs. Rule comes into effect 2023. Grandad rights rule change therefore possible before deadline if required.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS and SC</p> <p>CS</p>
9	<p><u>Calendar 2021 + :</u></p> <p>9.1 Everything will be done to get the best events possible up and running. Full Rooster National Tours and Noble Marine national championships are planned. It is hoped that if any early 2021 events are cancelled they will be able to be carried forward to the 2022 calendar so the RS Class Association can support its host sailing clubs.</p> <p>9.2 There is much concern about the viability of 2021 Garda RS100, RS200, RS400, RS700 and RS800 European Championships considering Covid 19 foreign travel restrictions. Pete Vincent (PV) will work with Hannah Liptrot (Sec responsible for International Events) to set a fair decision deadline for go/no go. It will also be investigated if the events could be rescheduled for later in the year. There is no contractual commitment to a minimum entry number for</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>Secs All Chairs</p> <p>CS SC PV and Hannah</p> <p>Mark Harrison, Will Taylor, Jacob</p>

	<p>Garda. However it is noted that poor attendance risks lower quality racing for the competitors and could endanger our strong working relationship with Torbole Sailing Club. PV will convene a Europeans meeting with Hannah, RS100, RS200, RS400, RS700 and RS800 chairs.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u> Management meeting convened for Thurs 25 March pm to discuss 2021 events. Euros update to be briefed at this meeting.</p> <p>9.3 RS Sprints go/no go decision to be made on 25 March for event 24-25 April at Rutland SC. The event may need to be reformatted into two one day events for specific fleets if numbers on site are limited.</p> <p>9.4 RS Summer Regatta at Royal Torbay YC 26-27 June. SC to open expression of interest list shortly to allow planning before final NOR settled and entry opened. Potential option to work with Paignton SC if fleet too large for Torquay.</p> <p>9.5 Dinghy Sailing Show online 27-28 Feb. RS will have a fully interactive online exhibition stand and have invited all classes to join in. RS200, RS300, RS400 and RS600 classes currently putting together videos to display on RS stand. Other fleets invited to take part too.</p>	<p>Ainsworth, Theo Galyer, Dan Goodman</p> <p>CS All</p> <p>All</p>
10	<p><u>Coaching:</u></p> <p>10.1 SC briefed on coaching initiative for 2021 - £50 grants to clubs for local coaching. Sailors must be members (one event membership is valid). Interested clubs should apply to their class secretary and once approved, clubs will arrange their own date, which will be published on the RS website calendar. Any costs beyond the £50 to be borne by the sailors so that the event breaks even. The RS Class Association can help find coaches if required.</p> <p>10.2 Lynn recommended RYA website coach list as a useful resource. RS100, RS200 and RS400: Pete Vincent at Llandegfedd 6-7 April.</p> <p>10.3 RS400 demo boat available.</p> <p>10.4 RS300 demo boat available shortly. Documentation to be completed.</p>	<p>CS, Paul Watson</p>
11	<p><u>Secretariat/Class Relationship:</u> Hannah Liptrot is starting full-time work with the Maritime Coastguard. Congratulations. She will hand over RS200 work to SC. She will continue to run 2021 European Championship work. SC and CS will cover the gap for 2021 during Covid uncertain times. Sec work flow for 2022 will be reviewed during late 2021.</p>	
12	<p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p>12.1 Thanks were raised to all the Chairs and their committees for their support of the RS Class Association during this past difficult year.</p> <p>12.2 All are asked to hunt for a Treasurer.</p> <p>12.3 JP proposed investigating a new funding model for the RSCA following the loss of Volvo as a large sponsor. PV supported this as an opportunity to improve the service we offer our members.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>PV, JP, CS, SC</p>
13	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Thursday 25 March, online. Conference call details will be sent out with calling notice.</p>	<p>All</p>

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