AGM Minutes 2022 200 Minutes of RS200 AGM, held on 7.30 pm August 24th 2022 at HISC

1. Welcome:

Will Taylor (Class Chairman) welcomed people to the meeting.

2. Apologies:

Peter Collins

Scarlet Anderson

3. Matter Arising:

There were no matters arising for the 2021 minutes so the minutes were accepted . Proposed by Tommy Darling, Seconded by Will Ward.

4. Election of Committee:

The chairman is happy to continue. Charlie Darling, Tommy Darling, David Jessop are standing down. Will Taylor has potential replacements & will contact them personally.

Committee accepted. Proposed by Michael Gifford. Seconded by Cameron Harris.

5. Chair Review:

Will explained low turnouts could be explained by increased travel costs & event clashes, such as RS Games & Cowes. Events were cancelled by clubs when low numbers were expected. National's entry is a huge bonus for the class & should lead to extra class funds. Class funding should be encouraged to be used for local coaching.

6. Rep reports:

SE – David Jessop stepping down & explained that the SEAS events struggled for numbers, two events were cancelled.

Scotland – Brendan Lynch explained that turnouts were good with an average of 12 boats out. The 4 demo boats are well used but in need of sail upgrades. The chairman offered to use class funding to help.

North – Adam Catlow told the meeting that they averaged 10 boats out & was happy with turnouts.

SW – Vic Upton spoke about the UGLY Tour having 15 boats on average. St.Mawes as an amazing venue & recommended the event.

East – Cameron Harris said there were 20 boats at Waldringfield Open but RHYC cancelled due to poor pre-entry, despite sailors planning to attend.

In general the problem is that clubs need commitment but sailors book last minute. The current 'intention to attend' button is too clunky & doesn't fit the bill. System similar to Nationals entry would work better. Sailors complete an entry but are able to pay later.

7. Tech Rep Report:

Tommy Darling said the main debate this year was whether to 'flight' a big fleet. The committee decided to keep large gate starts & it worked at HISC. Plan is to keep as one fleet start & ensure national venues can cope.

8. 2023 Events:

Will explained that the RS Association took Garda off the list although he was not at the meeting. Most attendees of AGM would enter a Garda event. Some sailors are planning to move to the RS800 class so that they can attend Garda. They felt the addition of Garda would only stop a few boats from attending North Berwick Nationals. Also concern whether ELYC has a good enough race team & whether the class should ask an experienced RO to attend; similar to the 29er class taking Stuart Childerley to ELYC. The chairman will request a survey to the fleet re putting Garda back in the calendar.

Itchenor Open to go back on calendar.

9. Coaching:

Clubs or groups will be encouraged to come forward to ask for coaching.

10. RS Sailing Report:

Stevie Wilson told the meeting that Ginger Boats are building well. He also encouraged people to use the customer service button on the RS site.

11. AOB:

Survey to be carried out on whether to have a practice gate start at the start of the nationals or ensure that the final open before the nationals uses gates.

Parkstone Open did not have an under 18 prize only top 6

Discussion needed whether one umpire enough at Nationals.

The meeting thanked Will Taylor & committee.