

RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 17 April 2023

Online Microsoft Teams

Chair of Meeting: Sally Campbell

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Allan Bassett (UK RS Vareo), Hugh Shone (UK RS800).</p> <p><u>Present online:</u> Lynn Billowes (RS), Sally Campbell, James Curtis (Int RS500), Michiel Geerling (RS), Rob Higgins (UK RS700), Sam Knight (UK RS400), Pete Mackin (UK RS300), Jamie Mawson (UK RS600), Tom Morris (UK RS800), Gilles Peeters (RS FRA), Clare Sargent (Sec), David Smart (UK RS100), Will Taylor (UK RS200), Pete Vincent (Chair).</p> <p><u>Welcome:</u> Pete Vincent (PV) was not present for the start of the meeting so Sally Campbell stood up as Chair. Sally (SC) welcomed everyone.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting: Matters Arising:</u> In response to AOB para 12.1 Lynn Billowes provided information on knives and entrapment here: https://www.rya.org.uk/e-news/club-room/1020-dealing-with-entrapments-within-dinghy-sailing Minutes approved.</p>	
3	<p><u>Treasurer:</u></p> <p>3.1 The 2022 RS Class Association accounts have been published on the website. Income £49k, expenditure £45k, leaving a surplus of £4000. Membership was down slightly vs 2021, event revenue was up, mainly due to an exceptional RS200 Nationals; £1500 has been ringfenced from this for the 2023 Nationals at ELYC. £1700 was spent on coaching, mainly made up of £100 grants for club/class run coaching sessions.</p> <p>3.2 2023 budget shows like for like income, including £5000 from events, an increase of £5700 for admin and secretariat expenses and an allocation of £3000 for coaching grants, leading to a budgeted loss for the year of £8000 to reduce the current reserve of £56k, which is considered unnecessarily high.</p>	
4	<p><u>Membership:</u> Figures as at March 2023 shared on screen in meeting and here: https://www.rs100.org/documents/p1h000uija1amk19ca1u68a551jm63.pdf Statistics up on this time last year. Sailors to encourage friends to join up.</p>	All
5	<p><u>Sponsorship:</u></p> <p>5.1 Harken for RS Sprints and RS200 Youth Champs</p> <p>5.2 Rooster generously sponsoring 2023 National Tours (RS200 to be named Championship Tour) and 2023 RS200 and RS400 nationals. Overall merchandise sponsor with RS Class Association branded kit available on Rooster website.</p> <p>5.3 Noble Marine generously sponsor all our national championships. Members get discount off their insurance.</p> <p>5.4 Fernhurst Books to sponsor all national championships in form of book token for Endeavour prize.</p> <p>5.5 Spinlock will sponsor RS800 national's prize for old boats.</p> <p>5.6 Salcombe Gin to sponsor RS Summer Regatta at HISC 25-26 June. This event will incorporate RS500 nationals and RS200 Masters.</p> <p>5.7 Rope4Boats will sponsor RS200, RS400, RS600, RS800, RS100 and RS700 Inland championships and RS400 Southern Tour.</p> <p>5.8 Allen to sponsor RS100, RS300 and RS600 nationals.</p> <p>5.9 Sailing Chandlery to sponsor RS200 Northern Tour and new East and South East Area Series (to be called EaSEA Tour).</p> <p>5.10 More sponsors of individual events and regional tours confirmed, including West Country Boat Repairs, TridentUK and Stewart Brewing with some additional sponsorship tbc. A very big thank you to the generosity and support from our sponsors.</p>	SC and CS

	<p>5.11 If any sailors have sponsorship ideas please let Sally Campbell (SC) or Clare Sargent (CS) know.</p> <p>5.12 CS to send Class Chairs sponsorship requirements so they can support their fleets to implement correctly.</p>	CS
6	<p><u>Merchandise:</u> Rooster continue as our clothing sponsor with fleet logo branded clothing available. 2023 nationals design incoming – individualised for each fleet. Will Taylor suggested looking into towels for 2024 merchandise.</p>	CS
7	<p><u>Race documentation:</u> SI 20.2: “20.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.” Removed from RS Class Association standard Sailing Instructions 2023.</p>	
8	<p><u>Calendar:</u> 8.1 2023 calendar progressing well for all fleets. All sailors were asked to enter events early. Perhaps use the intend to race button. 8.2 Gilles Peeters presented proposal for 2024 Europeans to be held in France. RS200 and RS800 fleets at Lamor Plage 17-20 May 2024, run by him. RS100, RS400, RS700 and RS Aero at La Baule 17-20 May 2024, run by Nico. Unanimous support for Gilles to proceed. 8.3 Plan for RS600s to join in Riva Cup. 8.4 Lynn Billowes declared RS plan 30th birthday regatta in Summer 2024. 8.5 Michiel Geerling stated RS plan RS Games in 2026.</p>	CS CS
9	<p><u>Coaching:</u> 9.1 £3000 available in coaching grants. Fleets encouraged to take up the offer of a £100 coaching rant per event. Please pass on the names of any good coaches to SC and CS.</p>	
10	<p><u>Technical/Spares:</u> NB RS Sailing Store have a ticketing system to log problems so that RS can chase faults. 10.1 RS400 modification to jib track quick release: SC to raise ticket to whole technical team and email Lynn too. 10.2 RS600 issue with sails not hoisting: RS Guy Rivington meeting with RS600 sailor to investigate. 10.3 Problem of how to raise RS300 or RS600 ticket without an RS300 or RS600 category available. Michiel to action creation of RS300 and RS600 tickets. 10.4 Michiel explained how post-Brexit it is now very difficult for RS to take spares to European events. Sailors are strongly encouraged to order their spares and take delivery in UK before the event, and then to be self-sufficient at the event. This recommendation to be added to future European event instructions.</p>	SC SC and CS
11	<p><u>Secretariat/Class/RS Sailing Relationship:</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
12	<p><u>AOB:</u> 12.1 Michiel explained how he had taken over from Jon Partridge for the day to day running of RS Sailing. He aims to maintain and improve upon RS Sailing’s relationship with the RS Class Association. Michiel was congratulated on his promotion. The RS Class Association looks forward to working with him. 12.2 Will Taylor proposed using Telegram for formal event communications and reserving WhatsApp for informal friendship communication. Telegram does not reveal the phone numbers of its participants to all involved. This is why it is used by all RYA Youth classes. All agreed that this was a sound proposal. This will be actioned for all future large events. Clare explained how she ran two Telegram groups at nationals. One send only race officials group which operates as a noticeboard for competitors. One send and receive sailors group where lost property, advice, social invitations etc can be posted.</p>	CS and SC

13	<u>Date of Next Meeting:</u> Tbc but anticipate July 2023 online. Conference call details to be sent with calling notice.	All
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