

## **RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 16 June 2022**

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

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Jon Partridge (RS Sailing), David Smart (UK RS100), Will Taylor (RS200), RS500 James Curtis (UK RS500).</p> <p><u>Present online:</u> Lynn Billowes (RS Marketing), Sally Campbell (Sec), Clare Sargent (Sec), Dan Goodman (UK RS800), George Smith (UK RS600), Pete Vincent (Chair).</p> <p><u>Welcome:</u> Sally Campbell (SC) welcomed everyone.</p>	
2	<u>Minutes of last meeting: Matters Arising:</u> None arising.	
3	<p><u>Treasurer:</u></p> <p>3.1 Half yearly accounts to be presented at next meeting.</p>	
4	<u>Membership:</u> Statistics up on this time last year. Nationals entries still open so more members joining. All to encourage their fellow club sailors to join up.	All
5	<p><u>Sponsorship:</u></p> <p>5.1 Rooster generously sponsoring 2022 National Tours and 2022 RS200 and RS400 nationals.</p> <p>5.2 Noble Marine generously sponsoring all our national championships.</p> <p>5.3 Fernhurst Books to sponsor all national championships in form of book token for Endeavour prize.</p> <p>5.4 Hyde Sails will sponsor RS700 and RS800 nationals.</p> <p>5.5 Spinlock will sponsor RS800 national's prize for old boats.</p> <p>5.6 Harken to sponsor RS200 Youth Championship and RS End of Season Regatta.</p> <p>5.7 Salcombe Gin sponsored RS Euro Cup at YC Carnac.</p> <p>5.8 More sponsors of individual events and regional tours confirmed, with some additional sponsorship tbc. A very big thank you to the generosity and support from our sponsors.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u> Allen to sponsor RS100, RS300 and RS600 nationals. CS sent sponsorship info and to Lynn for RS Games prize giving stage back drop.</p>	SC and CS
6	<u>Merchandise:</u> Rooster continue as our clothing sponsor. Branded kit available to order from the Rooster website. Another advertising spree to be actioned.	CS
7	<p><u>Race documentation:</u></p> <p>7.1 RS700 vote on implementation of trialled compensation system ongoing. Voted yes to drop lead and impose change. Actioned.</p> <p>7.2 RS800 vote on implementation of rules update. Voted yes. Actioned.</p> <p>7.3 Trapeze fleet vote on uplift of harness weight limit as per RRS 50.1b to 3kg. Voted yes. Actioned.</p> <p>7.4 ISO 10682 quick release harness: CS briefed by RYA Technical Officer Adam Parry that World Sailing Technical Committee meeting this Summer to kick the matter into the long grass. ISO 10682 compliant trapeze harness not available anywhere in world and no enthusiasm from anyone to invest to make. So rule RRS 50.1c will not be able to implemented from Jan 2023 and will need to be changed. No action required from RSCA.</p>	
8	<p><u>Calendar:</u></p> <p>8.1 Attendance poor throughout fleets. Impact of cost of living crisis, fuel price increase, Covid social/family catch-up etc. Ideas raised as how to deal with this going forward: one day events, home fleet clubs as venues, drop RS200 off national tour. SC to run sailor survey to help us shape 2023 calendar best to meet our sailors' needs. Lynn Billowes to help.</p>	SC and Lynn

	<p>8.2 RS Games' entry open. RS200 and RS400 Noble Marine nationals' entry open.</p> <p>8.3 2023 calendar proceeding well: RS100 nationals at Royal Torbay YC. RS200 nationals at East Lothian YC. RS400 at Mounts Bay SC. RS600 nationals at Stone SC. RS700 and RS800 nationals at Brightlingsea YC. RS300 and RS Vareo nationals venues tbc.</p> <p>8.4 Torbole, Garda: RS800 Europeans 5-9 June, RS100, RS200, RS400 (and potentially RS600) EuroCup 28 Aug – 1 Sept. Heather Chipperfield meeting with CS, SC and PV to discuss viability of Garda in terms of increased costs (race management fee alone likely to be over £450) and decreased event attendance. CS to then involve Chairs to gauge event direction.</p> <p>8.5 RS700 and RS Vareo Europeans CZE dates tbc. CS meeting with CZE rep to discuss.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>
9	<p><u>Coaching:</u></p> <p>9.1 All fleets except RS300 have had successful coaching this year. Further fleet-led coaching is encouraged, with budget from the RS Class Association. CS and SC to action with fleet reps.</p> <p>9.2 RS600 coaching day before start of RS Games.</p>	<p>CS and SC</p>
10	<p><u>Technical/Spares:</u></p> <p>10.1 Concern from fleets since Jim Hood's departure from RS there is a gap in care. Lynn responded to each issue with a solution.</p> <p>10.2 RS400 Tech rep Andy Powell unclear to whom to report spinnaker pole failures. Lynn explained new point of contact was Andy Taphouse. Boat problems to be reported by sailors on RS Sailing Store website using ticketing system. This enables faults to be tracked and remedied eg pattern of problems from specific batch from manufacturer. <u>Afternote:</u> SC has sent out Lynn's explanation of how to use the ticketing system to every member via Fast News. Lynn to add to RS website too.</p> <p>10.3 RS200 sails shown as out of stock. <u>Afternote:</u> Andy Taphouse has shown sail order plan and stock to Chair and Secretariat. Recommendation to sailors to take advantage of Autumn sail deal to order sails ahead at discounted price. Stock level historic basis. RS CA suggestion to Andy to add more positive message with timeframe rather than simple out of stock noted.</p> <p>10.4 RS600 spares: one year has passed but still no boat specific parts listed or available so boats having to be broken up for spares. This is causing great unhappiness in the fleets since the boats are currently not being built. Sail price gone up three times in last three months. Lynn to help sort problem.</p> <p>10.5 RS800: New metal track and feeder at bottom of sail misshapen causing excessive wear so actually wore through at reinforcement patch at bottom of sail. Raised at Oct 21 meeting and again at Feb 21 meeting. Lynn to chase progress.</p> <p>10.6 Difficulty of spares for older boats due to numerous historic changes. Lynn to help tech reps to work with Andy to make record of changes and build trust to help everyone enjoy their boats.</p>	<p>Lynn and George Smith</p> <p>Lynn</p> <p>Lynn and tech reps</p>
11	<p><u>Secretariat/Class/RS Sailing Relationship:</u></p> <p>No issues to report.</p>	
12	<p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p>No issues to report.</p>	
13	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Tbc 2022 online. Conference call details to be sent with calling notice.</p>	<p>All</p>