

International RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes

14 March 16

RS Sailing, Romsey

Chair of Meeting: Harry Roome

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p>Harry Roome (HR) welcomed everyone and did introductions.</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Sally Campbell, Pete Ellis RS300 Joint Chair, Jon Partridge, Tom Pearce RS200 Int Chair, Martin Wadhams, Richard Wadsworth RS700 UK Chair.</p> <p><u>Present:</u> Heather Chipperfield, Chris Feibusch UK RS800 Chair, Harry Roome (Treasurer), Clare Sargent, Max Tosetti UK RS400 Chair, Pete Vincent.</p> <p><u>On telephone:</u> Malin Broberg Swedish RS500 Chair, David Cheyne Irish RS200 and RS400 Chair, Mark Harrison UK RS100 Chair, Andy Howard UK RS Vareo Joint Chair, Anneke Kikkert Dutch RS500 Chair, Tim Wilkins UK RS500 Chair, Cheryl Wood UK RS Vareo Joint Chair.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting:</u></p> <p>No issues.</p>	
3	<p><u>2016 and 2017 calendar:</u></p> <p>a. Heather Chipperfield (HC) and Michel Geerling (MG) will meet to discuss RS800 Euro Cup and the International event to be held in Southern Europe in Oct 16.</p> <p>b. HC asked everyone to think about 2017 International venues. The RS800s fancy Carnac. The RS400s would like the Italian lakes eg Garda or Como. It is sensible if the main International event can encompass all fleets.</p> <p>c. Tim Wilkins (TW) (UK RS500) hopes that having the UK 2016 Nationals at Lymington TSC will be good for fleet development ahead of the RS500 Worlds at Lymington TSC in 2017. The 2016 Nationals will a 3 day event with one day of coaching beforehand. HC and MG will work to ensure that all International RS500s are invited to the UK Nationals.</p>	<p>HC & MG</p> <p>All</p> <p>HC & MG</p>
4	<p><u>Boat Issues:</u></p> <p>a. HC explained that RS and Seldon are working on the problems they have been presented together. TW and Mark Harrison (MH) (UK RS100) will keep an eye on the new RS500s and RS100s to check that the Seldon issues have been resolved.</p> <p>b. It was raised that RS boats are not ready to sail upon purchase. For instance kicker incorrectly set-up, RS200 pole not rigged for complete extension. It was suggested that there should be continuity and high standard in finishing to keep up class standards. HC offered to collate all data on the problems in one document. Class Chairs to feed back information to HC. It was suggested that all systems should be tested before the boat is released to sell. For instance use a 1m mast to check that kicker is correctly rigged so can be pulled on block to block. Strop and bungee lengths to be checked. Higher quality control is required. This quality control to be applied to charter boats to ensure, for example, presence of RS100 slot gasket. HC will get the RS checklist for each boat and send to class Chairs so they can see exactly what is being checked and if anything can be improved. It was strongly felt that RS CA work here would greatly improve RS reputation. It was noted that there is no substitute for RS staff really knowing their boats well.</p> <p>c. It was felt that RS are focussing solely on the RS Aero and RS Quest with the other classes not be cared for appropriately. MG explained how RS were recruiting two more staff to their customer care team in order to better cope with higher demand and make all customers feel valued.</p>	<p>TW & MH</p> <p>HC All</p> <p>HC All</p>

	d. David Cheyne (Irish RS200 and RS400) requested a complete set of RS200 sails for the demo boat. The current sails are rags. The demo boat has recently been campaigned by Ger Owens (3 Olympic campaigns) and is being given to top sailors to race at the main events. The plan would be to auction the set of sails off at the Nationals.	Martin Wadhams
5	<u>Secretary/Class relationship:</u> No issues.	
6	<u>Any other business:</u> a. MG would like more class promotion at European boat shows and will speak to HC about eg RS800 Euro Cup promotion. HC and MG to meet. b. TW asked for the European event plan to be placed on the website to enable forward planning. HC and MG to action. He asked for International transport plans to be advertised soonest. HC and MG will research using a freight container for Travermunde. Pete Vincent (PV) will ask Jubby of Sail Boat Deliveries if he is considering driving there. c. HC explained that Travermunde entry does not open until the end of the Dusseldorf Boat Show. Entry is run by Travermunde themselves. HC will advertise all the information so far to all. RS will be working closely with Travermunde at the Dusseldorf Boat Show. HC and MG will take advantage of the opportunity to advertise Travermunde at Dusseldorf. d. MG is currently trialling an RS Feva mobile app which presents event results in real time across all media. The cost is €2 per participant per event. It can be used for the promotion of the event beforehand, at and after the event. The entry list is loaded into the app and then those who have signed up are informed. MG will report back because the meeting is tomorrow 15 Jan 16. The system will be tested at the RS Feva event in May. Interest was expressed in using the system at Travermunde, Garda and various Nationals. David Cheyne will discuss the Irish fleet management app David Rose is developing with MG.	HC & MG HC & MG HR & HC PV HC HC & MG MG DC & MG
7	<u>Date of next meetings:</u> Please note later start time and change of venue. UK meeting to follow on at about 1800hrs. 1700hrs Mon 21 March 16 at Langstone Technology Park, Langstone Road, Havant PO9 1SA (the old IBM building). Conference call details will be sent out with calling notice. 1700hrs Mon 16 May 16, Mon 11 July 16, Mon 12 Sept 16 and Mon 14 Nov 16. All with conference call facility.	All

Clare Sargent, RS Class Association Secretary