

UK RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes Mon 13 June 2016

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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> Nil</p> <p><u>Present:</u> Sally Campbell, Heather Chipperfield (HC), Jon Partridge, Harry Roome (Treasurer), Clare Sargent, Max Tosetti (UK RS400 Chair), Richard Wadsworth (UK RS700 Chair), Tim Wilkins (UK RS500 Chair)</p> <p><u>On telephone:</u> Mark Harrison (UK RS100 Chair), Andy Howard (UK RS Vareo Joint Chair), Pete Vincent</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting:</u></p> <p>a. Heather Chipperfield (HC) explained that RS has booked a photographer for Travermunder.</p> <p>b. Newsletters: HC offered the Chairs the opportunity to have newsletters again and received no response. She will mention again at the end of Sept/start Oct.</p> <p>c. Website improvements: The RS800 new website is now up and running. It is fully responsive on tablet and smart phone. The plan is to roll out one fleet per week.</p> <p>d. RS800 Video: There will be photography, video and drone at the Southernns 18-19 June 16. Good video is required for all fleets.</p> <p>e. RS Class Association Chair: This item is to remain on the agenda.</p> <p>f. RS200 Committee and Chair: Sally Campbell (SC) said that the new RS200 social rep Rheanna Pavey will be helped by Tim Ellis. Lucy Preston has resigned. Matt Mee has not responded so is assumed to have resigned too. Kevin Druce and John McKelvie still helping out. Still very little response from the committee and still great need for a Chair. There are very strong and well run regional tours. SC suggested that in the absence of a strong committee and a Chair that the RS200 2017 calendar comprised one event nominated by each regional rep plus the RS multi-fleet championships. All present agreed that this was a sensible way forward. SC will talk with Pete Vincent (PV), Rheanna Pavey, Kevin Druce, John McKelvie and the regional reps so that all feel involved in the decision making.</p>	<p>HC</p> <p>Secretariat</p> <p>HC</p> <p>All</p> <p>SC</p>
3	<p><u>RS Class Association Collaboration Project:</u></p> <p>a. Everyone was excited about HR's proposal document. JP explained how RS HQ was fully supportive. Their discount schemes would only be available to members. It was agreed to launch the new membership scheme with the RS sail deal. Direct debit will be a new payment option. Membership numbers need to increase in order to cover the cheaper club membership fee. Membership will be compulsory for all regional tours. One event membership to remain. Club membership should be friendly to those who have felt they are not good enough sailors to take out membership in the past. Richard Wadsworth (RW) expressed concern that RS700 members would downgrade to club membership. At this point Tim Wilkins left the meeting. It was agreed to open the sail deal to club members in order to engage with a wide audience. JP aims to replicate the sail deal internationally with his dealers. JP will speak with Boat Yard at Beer about replicating the deal for RS300 members. It was agreed that positive banter about the new membership at the Southernns was permitted. A big thank you was raised for the hard work on the collaboration project by HR, supported by HC and JP. HR, HC and JP to meet to finalise the details and action launch of new membership scheme.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>JP, HC and HR</p> <p>HR, HC and JP</p>

4	<u>Vision of RS Class Associations:</u> Subsumed into collaboration project work. Remove from agenda.	CS
5	<u>RS Class Association Logo and Branding:</u> "RS Sailors" new logo to be sent out to all meeting attendees with minutes.	CS
6	<u>Boat Issues:</u> RS Vareo spinnaker pole: Clare Sargent (CS) explained that the new spinnaker pole was being fitted as a racing option on the new boats. It will be available to buy as an upgrade from 1 July 16. The package includes one complete carbon spinnaker pole, one new style U bolt, one nylon bearing and one set of instructions. The cost is £259 including VAT. This timeframe will allow the sailor to fit the system and practise with the new pole before the nationals. Thank you to Alex Newton-Southern and the RS Vareo Trio of Chairs for their action here.	CS
7	<u>UK Calendar 2017:</u> a. Parkstone YC is not available for Southern Championship June 2017 due to building works but has been booked for June 2018. Hayling Island SC has been booked for 17-18 June 2017. It was suggested that a Midsummer Ball should be planned. CS was asked to invite the 2000 class to join in the event.	CS
8	<u>RS Games 2018 to incorporate all National Championships:</u> JP expressed everybody's contentment about the booking of WPNSA for the RS Games. HC and CS have their first event meeting at WPNSA on 28 June. JP would like the event to involve the RS Feva Europeans and the RS Tera Worlds. HC will send the current programme plan to JP and they will consult prior to the event meeting.	HC and JP
9	<u>Training DVDs:</u> a. RS300 DVD awaiting fine weather for completion. b. RS500 to be shot at Southern. c. RS700 to be shot at Nationals.	CS HC HC
10	<u>RS Discard Rule:</u> It is thought that RS CA kept the old discard system when ISAF changed the rules. HC and CS to discuss with Pete Vincent (PV) whether it would be sensible to adopt the same system as RRS to avoid error when clubs do not re-programme SailWave to reflect this RS CA rule idiosyncrasy. NOR could be amended for 2016 Nationals. Overall NOR change for 2017.	HC, CS and PV
11	<u>Any Other Business:</u> Nil.	
12	<u>Date of Next Meetings:</u> 1800hrs Mon 12 Sept 16 at RS Romsey. Conference call details will be sent out with calling notice. Then 1800hrs Mon 14 Nov 16.	All

Clare Sargent

RS Class Association Secretary