



AGM Minutes 2018

Minutes of RS200 AGM, held on 3rd February 2018 at Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club

1. Welcome

RS200 Committee member Rob Henderson welcomed those present

2. Apologies for absence

Tom Hewitson, Pete Vincent

3. Review of the current season

- a. National Circuit comprised one event from each region, plus Summers, and Inlands, attendance figures:

Exe (SW) – 17 (v low wind)

YDSC (N) – 15

Summers, HISC – 48

Itchenor (SEAS) - 45

Dalgety Bay (Scot) -8

Brightlingsea (E) – 11

National circuit figures are lower than we would like, partly because the regional series give good competition closer to home.

- b. Regionals

5 series, over 500 sailors in total, attendance figures:

SW – 85

SEAS – 45

Eastern – 35

Scottish – 31

Northern – 59

- c. Nationals at Tenby, sold out at 100 boats

4. Plan for 2018 and beyond

- a. Rooster National Tour to comprise 5 events:

i. Winters, BCYC

ii. Sprints, Rutland

iii. Summers, Parkstone

iv. Itchenor

v. Inlands, Grafham

- b. Nationals – part of RS Games at WPNSA

- c. Eurocup – Carnac

- d. Future Nationals

i. 2019 Royal Torbay

ii. 2020 Discussions at an advanced stage with Filey, will be in Scottish school holidays

iii. 2021 Exe

- e. 2019 Eurocup not yet fixed, potentially Ireland or Netherlands. Comments from floor suggested we take into account where there may be a local fleet. As RS200 is primarily a UK class, Ireland scores higher on this.
5. Election of Committee
- a. Tom and Jo Hewitson were only nominations for the post of Chair (joint), proposed by Rob Henderson, seconded by John Teague, voted in unanimously
 - b. The remainder of the committee (details on RS200 website) agreed to continue
 - c. Sally Campbell expressed thanks to the committee on behalf of the fleet and secretariat.
6. AOB
- a. Rules Observance
 - i. Further to the class meeting at Tenby, where concern was raised over poor rule observance within the fleet, a proposal was made to amend the rules so that marks cannot be hit, and that the penalty for hitting a mark is a 360 (previously a 720). Proposed by Emma Hivey, seconded by Alistair Norris, voted in with majority in favour, none against and two abstentions. This change will now be made as a trial for the 2018 season, applicable to all events, with a review to be held at the next AGM. SC to communicate this.
 - ii. Discussion was held about the proposal to appoint an official for the RS Games and the Summer Champs, to be funded via RS200 entry, to both enforce rule observance and encourage a culture change. It was agreed that the official should be given full powers, within a brief to be agreed by the working party (Tom Hewitson, Emma Hivey, Peet Vincent, Rob Henderson). Working party to appoint the official(s). Those present felt that the official should focus on the gate start, windward and leeward marks, be chair or a member of the protest committee and lead the arbitration process. Vote proposed by Jo Hewitson, seconded by Rob Henderson, all present in favour.
 - b. AGM
 - i. Discussion was held around how to get the maximum number of sailors involved in making important fleet decisions. It was concluded that in future the AGM will be held at the Nationals, and that any vote where further opinion was needed would be conducted afterwards via an online voting system. Proposed by Jo Hewitson, seconded by David Jessop, all present in favour.
 - c. RS Rep
 - i. Steve Wilson will be our RS rep for 2018, attending most events and sailing an RS200. Any boat issues/suggestions should be referred to him
 - d. Events
 - i. RS Reunion Regatta at HISC on 28/29 Apr, aimed at those who raced RS's in the 1st 10 years, from 1995-2005. Pursuit race on Sat, Sprint+ racing on Sunday and a black-tie dinner and band on Saturday night.
 - ii. Youth Champs, HISC, after Itchenor schools' week, GCSE's, A levels and Uni term end. With Mark Covell as DJ on Saturday night.
 - e. Sustainability and care for the environment
 - i. Paul Pritchard raised the issue of left litter and use of single-use bottles and packaging. Steve Wilson explained that this is very much out the forefront of the RS Sailing agenda. It was agreed that the committee would work with RS

and the secretariat to see how we can embrace the 'Turn the Tide on Plastic' initiative.