

RS Vareo 2020 AGM Minutes

Tues 1 Dec 20

Online via Zoom

Chair: Cheryl Wood

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Apologies:</u> Nil	
2	<u>Present:</u> Alan Bassett, Lee Bratley, Nick Crickmore, Mike Dicker, Martin Dyer, Paul North, Nick Waters, Cheryl Wood, Richard Woods	
3	<u>Welcome:</u> Cheryl Wood (CW) warmly welcomed everyone. She thanked Mike Dicker for working so hard to help host the nationals. She expressed everyone's great enthusiasm to sail together again.	
4	<u>Committee:</u> a. Chair: Nick Crickmore and Cheryl Wood offered to continue as joint chairs. There was unanimous approval. Carried. b. Fleet Communications Member: Paul North (PN) will continue to work as communications member. Everyone approved. Carried.	
5	<u>Matters arising from 2019 minutes:</u> a. PN to action survey on why members are not travelling to events. Luke Fisher generously offered usage of his triple stacker to facilitate boat movement for those without road trailer or tow bar. Please contact Nick Crickmore if you need help with boat movement because he also has double and triple stackers. b. All to action idea of "bring a friend to the nationals" (within Covid guidelines).	PN All
6	<u>Membership:</u> a. 2020 membership numbers down by 4 on 2019: 22 members in 2020 compared with 26 in 2019. Three less full members. Three less Irish members, down to zero. But up two club memberships (membership category entitles you to member benefits but does not count for entry to major events). b. Everyone is to encourage their fellow sailors to join up. Club membership to be pushed. c. The members were encouraged to take part in the crew membership vote.	All All All
7	<u>Fleet communication:</u> a. Facebook group is building interest. All asked to keep active on facebook. b. Lee Bratley asked if a call out for second-hand boats could be made. He will send out the copy he used successfully for RS600s on Y&Y to Clare Sargent (CS). CS to action with PN. <u>Afternote:</u> Document received thank you. CS to action with PN.	All CS, PN
8	<u>Technical:</u> a. It was agreed that facebook question and answer is working well. Thanks for the little gems being posted eg how to tie your boom down well. These generate community interest and are fun as well as useful. All asked to post more to encourage greater activity in the RS Vareo. b. Attention was drawn to the fact that the RS Vareo was a one design boat under closed rules. However rule changes are possible if required.	All
9	<u>Review of 2020 season:</u> a. The one big event was the nationals at Itchenor SC. It was a great event in a super location with excellent sailing and glorious weather. It was a very welcoming nationals. b. Luke Fisher is to hand over the Master Trophy to PN. c. There was one virtual event – the RS Sprints.	Luke Fisher

9	<p><u>Preview of 2021 calendar:</u></p> <p>a. 2021 calendar up online: https://www.rsvareo.org/index.asp?Fleet=RS%20Vareo&selection=Events 24-25 April: RS Sprints at Rutland SC 8-9 May: POSH at Paignton SC 11 June: Free training day with Pete Vincent at Milton Keynes SC 12-13 June: Illuminis Inland Championship at Milton Keynes SC 26-27 June: RS Summer Regatta at Royal Torbay YC. There will be an overall entry limit so fleet encouraged to enter early. 23-25 July: Noble Marine National Championship at Itchenor SC. The Czech RS Vareo sailors have been invited to join in. Mike Dicker offered to help co-ordinate the 2021 nationals. Booking accommodation early is highly recommended. 6-7 Nov: RS End of Seasons Regatta at Rutland SC All the above events, except the nationals, make up the Rooster RS Vareo National Tour: five events with three to count.</p> <p>b. Ideas were raised for additional events: 3-4 July: Lord Birkett Trophy at Ullswater YC. If you have six boats you get a fleet prize. Dates tbc: Weston Open for Single Handers at Weston SC. Dates tbc: Chichester Harbour Race Week. Dates tbc: Rutland Asymmetric Open at Rutland SC. Weekend before RS End of Seasons Regatta so able to leave boats ready to race. CS to investigate the above events and to add to the calendar in the “other” column.</p> <p>c. The Sail Juice Winter Series was recommended as a good way to raise the profile of the RS Vareo.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u> Congratulations to Luke Fisher and Nick Crickmore for strong performances at the opening event of the Sail Juice Winter Series – the Datchet Flyer.</p>	All
10	<p><u>AOB:</u> None raised. CW thanked everyone for attending.</p>	
11	<p><u>Date of next meeting:</u> At 2021 Nationals 23-25 July at Itchenor SC hopefully face to face!</p>	All

Clare Sargent

RS Vareo Class Association Secretary