

**RS Vareo AGM Minutes of 18 Dec 2023**

19 Dec 23

Online zoom

Chair: Alan Bassett

Secretary: Clare Sargent (CS)

No	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Apologies:</u> Luke Fisher.	
2	<u>Present:</u> Alan Bassett, Michelle Collier-Brooks, Nick Crickmore, Ewan McHenry, Paul North, Serena Stewardson, Nigel Tinkler, Cheryl Wood.	
3	<u>Welcome:</u> Alan Bassett (AB) gave a warm welcome to all RS Vareo sailors.	
4	<u>Committee:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Alan Bassett (AB) declared he was standing down as Chair. Thank you to Alan. AB proposed Paul North as Chair. Michelle Collier-Brooks seconded. The floor agreed. Welcome to Paul North the new Chair.</li> <li>b. Nick Crickmore agreed to be Technical Rep. Paul North proposed. Ewan McHenry seconded. The floor agreed. Welcome to Nick Crickmore the new Technical Rep.</li> </ul>	
5	<u>Matters arising from 2022 minutes:</u> None arising.	
6	<u>Membership:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Membership number for 2023 is 34 which is the same as 2022. Please encourage your fellow sailors to join up.</li> <li>b. The idea of a very low cost entry level membership was raised. One event and club membership offer this. <u>Afternote:</u> Information on membership is found on the RS Vareo website, main menu under membership here: <a href="https://www.rsvareo.org/index.asp?fleet=RS%20Vareo#">https://www.rsvareo.org/index.asp?fleet=RS%20Vareo#</a> Info on the benefits is here under why: <a href="https://www.rsvareo.org/index.asp?fleet=RS%20Vareo#join">https://www.rsvareo.org/index.asp?fleet=RS%20Vareo#join</a> The membership categories are described on the downloadable form here: <a href="https://www.rsvareo.org/documents/Blank_Membership_Form_2023.pdf">https://www.rsvareo.org/documents/Blank_Membership_Form_2023.pdf</a> If a sailor upgrades from a cheaper membership category in the same calendar year then they only pay the difference.</li> <li>c. AB will investigate hosting a welcoming development weekend at his club Pevensey Bay (camping field and good clubhouse). It was considered that this would be a good method to encourage sailors to join the membership.</li> <li>d. Paul North (PN) will send out a facebook message in the new year asking at which clubs sailors are members. Future events could then be based at these clubs.</li> </ul>	Alan Bassett  Paul North
7	<u>Fleet communication:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. RS Vareo facebook works well and is simple.</li> <li>b. PN will set up an RS Vareo 2024 events Telegram group. Clare Sargent (CS) will email the link to members.</li> </ul>	Paul North CS
8	<u>Technical:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sail shape: It has been noted that there is difficulty hoisting new sails due to tightness at the top of the luff. Questions have been raised about new sails not fitting old masts and old sails not fitting new masts suggesting that there was a change in sail shape when Hyde changed their logo. Nick Crickmore (NC) has spoken with RS Sailing about the Hyde sail. He will investigate by measuring a good old sail against a new sail. NC will report any difference to RS Sailing who will then explore with Hyde sails.</li> <li>b. New build: RS Sailing will not build more RS Vareos. RS Sailing is happy for the licence to build to go to a new builder. RS Sailing would want to sell through all current stock holdings with the guarantee that RS Sailing would not replenish stock after the hand-over. The new boat would no longer be part of the RS Sailing family. However the RS Class Association which is separate from RS</li> </ul>	Nick Crickmore

	<p>Sailing wants the RS Vareo to remain within its membership. JJ Boats <a href="https://jjboats.co.uk/">https://jjboats.co.uk/</a> is keen to build new RS Vareos, one boat at a time. Opportunity for hull only purchase. JJ Boats wants to take on sale of parts and spares in order to make the RS Vareo a viable product. Look to local sail maker Morgan Sails keeping to exact one design production so JJ Boats would have control and ownership of the whole package. It will be a challenge to fund and make a new mould. The aim would be to build new RS Vareo to same weight as current boats to maintain one design. This has been achieved with JJ Boats' new build Phantoms and Solutions. A new boat would have better longevity but the same performance. NC will work with JJ Boats to write a business plan. Real pricing to include cost of mould. Idea of investment by named sailors to fund the mould with a pay-back every time a new boat is built. NC asked for ideas on what should be included in the business plan to be sent to him asap so he can produce a comprehensive piece of work. The business plan would then need to be presented to UK and CZE sailors to gauge realistic purchase interest and develop a plan to proceed.</p>	<p>Nick Crickmore All sailors</p>																											
9	<p><u>Review of 2023 season:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxford - well run event.</li> <li>Milton Keynes – thank you to PN for great event with sponsorship.</li> <li>GYGSC nationals – excellent.</li> <li>Weston – camping on site good.</li> </ol>																												
10	<p><u>2024 calendar:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that Oxford will host the Inland Championship.</li> <li>The RS Sailing 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary regatta will be listed as “other” event and not on the Rooster National Tour.</li> <li>AB will investigate development event at Pevensey Bay SC.</li> <li>PN will investigate development event in August.</li> <li>NC will ask CZE RS Vareo team for their 2024 dates and send to CS.</li> <li>RYA Dinghy and Watersports Show at Farnborough 24-25 Feb 24.</li> </ol> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date 2024</th> <th>Event and location</th> <th>Event type</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6-7 April</td> <td>Oxford Inland Championship</td> <td>Rooster National Tour one</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20-21 April</td> <td>Harken RS Sprint Regatta, Rutland</td> <td>Rooster National Tour two</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10-12 May</td> <td>Noble Marine Nationals at POSH, Paignton</td> <td>National Championship</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17-20 May</td> <td>RS Sailing 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta, HISC</td> <td>Other</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22-23 June</td> <td>Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Beach Regatta</td> <td>Rooster NT three</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20-21 July</td> <td>Illuminis RS Vareo Festival of Sailing, Milton Keynes SC</td> <td>Rooster NT four</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21-22 Sept</td> <td>Pennine SC Open</td> <td>Rooster NT five</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2-3 Nov</td> <td>RS End of Seasons Regatta, Rutland</td> <td>Rooster NT six</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date 2024	Event and location	Event type	6-7 April	Oxford Inland Championship	Rooster National Tour one	20-21 April	Harken RS Sprint Regatta, Rutland	Rooster National Tour two	10-12 May	Noble Marine Nationals at POSH, Paignton	National Championship	17-20 May	RS Sailing 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Regatta, HISC	Other	22-23 June	Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Beach Regatta	Rooster NT three	20-21 July	Illuminis RS Vareo Festival of Sailing, Milton Keynes SC	Rooster NT four	21-22 Sept	Pennine SC Open	Rooster NT five	2-3 Nov	RS End of Seasons Regatta, Rutland	Rooster NT six	<p>CS CS Alan Bassett Paul North Nick Crickmore CS</p>
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11	<p><u>AOB:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to new member Ewan McHenry. He invited the fleet to Bala SC long distance race 22-23 June. Unfortunately this clashes with GYGSC Beach Regatta.</li> <li>Nigel Tinkler invited the fleet to Llandegfedd SC for the President’s weekend. He will send the dates to CS.</li> <li>A record of thanks was raised for Clare Sargent, Sally Campbell and the rest of the RS Class Association.</li> <li>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.</li> </ol>	<p>Nigel Tinkler</p>																											
12	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u> tbc</p>	<p>CS</p>																											