

## UK RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes

14 January 2016

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, 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> Steve Bolland RS300 Joint Chair, Mark Harrison UK RS100 Chair, Andy Howard UK RS Vareo Joint Chair, Tim Wilkins UK RS500 Chair, Cheryl Wood UK RS Vareo Joint Chair.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting:</u></p> <p>a. Heather Chipperfield (HC) awaits proposals and quotes for an overall media package to encompass all the big events.</p> <p>b. Dinghy Show: Clare Sargent (CS) is sorting out volunteer polo shirts, and will prepare fliers.</p> <p>c. Merchandise sponsorship: HC has declined the Adidas offer for 2016. Adidas are looking to increase their sailing “cool” image by perhaps offering individual sponsorship. The Gill offer to buy polo shirts at a low price, add our logos and sell on has been accepted.</p> <p>d. Sponsorship: Volvo and Noble Marine title sponsors for all National Championships. Harken as additional sponsor for RS200 and RS400 Nationals and perhaps the Southernns too. CS asked if the Harken sponsorship could be extended to include the RS800s and RS700s who will be having a joint Nationals with the RS400s. Magic Marine will sponsor the fleet Grand Prixs with vouchers plus small event prize bling. CS will ask for more flags to fly at events.</p> <p>e. RS Class Association Chair: This item is to remain on the agenda. Everyone is to try to talk to likely candidates and explain how the role will have a focus on presence at events.</p>	<p>HC</p> <p>CS HC HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC &amp; CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>All</p>
3	<p><u>Changes to Rules and Sailing Instructions</u></p> <p>There will be no material changes to RS Rules, NOR and SIs this year.</p>	HC
4	<p><u>RS Class Association Collaboration Project:</u></p> <p>a. HR asked CS to update the agenda to reflect the correct name for the review. Afternote: done.</p> <p>b. The 2000 Class Association would like to be involved but wants to keep its own identity. They would like to come to the next meeting on 17 March.</p> <p>c. HR analysed the fleet share of Secretariat time by membership and showed it to be a fair division of effort.</p> <p>d. The project hopes to support the development of movement and goodwill between RS fleets.</p>	CS
5	<p><u>Vision of RS Class Associations:</u></p> <p>The RS Vareos are working on their vision. HR explained how the Chairs can use the vision to steer their work and check that the Secretariat have actioned this accordingly. The Secretariat use the vision to steer their output.</p>	
6	<p><u>RS Class Association Logo and Branding:</u></p> <p>RS are keen for the RSCA to have a new logo and branding to distinguish between RS and RSCA. It was agreed that “RS Sailors” sounded great. All ideas for logo and strap lines into HC soonest please.</p>	All
7	<p><u>Boat Issues:</u></p> <p>RS Vareo spinnaker pole: Andy Howard (AH) explained that 2014 AGM</p>	HC

	<p>raised the need to re-examine the engineering of the spinnaker pole launching system. The work has been led by Cheryl Wood (CW) and AH. There has been experimentation with a new u bolt, a carbon pole, adjustment to pole retainer tether, and pro-tec tape. The proposed change reduces the resistance pull on a spinnaker hoist from 6kg down to 1kg. It was agreed that AH should trial a carbon pole as well as CW. Alex Newton-Southon has been kept in the loop throughout the work. CS will work with Alex to progress this matter further.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CW &amp; AH CS &amp; Alex Newton-Southon</p>
8	<p><u>UK Calendar 2016:</u></p> <p>a. RS100: Mark Harrison (MH) and Sally Campbell (SC) to revisit organising the Weston SC event, it will not be part of the National circuit. RS100 and RS500 Autumn Championships to be held at Gurnard SC</p> <p>RS200: HC has yet to confirm HISC youth training date and a Masters event</p> <p>RS300: not going to Travermunder</p> <p>RS400: rather poor event spacing to be avoided if possible in 2017</p> <p>RS500: Southern Champs at Lymington TSC to be used as base for 2016 Nationals and 2017 Worlds warm-up. 2016 Nationals will be three day event with one day training beforehand.</p> <p>RS700: Grand Prix to be relaunched after gap of 3 years</p>	<p>MH &amp; SC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC &amp; Max Tosetti</p> <p>CS</p>
9	<p><u>RS Games 2018 to incorporate all National Championships:</u></p> <p>The 2000s have declined the invitation to participate. The Sea Cadets are likely to take the tail end of our booking for a big event. Await decision from RS Elites whether to be involved or not. HC will resend the provisional programme drafted after the RS Games meeting of 15 Dec 15. HC and CS to continue to work on RS Games project.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>HC</p> <p>CS &amp; HC</p>
10	<p><u>Training DVDs:</u> Mark Rushall and Dave Acres have booked a window 16-26 Feb 16 in which to shoot the RS300 DVD (weather permitting). RS500 DVD filming to kick off with the pre-Nationals training day in June at LTSC. HC will organise RS700 Jerry Wales and Mark Rushall. It was suggested that the HISC open might work as a suitable venue.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p>
11	<p><u>RS600 De-selection from RS Class Association:</u></p> <p>CS updated that the RS600 response to de-selection was just two sad comments on Facebook.</p>	
12	<p><u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <p>a. Max Tosetti (MT) explained that the RS400 mission was to increase membership. He thought that 20% discount on RS Stores for members would be a no-brainer reason to join. He suggested promoting the value of membership and reaching a wider audience. A poster in every club would encourage folk to join even if they don't travel if membership benefits were worthwhile. MT will email his QMSC membership problems research to Jon Partridge because it will serve as evidence for the collaboration project. HR explained how Jon Partridge is developing lots of ideas which are being worked on for the collaboration project. HR also explained how the collaboration project aimed to improve the overall value of membership and was examining different categories of membership such as club sailor. CS noted that there might be requirement for some small cost to membership so that it was seen as having value. This recognises that freebies can sometimes be seen as worthless.</p> <p>b. HR and HC met with Noble Marine and are looking at ways of improving insurance for RS CA members, perhaps looking to a percentage not flat rate discount.</p> <p>c. MT would like the RS400s to use an International RS400 Facebook space to unite the Irish, Scottish and European RS400s.</p> <p>d. It was suggested that signing up to membership at the Dinghy Show could be rewarded with a discount. This could not be pre-publicised. HC and</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>HR &amp; HC</p> <p>MT</p> <p>HC &amp; CS</p>

	<p>CS to examine this idea.</p> <p>e. Accounts: HR showed the accounts. They are now completed. Everyone was happy with the work. There is some spare money to spend. Ideas put forward included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. newsletter: needs content to be sailor led, e newsletter for individual fleet, able to be printed out, use big fleet club results</li> <li>ii. website improvements: HC and CF to examine quick wins</li> <li>iii. event media package</li> <li>iv. bigger and more meaningful prizes, one sail per fleet to be raffled to National circuit participants (must be member) so more events you do more tickets you earn and more chance of winning, sail raffle at Nationals too</li> <li>v. RS800 video</li> <li>vi. demo boats: require caretaker and promotion</li> </ul>	All
13	<p><u>Date of Next Meetings:</u> Please note later start time and change of venue. c1800hrs 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.</p>	All

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