

## RS300 2016 AGM

1. Approval of minutes from last year – Minutes approved by consensus
2. Election of new Chairs and class reps – Steve Bolland and Pete Ellis are standing down as joint chairs. Richard Le Mare offered to stand alongside Alistair Wood and Harry McVicar. Richard states he will not be able to commit for the next couple of months due to personal commitments. Thanks given to Pete and Steve for their hard work over the past three years bringing the class to a great position and boosting the class.
3. Specific RS300 roles –
  - a. Promotional DVD – Agreed that current promotional DVD is good and if we create a new one then a load of new footage will be required, on boat footage is not the best.
  - b. Coaching DVD – RS association offered money to put together a coaching DVD. It is believed that some work has been done on this by Dave Acres and Mark Rushell.
  - c. Dinghy Show -
  - d. Merchandise –
4. Fleet Communication – Facebook communication very good for keeping class together, even if it's just banter. 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary may need some marketing, is there anyone that has a professional opinion. Matt S agreed to look at getting past 300 sailors to the 20<sup>th</sup> event.
5. Review of 2016 season – Great turnout at the Winters. Tim agreed to continue updating the twitter feed although it seems that not many people use twitter compared to facebook.
6. Preview of 2017 calendar inc Europeans & Coaching – Suggestion made to look at one day events to see if it would be viable and if we are missing a demographic who wants to balance family life and sailing. An action to create a survey has been noted but not assigned. Sailjuice winters events, number dwindled last year for various reasons, suggested a bit of forum chat may give one or two events a boost. Suggested that a winter mini-series with the last event being the winters/springs could work well. Suggestion to move the winters to the end of October and remove the end of season. Subject to agreement it is suggested to have an inland 20<sup>th</sup> Championships in Bristol in late October. Northern champs to be at Hykeham in July. There was no interest in going to Lake Como as a class.
7. Builder – feedback on BY@B good, actions. Martin mentioned that his new boom had an incorrect neck size and some fittings in the wrong place. Carbon boom geometry possibly needs looking at. A dramatic improvement on service over the last year. Sails have been easy to get hold of and the advance warning of shipments has been good.
8. Dinghy Show, 4/5 March –
9. AOB – Spare mast: is it a possibility to have a collection of spare masts made up of the old broken ones we all have sitting in garages. Add to the survey to ask members if they would pay a £20 donation to have a couple of old masts repaired. Potential for RS association to fund some repairs. Retention of current RS300 sailors and perhaps adding a few along the way. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year and a potential good promotional opportunity. Matt Sargent suggested contacting past champions to come to the 20<sup>th</sup> nationals last year.