

## RS700 2016 AGM Minutes

Thurs 25 Aug 16

Hayling Island Sailing Club

Chair: Richard Wadsworth

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Apologies:</u> Alex Newton-Southon.	
2	<u>Present:</u> Neil Ashby, James Bayliss, Robbie Bell, Graham Blake, Andy Brown, Adrien Burnand, Chris Chambers, Colin Dacey, Spike Daniels, Rob Dickinson, Theo Galyer, Hamish Griffiths, Simon Letten, Ed Napolitano, Ian Nolan, Peter Purkiss, Simon Redfeam, Huw Reynolds, Ian Swann, Roger Taylor, Richard Wadsworth, Jerry Wales (22 present out of 26 competitors)	
3	<u>Welcome:</u> The Chair Richard Wadsworth warmly welcomed everyone.	
4	<u>Committee:</u> a. Chair: Richard Wadsworth is happy to continue as Chair. All were in support. b. Technical: Ian Swann has stepped down as Technical Committee Member. The Chair thanked him for his hard work in the role. The position is now vacant. c. Robbie Bell is happy to stay on as a Committee Member. d. Training Co-ordinator: This position continues to be vacant. e. The Chair invited more RS700 sailors to get involved with the Committee.	All
5	<u>Matters arising from 2015 minutes:</u> a. Coaching: More notice needs to be given of coaching events so that the Sec can publicise them. It was requested that some coaching be booked for Brightlingsea where there are now 8 RS700s. It was suggested that a RIB with video should be set up for an early open meeting. Video feedback could then be given in the evening for development on day two. The request was made for some basic training on a Saturday before Sunday racing. b. RS700 DVD: The Sec will chase up production. Ian Swann volunteered to be filmed. c. RS700 sailors are asked to post their own RS700 Go Pro footage onto the Facebook group.	Coaches Sec Sec Sec Sec All
6	<u>Membership:</u> a. It was suggested that the Sec worked with RS Sailing to contact those sailors who have bought RS700 parts but are not members of the RS CA. The Sec will investigate. b. RS700 survey: The Chair was asked to repeat the survey and do so on an annual basis, using the Musto Skiff survey as an example. Barriers to entry to events to be included. c. RS700 myth busters: Document to be drawn up for website to include dismissals of myths eg elitist Nationals, difficult to sail. Use Brightlingsea welcoming inclusive website as example. d. RS700 posters: The floor informed the Sec that the laminated posters that she had sent to their Sailing Club offices had not been displayed on noticeboards. In 2017 the Sec will send material to sailors themselves. Afternote: The Sec will ask members to print off the 2017 RS all fleets calendar (when published) to put on their club noticeboard.	Sec Chair Sec Sec All
7	<u>Fleet communication:</u> The Sec explained that she used the RS700 website, fast news, the forum, the RS700 sailing facebook group and the International facebook page. The floor	

	were content with this.	
8	<p><u>Review of 2016 season:</u></p> <p>a. Rutland SC: This event has poor attendance of just two travellers. There is no home fleet. It was noted that many RS700 sailors are just returning to club racing on the sea in March and April and so are not keen to break with supporting their own club. The 2017 calendar will not start so early. RS700 events will only be booked for 2017 at locations with a good home fleet.</p> <p>b. HISC: Fair turnout of 11 at strong home club. Repeat in 2017.</p> <p>c. Southern Championships at Lymington Town SC: 9 RS700s managed to break their way into the limited entry. Repeat with Lymington Regatta in 2017. Sailors must take but care to secure their entry place in advance because there will be a cap to entry numbers.</p> <p>d. Garda: Very disappointing number of 6 sailors (only 2 GB) after 26 had declared their intention to attend on the 2015 RS700 survey.</p> <p>e. Hoping that return of RS700 Grand Prix will encourage sailors to travel more.</p>	
9	<p><u>Preview of 2017 calendar:</u></p> <p>a. Dinghy Show 2017 4-5 March: format yet to be confirmed but volunteer to man stand for one day required. Chair will do one day.</p> <p>b. French Open Skiff 15-16 April: advertise as information only event.</p> <p>c. Snettisham SC long weekend 29 April – 1 May: Robbie Bell to confirm hosting RS700 fleet to weekend of informal coaching, video from RIB with evening debrief, sailing, club racing (with own start if sufficient numbers), free camping, and perhaps Sat night band. Able to sail Fri pm 1900hrs, Sat am 0830hrs, Sun am and Mon am. Aim to kick start RS700 fun and camaraderie for 2017. Unsure as to whether counts as Grand Prix event. Sec to confirm.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u> weekend booked.</p> <p>d. RS Multifleet Summer Championship 17-18 June Hayling Island SC. Grand Prix event.</p> <p>e. European Championship Lake Lipno Czech Republic date tbc June or July. Date needs to be fixed. Event guide needs to be produced ie how to get there. Recommended to share transport with double stacker trailers. International Sec Heather Chipperfield to seek help from RS with multiple boat trailer provision.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u> 17-20 Aug 2017.</p> <p>f. Colne Point Dinghy Race: long distance race for charity as part of East Coast Piers Race weekend. Information only event.</p> <p>g. Lymington Regatta 15-16 July: if clashes with Europeans will only be information event. Warning about limited entry so need to secure place early.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u> on calendar as Grand Prix event.</p> <p>h. Pyefleet Week 5-12 Aug at Brightlingsea SC: home fleet of 8 RS700s so can earn own fleet start. Information only event.</p> <p>i. Nationals 21-24 Sept at Stokes Bay SC. Weekend entry to count for Grand Prix.</p> <p>j. Brightlingsea SC Skiff Open 7-8 Oct. Grand Prix event.</p> <p>k. RS Multifleet End of Season Championship 11-12 Nov at Queen Mary SC. Grand Prix event.</p>	<p>Sec</p> <p>Robbie Bell</p> <p>Sec</p> <p>Internat. Sec</p>
10	<p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p>a. Technical Issues: The Chair raised three technical issues and asked the floor whether they would like to explore the adoption of proposed change. This will involve discussion with Licence Holder, Builder, then official rule change vote going through International RS700 Committee as per RS700 rules.</p> <p>i) Additional block added to kicker system so from 16 to 1 up to 24 to 1: The floor voted to develop this idea. It was noted that a health warning must be given to not to apply too much kicker and break the boat. It was noted that the question would be to see if anyone objected to the use of such a block, so that it is an optional extra.</p> <p>ii) Additional block to rig tensioner: The floor voted to develop this idea. Again it</p>	<p>Sec and Chair</p> <p>Sec and</p>

	<p>was noted that a health warning must be given not to apply too much rig tension and break the boat. Again it was noted that the question would be to see if anyone objected to the use of such a block, so that it is an optional extra.</p> <p>iii) Ability to bypass the kite pump system. The issue is that an incorrectly rigged kite pump system does not work. Many of the old boats are either incorrectly set up or have not made correct use of the modifications. A correctly rigged bypass system is a great improvement on no system and is deemed a requirement to effective racing. It was agreed that a video needs to be made on how to correctly rig a pump system. The Chair will investigate with Simon Letten. It was noted that there are many modifications and therefore many variations on the system. The forum is a good source of advice and information for anyone with pump system problems.</p> <p>b. Main sail batten cover cracks at inboard end of pocket. The Sec will speak with Alex and Hyde sails. It was noted that any material change in any part of a sail requires sail weight redistribution in order to maintain equitable performance so a simple pocket reinforcement may not be possible.</p> <p>c. Jerry Wales stated that a new cast gooseneck fitting was in development. Also there is a spreader end modification and a retro fit kit sleeve to prevent wear to the 2 spreader holes. The new rudder stock in development will be the same as the RS200 and RS Aero. A new material is required for the transom fittings with the gudgeon. The Sec will chase up.</p> <p>d. The new boats are only sold with a two weight rack fitting when the current weight table often means sailors need three weights. The weight rack corrodes badly so any change in number of weights requires drilling out of the rack. The Sec will speak with Alex.</p> <p>e. Weight compensation: The Chair stated that the class was open to proposals for change. The last proposed rule change in December 2015 was not agreed to with 74% voting to keep the current system. It was agreed that a period of calm without clamour for change was desirable.</p> <p>f. Competition with Musto Skiff: It was suggested that we do not try to directly compete with the Musto Skiff but play to the RS700's advantages.</p> <p>g. Thanks: The Chair thanked the Sec for her work. The floor gave a big thank you to their Chair.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Chair and Simon Letten</p> <p>Sec</p> <p>Sec</p> <p>Sec</p> <p>Sec</p>
12	Date of next meeting: At 2017 Nationals 21-24 Sept at Stokes Bay SC.	

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RS700 Class Association Secretary