

RS700 2014 AGM Minutes

Fri 22 Aug 14

Mount Batten Centre, Plymouth

Chair: Hamish Griffiths

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Apologies:</u> 100% attendance so no apologies required.	
2	<u>Present:</u> All 22 competitors: Neil Ashby, Gary Austin, James Bayliss, Robbie Bell, Graham Blake, Martin Cvan, Colin Dacey, James Fuller, Hamish Griffiths, Stephen Hermenson, Adrian Howe, Richard Kennedy, Jakub Kosvica, Simon Letten, Ian Nolan, Spod Olive, Alex Reid, Dave Smithwhite, Ian Swann, Richard Wadsworth, Jerry Wales.	
3	<u>Welcome:</u> Chair Hamish Griffiths warmly welcomed everyone. He stated that the RS700 fleet was enjoying racing together at a great venue. He looked forward to a strong future for the RS700 class.	
4	<u>Matters arising from 2013 minutes:</u> a. Query whether Mark Pollington is happy to continue as coaching co-ordinator? b. Is the boat register going ahead? Fleet interested but only at zero cost. c. Sail stickers to identify championships winners: Jerry Wales proposed black circles 40mm diameter. Jerry to write full proposal, for approval by committee, then Sec to send out to fleet for rule amendment vote.	Chair and Sec Sec Jerry Wales and Sec
5	<u>Membership:</u> The Chair asked the fleet to come up with ideas to encourage membership. Ideas to be sent to Sec.	Fleet
6	Boat register/class number list: see item 4b	
7	<u>Fleet communication:</u> a. The fleet are keen to keep the back log of yahoo communication because it contains much useful technical information. b. The fleet decided to use fast news plus forum. c. It was requested that key event dates are published early.	Sec Sec
8	<u>Review of 2014 season:</u> a. 2014 had 3 opens, Nationals, Europeans and Inlands. Same format for 2015 requested. b. Lymington Regatta needed a class start. Sec to drive for better attendance at this good event in 2015 so have 7 boats for RS700 only start.	Sec Sec
9	<u>Preview of 2015 calendar incl coaching:</u> <u>2015 calendar:</u> a. Remove from 2015 draft calendar: Winter Rutland event in March 15 and Lymington Town Regatta 18-19 Sept 15. b. Simon Letten to look at a HISC event for 2015. <u>Coaching:</u> a. Ian Nolan will take the lead. Simon Letten and Robbie Bell to support him by organising coaching at their home clubs HISC and Snettisham respectively. Aim to set up coaching around coaches' clubs and hub clubs. To use video. To ensure that coaching has clearly advertised structure eg shore, water and video after. Perhaps train on Saturday and race on Sunday. Spod Olive to support by providing specialist to give focussed training. Look at 9-10 May 15 for entry/intermediate level and	Sec Simon Letten Ian Nolan, Simon Letten and Robbie Bell Spod Olive Ian Nolan,

	<p>fast-track training at inland venue. QMSC suitable. Ian, Simon, Spod and Robbie to work together using Hamish as QMSC contact.</p> <p>b. Sec to ask CCSC for pre-nats coaching day.</p> <p><u>Looking out to 2016:</u></p> <p>a. Robbie to come back to Sec with Snettisham open meeting suggestions for 2016.</p> <p>b. Sec asked to ensure that RS Chairs fully involved in international decision making. Sec to pass onto Secretariat at next Management Meeting.</p> <p>c. Unilateral decision to try to hold Europeans in Czech Republic 2016, not Travemunder, Germany. Fleet decided mid-week event best to allow for adequate travel time over both weekends. Perhaps May Bank hol? Jakub Kosvica said winds were best in June. Ian Nolan and Jakub to investigate.</p>	<p>Simon, Spod and Robbie Sec</p> <p>Robbie</p> <p>Sec</p> <p>Ian Nolan and Jakub Kosvica</p>
10	<p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p><u>Weight equalisation:</u></p> <p>a. Light fleet members are worried that the current system favours heavier sailors while penalising smaller or lighter sailors. Weight equalisation stops at 93kg. At this Nationals 40% of the fleet are heavier than 93kg and so not weight equalised. Different ways of addressing this issue were raised including: stretching the equalisation system over a broader range, moving the entire range down and to the right, having carbon not aluminium poles and reducing internal rack length (to save 3kg), moving the racks in and moving the band diagonally down right. Ian Swann and David Smithwhite will investigate. They will talk to Nick Peters. They will look into running a trial during the autumn series at HISC. The entire fleet felt that the matter should be addressed and whatever the outcome it must be pushed forward as positive at the Dinghy Show 2015. There is need to attract more sailors to the class and an equalisation system that works is a big selling point.</p>	<p>Ian Swann and Dave Smithwhite</p>
11	<p><u>Committee:</u></p> <p>a. Hamish Griffiths stood down as Chair and thanked the fleet for their support throughout his tenure. The fleet gave a warm vote of thanks to Hamish for his hard work and enthusiasm.</p> <p>b. The fleet unanimously voted Neil Ashby in as the new RS700 Chair. Hamish asked the fleet to offer their full support to Neil. He asked the fleet to put themselves forward for other committee positions.</p> <p>c. Ian Nolan and Jerry Wales both stood down from their committee positions. The fleet thanked them for their hard work.</p> <p>Afternote: Ian Swann has offered to take up the position as technical member.</p> <p>Sec to check if Ian Nolan is happy to take on Mark Pollington's coaching member role.</p> <p>Sec to check if Jerry Wales is happy to take on National Champion committee member role.</p> <p>The meeting closed with a large round of applause for Hamish and a warm welcome for Neil.</p>	<p>Ian Swann</p> <p>Sec</p> <p>Sec</p>

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RS700 Class Association Secretary