

## **RS700 2015 AGM Minutes**

Thurs 20 Aug 15

Castle Cove Sailing Club, Weymouth

Chair: Richard Wadsworth

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Apologies:</u> Colin Dacey and Robbie Bell apologised for being unable to attend both the Nationals and the AGM. Graham Blake and Stephen Hermenson were only able to race for the weekend so were unable to be present.	
2	<u>Present:</u> 100% competitor attendance. 18 competitors plus Builder's Rep: Neil Ashby, James Bayliss, Andy Brown, James Fuller, Adam Gould, Hamish Griffiths, Phillip Highfield, Richard Kennedy, Chris Kirk, Simon Letten, Mark Nicholson, Peter Onions, Alastair Paul, Huw Reynolds, Alex Newton-Southon (Builder's Rep), Ian Swann, Richard Wadsworth, Jerry Wales, Ben Willows.	
3	<u>Welcome:</u> Alex Newton-Southon proposed Richard Wadsworth as the new Chair. Ian Swan seconded the proposal. The proposal was carried. New Chair Richard Wadsworth thanked Neil Ashby for his work. Richard Wadsworth 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 2014 minutes:</u> a. There is a need for a coaching co-ordinator to replace Mark Pollington. It was requested that coaching is booked for Wed 24 Aug (the day before the Nationals) at Hayling Island SC. b. Sail stickers to identify championships winners: Jerry Wales proposed black circles 40mm diameter. Jerry has written a full proposal which needs committee approval. Clare to action.	Chair and Sec  Sec
5	<u>Membership:</u> It was requested that the membership benefits are made clear. It was suggested that sailing clubs with many RS700s are given membership information. The Chair will run an RS700 survey to inform decision making. <u>Afternote:</u> i. RS700 Secretary Clare Sargent will make an RS700 2016 poster. This will be printed and sent to key clubs. It will also be available for RS700 sailors to download themselves so they can put it up where they think best. ii. The RS700 survey was a great success with 60 respondents from across the globe. Richard has analysed the results which can be read at the end of his Chairman's newsletter at: <a href="http://www.rssailing.org/docs/UK%20RS700%20Chairman%20Newsletter%20and%20Survey%2023%20Oct%2015.pdf">http://www.rssailing.org/docs/UK%20RS700%20Chairman%20Newsletter%20and%20Survey%2023%20Oct%2015.pdf</a>	Sec  Chair  Sec
6	<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. International Chair Jan Myslik runs the International RS700 Facebook group. Richard is keen to set up a new RS700 Facebook group. c. It was suggested that the forum is good for technical queries but that fleet media information is best on facebook. <u>Afternote:</u> i. The great new RS700 Facebook group is at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1485113635132398/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1485113635132398/</a>	Sec  Chair  Sec

7	<p><u>Review of 2015 season:</u></p> <p>a. 2015 calendar: three UK opens, one European open, Nationals, Europeans and Inlands. Need take note of attendance in order to correctly programme 2016 calendar with events that will be popular. To make better use of RS700 sailors at key clubs to encourage fellow fleet members to participate.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u></p> <p>The HISC open had 20 boats. The Lymington Regatta and Southern Championship had zero attendance. The French Open Skiff had 8 boats. The Europeans at Carnac had 17 boats. The Nationals had 18 entries plus 2 weekend entries. The Inlands had 13 boats. This information has been used together with the RS700 survey and calendar survey to inform 2016 calendar production below.</p>	Sec Sec and Chair
8	<p><u>Preview of 2016 calendar:</u></p> <p>a. Clare presented a draft calendar to the fleet. She was asked to add a HISC open early in the year to tempt folk for the Nationals. The RS800s have invited the RS700s to join them at Torbole, Garda for the 2016 Europeans. A decision is required shortly. Richard will include this in his RS700 survey.</p> <p>b. It was asked if the Nationals could be outside the school holidays. September has worked well before. Clare will investigate.</p> <p>c. It was asked if the RS700s could have a 2017 event in the Czech Republic. Clare will investigate.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u></p> <p>i. Richard sent out an RS700 calendar survey. The great responses have enabled the calendar to be finalised. The calendar is published at: <a href="http://www.rssailing.org/docs/RS700%202016%20calendar%20as%20at%2023%20Oct%2015%20a.pdf">http://www.rssailing.org/docs/RS700%202016%20calendar%20as%20at%2023%20Oct%2015%20a.pdf</a></p> <p>ii. The 2016 Nationals dates are fixed. The RS700 survey did not show any clear need for Nationals outside school holidays.</p> <p>iii. Clare will ask Robbie Bell for some Snettisham open meeting suggestions for 2017. The tides times are not sensible in 2016.</p> <p>iv. Clare will ask Ben Willows for some Gurnard SC open meeting suggestions for 2017.</p>	Sec  Sec Sec  Sec Robbie Bell Ben Willows
9	<p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p><u>Weight equalisation:</u></p> <p>a. Ian Swann gave a presentation on the new proposed equalisation system. He said that it was a moderate compromise which would put more sailors within the weight compensation and weight equalisation range. It would use 1kg weights. The fleet agreed that it would like to vote on whether to accept the new system or not. The vote would need to go to International RS700 members too.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u></p> <p>A clear package needs to be put together to give the pros and cons of the new proposed equalisation system so that members can make an informed choice. Alex Southon and Clare will work on this. The vote will need to follow the procedure needed for rule change as per RS Class Association constitution.</p>	Sec  Sec Alex Southon
10	<p><u>Date of next meeting:</u></p> <p>a. AGM to be held during the 2016 Nationals 25-28 Aug Hayling Island SC.</p>	

Clare Sargent

RS700 Class Association Secretary