

RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 26 March 2019

RS Sailing, Romsey

Chair of Meeting: Chair Pete Vincent

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Robbie O’Sullivan (Irish RS400), Jochem Slikboer (Int RS500)</p> <p><u>Present:</u> Lynn Billowes (RS Sailing), Sally Campbell (Sec), Heather Chipperfield (Sec), Luke and Emma McEwen (UK RS800), Luke Morrison (Treasurer), Jon Partridge (RS Sailing), Clare Sargent (Sec), Pete Vincent (Chair)</p> <p><u>Phone In:</u> Oscar Deurlo (Int RS500), Jenny Douglas (UK RS400), Jo Hewitson (UK RS200), Paul Watson (UK RS300)</p>	
2	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>2.1 Sponsorship: Volvo contract runs until May 19. New contract being negotiated. Noble Marine Insurance future sponsorship uncertain so exploring alternative options. The RS Class Association can recommend but not sell insurance.</p> <p>2.2 RS500 International using PeepI and running themselves.</p>	HC & RS Sailing
3	<p><u>Treasurer:</u></p> <p>3.1 A warm welcome was extended to our new Treasurer Luke Morrison.</p> <p><u>Secretariat/Class Relationship:</u> (Item 11 brought forward here)</p> <p>3.2 Heather Chipperfield has tendered her resignation with 3 month’s notice to depart in mid June. Everyone was very sad at this news. A formal vote of thanks was raised to express the RS Class Association’s great thanks to Heather for her outstanding work over many years. Jenny Douglas expressed a big thank you from the RS400 fleet. Everyone wished Heather well for her future. A leaving do will be held for Heather on the Saturday evening of the Summer Regatta at Lymington on 15 June.</p> <p>3.3 The plan to fill the gap Heather leaves is for Sally Campbell to take over the RS400 fleet and to employ a book keeper. Both Sally Campbell and Clare Sargent will take on additional tasks. A project manager will be needed for the biggest international events. Heather may consider this task.</p> <p>3.4 A big announcement will be made about Heather’s departure combined with job advert for book keeper.</p> <p>3.5 Treasurer Luke has asked to be sent a breakdown of Secretariat fleets and tasks.</p>	<p>Chair & Secs</p> <p>Chair & Secs</p> <p>CS</p>
4	<p><u>Merchandise:</u></p> <p>4.1 <u>Afternote:</u> RS700 polo shirt completed. Sailors happy.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Afternote:</u> RS800 20th anniversary t-shirt available to buy from the shop.</p> <p>4.4 General merchandise under discussion with Rooster. Aim to be up for sale on Rooster website soonest. RS Sailing Marketing to support social media promotion of items. <u>Afternote:</u> Emma McEwen has submitted a Summer 2019 design to Rooster. This design has been approved by RS Marketing.</p> <p>4.5 Event support: RS van to attend national championships. Ad hoc for other major events depending on whether staff are racing.</p> <p>4.5.1 There is a strong plan for adequate spares support for RS400 nationals in Northern Ireland. Bosun Bob will run the RS support from his chandlery.</p> <p>4.5.2 Two RS vans will go to Garda.</p> <p>4.5.3 Specific fleet requirements to be fed to RS. Eg Luke McEwen noted that the RS700 RS800 nationals at Eastbourne SSC was likely to need above average supply of bow sprits, rudders, rudder pintles due to the beach launch and recovery. Luke to feed details to JP.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>Lynn</p> <p>Emma McEwen</p> <p>Luke McEwen/JP</p>

5	<p><u>Boat Matters:</u></p> <p>5.1 RS600 vote: Underway about new sail (square top or same, heavier new material or same) and hull modifications. Results next week.</p> <p>5.2 RS Sailing has designed a new sail cloth for the RS21. In the future it will be offered to the RS700 and RS800.</p> <p>5.2 Luke McEwen raised a query on the RS800 rules which state upper adjuster on mast is 4:1 whereas it is supplied as 5:1. This does not require a rules vote merely an amendment to ensure that equipment supplied is within the rules. Luke will draft and CS will implement rule amendment.</p> <p>5.3 Luke enquired about a larger stainless steel chaffe plate at the base of the RS800 mast where the block causes wear. JP will explore alternative solution of Kevlar sticker and report back to Luke.</p> <p>5.4 JP confirmed to Luke that the nationality sticker is not required on the top of the RS800 sail. It was agreed to drop the standard sail price by the cost of the nationality sticker but that it would still be available to purchase as an extra.</p> <p>5.5 Luke noted that the new RS800 transom is fractionally longer in order to carry the new RS Aero rudder pintle fitting. It was requested that RS made any changes to boat design as consequence of other design changes completely transparent to avoid unexpected change and to manage negative response. JP agreed.</p> <p>5.6 RS400 fleet content. Gooseneck issue up on website.</p> <p>5.7 RS200 fleet nothing to raise.</p> <p>5.8 RS300: Awaiting reasonably priced new boom.</p> <p>5.9 RS500: Two new boats built and undergoing sailing trials now. Production starts in two weeks. Orders being taken now. Ready for June. HC will provide an update on the RS500 vote to Oscar Deurlo.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>Luke McEwen/CS</p> <p>JP/Luke McEwen</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JP</p> <p>HC</p>
6	<p><u>Membership:</u> Statistics circulated.</p> <p>6.1 Club membership option currently being promoted. Merchandise to be promoted to club members.</p> <p>6.2 Associate membership: The idea is to grab details so we can communicate with more sailors. To add to agenda for next meeting.</p>	<p>Secs</p> <p>CS</p>
7	<p><u>Calendar 2020:</u></p> <p>7.1 Summer Regatta at Royal Torbay YC. Suggestion to work with Paignton SC if fleet too large for Torquay.</p> <p>7.2 Carnac: Two courses, three starts per course, minimum of eight boats for own start. 2nd May bank holiday. Fleet chairs to decide if want to attend.</p> <p>7.3 Euro looking forward: 2021 Garda, 2022 RS Games, 2023 Garda</p> <p>7.4 RS100, RS300, RS600 nationals 2020: CS has contacted Llandudno SC.</p> <p>7.5 RS200 and RS400 nationals 2023 Mounts Bay SC: It was suggested that SC propose MBSC host the fleets back to back.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>Secs All Chairs</p> <p>CS</p> <p>SC</p>
8	<p><u>Dinghy Sailing Show 2019:</u></p> <p>8.1 Thank you to everyone for helping make a great Dinghy Show. The RS800 class stage presentation was awesome. The RS200 and RS400 boat talks were great. The RS800 20th birthday party was smashing.</p> <p>8.2 Lessons learned: Volunteer wristbands will be distributed at the entrance hall. Maximum notice given to volunteers to prepare presentations and boat talks.</p> <p>8.3 JP explained how they were looking at shaking it up for something different next year to give a dinghy park coffee shop vibe. Idea of RS Sailor of the Year award presentation. Each class to nominate a sailor. Public vote.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CS/Lynn</p> <p>Lynn/CS</p>
9	<p><u>Coaching:</u></p> <p>9.1 RS100, RS200 and RS400: Pete Vincent at Llandegfedd 6-7 April.</p> <p>9.2 RS700: Workshop Sat 30 March at Oxford SC.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p>

	<p>9.3 RS800: Will Crocker at Oxford SC 30 March. Looking to book more coaching with him in the Autumn due to great demand.</p> <p>9.4 RS500: Coaching at Rutland SC April the day before RS Sprints 26 April has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers. <u>Afternote</u>: The three interested boats are organising private tuition with the coach.</p> <p>9.5 Seven clubs took up offer for £50 grant for RS200 training to invigorate their home fleet. RS200 youth training booked for day before nationals.</p> <p>9.6 RS300: Coaching at Castle Cove SC with Jon Emmett 1 June.</p> <p>9.7 <u>Afternote</u>: RS600: Coaching day before nationals.</p> <p>9.8 <u>Afternote</u>: RS400: Demo boat underway. Coaching day before nationals at RNIYC.</p> <p>9.9 Jenny Douglas asked for some Northern/Scottish RS400 coaching. HC will investigate perhaps using Mike Saul.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>CS</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p>
10	<p><u>RS700 Training DVDs</u>:</p> <p>10.1 RS700: Theo Galyer and Mark Rushall organising. CS will chase again.</p>	Theo Galyer/CS
11	<u>Secretariat/Class Relationship</u> : See paragraph 3	
12	<u>AOB</u> : None raised.	
13	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u>:</p> <p>Tuesday 18 June 2019, RS Sailing, Romsey. Conference call details will be sent out with calling notice.</p> <p>Advanced apologies from RS800 Luke and Emma McEwen would be unable to attend.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CS</p>

Clare Sargent

RS Class Association Secretary