RS700 AGM Minutes

Sat 12 Sept 20

Chair: Theo Galyer

WPNSA

Secretary: Clare Sargent (CS)

No	Agenda Item	Action		
1	Apologies: Robbie Bell, Richard Wadsworth.			
2	Present: James Bayliss, Graham Blake, Matt Carter, Matt Conner, Theo Galyer, Simon			
	Hamilton, Rob Higgins, Turner James, Peter Onions, Pete Purkiss, Roland Smith,			
	Malcolm Streeton, Ian Swann, Roger Taylor, Jerry Wales, Liam Willis, Andrew Wright (all			
	17 competitors).			
3	Welcome: Theo Galyer (TG) gave a warm welcome to all RS700 sailors. He expressed			
	how grateful everyone was that WPNSA had agreed to host the nationals at such short			
	notice.			
4	<u>Committee</u> :			
	a. TG is happy to continue to be Chair for one more year to take the class out of			
	the pandemic's disruption. The floor was unanimous in its approval.			
	b. Robbie Bell has agreed to continue as committee member. The floor was			
	unanimous in its approval.			
	c. Richard Wadsworth has agreed to continue as Technical Rep. The floor was			
	unanimous in its approval.			
	d. Matt Carter is happy to continue as plank monitor. The floor was unanimous in			
_	its approval.			
5	Matters arising from 2019 minutes:			
	a. TG explained why it had been decided to revert to RS700 rules and not conduct			
	the trial at the nationals. There was inadequate time from the event being			
	relocated to happening to organise a vote to put a temporary rule change in			
	place to make the event rule watertight. This decision was understood but it			
	was felt that a good opportunity to gather trial data had been missed. b. The fleet was very keen to have the opportunity to gather trial data at the			
	b. The fleet was very keen to have the opportunity to gather trial data at the Inlands. The floor was unanimous in its support to put a vote to the			
	membership for a temporary rule change to permit the trial settings at the			
	Rooster Inland Championship 24-25 Oct at Oxford SC. CS to action vote ASAP.	CS		
	Please note only RS700 Class Association members have a vote. But opinions	65		
	from all RS700 sailors are valued.			
	Afternote: Vote opened Mon 21 Sept 20. To close Mon 19 Oct. Outcome to be			
	declared immediately to permit trial adaption to RS700s racing at Inlands 24-25			
	Oct 20.			
	c. It was felt that there should be wider discussion and stakeholder involvement	CS		
	in the trial and the future of the RS700. Two issues are to be examined:			
	dropping the lead and re-jigging the equalisation table. A consequence of			
	dropping the lead is a need to re-jig the table. The aim is to improve the quality			
	of racing across all wind conditions. It is essential for the Czech fleet to be			
	involved and their feedback analysed. They have been racing under the trial			
	since last Autumn. Pete Purkiss has analysed the weigh in data from 2019 and			
	2020. This analysis is to be published. Pete proposed an online survey to			
	discover who wanted the trial to get rid of the lead and change the table/rack			
	settings for all events in 2021. Jerry Wales seconded. The floor were			
	unanimous in their support for this survey question.			
	Afternote: Purkiss analysis filed online on RS700 website documents library.			
	d. Pete Purkiss conducted a survey of rack holes on the RS700s in his club dinghy			
	park to investigate distance from shroud U bolt to front rack hole, and distance			
	from shroud U bolt to rear rack hole. There was large variance in distance from			
	shroud U bolt to front rack hole and again from shroud U bolt to rear rack hole	CS and		
	hole. Matter to be further investigated.	Committee		

	Fleet commu				
	<u>Fleet communication</u> : The fleet were content that they received adequate and timely information by website, fast news and facebook. Instagram is working well with the younger sailors.				
8	<u>Technical</u> : The fleet are disappointed at the poor availability of essential spare parts eg boom. Kicking strap webbing out of stock. CS will speak with RS.				
9	Review of 2020 season so far: Covid 19 pandemic has led to cancellation of all 2020 events up to this one. The fleet is very happy to have a nationals. The Rooster Inlands will be held at Oxford SC 24-25 Oct 20. TG will run an informal coaching day the Saturday beforehand, 17 Oct. Open to five sailors with just one free spot left. TG wanted everyone to spread the word at their home club that new sailors were very welcome to events. The fleet is friendly and looks forward to sharing their joy of the boat.				
10	2021 calendar: Up on RS700 website under event calendar.			CS	
	Date 2021	Event and location	Event type		
	17-18 Apr	Stokes Bay SC	Rooster National Tour one		
	29-30 May	HISC Whitsun Regatta	Rooster National Tour two		
	7-11 June	European Championship, Torbole, Lake Garda, Italy	European Championship		
	26-27 June	RS Summer Regatta Royal Torbay YC	Rooster National Tour three		
	July dates tbc	Lymington Regatta	Rooster National Tour four		
	9-12 Sept	National Championship, Castle Cove SC	National Championship		
	2-3 Oct	Brightlingsea Skiff Fest	Rooster National Tour five		
	6-7 Nov	Inland Championship, Oxford SC	Rooster National Tour six		
11	Calendar beyond 2021: Discussion was not held on this item.Afternote:a. 2022 Nationals part of RS Games at WPNSA 28-31 July 2022.			CS	
	 b. CS will chase up Czech RS700 rep Vaclav Brabec to see progress on Czech's hosting 2022 European Championship. c. 2023 Nationals tbc location and date. 				
	d. 2024 Nationals 12-15 Sept 2024 at HISC.				
12		anked TG for his work as a			
	<u>AOB</u> : TG thanked everyone for attending. The sailors thanked TG for his work as a great Chair. The sailors thanked CS for managing to pull off the relocated nationals. CS				
	thanked the sailors for being such good sorts that WPNSA wanted to host them not				
	other fleets.				
13	Date of Next Meeting: At 2021 Nationals Castle Cove SC 9-12 Sept 2021.				