

RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 20 April 2021

Online Zoom Chair of Meeting: Sally Campbell Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Lynn Billowes (RS Marketing), Pete Vincent (Chair), Paul Watson (UK RS300).</p> <p><u>Present online:</u> Sally Campbell (Sec), James Curtis (International RS500), Theo Galyer (UK RS700), Dan Goodman (UK RS800), Mark Harrison (UK RS100), Ian Mairs (UK RS500), Clare Sargent (Sec), George Smith (UK RS600), Jon Partridge (RS Sailing), Will Taylor (UK RS200).</p> <p>Jon Partridge had only 40 minutes available for the meeting so the agenda was reordered to make the most of his time.</p>	
2	<p><u>Boat Matters:</u></p> <p>2.1 RS300 and RS600 SGM Tues 27 April to discuss future of fleets with respect to build and spares supply. Clare Sargent (CS) has spoken with Kevin Driver to inform him of meeting.</p> <p>2.2 Jon Partridge (JP) updated on RS500 sales: selling strongly to NED, FRA, ITA and rest of Europe. One space left for RS500 Nationals.</p> <p>2.3 JP updated on RS700 build. Ginger Boats finishing first batch of RS200s then moving onto RS800s. Likely that outcome of RS300 RS600 SGM will impact on Driver Dinghies building RS boats. Ginger Boats happy to take on RS700s. As soon as more information is known the RS700 fleet will be informed.</p> <p>2.4 JP stated nearly enough RS100 orders taken for Ginger Boats to make a batch. Jim Hood has inspected the RS100 moulds and they are ready to go.</p> <p>2.5 RS200 fleet excited about the imminent arrival of their new build boats.</p>	<p>All RS300 and RS600 members</p> <p>JP and CS</p>
3	<p><u>Sponsorship:</u></p> <p>3.1 Last Volvo payment in. Volvo affiliation scheme runs out start May. Logo will be removed from the website and the membership benefit leaflet.</p> <p>3.2 Grateful to new sponsors: Trident, West Country Boat Repairs, Salcombe Gin and hopefully Allen. RS Sailing have generously agreed to price match. This brings new sponsorship income close to that lost from Volvo. But more work is needed to build on sponsorship income for 2022.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u> Noble Marine Insurance continue as generous national championship title sponsors. Rooster continue as generous clothing sponsors. Other sponsors generously support regional tours and specific events.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>SC and CS</p>
4	<p><u>Calendar:</u></p> <p>4.1 Sally Campbell (SC) has taken over RS200 fleet from Hannah Liptrot. Hannah has joined the Coast Guard. We thank her for her hard work and wish her the best in her new job. SC asks RS200 and RS400 regional tour event organisers to send her event information.</p> <p>4.2 RS200 Nationals currently capped at 80 boats but hopefully can uplift to 100 after May government announcement.</p> <p>4.3 All those on waiting list for RS Summer Regatta have been invited to enter. There will be a big party on Saturday evening. Tickets will go on sale in May.</p> <p>4.4 South Shields Sailing Club are negotiating for more land from the local council in order to increase the RS400 Nationals entry above current limit of 50. Plan for 65 boats, but hoping for space for 80.</p> <p>4.5 RS100, RS300 and RS600 Nationals entry limited to just 65 boats.</p> <p>4.6 RS Vario Nationals entry open.</p> <p>4.7 RS700 and RS800 Nationals entry open.</p> <p>4.8 SC will investigate what is happening with POSH rescheduling.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>CS</p> <p>CS</p> <p>SC</p>

	<p>4.9 2022 Europeans at YC Carnac 3-6 June. Invited fleets: RS100, RS200, RS300, RS400, RS600, RS700, RS800, 2000. Ian Mairs and James Curtis to find out if RS500 interested and to let Heather Chipperfield know. CS to check about RS Vareo fleet.</p> <p>4.9 JP gave RS Games update: PRO Peter Saxton. Three courses over 14 days: two in harbour, one in bay. In May Lucy Jameson will work with classes on event detail. Likely to be one NOR per class with individual class SIs. Currently finding sponsors. Aim to open entry mid-September. Planning to incorporate RS21 World Match Racing Tour. Perhaps two day match racing competition with class teams. Bigger and better sailors' hub. WPNSA is having building work to improve their outside bar and serving area. This should be ready for the RS Games. Plan for every class to have at least one big on site social in the entry fee. Classes can then do the extra social themselves.</p> <p>4.10 JP gave CZE invitation to RS400 fleet to Lake Lipno big event end Aug same time as RS Feva Europeans. SC noted.</p> <p>JP left the meeting.</p>	
5	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting: Matters Arising:</u> None arising.</p>	
6	<p><u>Treasurer:</u> 3.1 We are still looking for a new Treasurer. Perhaps offer free national entry to encourage a volunteer? All are asked to hunt for a Treasurer. 3.2 SC stated we are on track on budget but need to work hard to cover costs.</p>	<p>SC All</p>
7	<p><u>Membership:</u> 9% down on membership compared with this time last year but nationals' entries just starting to build prompting sailors to renew or join.</p>	
8	<p><u>Merchandise:</u> 6.1 Rooster continue as clothing sponsor with RS Class Association branded kit available to purchase from their website now. 6.2 Rooster RS Class Association design UV neck gaiters will be available to purchase soon. Suitable for use as face covering. 6.3 Classes to contact CS if want to do something different. RS700s interested in something for their 20th anniversary.</p>	<p>CS and SC CS</p>
9	<p><u>Coaching:</u> SC briefed on coaching initiative for 2021 - £50 grants to clubs for local coaching. Sailors must be members (one event membership is valid). Interested clubs should apply to their class secretary and once approved, clubs will arrange their own date, which will be published on the RS website calendar. Any costs beyond the £50 to be borne by the sailors so that the event breaks even. The RS Class Association can help find coaches if required.</p>	
10	<p><u>Secretariat/Class/RS Sailing Relationship:</u> SC has taken over RS200 from Hannah Liptrot. SC and CS will cover the gap for 2021 during Covid uncertain times. Sec work flow for 2022 will be reviewed during late 2021.</p>	
11	<p><u>AOB:</u> 12.1 Thanks were raised to all the Chairs and their committees for their support of the RS Class Association during this past difficult year.</p>	
12	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u> Tbc, online. Conference call details will be sent out with calling notice.</p>	<p>All</p>

Clare Sargent

RS Class Association Secretary