

## **RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 17 February 2022**

Online MS Teams

Chair of Meeting: Sally Campbell

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p><u>Apologies:</u> Jon Partridge (RS Sailing), Pete Vincent (Chair).  <u>Present online:</u> Jacob Ainsworth (UK RS400), Lynn Billowes (RS Marketing), Sally Campbell (Sec), James Curtis (UK RS500), Will Taylor (UK RS200), Clare Sargent (Sec), Dan Goodman (UK RS800), Pete Mackin (UK RS300), David Smart (UK RS100), George Smith (UK RS600).  <u>Welcome:</u> Sally Campbell (SC) welcomed everyone.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting: Matters Arising:</u> None arising.</p>	
3	<p><u>Treasurer:</u>            3.1 In the absence of a treasurer, Sally Campbell (SC) reported on figures supplied by bookkeeper Heather Chipperfield.            We ended 2021 with £11,800, on a turnover of £54,000.            Key reasons for higher than budgeted surplus -            Membership increased by 35% vs 2020, (after a fall of 15% between 2019 and 2020) due to more events, well attended events and crew membership. We budgeted for some of this, but not all.            Sponsorship match funding from RS Sailing and final payment from Volvo resulted in income £2400 above budget. (Note in 2022 we have RS Games, so no match funding).            Event net income greater than expected due to more events going ahead and greater attendance (£2.50/sailor/day at Nationals and other major events).            Administrative fees and expenses lower than budgeted due primarily to a reduction in secretariat hours.            A new Treasurer may have been found. Thanks to RS for their generous sponsor match funding.</p>	
4	<p><u>Membership:</u> Statistics looking good at start of 2022. All to encourage their fellow club sailors to join up.</p>	All
5	<p><u>Sponsorship:</u>            5.1 Rooster will continue their generous sponsorship of the 2022 National Tours and for 2022 will add the RS200 and RS400 nationals. Noble Marine will generously sponsor all our national championships. Salcombe Gin will sponsor RS Euro Cup at YC Carnac. Hyde Sails will sponsor RS700 and RS800 nationals. Spinlock will sponsor RS800 national's prize. Harken sponsorship tbc. More sponsors of individual events and regional tours confirmed, with some additional sponsorship tbc. A very big thank you to the generosity and support from our sponsors.  <u>Afternote:</u> Fernhurst Books to sponsor all national championships in form of book token for Endeavour prize.</p>	SC and CS
6	<p><u>Merchandise:</u> Rooster continue as our clothing sponsor. Branded kit available to order from the Rooster website.</p>	
7	<p><u>Race documentation:</u>            7.1 RS700 vote on implementation of trialled compensation system ongoing.            Close of vote Tues 8 March.            7.2 RS800 vote on implementation of rules update. Close of vote Thurs 17 March.</p>	CS CS CS

	<p>7.3 Trapeze fleet vote on uplift of harness weight limit as per RRS 50.1b. Harnesses weighed at RS End of Seasons Nov 22. Currently investigating usage of new poll facility on upgraded website.</p> <p>7.4 Listening watch to be kept on progress of manufacture of quick release harness in accordance with IS) 10682. RRS 50.1c applies from Jan 2023.</p>	CS
8	<p><u>Calendar:</u></p> <p>8.1 RS Games' entry open. RS200 and RS400 Noble Marine nationals' entry open. RS Sprints' entry open. Salcombe Gin RS Euro Cup's entry open. All fleet calendars up on website.</p> <p>8.2 2023 calendar proceeding well: RS200 nationals at East Lothian YC. RS400 and potentially RS100 nationals at Mounts Bay SC. RS700 and RS800 nationals at Brightlingsea YC. RS300, RS600 and RS Vareo's nationals' venues tbc. Torbole, Garda: RS800 Europeans 5-9 June, RS100, RS200, RS400 (and potentially RS600) EuroCup 28 Aug – 1 Sept. James Curtis asked if RS500s can join in with Garda plans. CS to investigate. RS700 and RS Vareo Europeans CZE dates tbc.</p>	CS and SC  CS
9	<p><u>Coaching:</u></p> <p>9.1 £3000 from 2021 budget surplus is to be allocated to fleets, shared according to membership numbers, spend to be decided by fleet committees.</p> <p>9.2 RS700 and RS800 Oxford SC 14 May. To be finalised RS700 at Snettisham Beach SC 21 May. RS Vareo at Milton Keynes 24 June. RS100 looking at pre-Nationals and 2 regional coaching events, RS200s are in process of organising female coaching, RS400s have pre-Nationals coaching and will be looking at other coaching needs.</p> <p>9.3 CS to investigate coaching day before start of RS Games.</p>	CS  CS
10	<p><u>Secretariat/Class/RS Sailing Relationship:</u></p> <p>10.1 RS100: Need 10 boat orders for new build to proceed. Decision imminent.</p> <p>10.2 RS600: Alex Newton-Southon's prototype is with Pete Vincent for work to class compliance and then sale. RS600 spares up on RS Sailing Store with exploded diagrams. Where are the RS600 specific spares? RS Lynn Billowes will chase. Work in progress on RS600 new build price. Request to RS Sailing to keep RS600s up to date with progress. George Smith to send up to date image of RS600 to SC and Lynn Billowes cos website picture is old fashioned.</p> <p>10.3 RS300 spares up on RS Sailing Store with exploded diagrams. Corrections ongoing.</p> <p>10.4 New RS Sailing Store system is designed to track a problem and analyse any trends. Sailors therefore requested to log in and register any problems.</p> <p>10.5 RS300 and RS600 on RS website state: "no longer in production". Lynn Billowes explained this is the wording the marketing team was instructed to use. RS300 and RS600s keen to work on restarting production.</p>	Lynn Billowes George Smith       All
11	<p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p>12.1 RS800: New metal track and feeder at bottom of sail misshapen causing excessive wear so actually wore through at reinforcement patch at bottom of sail. Raised at Oct 21 meeting. Dan Goodman to email Lynn Billowes to chase progress.</p> <p>12.2 RS500s happy with new website including opening vid.</p> <p>12.3 Grey hoodies to be issued for Dinghy Watersports Show volunteers. Suggestion to layer underneath cos hall temperature uncertain.</p>	Dan Goodman, Lynn Billowes
12	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Tbc May 2022 at Romsey and online. Conference call details to be sent with calling notice.</p>	All