

RS700 AGM Minutes

28 July 22

WPNSA

Chair: Theo Galyer

Secretary: Clare Sargent (CS)

No	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Apologies:</u> Colin Dacey, Chris White.	
2	<u>Present:</u> Paul Atkinson, Vaclav Brabec, Elliot Booley, Matt Carter, James Clark, Simon Clark, Matt Conner, Curtis Drew, Marek Dudak, Theo Galyer, Simon Hawes, Rob Higgins, William Homewood, Steve Keating, Michal Kotek, Jiri Kuthan, Jiri Lassig, John Lawson, Jack Napolitano, Peter O'nions, Adam Phlon, Richard Priest, Pete Purkiss, Roland Smith, Nathan Steffenoni, Ashley Strong, Andy Taphouse (RS Sailing).	
3	<u>Welcome:</u> Theo Galyer (TG) gave a warm welcome to all RS700 sailors.	
4	<u>Committee:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Thanks to Matt Carter for his time as plank monitor. A new volunteer is required.b. Simon Hawes will take on role of Social Media rep and take over the Instagram handle from TG.c. Andy Wright proposed Matt Carter to be Chair. Jack Napolitano seconded. The floor was unanimous in its approval. A motion was raised for huge thanks to TG for his tremendous work as Chair. Thank you very much.d. RW to continue as Technical Rep.	
5	<u>Matters arising from 2021 minutes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Very positive feedback from both CZE and GBR sailors following vote to drop lead. No noticeable difference in performance between light and heavy sailors. More modern to have dinghy without lead. Pete Purkiss gave CS old weigh in forms to share then archive.b. Lymington Regatta was not published as a Rooster National Tour event in order to direct focus on Weston open.c. Nationals' attendance down a little. Impact of timing (Summer holidays not the normal Sept school time slot), increased cost of fuel, and cost of living crisis.	CS
6	<u>Membership:</u> Increased. Training sessions are helpful.	
7	<u>Fleet communication:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. WhatsApp is easy. CS to add RS700 WhatsApp group into FastNews membership database email to invite all members to join.b. Request to consolidate facebook Qs and As and to re-publish on website.	CS
8	<u>Technical:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Trapeze harness vote passed with 100% agreement to uplift harness weight to 3kg. Published June 2022.b. Question raised on longevity of sail at batten pocket end. Andy Taphouse asked sailors to raise a customer care ticket on the RS Sailing Store website so that problems can be logged and tracked.c. RS700 trail square top sail currently still with Jerry Wales needs testing. It is vital that it is agreed that there is no significant performance gain in the new shape sail. The square top looks more modern. Testing must be done by both GBR and CZE sailors. A clear timeframe is required including a significant pre-order discount to encourage purchase. Andy Taphouse to investigate. Nathan Steffenoni proposed using a new more durable sail cloth for the new sail. This will need Alex Newton-Southon and Andy Taphouse to cost the new cloth. Theo Galyer seconded the proposal. The floor agreed.d. Spares stock:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Pump cleat – Jack Napolitano is exploring local manufacturerii) Front wing bar holders?	CS Andy Taphouse Alex Newton-Southon, Andy Taphouse

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii) Booms? Andy Taphouse explained how SuperSpars import their carbon tube from New Zealand. It is now too expensive to fly so goes by sea freight which takes much longer. Covid has completely broken the marine industry. He encouraged all sailors to phone RS Sailing direct and speak to the staff about specialist parts such as rack bars because the website can show OOS when it is not up to date on stock. RS make rigging in house and have wing parts which they can sell separately. iv) It was agreed that the new website technical parts drawings are awesome. v) Andy explained the new industry model of minimum order number rather than the old system of just one or two items. Manufacturers are only interested in big numbers. vi) The fleet is asked to submit a list of weak or problem parts via the WhatsApp group. vii) Andy was thanked for his feedback. e. New build boats: The moulds are in storage and templates are ready so RS can look to new build. A reputable reliable builder is required. Action is requested from Alex Newton-Southon. 	<p>All sailors</p> <p>Alex Newton-Southon</p>												
9	<p><u>Review of 2022 season so far:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stokes – great. Yes please to 2023 b. Oxford – not to book an Inlands in May again c. Weston – super. Perhaps 2023 d. Lymington Regatta not on Rooster National Tour but good event e. Nationals – welcome to all newcomers! f. Looking forward to Lancing and Chew g. Looking to build numbers at events and welcome all. Close racing to be had at every level throughout the fleet. 													
10	<p><u>2023 calendar:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. RS700 European Champs at Brno, CZE 27-30 May 2023. Within easy reach of Prague, Budapest and Vienna airports. Options to charter. 18 hours to drive so same time frame as Garda. TG really enjoyed the CZE Europeans in 2017: great welcome and good beer. Brno is in the middle of vineyards, in the CZE midlands on a flood plain so there is good uninterrupted wind ie no hills. Near the Austrian/CZE border. Best time of year for wind. Four day event. Entry fee will be low cos local companies will sponsor. Accommodation is very affordable. Vaclav Brabec to send promotion info. CS to info RS Vareo fleet. b. Nationals at Brightlingsea SC, 7-10 Sept 2023. Camping next door. Great socials. Volunteer club. Lots of experience people. Bar always open. Famous curry. c. Look to Snettisham Beach SC again for 2023? d. Invitation to Filey Regatta. e. Info about Rutland SC Skiff open in March? f. QMSC for Inlands? Or repeat Chew in Oct if it goes well? g. Weston again? h. Lancing again? i. HISC Whitsun Regatta? j. Please contact Matt Carter and CS with ideas. <table border="1" data-bbox="183 1809 1236 1960"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date 2023</th> <th>Event and location</th> <th>Event type</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tbc Apr</td> <td>Stokes Bay SC</td> <td>Rooster National Tour one</td> </tr> <tr> <td>27-30 May</td> <td>Europeans, Brno, CZE</td> <td>European Championship</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7-10 Sept</td> <td>Nationals at Brightlingsea SC</td> <td>National Championship</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date 2023	Event and location	Event type	Tbc Apr	Stokes Bay SC	Rooster National Tour one	27-30 May	Europeans, Brno, CZE	European Championship	7-10 Sept	Nationals at Brightlingsea SC	National Championship	<p>CS</p>
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11	<p><u>Calendar beyond 2023:</u> Discussion was not held on this item.</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2024 Nationals HISC, 12-15 Sept 2024. 	<p>CS</p>												

	b. 2025 Nationals Eastbourne SSC, 11-14 Sept 2025.	
12	<u>AOB</u> : A huge vote of thanks was raised for TG. Everyone seconded it and applauded. CS presented a local artist clock as a thank you gift from the RS700 Class Association.	
13	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> : At 2023 Nationals at Brightlingsea 7-10 Sept 2023.	