

International RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 12 Sept 16

RS Romsey Chair of Meeting: Harry Roome

Secretary: Clare Sargent

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No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p>Harry Roome (HR) welcomed everyone and did introductions.</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Steve Bolland (RS300), Chris Feibusch (RS800), Tom Pearce (RS200 Int Chair), Martin Wadhams, Tim Wilkins (RS500).</p> <p><u>Present:</u> Sally Campbell, Heather Chipperfield (HC), Alex Newton-Southon (ANS), Harry Roome (Treasurer), Clare Sargent (CS), Max Tosetti (UK RS400 Chair), Richard Wadsworth (UK RS700 Chair).</p> <p><u>On telephone:</u> Nick Crickmore (UK RS Vareo Chair), Mark Harrison (UK RS100 Chair).</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting:</u></p> <p>a. RS continues to investigate website and app solutions. A user requirement survey is to be conducted promptly to be worked on this Autumn. The survey results and a price for decision making are to be ready for the next meeting on 14 Nov.</p> <p>b. The RS800 website is improving.</p>	<p>HC</p> <p>CS</p>
3	<p><u>2017 and 2018 calendar:</u></p> <p>a. The draft calendar for 2017 was shared.</p> <p>b. The RS500 EuroCup series will visit all the large home fleet countries of France, Netherlands, Italy, Belgium and Czech Republic. The idea is that sailors will do own country event and travel too. There is a core of very keen sailors working on the plan. The French location is tbc but might be Lac Du Der at Easter. Medemblik in the Netherlands in May. Nieuport in Belgium in early July. Como in Italy 24-28 July. Czech Republic late August. There will not be a UK circuit and it is unlikely that there will be a UK Nationals. The RS500s will be invited to the RS multifleet Summer Championship 17-18 June 2017.</p> <p>c. Como is the same time as the RS Feva Worlds at Medemblik and the RS Aero Worlds at Carnac. So RS will struggle to offer Como a high level of support. HC requested the support of Michiel Geerling and Junior on the ground at the event.</p> <p>d. Lake Lipno in the Czech Republic for RS500, RS700 Europeans and RS Vareo Europeans. Nick Crickmore is very keen on supporting this event 17-20 Aug. Note proximity to UK Nationals tbc exactly during period 5-12 Aug.</p> <p>e. Carnac for multifleet Europeans late May Bank Hol 24-28 May in 2018. HC will chase up RS800 fleet involvement.</p>	<p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p>
4	<p><u>Secretary/class relationship:</u> No issues.</p>	
5	<p><u>Any other business:</u></p> <p>a. Boat Issues: This agenda item to be moved from UK to International meeting. <u>Afternote:</u> Sec actioned.</p> <p>Alex is very keen to keep communications open on boat issues. Fleet AGMs held at Nationals have brought up a number of issues which are currently under investigation. Eg RS700 technical meeting today based on AGM findings.</p> <p>i) RS Vareo spinnaker pole and u bolt: The AGM noted that it looks nicer from a sales point of view but is very expensive. Alex will look at cost. The carbon pole needs to be supplied by RS to be class legal. The new boats are fitted with the improved bolt arrangement with a nylon sleeve. Nick Crickmore supported Alex's marketing of that item and the method for halyard re-routing. He did not anticipate many sailors buying the pole.</p> <p>ii) Mark Harrison was concerned about recent RS100 side deck parting where the shroud is fitted. Alex is investigating because this has happened to one boat in Australia too. Sally Campbell will post on</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>CS and HC</p> <p>Sally Campbell</p>

	<p>facebook that this matter is being investigated.</p> <p>iii) There was worry at the RS300 AGM about the carbon mast build quality because the new ones are wearing badly at the rollers. Alex is keen to support Boat Yard at Beer in their investigations with this.</p> <p>iv) Alex explained how the RS store system and customer services track frequency of part failure etc so can eg detect when there is a poor batch of an item.</p>	<p>CS Alex and Boat Yard at Beer</p>
7	<p><u>Date of next meetings:</u>1700hrs Mon 14 Nov 16 at RS Romsey. Conference call details will be sent out with calling notice. UK meeting to follow on at about 1800hrs. Next meeting Mon 16 Jan 17.</p>	<p>All</p>

Clare Sargent, RS Class Association Secretary