

RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 13 July 2021

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

| No. | Agenda Item | Action |
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| 1 | <u>Apologies:</u> Lynn Billowes (RS Marketing). <u>Present online:</u> Jacob Ainsworth (UK RS400), Sally Campbell (Sec), Dan Goodman (UK RS800), Mark Harrison (UK RS100), Ian Mairs (UK RS500), Clare Sargent (Sec), George Smith (UK RS600), Jon Partridge (RS Sailing), Robbie O’Sullivan (IRL RS400), Will Taylor (UK RS200), Pete Vincent (Chair). | |
| 2 | <u>Minutes of last meeting: Matters Arising:</u> None arising. | |
| 3 | <u>Treasurer:</u> 3.1 In the absence of a Class Association Treasurer, our book-keeper, Heather Chipperfield provided an update: Income is up 3% vs budget, with membership up 3% and sponsorship, although down by 22% vs last year, up £2k vs budget, thanks to new sponsors and RS match funding. Expenditure is down 9%, primarily due to phasing of admin, in line with event timings. 3.2 Those present were asked to help look for a volunteer to take on the treasurer’s role, in return for free entry to an RS Nationals. | All |
| 4 | <u>Membership:</u> CS talked through June 2021 membership statistics. Up on 2020 but down compared with Sept 2019. National championships which require membership have not yet happened so this will increase the figures. | |
| 5 | <u>Sponsorship:</u> 4.1 Rooster and Noble Marine continue to sponsor the National Tour and Nationals respectively, which is very much appreciated. We have successfully recruited new sponsors Salcombe Gin (Summers), West Country Boat Repairs (RS200 Nationals) and Trident UK (RS400 Nationals), bringing in approx £1700, which will be match funded by RS Sailing. In addition, but ineligible for match funding, Hyde and Spinlock will sponsor the RS700 RS800 Nationals and Allen the RS100 RS300 RS600 Nationals. We are still seeking additional sponsors for Nationals’ days, come ashore goodies etc. | SC and CS |
| 6 | <u>Merchandise:</u> 6.1 Rooster t shirts for RS400 nationals. Event towels for RS200 nationals. RS700 20 th anniversary polo shirt. RS Class Association UV neck sleeve. 6.2 Rooster as clothing sponsor with RS Class Association branded kit available to purchase from their website now via Rooster affiliate scheme. | |
| 7 | <u>Boat Matters:</u> 7.1 RS100: now need demand to build new. 2 nd hand market buoyant. 7.2 RS200: new boats racing, no problems. 7.3 RS300 and RS600 working with Jim Hood on spares and exploded diagrams, spares website nearly ready but able to supply spares now. Jim is in the process of recovering tooling and speaking to builders. Request to Jon for formal action plan to present at RS300 and RS600 AGMs at nationals in September. 7.4 RS400: spinnaker pole breakage problem resolved with Selden. Request to JP for spares ready for nationals. 7.5 RS800: murmurs about spreaders. <u>Afternote:</u> JP will programme fleet quarterly meeting between Jim Hood and fleet Chair in order for boat matters to be discussed and resolved more efficiently. | JP and CS JP JP, Jim Hood and fleet Chairs |
| 8 | <u>Race Documentation:</u> 8.1 Change to RRS50.1.c ISO 10862: Option for rule change to permit harnesses without ISO 10862 quick release. Vote for trapeze fleets only. Hold off for one | CS |

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| | year until 2022. Action required before rule implementation Jan 2023. Discuss at trapeze fleet AGMs. | |
| 9 | <p><u>Calendar:</u></p> <p>4.1 All 2021 nationals entry open with good numbers.</p> <p>4.2 2022 all nationals will be at RS Games except RS200, RS400 and RS Vareo. RS Sailing very keen to increase participation and appeal to new audience beyond normal nationals' attendees. Ideas called for RS200 and RS400 events at RS Games. Over 1000 RS400s race at clubs. Perhaps club championship requiring minimum of three boats from a club (or group of local clubs or harbour if numbers low) with best three final event results to count. Perhaps one day of sprints, one day of standard fleet racing and one day of long round the cans racing. Flexible format according to weather. JP to investigate format feasibility with WPNSA. JP called for working group for both RS200 and RS400 at RS Games. Look to RS400 Master event at a luxury club.</p> <p>4.3 Looking for 2023 nationals venue for RS100, RS300 and RS600. Perhaps South Caernarvonshire YC (Abersoch). RS200s thinking about East Lothian YC (North Berwick).</p> | <p>All</p> <p>JP JP plus RS200 and RS400 reps</p> |
| 10 | <p><u>Coaching:</u></p> <p>10.1 £50 grant still available to spend on 2021 coaching. Following fleets have taken up this offer and have organised coaching: RS200, RS400, RS600 and RS700.</p> | |
| 11 | <p><u>Secretariat/Class/RS Sailing Relationship:</u> Sec work flow for 2022 will be reviewed during late 2021.</p> | |
| 12 | <p><u>AOB:</u></p> <p>12.1 Robbie O'Sullivan said they were keen to do different format events in Ireland. They are investigating establishing Master competition. He will check if UK mainland sailors are permitted to compete at Irish RS400 Nationals.</p> <p>12.2 Ian Mairs stated that Royal Torbay YC was a very difficult club to exit: launching and trailer storage and recovery problems. He recommended not booking there for a large multi-fleet event again. One solution is to split the event with Paignton SC to reduce congestion.</p> | Robbie O'Sullivan |
| 13 | <p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Tbc, online. Conference call details will be sent out with calling notice.</p> | All |

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RS Class Association Secretary