## RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 28 November 2022

Online Zoom Chair of Meeting: David Smart Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	Apologies: Sally Campbell (Sec), Matt Carter (UK RS700), Sam Knight (UK RS400).	
	Present online: Alan Bassett (UK RS Vareo), Lynn Billowes (RS), James Curtis (Int	
	RS500), Tom Morris (UK RS800), Pete Mackin (UK RS300), Jamie Mawson (UK RS600), Clare Sargent (Sec), Hugh Shone (UK RS800), David Smart (UK RS100),	
	Will Taylor (UK RS200), Pete Vincent (Chair).	
	Welcome: Pete Vincent (PV) was not present for the start of the meeting so	
	David Smart stood up as Chair. David (DS) welcomed everyone.	
2	Minutes of last meeting: Matters Arising: None arising.	
3	<u>Treasurer</u> :	
	3.1 On track to make a modest surplus above that which we had budgeted.	
	Full accounts will be issued at year end.	
4	Membership: Sailors to encourage friends to join up. Membership statistics to	All
	be published. Afternote: To be sent out with minutes. To be reviewed at next	CS
	meeting with accounts. One event membership can be upgraded to full or crew with amount paid for one event deducted from new membership category cost.	
	Statistics up on this time last year.	
5	Sponsorship:	
	5.1 Rooster generously sponsoring 2023 National Tours (RS200 to be named	
	Championship Tour) and 2023 RS200 and RS400 nationals. Overall merchandise	
	sponsor with RS Class Association branded kit available on Rooster website.	
	Members will be sent discount code when they renew in the New Year.	
	5.2 Noble Marine in line to continue to generously sponsor all our national	
	championships. Members get discount off their insurance.	SC and CS
	5.3 Fernhurst Books to sponsor all national championships in form of book	
	token for Endeavour prize.	
	5.4 Hyde Sails will sponsor RS700 and RS800 nationals.	
	5.5 Spinlock will sponsor RS800 national's prize for old boats.	
	5.6 Harken to sponsor RS200 Youth Championship and RS Sprint Championship.	
	5.7 Salcombe Gin to sponsor RS Summer Regatta at HISC 25-26 June. This	
	event will incorporate RS500 nationals and RS200 Masters.  5.8 Rope4Boats will sponsor many RS200, RS400, RS800, RS100 and RS700	
	Inland championships and RS400 Southern Tour.	
	5.9 Allen to sponsor RS100, RS300 and RS600 nationals.	
	5.10 Sailing Chandlery to sponsor RS200 Northern Tour and new East and South	
	East Area Series (to be called Easy Tour).	
	5.11 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.	
	5.12 If any sailors have sponsorship ideas please let Sally Campbell (SC) or Clare	
	Sargent (CS) know.	CS
	5.13 CS to send Class Chairs sponsorship requirements so they can support	
	their fleets to implement correctly.	
6	Merchandise: Rooster continue as our clothing vertising spree to be actioned	
	on receipt of Rooster graphics. Members will be sent discount code when they	CS
	renew in the New Year.	

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7	Race documentation: 7.1 CS working with International Judge Robin Gray on updating of race docs for 2023. To add A5.3 to NOR para 1.3. 7.2 Discussion on SI 20.2: "20.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity." Proposal to remove from SIs discussed. Suggestion made to remove from SI and add to RS Class Association rules so that the intent cannot be varied by clubs using their own not RSCA SIs. RS800 Rules contain following: "C.10.4 LIMITATIONS Any number of sails may be used during an event, but no more than 1 mainsail, 1 jib and 1 gennaker shall be aboard when racing." RS800 fleet have had no problems with sailors gaming the system. CS to open vote on this rule amendment using RS800 wording.	cs
	7.3 Rooster National Tour/Championship Tour Rules to include discard calculations for up to nine events.	CS
	7.4 All Chairs are asked to assist in policing of open meeting race documentation to ensure that clubs maintain the quality and spirit of RS Class Association racing. The clubs should be using RS Class Association template NOR, refer to published RSCA SIs, and use Supplementary SI template.	
8	Calendar: 8.1 Garda RS800 Europeans, RS200 and RS400 EuroCup 29 May – 2 June Torbole: a. Good to see entries coming in. Thanks to RS800 class for organising webinar. SC has negotiated hard with club to agree overall charge for 60 boats and calculated entry fee from this. It may be possible to shave up to Euro100 per boat off the entry fee if we get more than 60 boats. If the entry is lower than 60 boats by 31 Dec we will have to see what the club are willing to do for a lower number of boats. We cannot guarantee that the event will go ahead with less than 60 boats or what the entry fee will be because this depends on the club. Please encourage everyone to enter now so that we know what numbers we are dealing with. b. Will Taylor to advertise hard to RS200s. He is concerned that the RS200s will not get sufficient numbers. c. Tom Morris is confident that the RS800s will get 30 boats. The fleet is very keen to start booking ferries and accommodation in 2022. d. Request for meeting to look at plan B: event without RS200 fleet, event without RS200 and RS400 ie only RS800. e. Suggestion talk with Mustos and B14s who have July booking with Torbole. PV to contact B14 rep Mark Barnes. f. Lynn Billowes to ask about potential to borrow RS Sailing multi-stacker trailers. g. Suggestion to borrow university multi-stacker trailers. Warning about need to service the trailer but potential for this to be hire charge. 8.2 RS700 and RS Vareo Europeans, 27-30 May, Brno, CZE: Online entry open. 8.3 2023 calendar progressing well for all fleets.	Will Taylor  SC, PV, Will Taylor, Tom Morris, Sam Knight
9	Coaching:  9.1 Good to see more coaching this year. £100 coaching grants available (from budget surplus). 12 clubs already taken advantage from RS200, RS400 and RS800 fleets. Other fleets encouraged to apply.	SC and CS

10	Technical/Spares:  10.1 Good to see communication between RS400 tech rep Andy Powell and RS Sailing Andy Taphouse following AGM feedback.  10.2 All encouraged to use RS Sailing Store ticketing system to log problems so that RS can chase faults. PV and Lynn to chase RS800 bolt rope issue and mast track issue (raised at Oct 21 meeting and again at Feb 21 meeting).  Afternote: Tom Morris has raised ticket and sent photo demonstrating issue.  10.3 All encouraged to phone RS if part not shown as available on website because some are made to order (eg rope work or rigging) and some might just	PV and Lynn
	not be listed but present on the shelf.	
11	Secretariat/Class/RS Sailing Relationship: 11.1 RS100s good working relationship with RS. 11.2 RS200 Will didn't realise Garda would be discussed under calendar 2023 because it was not specifically listed and so was not prepared with RS200 fleet view. CS to be clearer with next agenda.	CS
12	AOB:  12.1 Safety knife: entrapment incident with experienced fit sailor getting their foot trapped in RS200 horse. Proposal for compulsory safety knife. Much discussion around topic: enforcement, knife maintenance, type of knife, personal responsibility, risk management. Decision to take forward as opportunity for education not proscription. Perhaps develop into webinar/blog/article on sea survival and safety. Lynn to look at RYA guidance. David to see how reported. PV to discuss with protagonist. CS to work with all to create learning opportunity from a near miss.  12.2 New RS100s being built by Ginger Boats. Lynn asked to produce press release for RSCA to publicise great news. Lynn will collaborate with David.  12.3 Lynn will chase progress of RS600 and RS300 new builds.  12.4 RYA Dinghy Watersports Show, 25-26 Feb Farnborough: same format as worked well for 2002. White boats on stand: RS100, RS200, RS300, RS400, RS500, RS600, RS700, RS800. Jamie Mawson offered his RS600 and himself as volunteer. Need for RS300. Need one fleet volunteer per boat per day. RS to provide show branded top for volunteers. CS to coordinate with Lynn.	Lynn, David, PV CS Lynn, David, SC Lynn
13	Date of Next Meeting:	,
	Tbc but anticipate early Feb 2023 online. Conference call details to be sent with calling notice.	All