

RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 18 March 2024

Online: Microsoft Teams

Chair of Meeting: Pete Vincent

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p><u>Apologies</u>: Matt Carter (UK RS700), Paul North (UK RS Vareo), David Smart (UK RS100)</p> <p><u>Present online</u>: Lynn Billowes (RS Sailing Marketing UK), Sally Campbell (Sec), James Curtis (Int RS500), Sam Knight (UK RS400), Pete Mackin (UK RS300), Jamie Mawson (UK RS600), Gilles Peeters (RS France), Clare Sargent (Sec), Nathan Steffenoni (RS700 stand in), Will Taylor (UK RS200), Pete Vincent (Chair), Steve Wilson (RS Sailing).</p> <p><u>Welcome</u>: Pete Vincent (PV) welcomed everyone.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting</u>: No matters arising. Minutes approved.</p>	
3	<p><u>Treasurer</u>: Update to be provided after nationals.</p>	
4	<p><u>Membership</u>: Figures as at June 2024 here: Compared with this June last year: RS200s up, RS400s down, RS800s down. Numbers will go up with national championships. Other classes very comparable with 2023. Sailors to encourage friends to join up.</p>	All
5	<p><u>Sponsorship</u>: Thanks to all our valued sponsors.</p> <p>5.1 Rooster: Rooster National Tour sponsored. Rooster as RS Class Association clothing sponsor. 2025 meeting booked for September. Request was made for 2025 tour prizes not to be caps or water bottles.</p> <p>5.2 Noble Marine sponsoring all 2024 Nationals. Members get discount off their insurance.</p> <p>5.3 Marlow Ropes new sponsor for 2024 RS200 Nationals.</p> <p>5.4 RS Sailing kindly donating spinnakers for charity raffle prizes for RS200, RS400, RS700, and RS800 Nationals.</p> <p>5.5 Harken once again sponsored the Sprints.</p> <p>5.6 All RS200 and RS400 regionals sponsors continuing for 2024: Sailing Chandlery, TridentUK, Stewart Brewing, West Country Boat Repairs. Thanks to all.</p> <p>5.7 Action point for all to seek and develop sponsor contacts. Looking for sponsorship from £50 upwards. Reminder to everyone to promote sponsors in all event reports and prizegiving photos, and to tag on social media.</p>	SC and CS, All All
6	<p><u>Merchandise</u>: Rooster continue as our clothing sponsor with fleet logo branded clothing available on Rooster website.</p>	CS
7	<p><u>Race documentation</u>: CS asked for sailors to feedback any suggestions. <u>Afternote</u>: Recommendation to continue best practice of PRO and fleet rep consultation before event, daily meetings during event, then wash-up after event in order to provide best race management for all.</p>	All
8	<p><u>Calendar</u>:</p> <p>8.1 RS500 fleet unhappy with their nationals at RS 30th regatta. Request for their own separate event in future.</p> <p>8.2 Huge thanks to Gilles Peeters and his French colleagues for their fabulous EuroCups at Larmour Plage and Carnac.</p> <p>8.3 Thanks to Jubby and the team at Riva for a great RS600 event at Riva Cup.</p> <p>8.4 All fleets to address issue of falling event attendance at AGMs. Risk of low attendance jeopardising RS Class Association reputation and success of future events. To focus on fleet home clubs hosting, as well as open events for smaller classes. RS200 and RS400 joint event at Parkstone YC successful.</p>	CS and SC

	<p>8.5 Garda 2025: RS400s nationals and Euros in Northern Ireland. RS200s reviewed and decided unaffordable for fleet members. RS500 worlds in Tuscany, Italy. RS700s interested. CS to share Riva Cup notes with RS700 committee and ask Jubby to brief at RS700 AGM. <u>Afternote</u>: Done. No response back from Torbole. CS reached out to Arco. Geoff Carveth to try at Arco in person.</p> <p>8.6 Exact dates for 2026 RS Games to be held at Travemunde, Germany to be confirmed in Sept at Southampton Boat Show. Window is 25 July – 1st week Aug 2026.</p>	
9	<p><u>Coaching</u>: SC asked for new bids for coaching grants to be submitted after nationals. To be raised at AGMs. RS700s yes please. Gilles asked for France: SC and CS agreed as thank you for EuroCup.</p>	SC
10	<p><u>Technical/Spares</u>: 10.1 Last meeting a tech committee meeting with RS was called, RSCA gave required tech committee contact details to RS but no response. Lynn will action as Sept task. All asked to action tech questions through RS Sailing Store ticket system. PV will get involved with Steve Wilson asap. Need clear lines of communication. Steve now leads RS Sailing brand in UK. Michiel Geerling has global lead. SC to send info on so PV can take forward with Steve and Andy Taphouse. All attendees asked to raise any outstanding tech issues to PV, SC and CS so can be raised. 10.2 Jamie Mawson briefed on catastrophic failure of his RS600 mast in June which failed at the d ring where the forestay exits the mast. The additional weld required to strengthen the point was missing. A safety recall is required. RS Guy is aware of the missing weld. SuperSpars have offered to recall and modify and retrofit faulty masts. Steve will speak with Guy and action safety recall asap. PV to assist. 10.3 Nathan Steffenoni briefed on Richard Corben's difficult RS700 purchase. Steve is trying to remedy the situation. PV asked Nathan to ask Richard Corben to contact him so that he could help represent his cause to RS. Steve acknowledged that poor communication had worsened the problem.</p>	<p>Lynn Billowes PV, Steve Wilson</p> <p>Steve Wilson, PV</p> <p>PV, Steve Wilson</p>
11	<p><u>Secretariat/Class/RS Sailing Relationship</u>: 11.1 RS and RSCA meeting on Wed 18 Sept: SC, CS and PV.</p>	SC, CS and PV
12	<p><u>AOB</u>: 12.1 Admin change of name RS Class Association to: 'RS Classes International Group, limited to RS100, RS200, RS300, RS400, RS500, RS600, RS700, RS800 & RS Vareo' so bank name matches RYA Affiliation name to be compliant with RYA. Unanimous approval. 12.2 PV thanked all the fleet chairs for their hard work across the year and their time in attending the meeting.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>All</p>
13	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u>: Tbc online. Conference call details to be sent with calling notice, in agenda and in email text too.</p>	All