

## RS Class Association Management Meeting Minutes 10 March 2025

Online: Microsoft Teams

Chair of Meeting: Pete Vincent

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<p><u>Apologies:</u> David Smart (UK RS100) and Huw Powell (RS100 stand in)  <u>Present online:</u> Lynn Billowes (RS Sailing Marketing UK), Sally Campbell (Sec), Ollie Grove (Treasurer), Matt Conner (UK RS700), Bethan Matthew (UK RS200), Jamie Mawson (UK RS600), Tom Moore (UK RS300), Paul North (UK RS Vareo), Clare Sargent (Sec), Pete Vincent (Chair), Steve Wilson (RS Sailing).  <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></p> <p>3.1 Ollie Grove was welcomed as the new voluntary treasurer. Ollie is an accountant and treasurer for Beaver SC, so well qualified for the role.</p> <p>3.2 In 2024, we aimed to make a loss of £10.6k and reduce the reserve by this amount. We actually lost £10.9k so just £300 difference vs budget, on a turnover of £170k. This leaves us with a £46k reserve, which is still healthy, but we feel we wouldn't want to continue to reduce it significantly year on year.</p> <p>3.3 2024 accounts vs budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Membership revenues as expected £34.5k</li> <li>- Events: Nationals £1.2k up vs budget, International events, £1.6k up due to favourable exchange rate</li> <li>- Admin £5k above budget, due to inflationary rises</li> </ul> <p>3.4 2025 budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on a planned reserve reduction/loss of £5k</li> <li>- Primarily to come from a reduction in fees – fewer secretariat hours per week, so some prioritizing and efficiency gains will be needed</li> <li>- Sell RS400 demo boat – not being used enough to justify funding it</li> <li>- 15 coaching grants of £150 (equivalent to 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 1 for each of RS100/300/500/600/Vareo</li> <li>o 4 for RS200</li> <li>o 2 for each of RS400/700/800</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Keep the event levies the same, £5/sailor for Nationals, £1/sailor/day for RSCA weekend events</li> </ul> <p>Membership revenue has not increased in line with costs, there has been no increase for 6 years since 2019.</p> <p>SC proposed vote of those present to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Put a vote to the full membership to change the constitution to allow the Management Committee to approve an annual membership increase of max 3% above inflation.</li> <li>2. Put a vote to the full membership to approve a 10% increase in fees for 2026, which would raise an additional £3.5k without costing an individual more than 58p/month (full membership with any crew).</li> </ol>	



11	<u>Secretariat/Class/RS Sailing Relationship</u> : not covered	
12	<p><u>AOB</u>:</p> <p>12.1 RS will provide RS200 nationals event support through staff member Adam Catlow and work van. Possible for other fleets for sailor to take spares package. Speak to RS Andy Kilburn. CS to coord RS700 RS800.</p> <p>12.2 Concern that RS300 does not look available for new build on RS website. Request re-write for RS100, RS300 and RS600. Lynn Billowes to review. Pete Vincent to chase up on Ginger Boats with Lynn Billowes and Steve Wilson. RS now has own manufacturing facility in Cowes so future boat building will be in house.</p> <p>12.3 RS300 sails considered too expensive. Tom Moore to discuss with Steve Wilson. Morgan Sails is making RS Vareo training sails at ¾ price. Recommendation to examine sail buying timing to make most of Winter sail deal, Southampton Boat Show or Dinghy W Show deals. Further discounts available is buying sails in bulk eg group of 5 friends work together. Common theme across all fleets is need to balance longevity, quality and price. Thanks to RS200 Chair Bethan Matthew for her hard work in examining sail prices. Thanks to Steve Wilson for his support to her research. Sail price discussion to keep going. Sail discount package information to be shared at nationals' AGMs. RSCA to push so all can benefit from lower sail prices.</p> <p>12.4 Dinghy W Show feedback positive. Saturday very busy. Busiest Sunday in recent memory. RS keen to keep RSCA fleets as exciting as possible to sell more boats. Big thank you to all show volunteers and boat donors.</p> <p>12.5 PV thanked all the fleet chairs for their hard work across the year and their time in attending the meeting.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>Lynn Billowes Pete Vincent Steve Wilson</p> <p>Tom Moore Steve Wilson</p> <p>Lynn Billowes and Steve Wilson</p>
13	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> : Tbc online. Conference call details to be sent with calling notice, in agenda and in email text too.	All