

RS800 2017 AGM Minutes

Sat 23 Sept 17

Stokes Bay Sailing Club

Chairs: Luke and Emma McEwen

Secretary: Clare Sargent

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	<u>Apologies:</u> Peter Barton	
2	<u>Present:</u> Peter Barton, Will Broom, Christopher Dodd, Daniel Goodman, Nick Ireland, Andy and Allyson Jeffries, Chris Feibusch, Michiel Geerling, Fiona Hampshire, Joe Joyner, Luke and Emma McEwen, Bryony Meakin, Cameron Moss, Jon Partridge, Debbie Robertshaw, Stevie Wilson	
3	<u>Welcome:</u> The outgoing Chair Chris Feibusch (CF) warmly welcomed everyone.	
4	<u>Committee:</u> a. Chair: Chris Feibusch proposed Luke and Emma McEwen as joint Chairs. Seconded by Andy Jeffries (AJ). All were in support. Carried. Luke and Emma McEwen appointed as new RS800 Class Association joint chairs. b. Social Media Rep: CF called for a Social Media rep to raise the profile of the RS800. CF will approach Jeremy Williamson and Hannah Tattersall. The call was made for everyone to get RS800 social media active. c. Plank Monitor: Dan Goodman will take over this role from Luke and Emma. Thank you to Luke and Emma for doing the job. d. Luke McEwen (LM) and the floor gave a very big thank you to Chris Feibusch for his outstanding work as chair.	CF
5	<u>Matters arising from 2016 minutes:</u> a. Demo boat: The demo boat has been returned to RS Sailing. RS Sailing have committed to have a boat available for Stevie Wilson (SW) to use for demos. Clare Sargent to transfer Try a Boat button email address from CF to SW. Afternote: Actioned. The interest in the RS800 by 29er sailors is continuing to grow. A formal thank you was raised to RS for the demo boat.	SW
6	<u>Membership:</u> Everyone is asked to advertise the membership benefits and encourage sailors at their home club to take out club membership as a pathway to full active RS800 circuit participation. <u>Afternote:</u> Membership benefits and details are on the website here: http://www.rs800.org/documents/Why_Benefits_Dec_2016.pdf Details on the sail deal are here: http://www.rs800.org/index.asp?Fleet=RS800&selection=Custom&subject=RS%20Sailin%20Store%20-%20Sail%20Deal%202017	All
7	<u>Fleet communication:</u> CS explained how current fleet comms were the website, fast news, forum, facebook group and International facebook page. All encouraged to get busy on RS800 social media.	All
8	<u>Technical Update:</u> a. Aluminium mast track: AJ explained how the new aluminium tracks are more reliable. They have no memory so can be left under tension without damage. They are very low maintenance apart from the need for occasional lubrication. The new boats are all supplied with aluminium tracks now. b. New boats: Jon Partridge (JP) explained how the Boat Yard at Beer are the new boat builders with the first batch for March 2018 at the Dinghy Sailing Show. The boats will be alpine white. The new foils may have the same cosmetic carbon edge as the new RS200 and RS400 foils. The foils look sharper but there is no performance change.	

	<p>c. Boat issues: JP asked for the class to feedback any RS800 niggles to Alex Newton-Southon with the aim of sorting out for the new boats. The floor came up with the following:</p> <p>i) The stainless steel hoop used to hold the spinnaker pole down keeps pulling out because the self tapping screws are too short, too small and the laminate is too thin on one or both sides. JP stated that there sufficient hull depth to take longer and therefore stronger screws and larger diameter screws would fit through the holes in the hoop. The laminate on the new boats should be made thicker under the screws.</p> <p>ii) The Harken jib sheet track does not have a bumper or damper at either end of the track. The ends of the car are therefore getting burred by the pins at each end. The car then gets stuck. So the car needs a flat landing at each end of the track on a bumper or damper.</p>	JP to Alex Newton-Southon
9	<p><u>Review of 2017 season:</u></p> <p>a. The Dinghy Show was good fun.</p> <p>b. Rutland was a good event.</p> <p>c. Stokes Bay was fun.</p> <p>d. Lac du Der was great. It was requested that it be kept on the calendar. It is less than 4 hours from Calais. You need to book your ferry before Christmas because it is held over Easter.</p> <p>e. Medemblik was a great event. Michiel recommended the Dutch Open Skiff event at La Bruinisse early Oct to be included in the calendar. <u>Afternote:</u> Clash with Inlands so not included for 2018.</p> <p>f. RS Summers at HISC good event.</p> <p>g. Eastbourne SSC had a low turnout because it was too close to the RS Summers.</p> <p>h. Lyme Regis was an excellent event. The Lyme sailors are pushing their SC committee for an open meeting in 2019. It was exciting sharing the race course with Solos and yachts. The club really enjoyed hosting the fleet. They dislike other fleets so this is a big compliment!</p> <p>i. CS will work with the webmaster to amend the website display of the “other” column in the scrolling calendar box on the front page. The fleet agreed that it made it confusing as to what was a Class Association or national tour event and what was an “other” event. This is clear on the actual calendar page. It was agreed that “other” events are to continue to be listed in the last calendar column so that the breadth of RS800 sailing across the country can be seen.</p>	Sec
10	<p><u>Preview of 2018 calendar:</u></p> <p>a. Michiel Geerling (MG) explained how the International RS800 focus for 2018 is to be on the RS Games with lower key events elsewhere. The Euro Cup will be limited to just four events with one discard: Lac du Der, Carnac, RS Games and Dutch Open Skiff. MG will investigate making a trophy for the RS800 Euro Cup.</p> <p>b. Draft calendar:</p> <p><u>Afternote:</u> 2017 EOS rescheduled to 25-26 Feb due to lack of water at QMSC.</p> <p>Dinghy Show 3-4 Mar Spring Champ: Rutland SC 24-25 Mar French Open Skiff 30 Mar – 1 Apr Stokes Bay SC: 21-22 Apr Datchet WSC 12-13 May Europeans YC Carnac 26-29 May Summer Champ Parkstone YC 23-24 Jun Beer SC 14-15 Jul National Champ at RS Games, WPNSA 16-19 Aug Eastbourne SSC 8-9 Sept Inland Champ Grafham WSC 6-7 Oct End of Season Champ Rutland SC 3-4 Nov</p>	MG Sec

	c. JP proposed making the RS Games the RS800 Europeans to incorporate the Nationals leaving YC Carnac as a simple Euro Cup event. There was much discussion. The floor were unanimous in wanting to keep the Nationals at the RS Games. <u>Afternote:</u> The RS800 Europeans will be at YC Carnac. The RS800 Nationals will be at the RS Games. This is supported by the International RS800 team and is as agreed at 2016 AGM.	
11	<u>International development/events:</u> See paragraph 10 a. The international RS800 scene is developing.	Michiel Geerling
12	<u>AOB:</u> a. Need to encourage more event participation. b. Need to develop back half of the fleet sailors so they are happy to join in events. There was a call out for ideas on how to progress a and b: i) Ladder for events so progression can be rewarded. ii) Prize for newcomers and development. iii) Category for old boats. iv) Gold and silver at all events. v) More coaching events. Try for 3 coaching events. Try Datchet. Itchenor SC difficult for those learning. vi) Clinics at Nationals – suggestion by coach Stevie Wilson. c. Thanks raised for Chris Feibusch (outgoing Chair) and Clare Sargent (Sec).	All Sec
13	<u>Date of next meeting:</u> At 2018 Nationals 16-19 Aug 2018 at WPNSA.	Sec

Clare Sargent

RS800 Class Association Secretary