

Minutes of RS Class Association Management Meeting

Venue: RS Sailing, Premier Way

Date: 08/10/2019

Time: 1800hrs

Attendees: Chair Pete Vincent (PV), UK RS500 Chair Ian Mairs (IM), UK RS800 Chair Dan Goodman (DG), Sec Sally Campbell (SC), Sec Hannah Liptrot (HL), Sec Clare Sargent (CS), RS Director Jon Partridge (JP), RS European Michiel Geerling (MG), RS Marketing Lynn Billows (LB).

By Skype: UK RS400 Chair Jacob Ainsworth, International RS500 Chair Olivier Beyls, UK RS200 Chair Jo Hewitson, Czech RS700 Chair Adam Plhon.

Apologies: UK RS100 Chair Mark Harrison, Treasurer Luke Morrison, RS300 Chair Paul Watson.

Chair: Pete Vincent

Minutes: Hannah Liptrot

Agenda Item		Action Agreed
1. Apologies for Absence	Mark Harrison Luke Morrison Paul Watson	
2. Minutes of Last Meeting	Minutes not reviewed. No amendments tabled.	
3. Class Association Sponsorship	PV: Thanks to Rooster for sponsorship and spreading prizes through the fleet	
4. Boat Matters	RS200: Build quality issues raised at Nationals. Particularly rudder stock and launching trollies causing holes. Action: PV will write formally to Alex and report back to class and management group.	PV and Tom Darling will write to Alex and report back.
4.1	RS300: Apologies Paul Watson	
4.2	RS400: Cases of centreboard case splitting (2 cases) 2 boats that are less than 1 year old with the same issue. JP: Mike Simms boat was caused by an incident rather than build quality. Mark's boat has been rectified	Jon Partridge will report back on the 2 cases
4.3	RS500: no technical issues. Query on delivery of the mark 2 RS500; is there an update? MG: new boats coming out every 1 and a half weeks, to be increased to 1 per week will be back on track by the end of the year. First new boats going into Europe in the next 6 weeks.	

4.4	<p>RS700 – Czechs mostly using old boats, no issues with new ones. Measurement trial is proceeding. They are keen to remove the weights completely. Most Czech competitors are in favour of removing the weight.</p> <p>Rack setting is defined by number of holes but that these do match up on different hulls. Would like a measuring point to measure cm and not just the holes.</p> <p>JP: Acknowledge that cm measurement would be better and could be done</p>	CS and RS700 Class to look into cm rack hole measurements. CS to feed back on weight trial at Brightlingsea
4.5	<p>RS800: Spreader failure. 3 out of 22 failed this weekend. 1 boat from Jan, one from Feb, one with a new spreader a year ago. break is bottom spreader on the weld.</p> <p>Rudder changes. Concern about changes without consultation in the one design class.</p>	<p>MG: reported to Seldon already.</p> <p>PV: to find safeguarding protocol on making changes without consultation to the RS800 and report back to group</p>
4.6	<p>RS100 No technical issues</p> <p>Pricing: there has been a review and the prices are in line with other classes.</p> <p>There have been no new orders after dinghy show.</p> <p>Boatyard at Beer does not want to invest in the new tooling without enough orders</p>	PV: to clarify with Boatyard at Beer about willingness to invest in new moulds and report back
4.7	<p>RS600 have a build slot in Nov at the Boatyard at Beer have 2 orders still need another 2 orders to build a batch.</p> <p>JP: (for the record) Boatyard at Beer have never paid RS a royalty for anything they have built on their behalf. There is an agreement, but they have never asked for it.</p> <p>Class is supporting the RS600s with half the stand fee at the dinghy show.</p>	
4.8	RS700 new daggerboard: there will be a slot or insert guide, how do they get hold of that?	CS to clarify slot guide for new daggerboard and report back
5. Membership Stats	Not Discussed	

6. 2020 Calendar	<p>RS500: Class would like UK nationals at Torbay summer champs. As a 3 day event.</p> <p>IM confirmed that UK RS500s will be part of the UK class association next year</p> <p>IM: (for the record) the situation with the RS500s leaving the class association was badly handled and upsetting to Heather last year.</p>	CS
6.1	<p>RS200: Still has one GP slot to fill. Lyme Regis. RS200 boats do not have a presence there. Swanage? Tough to get in.</p> <p>Any other suggestions Eastbourne? would like to have RS200. JH: we should consider</p> <p>RS Games – proposal to have the Summer championships at the games, selling point would be gate starts.</p> <p>SC: RS400s might also do that, and we would have a summer ball with RS200 and RS400s</p> <p>JP: view on having RS200s and RS400s at the games would be to try and attract a different kind of sailor. Club enthusiast rather than those that would come to the nationals – something different – a short course championships.</p> <p>JH: the fleet wants to practice for the nationals – there isn't another group of sailors who will come along. We don't think that WPNSA will drum up boats of another ilk. Reunion regatta only had 30 boats. Difficult to drum up other boats.</p> <p>PV – we need to look at the schedule and see what we can achieve</p>	
6.2	RS400 dates for GP tour are all set	
6.3	RS700: European and UK RS700s need more co-ordinated approach and perhaps wider range of venues	CS to lead discussion on venues and report back
6.4	RS800: happy with the calendar	
6.5	RS500: Sprints, Eurocup, Nationals, possible one other event. poss further North.	

7. Training Not Discussed. Beyond 2020 brought forward	2021: possibly Garda. Different venues should be explored in discussion with the European Fleets. Carnac is very far for other European boats. Discussion around Lipno as a possible venue. Commitment after Garda to go elsewhere and not back to Carnac. RS400s prefer Riva to Torbole. RS Aeros have relationship with Malcesine. Is there an option to consider Tuscany? RS200s are building momentum in Brittany La Boule would be good.	HL to explore European options going forward
8. RS700 Training DVD	No progress. Time to explore other options	CS
9. Secretariat	No problems reported with new arrangements which are going well.	
10. AOB	Rooster sponsorship £5000 into fleet prizes. and overall series prizes.	
	10.1 can we include Eurocup in Rooster National (international!) tour?	CS
	10.2 Rooster will do class and event t-shirts but there needs to be a big enough lead time and a big enough print run	CS will come back with samples and pricing/lead times for Rooster t-shirts for specific events
	10.2 RS considering an RS medal for select events	
	10.3 JH: who is bookkeeping and what are the arrangements going forward? Heather Chipperfield is still doing books. PV we are running at a loss this year and last but have healthy reserves. considering options including membership fee increase, event fee increase	PV: meeting with Luke and will circulate budget sheet and details on accounting going forward
	10.4 RS500: working on legal structure for the future based on the Netherlands. Will try to start collecting a membership fee from Jan 1 st , ask members to pay to new membership structure.	
	10.5 RS400: Demo boat last year, now damaged and sails unusable. What is Maintenance process for that boat? PV: It is at Chew Valley. It is damaged on the cradle of the launch trolley and hull and PV will repair it. SC: it is potentially getting a set of 2 nd hand sales PV: Intending to sell the boat this Winter and buy another suitable boat JP: Thinks the class should charge a charter fee – and damage deposit	Action: Jacob and SC will enact charter fee and booking form

	10.5 CS sponsorship. Speaking to Ricky about Volvo – they have earmarked the EoS as their activation event. Please encourage your fleet to come and support this event.	Secretaries: Encourage attendance at EoS
	10.6 Online Entry closes at 0001hrs - wording will now say that entry closes at 2350hrs on previous day to prevent confusion.	

Meeting Closed

Date of Next Meeting: TBC