



NECRA Committee Meeting – 26 February 2021

Start: 19.00 Close: 19.45 Chairman: Ian Lynch Secretary: Steve Marsden Treasurer: David Addison Webmaster: Larry Wilkinson

Attendees

Ian Lynch (THYC), Steve Marsden (THYC), Larry Wilkinson (THYC), David Addison (SYC), Dave Wheldon (SYC)

Apologies

Shaun Houghton Birrell (THYC), John Anderson (WYC).

Format Meeting was held on Zoom.

Previous minutes

LW - SHB was listed as HML instead of the representative of THYC. SM will correct.

Financial Report

DA – had taken over accounts from SA, had received all documents and a cheque for the full balance held by Virgin and transferred it to Clydesdale. Account was operating smoothly, processing transfers and online. DA presented a balance sheet covering the period 31/10/19 to 31/9/20 as this was the point in time when he had taken control. Over that period there had been a net loss of just over £12. However there was £60.43 more in the account than accounts showed. This was equivalent to 3 membership fees plus interest. DA had found 1 member not recorded so still possibly 2 members not recorded. They will show up eventually. He is still waiting for the final bank statement from SA for the period Oct – Dec 2020 and that could identify the missing members. The statement isn't essential.

No major expenditure expected. Pennants as yet not ordered – waiting for movement in Covid regulations.

Programme 2021

LW – unsure what C19 regulations will mean. It would be possible to travel to venue and leave boat rather than sleep aboard if not allowed. SI's could build that in.

SM – WYC had still to confirm their programme so some dates could change particularly the last event race to Hartlepool due to tides. RNYC had confirmed their regatta date.

Problem with 13 offshore events only able to sail 9 - do we need 2 races from THYC regatta?

SM – had provisionally put them in as a means of giving other clubs a return race.

DW – there would probably be too few boats to make those races feasible.

IL – proposed that those 2 events be scratched.

LW – this would result in 11 Offshore events of which it is only possible for a boat to race a maximum of 10. This would then give 5 to count.

This was agreed and SM will amend the programme.

Winter Series 21/22

SM - hadn't access to 2022 tides but it appeared there were problems with tides.

IL – he could supply more accurate tide details for 2022. What results did SM get from pole on Boxing Day race?

SM – there had been a good response to enquiry. 50% wouldn't or couldn't take part but the other 50% were in favour but as a one off event, not as part of the Winter Series.

IL – would that race be THYC or open event?

SM - it should be open to NECRA members so that any WS competitors could take part.

IL – this would result in a 7 race Winter Series.

SM – did the committee favour extending the series into March.

DW - this was a matter for THYC not NECRA and we shouldn't mix the two.

AGM:

IL - at the last meeting we had agreed to pole members about a virtual AGM. This had been overlooked with the C19 upset. Were there any thoughts on this? Would there be a benefit of having an open meeting? It would be possible to have a webinar where questions could be made via chat

General agreement that this should be abandoned for this last season with the possibility of a face to face meeting in September.

It was suggested that the date of the AGM be moved from 21st October to 14th October.

Any other business:

IL - Members and others should be made aware of carry-over of fees from last year.

SM – agreed to email all with details and a copy of our programme for 2021.

DA - could we send this to 2019 members as well?

LW - could use the email option to all on database which includes all previous members.

DA – did this include people that may have passed away? There was 1 person on the list who had passed.

LW – every attempt was made to keep the list up to date but errors were inevitable.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 16th April 19.00