



The NECRA committee meeting 10 February 2022

Attendees: Ian Lynch (Chair), Steve Marsden (Sec), Larry Wilkinson (Web), Dave Addison (Tres), David Wheldon (SYC), John Anderson (WYC).

AGM minutes: the previous minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

Finance:

DA - £2500 in bank at the present time. All Winter Series competitors have paid to re-join. We should consider what money to put into events for 2022.

SM – we have quotes of £231.54 for 30 burgees and £30 up to £110 for 50 stickers. The cheapest quote used last year took 2 months to deliver.

IL – we should go ahead with burgees and try the cheapest quote for stickers as there was no immediate need.

Action: SM would place orders.

2022 Programme:

JA – WYC were happy to put a 3rd race on the Sunday morning 5th June prior to race to Hartlepool.

DW – SYC also would do a 3rd race on Sunday morning 10th July prior to race to Hartlepool.

SM – THYC couldn't put a 3rd race on the Sunday 15th May because of the tide but would do 3 races back-to-back on the Saturday.

DW – the Whitby/Sunderland to Hartlepool race in September would be better on 10th.

JA – that would work for WYC but would mean an early start. He would put it to his committee.

SM – the return race after S2W overnight to Hartlepool 12th July would like an earlier bridge.

Could JA organise a 10:30 bridge to do an 11:00 start?

Action: JA to make enquiries.

AOB:

Membership renewal:

LW – there was some complaints about renewal of membership during Winter Series from existing members. There was misunderstanding that new members who joined for the WS had 14 months membership until 31st December 2022 but 2021 existing members needed to re-join on 1st January 2022 mid winter series.

DW – had approached RNYC with regard Blyth Regatta but had no response.

LW – NECRA participation does stop some boats from taking part in some club racing but those boats did prefer the longer races.

IL – had a complaint from AC about NECRA boats only doing 1 day of a 2 day series and would prefer a 1 ½ day commitment. This had already been addressed.

Action: SM – would discuss it with the THYC committee along with the class split.

THYC Representative:

IL – there was need for a club representative from THYC. He would contact the club.

JA – WYC were very positive about NECRA as it provided a route for new competitors to get involved with racing before getting involved with club racing. He was also getting enquiries from ScYC and motor cruisers.

The Future:

DW – it would be good to ask members what they want from NECRA.

Action: JA – would design a survey to distribute to members.

LW – NECRA was always meant for Offshore and could see no objections to motor cruising members.

Safety

SM – there was a problem with the Safety requirements in SI's from THYC using Inshore rather than Offshore Regulations. He would bring it up at next THYC committee.

Updating Applications:

DA – was getting payments without completion of an application form so was concerned about updating details particularly contact details. There was also a shortage of boat colour details so boats could be recognised.

LW – we have a duty to keep boat and member details up to date.

Action: SM – would mail members to ask for updated details.

Next Committee Meeting: March 10th 2022 19:00