



Start: 19.30

Close: 21.30

Chairman: Ian Lynch

Minutes: Steve Marsden

Attendees:

Ian Lynch, Steve Marsden, Dave Wheldon, Stuart Armstrong, Shaun Houghton Birrell, John Anderson, Larry Wilkinson, David Addison.

Guests:

Stephen Hessehurst, David Stephenson.

Approval of last minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were approved with a slight correction of IL credited with a statement made by SHB.

Treasurers Report

SA – using Powerpoint did a brief explanation of what his role entailed for the benefit of DA who is to shadow SA until he feels able to take over the role.

Membership: SA detailed the procedure for enrolling new and existing members, verifying payment, entering owner and boats details onto the database. There was an issue of ensuring payments had been made by either bank transfer, cash or cheque and issuing of receipts.

Debits: Payment of bills usually by cheque, storing invoices and recording.

Accounting: SA had until recently manually recorded transactions but there were plans to start using double entry electronic book keeping.

Banking: A new bank account hasn't yet been opened but as agreed at the last meeting was a priority to enable electronic banking and payments.

DA was asked if there were any issues. LW offered support as far as the website was concerned and confirmed there were no issues with seconding a different person into the role.

It was agreed that DA should spend time with SA until he felt confident to take over the role at which time LW would need to know so that posts could be transferred to him.

IL proposed DA as treasurer, seconded by SHB, approved.

2020 Program changes

IL – confirmed the provisional program was confirmed by the participating clubs and the program was corrected. There had been alterations to the 2020 winter series that needed changing on the website. SM agreed to do that.

IL – asked that if, in the Winter Series, we needed to run races on consecutive Sundays would it cause a problem with boat crews. DA/DW – considered that it wouldn't.

DW – suggested that at the AGM the question should be asked to get feedback from members about any good or bad features of the Winter Series.

DW – Roker regatta will run different courses for the different races they are running on that day so there won't be any clashing of starts/finishes. Start times haven't been fixed yet but probably either 1200 or 1300.

SA – suggested there be more publicity for RNYC Regatta social. Last years was excellent and more people may be interested in attending.

Cruising Secretary

IL/JA – Asked what the Cruising members thought of our program and how should we incorporate cruisers, in 2019 cruisers were meeting us at events and joining us at socials.

SH – program looked full and he envisaged adding trips to other destinations like Runswick Bay either on

route to Whitby or as a stand-alone cruise. The objective was to encourage more sailors out of the Marina without being involved in racing or any series.

LW – there was considerable interest from cruisers so there was a need for someone to promote and organise that section of membership.

IL – the cruising secretary role needed to be debated, was it even possible under the constitution?

LW – no problem adding the role to the committee but might need to wait until AGM to ratify it.

SM – prepared a rough draft of role definition that should be added to Role Definition document. Carried! A further meeting needed to confirm role, duties and program.

2020 Budget plan

IL – what will be our expenses for 2020?

• Wine for prizes	124
• Flags and burgees	386
• Engraving	80
• Food	240
• Web hosting	<u>30</u>
Total	£860

SHB – had a minimum target goal of 51 members for 2020 and LW suggested that there looked as if there was considerable interest and already more joining than was normal at this time of year.

DW – at a RNYC meeting there was definitely more interest in joining our events.

LW – taking membership from January to January had caused unforeseen problems with the Winter Series running over 2 years so proposed that membership be April to April to incorporating the Winter Series. This was agreed.

SM – plan was for prizes of a bottle of wine and a burgee for the 1st place in each class of each race at Inshore plus those Offshore events where there was a social at the end (Overnight, Vernon Dawson, Tyne) for 1st places in each class (only 1 burgee for any boat per year).

2020 Races to count

LW – because number of races were fixed there was no provision to alter the results in the event of an abandoned event. Proposed 50% rounded up if odd number.

IL – there wasn't an issue for Inshore series as these were most likely to take place and if members chose not to attend there were other events to make up the races.

SM – should regatta races be combined to make a single result regardless of number of races?

LW – this had been tried in the past and wasn't popular.

LW – question. What is the Winter Series, Inshore or stand-alone series, do we need a separate rating for that series or can we use the Inshore? Problem created when boats wanted to change rating.

DA – there was confusion between THYC & NECRA results. LW – some THYC boats were not registered for NECRA therefore it changed the number of boats taking part and the points added for DNC. The Winter Series is a THYC event that NECRA extract results from.

LW – because our races were attracting more entrants we needed to be more professional in the administration, NOR, races to count, results and ratings. Safety standards and NERR certificates may also being ignored.

IL – proposed Inshore 50% of events, Offshore and Winter 50% rounded up if odd number. Carried!

IL/DW – proposed changes to NOR to include new 4.5 that boats need to choose and declare which rating (spin or no spin) to use in Winter Series. Also 7.0 to define number of races.

LW – NOR couldn't be altered until end of Winter Series 2019 as it still applies to that.

IL – proposed a new Winter Series rating column for the boat details on website. Carried!

Posters and Stickers

SM – proposed new poster for 2020. Approved and printed for distribution.

SHB – had already had stickers produced and distributed to club reps.

SM – quote for flags and burgees presented and approved. General agreement that a battle flag was a good idea to be used at events although expensive it would last for 10 years.

Club Representative Duties

IL – was the role definitions prepared by JA correct, accepted and should it appear on website. Carried!

AOB

SHB – had a questionnaire from RYA about NECRA. SM agreed to complete the form and send it to committee members for approval.

Next committee meeting:

The next committee meeting will be 24th March 19.30.