

NECRA Committee Meeting - 28 March 2019

Start: 19.30

Close: 21.30

Chairman: Ian Lynch

Minutes: Steve Marsden

Attendees:

Ian Lynch, Steve Marsden, Larry Wilkinson, Dave Wheldon, John Anderson, Shaun Houghton Birrell.
Apologies received from Stuart Armstrong

Minutes of last meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 30/01/19 were approved as an accurate record. The minutes of the open AGM of 25/9/18 were still unavailable. It was recorded that these minutes needed to be made good and approved at the next meeting.

2019 Program and Sailing Instructions

SHB - The HML pursuit is now programmed for the 29 June at 1300 and will be a 2hr duration using the THYC courses. Boats must register in advance to get free mooring and to allow a list of start times to be constructed.

There will be a boat jumble at the marina between 10 and 2pm.

IL – There is an error on the program for AGM date. The start times need to be checked with the THYC program. Steve will check, correct and change the date of HML pursuit.

SHB – cruising members would need to be either a club member or a member of the RYA to be eligible for discounts and other NECRA benefits.

Stickers

SHB managed to get a good price from a local supplier. It was agreed to order 50 A5 stickers ideally with a pale blue background. It was discussed whether to charge £1 for each but decided that the sticker should be part of the membership fee, available on payment and distributed by the club reps.

Accounts

As Stuart wasn't present it was decided to postpone that discussion until next meeting.

Cruising Program

SM – proposed that we should publish a Cruising program based on the THYC. DW – suggested that the calendar was already full and it was obvious where the fleet was from our current program and cruising boats would follow the fleet to gain benefits from those events. LW – suggested waiting until next year to gauge the response. That was agreed.

Whitby Regatta.

JA – Presented a social program for the WYC Regatta including a menu. He advised that WYC officers are meeting on 29 March to discuss these proposals and the publication and promotion of the event. All were in agreement that these proposals were excellent and would be a great attraction to our members. JA will report back on the outcome of that meeting. It was agreed that a pack of advert, sailing instructions and social program would be distributed to all interested parties asap with a final flyer being sent out 30 days before the event. There was discussion on what prizes would be for NECRA participants and it was agreed on a bottle of wine for each class winner of each race. The club rep would source the wine and invoice NECRA.

A list of boats attending needed to be presented to ScBC 2 weeks before the event.

SM – suggested that it was now incumbent on THYC to put on similar arrangements.

LW - Information such as LOA, Beam and Draft are now available on our website to allow registered boats to be put forward to the ScBC for discounted mooring.

Other Business

JA – some boats that had joined were still not on the website. IL – said he would discuss it with Stuart.

SHB – did there need to be a cut-off date by which people needed to pay joining fees. It was proposed that it should be 10 days before the first event i.e. 14 May but JA needed a list of boats by 10 May. SM proposed that cut off should be 30 April.

JA – asked how were we going to promote that and SM agreed to distribute a newsletter asap with all the relevant details: registration, payment, benefits, moorings, social gatherings, prize giving, race agenda.

LW – clarified details from the notice of race including the number of races to count as: 5 Offshore, 4 Inshore, 5 Winter and HML pursuit as a standalone event.

LW - were any changes needed for safety requirements? It was agreed that the wearing of lifejackets was to be strongly recommended for all events but for overnight and any race where reefing was required they should be compulsory. This would be included into the sailing instructions.

IL – proposed a review and prize giving meeting on 26 September. That was agreed.

Next committee meeting:

It was agreed that communication would be by email unless there was need to get together.