

Minutes of the NECRA Executive Committee at THYC on Saturday, 19th September, 2009

1. Attendees: Harry Sissling, Chairman
Stuart Armstrong, Treasurer
Peter Bolton, THYC Rep
Nigel Robinson, Secretary
Apologies: Jeremy Watson, RNYC Rep
Gordon Spencer, SYC Rep
2. The meeting opened at 6.10pm and the Chairman, Harry Sissling-WYC, welcomed all attendees.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. The use of Coast Watch personnel to finish the Whitby-Hartlepool race had not been a success, but it might be revisited once they were more familiar with the set-up.
5. **Future of NECRA**
 - a. There had been 3 successful events, the NECRA Inshore Regatta, the Sunderland to Whitby race and the Whitby to Hartlepool race. The Whitby to Hartlepool "curry run" at the end of the season had brought a reasonable fleet from Whitby with one non-Whitby boat participating, but the reciprocal race from Sunderland only generated 2 entries, both non-Sunderland boats. All the others were poorly or not supported at all. Details are:
 - i. NECRA Inshore Regatta, Class 1 – 6, Class 2 5, Class 3 – 4, Class 4 – 6.
 - ii. Sunderland - Whitby over night, Class 1 – 6, Class 2 – 5, Class 3 – 2, Class 4 – 1.
 - iii. Whitby – Hartlepool, Class 1 - 6, Class 2 – 3, Class 3 – 2, Class 4 – 0.
 - iv. Scarborough – Ijmuiden, Class 2 -2.
 - v. Farnes Race, Class 2 – 1.
 - vi. Whitby – South – Hartlepool, no entries.
 - vii. Whitby – Hartlepool, Class 1- 4, Class 2 – 2.
 - viii. Sunderland – Hartlepool, Class 2 – 2.
 - b. Points for consideration:
 - i. The Regatta is popular, but would it be fair to ask THYC to run it every year? It is possible that WYC would be willing to run it, but events at Whitby have never been well supported. Could the Southern Triangle (Saturday, Bay at Hartlepool, Hartlepool-Whitby. Sunday, Bay at Whitby, Whitby-Scarborough, Monday, Bay at Scarborough, cruise home) be resurrected (tried one previous year, but galed off in Hartlepool).
 - ii. Retain Sunderland – Whitby and Whitby – Hartlepool.

- iii. Retain Scarborough – Ijmuiden (no organisational requirement).
- iv. Question Farnes Race, needs to be further in time from Scarborough race and a more “sociable” race.
- v. Whitby to Hartlepool a moderate success and tied in with WYC series, but no support from SYC on the sister race.

6. **Return of Trophies**

Club representatives are requested make all attempts to recover trophies presented last year. Trophy list attached. Please try to have them cleaned and ready for re-presentation at the Prizegiving/AGM on 21st October.

8. **AGM Arrangements**

It was agreed that the NECRA AGM would take place at THYC on Wednesday, 21st October at 19.30. The format would be:

- a. AGM
- b. A finger buffet at no cost to members
- c. Prizegiving

9. **Any Other Business**

- a. Through the THYC Rep, NECRA had been asked to assist with paying for the entertainment on the evening of the Whitby-Hartlepool and the Sunderland-Hartlepool races. The committee agreed to assist in line with the money they had paid WYC ie 50%. This amounted to £75. To avoid complications of payment, NECRA would pay the full £150 to the entertainers and recover the £75 from THYC.
- b. Suggestions from the Chairman to be brought up at the AGM:
 - i. The NECRA representative should be an office bearer in the represented club. Doubts were voiced at the feasibility of this.
 - ii. At present member clubs carry 5 votes. It was agreed that it be put to the AGM that this should be removed and that only individual members votes should count.
- c. It was agreed that membership renewal forms should be sent out early in the year to current members with a request for renewal payment. This could simplify renewal procedures which at the moment end up in a rush as the season approaches.

10. Next Meeting – Wednesday, 21st October, THYC after the AGM and prizegiving.

Nigel Robinson

NECRA Secretary