



Start: 19.00
Close: 19.45

Chairman: Ian Lynch
Minutes: Steve Marsden

Attendees:

Ian Lynch, Steve Marsden, John Anderson, Larry Wilkinson, David Addison, Dave Wheldon, Tony Freeth, Ken Murray

Apologies:

Shaun Houghton Birrell

Format:

Meeting was held on Zoom.

Winter Series:

SM – put forward the possible running of Winter Series from the Kafiga assuming enough spare berths for visitors but all would be closed down if Hartlepool went into lock-down.

IL – confirmed that THYC had still to decide on whether to run it and there would be a meeting to decide.

KM – RNYC were running their WS but were ready to shut it down at any time if necessary.

JA – this event had been run as a collaboration between NECRA and THYC. It should be made clear that NECRA were not organising it.

SM – the WS is a THYC event run by them but open to NECRA members.

LW – HML might be upset and be less supportive in the future if the WS went ahead without their support.

DW – NECRA had managed to do the right thing throughout the Summer by not running any events, did we want to go ahead with WS when the CV19 situation was starting to look more serious?

JA – Agreed

The vote was not to include the THYC winter series in our program – All agreed

New RYA Rules:

IL – there is an update and changes to rules and scoring due from the RYA on 1st January 2021, how should NECRA respond? One specifically is changing DNS to score the same as DNF. We can use our own rules as long as it's specified in our SI's.

JA – there was an incentive to start a race by having the 1 point difference.

DW – new rule was designed more for short races rather than long distance.

All agreed to leave that part as it stands in our SI's and review the new rules in 2021.

AGM:

IL – do we need to have an AGM and/or can we run it virtually?

DW – rules say we must have AGM but RYA strongly advises an online meeting but need to ask members for agreement. It was doubtful whether members would be willing to travel to Hartlepool.

JA – RYA advice documents are available.

IL – we will pole members with the question, “Is there any objection to holding a virtual AGM?” and allow 2 weeks for a response.

LW – how would we decide on agreement?

IL – agreement would be decided by a majority.

2021 Program:

IL – proposed that the 2021 program be a mirror image of the 2020 program subject to CV19 restrictions,

calendar, participating club programs and tides.
All agreed.

Any other business:

DA – confirmed that he had got all financial details from SA, LW had set up the online details and he was waiting for the paperwork to take over as a signatory to the Virgin Money account. He was unable to open a new business account with Santander at the moment as banks were not opening new accounts.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting should be the AGM subject to membership agreement to a virtual meeting.