



The NECRA committee meeting 12th October 2023

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

Apologies: Ian Lynch (Chair),

AGM minutes: the previous minutes were approved.

Correspondence: None

Trophies:

SM: lots of trophies appear to be missing although the major ones for Inshore and Offshore are there except Class 3 Inshore. I have no idea what trophy was given out so don't know what I was looking for. As Class 3 Offshore was a Salver I decided to use a second salver for Class 3 Inshore. The same with Yacht of the Year and Best newcomer I had no idea what was given so I decided to use the 2 shields and have them brought up to date with new mini shields attached.

SM: I propose Phoenix 2 and Foolish Pleasure as the 2 recipients of those shields.

Agreed

Accounts:

DA: read through the accounts. There was a discrepancy in harbour dues paid and received because some were left over from last year and there was an extra £5 in membership overpaid and told to keep. There was also merchandise paid for and as yet unsold.

SM: I still have 5 shirts and 16 hats which when sold amount to £255. The engraving has cost more bringing the trophies up to date but it is a one off expense.

LW: So the finances are good.

SM: Do we need to increase the membership fee.

DA: There are no major expenses and no planned expenditure so the joining fee is a reasonable amount. Enough to cover us and not to frighten off prospective members.

Officers:

IL, DA, and SM agreed to stand again for another year.

2024 Programme:

LW: For the past 4/5 years the Inshore series has been poorly attended and the events gaining popularity are those Offshore events that end with a social gathering.

SM: I advocate that we drop the Inshore series in favour of more long distance events. We should try to get to and incorporate more places and not favour Hartlepool so much. Places like Amble, Blyth and Scarborough.

DW: SYC have started an introductory class race group which has proven very popular and would like some shorter races earlier in the season to encourage them. We need to put it to members at the AGM.

Website:

LW: We need to find someone to take over the website before I can't do it.

DW: Why not put out a general email to members asking for anyone with that level of knowledge. It must be remembered that we are all just volunteers and can't go on forever.

YTC:

JA: What is NECRA's opinion of YTC and is there any proposal to take it on?

DW: I have attended webinars about it and at the present time there are many serious anomalies in it. It is probable that with time the RYA will refine it but their aim is that it is just an introductory system which will lead on to a more formal system like IORC.

SM: We are fortunate at the moment that there are no modern race boats in our clubs and our current system still works well. I did propose to THYC that their members be asked to get YTC registered and run results in the background. Not publish them.

LW: If that happens it causes lots of grumbles because people then start comparing.

SM: We need to be aware of the system but at the present time and for the near future there is no plan or need to change anything.

AOB:

WYC annual dinner: As members of NECRA both IL and SM were invited to WYC annual dinner. IL is able to attend but SM not but many thanks for the invitation.

RYA Publicity: SM had an interview with Paula Irish from the RYA wanting to do a news item on NECRA and she then sent me a draft document. I have rewritten that document and sent it out for the committee to approve.

Archive of NECRA documents:

LW: I have results documents going back to 1966. I would hate to think they would be lost.

DW: I also have those documents and more.

SM: Could we digitise them?

LW: Certainly they could be photographed and stored digitally but there is a lot of work there.

DW: We need to discuss this between us.

Next Committee Meeting:

AGM and Open meeting Thursday 19th October 2023