



The NECRA committee meeting 24th November 2022

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

AGM minutes: the previous minutes were approved.

Correspondence: None

Matters arising from AGM:

1. Presentation to Scarborough YC:

SM – ScYC were considering NERR

DW – did a presentation on NERR to ScYC some time ago but the problem was always that they didn't want to weigh the boats. We don't want to look as if we're pressurizing them.

JA – we could do a NECRA Q & A presentation including NERR.

SM – would be happy to assist JA in that if JA could fix a date.

2. Tall Ships:

DA – what arrangements were in place and what could we do to promote event?

IL – THYC were due to discuss arrangements. The Marina had agreed to accommodate visiting boats. The council were discussing dredging the Middleton channel and fireworks.

3. Use of NECRA funds:

SM – could we fund food at events?

IL – most events already provided food. It wouldn't encourage better participation.

SM – we should ensure that food was available and promote it with the event.

JA – could we have some promotional merchandise – shirts, hats?

LW – we could have a speaker?

JA – do we need to invest in a website update?

LW – the current site is old fashioned but very functional. Any update would probably lose that functionality. Willing to tutor someone to take over maintenance.

SM – do we produce 2023 flags, burgees and stickers? There was a request for a non-dated burgee and more battle flags.

IL – get quotes and discuss it at next meeting. Same with shirts and hats.

2023 Programme:

SM – it was requested that the regattas have all 3 races on the Saturday allowing boats to sail home early Sunday.

DW – that would entail SYC starting their races earlier in the day.

JA – the return from the Overnight race would need a special bridge 8am 18th June.

IL – Tall Ships feeder HW 20:00 on 7th July. Earliest entry to Marina 17:00. Sunderland race start 14:00. Whitby start 10:00. May involve a delay before entry to Marina but on a rising tide.

LW – there could be berths available on Kafiga.

SM – RNYC and ScYC regatta were on 26th August could we include them in our program?

IL – only Hartlepool boats were in a position to do either but it would depend on whether their format allowed NECRA results.

SM – RNYC had agreed to accommodate NECRA. We need to open a discussion with RNYC and ScYC about how that would be done.

IL – the last 2 races in September could be dropped. Already enough on the programme.

DW – 2nd September SYC dinghy regatta.

AOB:

LW – is there any change to NERR?

DW – they were in discussion as to what changes to make.

Action:

- SM to circulate proposed 2023 programme
- SM to price for flags and stickers
- SM to price merchandise
- SM to update THYC winter results
- JA to arrange presentation to ScYC
- JA to ask for Whitby special bridge 08:00 18th June

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday 12th January 2023 19:00 Zoom