

NECRA Committee Meeting - 30 January 2019

Start: 19.30

Close: 21.30

Chairman: Ian Lynch

Minutes: Steve Marsden

Attendees:

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

Minutes of last meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 29/11/18 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 acquired and approved at the next meeting.

Inclusion of other Yacht Clubs in NECRA

Newsletters and programme was sent to every YC from Grimsby to Amble with invitations to join with us at any of our events. Response was received from Scarborough and Royal Quays.

2019 Program and Sailing Instructions

The program for 2019 was confirmed with amended times for THYC regatta. SI were already published for THYC run events although some times, tide times needed to be changed and radio frequency's checked. SYC regatta instructions were under construction and WYC regatta instructions were available in draft.

JA - advised that WYC officers are meeting SBC on 1 Feb re extra bridges, including those requested by THYC. WYC will ask for extra bridges for THYC events on 4 Aug at 9.30 and on the 11 Aug at 10.00am. JA will report back outcome of that meeting. The minutes of SBC regarding discounted mooring fees state that 50% reduction was at the discretion of the Harbour Master, rates to be agreed at least 14 days before and applicable to vessels competing in prescheduled advertised races and major town events.

Information such as LOA and Draft would normally be supplied to the Harbour Master at least 7 days before the event. It was usual for the Harbour Master to bill the club and then the club to obtain payment from members. It was to be impressed on members for the need to register with NECRA in order to gain the discount. SM said he would compile the lists and contact the marinas. JA would deal with Whitby and Scarborough marinas.

IL asked if WYC could assist with THYC race starts from Whitby race station. JA said he would explore this request with WYC members.

DW- discounted mooring of £15 were available at Sunderland Marina but only a limited number were available. SYC would organise the starts for our events but radio operates on M1.

LW - Blyth's Tony Freeth was away but it might be possible to contact Ian Robertson at RNYC.

IL – THYC regatta and the winter series were using NECRA rating divisions for the results.

SHB – HML pursuit would be a stand-alone race and it was hoped to provide a trophy.

Publicity

SM – confirmed that he would publish and distribute flyers for each event to members and clubs. JA would provide a WYC logo for flyer.

IL - we need a larger poster to distribute to all YC to advertise our season. SM would make one for approval.

SHB – suggested that a membership card and membership for cruising boats to join us at events (not racing) would advertise and encourage more members, discounts and more racing participants. These were agreed to be good ideas and worth pursuing.

Entertainment and catering

JA – what sort of entertainment was envisaged? SM suggested an earlier meal time to discourage crew eating away from the clubs, prize giving at every event and some social event. Most were not in favour of hiring an entertainer, that possibly a quiz or other such quiet facility to talk and social interaction.

Website

It was generally agreed that the website was traditional in its look but very functional, easy to use, quick and did everything needed.

LW – it was some time since the Notice of Race page had been reviewed and would all individual committee members look it over and feedback to LW. This was agreed. The races to count had as yet not been revised. Addition of pictures greatly brightened the site and was a popular page visited.

Data Protection and GDPR

IL – as a ‘not for profit’ organisation we didn’t need to register for DPA but still need to conform to the GDPR. This means: published policy document, list of and where data stored, person responsible for data, list of third party access, agreement from members, data breach procedure, time limit. The policy statement should be available on the website and would be positioned at the bottom of each page alongside email link. DW – the RYA had done extensive work on DP and the recommendations were available as a resource from them.

IL – Liz had done the THYC policy and we could adapt those documents for our use. This was agreed as the easiest way forward.

LW – data should not be taken out of NECRA storage environment. Members name and boat details were retained on historical race results.

IL – if members didn’t want their data stored they couldn’t be members. They need to tick the box to agree to our holding their data. 13 months was the accepted time for holding data after termination.

It was agreed to use THYC documentation as a model and IL would circulate for all to consider.

Social Media

SHB – had there been any progress with social media. SM had tried and been blocked from Facebook. SHB would look at it and report back. Were there any other forms that needed to be considered e.g. Whatsapp?

Other Business

SA – it was difficult to extract specific boat details from the members’ application. SM suggested that under boat details should be name, sail number, make and model, rating, LOA, draft. This would help when booking marina moorings. LW would look at including those details on the application form.

SM – these member and boat details should be on the database for club use.

JA – boat stickers, shirts, badges and merchandise to promote visibility of NECRA to members and other. These could relate to membership, no of events entered, placing, etc. It was agreed that stickers using NECRA burgee would work and be the cheapest option.

IL - would price of A5 stickers and THYC equipment could be used for printing membership cards.

SHB – the trophies were looking a bit tired and full up, what could be done? IL – request early return in July and decide what to do.

SM – NECRA member cards could lead to members getting discount at other marinas.

LW – the committee’s efforts were key to success of NECRA

Next committee meeting: 27 March 2019