

NECRA Committee Meeting - 29 November 2018

Start: 19.30

Close: 22.00

Chairman: Ian Lynch

Minutes: Steve Marsden

Attendees:

Ian Lynch, Steve Marsden, Larry Wilkinson, Dave Wheldon, John Anderson, Stuart Armstrong, Shaun Houghton Birrell.

Minutes of last meetings:

The minutes of the meeting of 13/9/18 were approved as an accurate record. The minutes of the open AGM of 25/9/18 were unavailable. It was recorded that these minutes needed to be acquired and approved at the next meeting.

Review of the aims of NECRA:

The published aims were reviewed from the website and it was agreed that these were to:

- Facilitate and encourage interclub racing
- Facilitate and encourage social interaction between clubs
- To encourage longer distance sailing
- To facilitate sailing experience using different environments and interaction

2019 Program:

SM put forward a proposed program for 2019 for discussion stating that if other clubs were to be encouraged to join in that their clubs needed to be included in the program and if THYC was the only regatta then other clubs may consider this as a takeover of NECRA so not take part. LW was against more regattas as was the general feeling of the AGM. They were poorly attended, diluted club racing, had different classes and rules, crews didn't have enough spare time. DW and LW said that RNYC and SYC expressed interest in joining in.

Discussion centred around what we needed to do to overcome these issues. These were:

- Better publicity and communication with clubs and individuals
- Free or cheaper moorings at events
- Available food and social events at host clubs
- Inclusion in SI about costs and social events
- Production and circulation of race information sooner

DW stated that publicity was a major issue and SM agreed to take control of that task.

SHB on behalf of Hartlepool Marina offered free mooring to visiting boats at and between events and also to negotiate with Royal Quays for cheaper moorings and possibly a food/social event there.

LW suggested that a pro-forma questionnaire be produced that each club could fill in giving details of what was available at their venue.

JA said he would investigate the possibility of cheaper moorings at Whitby and Scarborough. Also bridge opening times to coincide with races to and from Whitby. SHB suggested that bar and meal times be earlier because hungry crew tended to eat elsewhere but needed to be encouraged to use the host club.

The SM proposed program added return races from Regattas and changes to dates to link events and minimise travelling. Also a fewer number of races to count to reduce travelling.

LW suggested a prize giving at every event. Possibly wine, glass or a pennant. Again an earlier timetable for prize giving and food would encourage crew to attend the club and not go elsewhere.

The draft program was approved subject to confirmation of RNYC dates.

It was agreed that 4 races would count for inshore races and 5 races would count for Offshore.

Other business:

LW – there is an issue with different class ratings between NECRA and THYC but this could be resolved with separate results for each. Boats must register their rating for the series at least 24 hours before the first race of a series.

IL - the number of boats taking part in the Winter series could lead to splitting of classes.

LW – would like someone to start taking on the control of the website. SM volunteered.

LW – there should be a time limit on the submitting of finishing times. He often needs to contact the boat long after the event to get results. This could be linked with the prize giving and social event at the clubs.

IL – there is an issue with getting into Whitby due to low tide after Vernon Dawson race.

IL, SHB & LW discussed possible of club presence on Facebook. LW would investigate.

SHB and HM wanted to have a single Sunday Pursuit with a trophy and social event at the end of the 707 championship racing proposed for 30 June but should be a THYC event.

Next committee meeting: 30 January 2019