

NADs AGM 2018

Date: 21 Oct 2018

Time: 16:51

Attendees

Martin Marriott, Tom Watson, Tim Watson, James Hobbs, Chris Hobbs, Paul Heaton, George MacDonald, David Harvey, Barry Fat, Ian Williams, Paul Upton-Taylor, Peter Barrow.

Apologies for absence

Keith Mallam

Minutes of last AGM

Accepted unanimously

Matters arising from minutes

None raised

Reports

Chairman's Report

Martin thanked the membership for his election last year. He said we had made various improvements to the race control system including a new computer to run the transponder system. Martin said it had been a year with good close racing, all-time records have been broken in various classes. He thanked BMBS. Martin mentioned the recent low attendance which will be discussed over winter with ways to try and improve.

Secretary's Report

Tom didn't have much to say having only taken the job after the previous race meeting, however he was thanked by the members for stepping up and taking the vacant job.

Treasurer's Report

George spoke about the figures and said no increase in entry fees is suggested at this time. He passed the accounts around for the membership to view. There has been £803 expenditure for the purchase of the computer and a few other items. Transponder hire will stay at £2 per regatta.

Webmaster / Regatta Officers Report

Martin is happy with the content on the website and as no one has expressed any other views feels the membership are happy too. Martin mentioned that the server the website is hosted on is rather antiquated. Meetings have been running smoothly.

Safety Officers Report

Chris had nothing to report as there had been no safety problems. He was pleased that the membership was policing the new safety measures put in place this year (safety fencing and chain to

bar entry to the pit and race areas). David Harvey was concerned about BMBS members camping in the top right corner of the site and also about children running around. Chris will raise with BMBS about the possibility of providing some Heras Fencing for protection in front of the camping area, so that even if a boat leaves the lake it will be caught by the Heras Fencing.

Election of Committee

- Chairman – Martin Marriott, proposed Chris Hobbs, Seconded Tim Watson
- Secretary – Tom Watson, proposed Ian Williams, seconded Paul Heaton
- Treasurer – George Macdonald, proposed Peter Barrow, seconded Tim Watson
- Webmaster/Regatta Officer – Martin Marriott, proposed David Harvey, Seconded Ian Williams
- Health & Safety – Chris Hobbs, proposed David Harvey, seconded Peter Barrow

Race Dates

- Round 1 - TBD
- Round 2 - TBD
- Round 3 - TBD
- MPBA Nationals – 28th/30th June 2019 - Bridlington
- Round 4 - TBD
- Round 5 - TBD
- Round 6 - TBD
- Round 7 – TBD

At this point while they were still there, George Macdonald thanked the catering staff from BMBS for their hard work through the season to keep us fed and watered.

Proposals

1 – Proposed by Martin Marriott

“I propose that we adopt the race rules that are used by Naviga and that any race rules changes brought about by Naviga in the future are automatically and immediately adopted without the need for ratification at the AGM.”

This will have the effect of:-

A - modifying the LiPo battery weight limit to 113/285/570gm.

B – requiring the LiPo leads to have at least 30mm cable length.

C – increasing the race time of mini hydro to 6 mins

D – increasing the limiter energy limits as follows:- Band 1: 1200 (No change), Band 2: 3240 -> 3480, Band 3: 6480 -> 6960

This was discussed and points A,B,C and D were all accepted. Proposed Martin Marriott, seconded Peter Barrow

2 – Proposed by Martin Marriott

“I propose that when Naviga changes any battery rules, that the previously legal batteries are allowed until the end of the race season after the year in which the change is made. (i.e. up to two years)”

This is so that racers do not have to buy new packs immediately.

This was discussed and accepted by the membership. Proposed by Martin Marriott, seconded Paul Upton-Taylor.

3 – Proposed by Martin Marriott

“In addition to the Naviga legal packs I propose that the overweight / limited capacity batteries continue to be allowed for the 2019 season.”

This is to allow a cheap battery option for those racers not wishing to pay for the highest energy packs.

After a discussion with argument put forward by Paul Upton-Taylor '*for the 2019 season*' removed from the proposal, which is now

'In addition to the Naviga legal packs, the overweight/limited capacity batteries continue to be allowed'

This amendment was accepted and passed. Proposed Martin Marriott, seconded Tim Watson

4 – Proposed by Martin Marriott

“I propose that for the ‘Junior Open Class Championship’ we add the requirement that at least 3 juniors must compete for at least 5 meetings before the prize (Ian Phillips Cup) will be given”

Chris Hobbs argued against this, and offered the change to two juniors. Two juniors attending three meetings were discussed and unanimously accepted.

5 – Proposed by Tom Watson

“I propose an international event which is in addition to the seven NADs events and the MPBA nationals”

Chris Hobbs said that BMBS were against this proposal. Peter Barrow Mentioned the possibility of the MPBA FES running an international. After quite a lengthy discussion it was decided to defer this proposal to the MPBA FES. Proposed Tom Watson, seconded Chris Hobbs.

6 – Proposed by Martin Marriott

“I propose that we move our web site onto a more modern and faster web host package.”

This was quickly accepted by the members, proposed Martin Marriott, seconded Barry Fat.

AOB

It was brought up that we were losing members due to overzealous application of the rules, it is meant to be fun. One example of this is driving over the top of buoys, is it a missed buoy or not? Martin Marriott said he had been over the rules and there was no mention of driving over a buoy being a missed buoy.

It was decided that if a boat drives over a buoy that it is at the buoy judge's discretion as to whether the boat went over to the left or right of the buoy e.g. missed or not.

It was asked by Martin Marriott if members could try and keep negative banter to a minimum.

It was also reiterated that the Race Controllers word is final. Martin Marriott said a bit of leeway was required.

Martin Marriott said we needed to attract more members, in particular juniors. Tom Watson argued that its parents that you need to attract, as a junior that is interested but without the support of a parent is not going to come racing.

Tom Watson said that he is going to try and join Bridlington based Facebook groups over winter and advertise when we are racing on them to try and generate some publicity to our regattas next year.

It was mentioned by Martin Marriott about possible attendance to the BMBS open day to showcase what we do, it was decided that this was a good idea but will need to be discussed with BMBS.

Tom Watson was asked to contact Tenshock to discuss a price for two mini mono's for demo boats for prospective new members to use.

It was decided to keep the race buoys that we are currently using even though they are not Naviga specification.

David Harvey asked on behalf of Martin Harvey that the price of transponder hire to the MPBA be put in writing at £150. Martin Marriott suggested there is no need for NADs to offer to charge less than we do currently and the membership chose rent to be £200 for MPBA, which it asked the secretary to email this to the MPBA FES secretary. Peter Barrow abstained from the vote, everyone else was in favour.

Presentation of trophies

Close Meeting