

NADs AGM 2019

Date: 29 Oct 2019

Time: 16:15

Attendees

Martin Marriott, Rob Physick, David Harvey, Pete Barrow, Like Burton, Paul Heaton, George McDonald.

Apologies for absence

None.

Minutes of last AGM

Accepted unanimously.

Matters arising from minutes

None raised.

Reports

Chairman's Report- Martin Marriott

It was noted that all the equipment that we had invested in the previous year had been working well and that it was encouraging that we now have a number of members who know how to run the race control software and can thus act as race controllers.

It was felt that the introduction of the “starting gates” had been useful as they allowed us to more easily put on a race with fewer racers present. Whilst they weren’t 100% perfect for all boats, they were close enough to not require any changes.

The meetings this year have run broadly to time and that they had run without problems and it was hoped that members had fun as this was the main reason to do what we do.

Concern was expressed that the number of members were fewer this year and it was hoped that new members could be attracted, particularly young ones.

Secretary's Report – Tom Watson

The current Secretary had previously signalled that he would be stepping down from his post and that work commitments prevented him from being present at this AGM. No report had been filed and so there is no report to present.

Treasurer's Report – George McDonald

The report was presented by Pete Barrow. The accounts were available to the members and showed that the closing balance was greater than the opening balance. The largest expenditure was to the BMBS for hire of the facilities of the Bridlington club.

It was felt that the current level of membership fees and of the entrance fees and transponder hire should remain at their current level for next year.

Webmaster / Regatta Officers Report – Martin Marriott

It was felt that although approval for improving the web hosting package had been given the previous year that the existing site was currently adequate for our needs and had therefore not been done.

It was felt that the features of the web site were adequate for our purposes and that no additions were required with the possible exception of a desire for more photos to be added. The webmaster pointed out that he was happy to add these but he was reliant on them being submitted for inclusion first.

Safety Officers Report – Chris Hobbs

No report had been submitted. As Chris has not been active this year, a new member will be required to fill this position.

Election of Committee

- Chairman –
The Chairman asked if anyone would like to stand for this position. As nobody put their name forward, Martin Marriott offered to stand for a further year.
Luke Burton proposed that this was accepted and Paul Heaton seconded it.
This was accepted unanimously.
- Secretary –
The Chairman asked for volunteers to fill this role which was vacant.
Luke Burton offered to stand.
Paul Heaton proposed this was accepted and Pete Barrow seconded it. It was carried unanimously.
- Treasurer –
The current Treasurer was prepared to stand for a further year.
Luke Burton proposed that this was accepted and David Harvey seconded it. It was carried unanimously.
- Webmaster/Regatta Officer –
The current incumbent was prepared to stand for a further year.
David Harvey proposed that this was accepted and Paul Heaton seconded it. It was carried unanimously.
- Health & Safety –
The position was deemed to be vacant and a request was made for somebody to step forward to fill this role.
Paul Heaton offered to stand.
Luke Burton proposed that this was accepted and David Harvey seconded it. It was carried unanimously.

Race Dates

- Round 1 - 5 Apr 2020 To be confirmed
- Round 2 - 3 May 2020 To be confirmed
- Round 3 - 7 Jun 2020 To be confirmed
- MPBA Nationals – 3 / 5 Jul To be confirmed
- Round 4 - 26 Jul 2020 To be confirmed
- Round 5 - 23 Aug 2020 To be confirmed

- Round 6 - 20 Sep 2020 To be confirmed
- Round 7 – 18 Oct 2020 To be confirmed

An international race had been considered but after some discussion it was decided that we didn't have the resources to run such an event successfully and so we will not be holding this event although it was suggested that we should invite European racers to our Nationals.

Proposals

1 – Proposed by David Harvey

Purpose:

To bring Nads into line with FES and Electra in the mini mono and mini hydro classes.

Proposal:

When using lipo packs with no weight limit increase the capacity to as below.

2s from 2500mah to 2700mah.

3s from 1700mah to 1800mah.

Luke Burton seconded this proposal. It was accepted unanimously.

2 – Proposed by Paul Heaton

To increase the allowed capacity for unlimited weight packs in the non mini classes from

4500(3S)/6600(2S) to

5000(3S)/7500(2S)

This was discussed. Pete Barrow was not in favour. A vote was held.

1 abstained (David Harvey)

1 against.(Pete Barrow)

4 in favour.

This was therefore agreed and passed.

3 – Proposed by Martin Marriott

Purpose:

Currently, changes to the rules can only occur annually at the AGM. This sometimes means that we cannot respond quickly to changes in circumstances. In this era of rapid communication, it was felt that more members would be able to participate in voting if some electronic form of voting was allowed.

Proposal:

To allow the club rules to be changed by email voting.

The merits of this were discussed by the members.

David Harvey expressed concern that rules regarding racing such as boat specifications or battery capacities should not be changed mid race year which everyone agreed was sensible.

It was unanimously decided that email voting should be allowed with the exception of changes to the race rules during the season.

AOB

Pete Barrow said that he felt that throttle sticks on transmitters should have return springs fitted to prevent them being accidentally activated.

Rob Physick said he felt that one of the benches was too close to the right hand corner which could present a risk to the public. It was suggested that this could be moved temporarily on race days.

Thanks was given to the catering staff for their excellent work in keeping us fed and watered during race days.

The subject of buoys was raised by Martin Marriott. We had tried some orange spherical buoys which were good from a visibility viewpoint but had proved too susceptible to damage. Andrew Fuller said that George McDonald had sourced some alternatives.

Martin Marriott said it would be good if the location of the buoys were consistently placed. It was said that there are currently weights on the lake bottom with ropes back to the bank to raise and lower the buoys but they weren't all working at the moment. Paul Heaton, George McDonald and Andrew Fuller agreed to set up a working party to resolve the problem before the start of next year's racing.

It was also requested that the triangles at each end were placed in the Naviga approved spacing (See http://www.mpba-fes.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Race-Rules-Addendum_4.pdf Appendix 1). It is realised that the triangles cannot be placed at the Naviga approved separation of 60mts due to the limitation of the size of the lake.

Presentation of trophies

Prizes were firstly awarded for the round 7 races. This was followed by the prize giving for the league.

(Correction: There was a tie for first place in the Mono1 league between Paul Heaton and Martin Marriott. The first prize was awarded to Martin Marriott on the basis of having the best score in Round 1. This decision was later found to be incorrect as the rules actually state "*the winner will be chosen by looking at the next best rounds that wasn't included in the main calculation*". The winner under this rule was Paul Heaton)

Close Meeting

The meeting was called to a close at 17:19