

NADs AGM 2022

Date: 23 Oct 2022

Time: 17:30 PM

Attendees

Rob Physick, Paul Wilson, Ashley Wilson, David Harvey, Paul Heaton, George McDonald, Elaine Fuller, Chris Pheasey, Pete Barrow, Chris Hobbs, Martin Marriott

Apologies for absence

Like Burton

Minutes of last AGM

As the minutes had been available on the web site for ten months, it was assumed everyone who was interested had read them.

Matters arising from minutes

No issues raised.

Reports

Chairman's Report- Martin Marriott

I am pleased to report that this season has run very smoothly with no problems. Meetings have been undertaken in a competitive but friendly manner. Long may it continue.

Damage to buoys has been less than normal which may be luck or maybe the better durability of our latest models.

From the beginning of this season, we have a new security box which seems to have been successful in protecting our assets.

Secretary's Report –

None available

Treasurer's Report – Elaine Fuller

Accounts were presented by the Treasurer for the financial year 24 Oct 21 to 25 Sep 22. Copies were presented and a profit for the year of £435.41 stated. No objections were raised and so they were accepted unanimously.

Webmaster / Regatta Officers Report – Martin Marriott

In regard to the website, I have had no complaints about its content and although it is simple I believe that it continues to provide all that we currently need. We have had no problems with the service and so I don't believe that we need to make any changes to it.

As can be seen from the "Entrants Data", whilst we have lost some members, we have gained others and so the overall entrance numbers have remained fairly steady for the last few years (a graph of

registrations by class was circulated). However, they are not at the level they once were and so we sometimes struggle to have enough racers free to fulfil some duties such as buoy judging. We must therefore continue to do all we can to attract new members.

All our systems (timing, audio etc) continue to work reliably. The only exceptions to this are:-

1 for some unknown reason and by person(s) unknown, the speaker in the pits area was disconnected and removed. Do we need to replace this?

2 Our large monitor TV was swapped for a smaller one. Investigation has failed to find the original. However, this has the advantage that the new smaller screen does fit inside our security box.

Safety Officers Report – Paul Heaton

No accidents or problems were reported but it was stated that we need to use our safety barriers at every event as some non NADs members had been encroaching on the start area. It was mentioned that rather than the chains we could purchase some auto retracting ribbon barriers. It was agreed that club funds should be used to purchase some.

Election of Committee

Chairman – Martin Marriott was re-elected

Secretary – Chris Hobbs volunteered to stand

Treasurer – Elaine Fuller was re-elected.

Web Master / Regatta Officer – Martin Marriott was re-elected

Safety Officer – Paul Heaton was re-elected.

Race Dates

- Round 1 - 16-Apr-23
- Round 2 - 21-May-23 (requested 14th but clashed with MPBA Multi)
- Round 3 - 11-Jun-23
- MPBA Nationals – 30 Jun to 2-Jul-23
- Round 4 - 30-Jul-23
- Round 5 - 27-Aug-23 (Requested 20th but BMBS open weekend. Unfortunately BH next day)
- Round 6 - 17-Sep-23
- Round 7 - 15-Oct-23

Note that all race dates have been confirmed.

Proposals

- 1) From David Harvey - It is proposed that the requirement to apply the membership number (MPBA) to each boat as is required by the Naviga and MPBA-FES rules should be added to the NADs rules

It was agreed that it should be added to the rules that the MPBA number should be mandatory on all boats. The prefix international code (GB) is preferred but optional.

AOB

The following five topics for discussion are from Chris Pheasey:-

1. Anything we can do in the rules to address the limiter shortage?, more time between heats to swap limiters ?

Response – Can't have more time between races as day already long enough. Nobody could come up with a solution to the limiter shortage but it was pointed out that we do have an alternative battery option in the rules.

2. Can we have a check at points in the season we are using correct limiters and batteries?

Response – Some felt we should have random checks. Others felt we should be more trusting. Martin said that we don't have the resources or time to do the check. It was decided we leave things as they are and only check if suspicions are aroused.

3. How do we encourage new members without burdening them with the rules?, although rules are rules.

Response – This turned out to be a question about understanding how best to get started particularly understanding best batteries. Paul Heaton suggested having a "cheat sheet". Some raised the question of correct MPBA numbers. Chris Pheasey suggested having a sheet of self-adhesive numbers for new members.

4. Propose a "winter CUP" in addition to the nationals? Not at brid to get the south guys chance of entering more races and driving more interest?

Response – Problem with almost no accessible lakes. All southern clubs disbanded.

5. Scrap the cat class > turn into fun class (any hull, any motor, 3 cell) or RTR class? RTR only I believe there are lots of boats running in Nottingham that run this one this might give them interest to come up north

Response – Chris Hobbs discussed his experience with Club 500 at BMBS. He said it was a random free for all and dissolved into chaos. Some suggested that Cat class was reasonably accessible for newcomers. Elaine talked about some BMBS members who have SR65 boats but they didn't want to be competitive. Chris Hobbs suggested we could invite these racers to run their boats in the lunch break. Elaine and Andrew said they would ask them.

Pete Barrow asked what the ruling was if there was a tie at the end of the year.

Response –David Harvey read out from the rule book the relevant paragraph.

"If there is a draw for points at the end of the year, the winner will be chosen by looking at the next best rounds that wasn't included in the main calculation."

Pete and George felt that some may put off if they could only come to five races that they would less chance of winning. Nobody could propose a better solution to best 5 out of 7. We voted to see if we keep the existing rule. The decision was to leave as is.

Presentation of trophies

After the presentation of certificates and medals for Round 7 the 2022 League results were announced. Unfortunately, due to an administrative error, no prizes were available to

present. These will either be forwarded to the winners by post or at the first meeting next year.

Close Meeting

The meeting was closed at 18:30