

NADS AGM 2023

Date – 15th October 2023

Time – 17:22

Attendees

Martin Marriott, Rob Physick, Pete Barrow, Paul Wilson, Ash Wilson, Andrew Fuller, Elaine Fuller, Paul Heaton, Chris Pheasey, Luke Burton.

Apologies for absence

None

Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM had been available on the website for the last 10 months, it was assumed that everyone who was interested had read them. No matters arose from these minutes.

Reports

Chairman's report – Martin Marriott

Pleased to report that the season has run pretty smoothly, with no problems, everyone has entered into the spirit in a competitive and friendly matter, long may it continue. I was going to say before today that we seem to have had less damage to the buoys than normal but I'm not sure that that's true anymore. Whilst we're on the subject, we could consider a new non-naviga design that is A – less prone to damage and B – less prone to damaging boats, in particular, hydro's as both the vertical columns and the buoys are both terminal to any Hydro that hits them. One thing that did cross my mind is to make shallow angled cones in bright yellow or orange, this means that no boat could be damaged and as no boat could hit them, they could not be damaged either. Lastly, I would like to thank BMBS for the provision of the new rostrum, and we look forward to the addition of something on top.

Secretary's report

As we have not had one all year, no report is expected to be provided, just happy to report that we have one for next year.

Treasurers report -Elaine Fuller

The books are looking very good, we started off the year with a balance of £2333.27, we ended the year with a balance of £2490.48. We have given a total of £394 to BMBS in fees from last October to September because my year starts from today. It's been a good year, not a big increase but we're going in

the right direction and at least we've not lost any money. And this year I've paid Mr Foster £220 for his services, but they will go onto next years report. We are taking Ian Phillips off the account and putting Luke on there as a signatory.

Webmaster and regatta officers Report – Martin Marriott

On the web, nothing much has changed, I've not heard any complaints, so I am assuming no news is good news. It's a simple site but it provides everything I think we need; I've not had any problems with the service provider, so I don't plan on making any changes to that. We've lost a few members this year, but we have also gained a few new faces too which is great. Numbers are around what they were at the beginning of the year so that's good news because obviously we don't want to lose any more than this, this is a kind of minimum number that allows us to sustain the club. The system timing all worked well, regardless of the little panic this morning but that was not a mountain, just a molehill.

Safety officer – Paul Heaton

Well, we've had no issues off the water, all is good. We must remember to put the barriers out all the time to stop the none-members entering the pits etc. We could do with another now that the podium has changed size. That's the only thing for next year, we must put them out at every meeting. We must also make sure that the fire extinguishers that we have are out at every meeting.

Election of the committee

Chairman – Martin Marriott was re- elected.

Secretary – Luke Burton 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.

Submitted Race Dates For 2024

Round 1 – 14th April 2024

Round 2 – 12th May 2024

Round 3 – 9th June 2024

MPBA Nationals – 5-7th July 2024

Round 4 – 4th August 2024

Round 5 – 1st September 2024

Round 6 – 22nd September 2024

Round 7 – 20th October 2024

Proposals

Pete Barrow proposed that we check batteries after each race i.e., checking the winner of each race and checking batteries after records providing it's a known record on the day. It would be the race controller's responsibility to check the winning boat from each heat. It was decided that limiters would be checked for the number of light flashes. It was suggested that weighted cells were weighed at the first meeting of the year, if they hadn't been signed off by David Harvey already. It was then decided that only boats fitted with limiters would be checked, and we would try coming up with an easier way of checking weighted cells that won't take up as much time as voltage testing and weighing.

7 For, None against.

Pete Barrow proposed giving jobs to people who were able to help putting out equipment on arrival and putting away at the end of the day, it was discussed that at the moment everybody is pulling their weight and pitching in. Other than a reminder, it was decided we didn't need to make a rule about it.

Pete also mentioned that on the race day at the drivers meeting, we need to remind all drivers to stop in the middle of the lake once they have finished racing until the race is over and everybody else has finished racing. Boats can then be brought in.

Luke Burton proposed that we bring back ECO Expert as a racing class for 2024, Paul Wilson, Ash Wilson and Stephe Hart have all expressed interest and said they would compete in this class, so that's a minimum of 4 entrants. The proposed course would be inside the middle buoys of the current circuit, effectively creating a rectangle course. It was then decided that we could put a buoy in the middle of the course, allowing the class to be run on the correct M course. Martin reminded everyone that the day is already quite long and adding another class would add at least another 45 minutes to the day. It was discussed that this was the same as having a split heat in other classes. We would have to try be more efficient with our timings through the day. It was also discussed that we could change the lunch hour to half an hour to save time too.

5 for, None against.

Paul Heaton suggested we make a more conscious effort to fill out the job sheets and make sure they're all filled out in the morning and that everybody

has a job before the racing starts so that we're not looking for people when it comes to each race. Paul said he will bring the sheet around before the racing starts and make sure all jobs are filled. Luke said he will make some new sheets and print some out so that we have one for each meeting.

Meeting closed at 17:50