

NADs AGM 2024

Date: 20 Oct 2024

Time: 14:42

Attendees

Luke Burton, Graham Tansley, Paul Heaton, Rob Physick, Stephen Hart, Paul Wilson, Ashley Wilson, Martin Marriott

Apologies for absence

David Harvey sends his apologies but is still not feeling too well on this chemo therapy. He hopes to be on the start line next season.

Elaine and Andrew send their apologies but Andrews' treatment prevents this on this occasion as I am sure most of you know.

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 matters arising.

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.

It had been hoped that railings and a staircase would have been added to the rostrum for this race season. Sadly it would appear that the BMBS committee have rejected our request and therefore, for the foreseeable future we will have to resign ourselves to racing from the ground level.

Luke Burton told us that most of the buoys have been punctured and that we would need to purchase extra for next season. Martin Marriott said that although the cost of the buoys is significant, there is enough money in the accounts and that we would should go ahead and purchase more but that we should look at measures to minimise the damage to the buoys and asked for suggestions.

Secretary's Report –

None available at the time of creating this agenda.

Treasurer's Report – Elaine Fuller

The accounts and income and outgoings printouts were distributed. Martin asked if there were any comments regarding the accounts. None were forthcoming.

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.

The website currently is not secured by SSL protection. I have made enquiries to our web hosts and the cost of adding this facility would be about £100. Permission to proceed with this was requested. No objections were raised.

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. 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 and for those present on race days to provide all the help they can to setup and clear up as well as to volunteer for duties throughout the day. By not have a full duties list at the beginning of the race day we are increasing between the time between races as we search for volunteers.

All our systems (timing, audio etc) continue to work reliably.

Safety Officers Report – Paul Heaton

Paul raised the issue that there had been a LiPo fire but that the Lipo in question was in a protective bag. He reminded the members that it was a club requirement that all batteries must be in a fireproof bag whilst charging.

Paul also reminded us that the safety barriers need to be put out on every race day as there had been an occasion when children had entered the racing area. He also noted that the plastic chain was broken. Rob Physick asked who would take responsibility to replace it. Paul Heaton said that he would source some steel chain.

Election of Committee

Chairman – Martin Marriott (currently)

Secretary – Luke Burton (currently)

Treasurer – Elaine Fuller (currently)

Web Master / Regatta Officer – Martin Marriott (currently)

Safety Officer – Paul Heaton (currently)

All current members agreed to stand again next season.

Race Dates

The following dates have been requested but have not been confirmed yet.

- Round 1 – 13-Apr-25
- Round 2 – 11-May-25
- Round 3 – 08-Jun-25

- MPBA Nationals – 27 Jun to 29-Jun-25
- Round 4 – 03-Aug-25
- Round 5 – 31-Aug-25
- Round 6 – 21-Sep-25
- Round 7 – 19-Oct-25

Proposals

Ashley Wilson

1)

There's a few of us Eco Expert racers that would like to run Mini Eco next year. Obviously this would add a further class to the running order and so we're proposing due to the lack of entrants in Cat. Mini Eco replaces this.

It would also help to align NAD's further with Naviga as Mini Eco is a recognised class worldwide.

This was discussed. Rob Physick suggested that we keep Cat class as well but reduce the race time to 5 minutes. Martin Marriott said that there was not enough time to run MiniEco as well as Cat and that it would have to be instead of Cat.

The proposal was voted on and was passed by a majority.

Martin Marriott

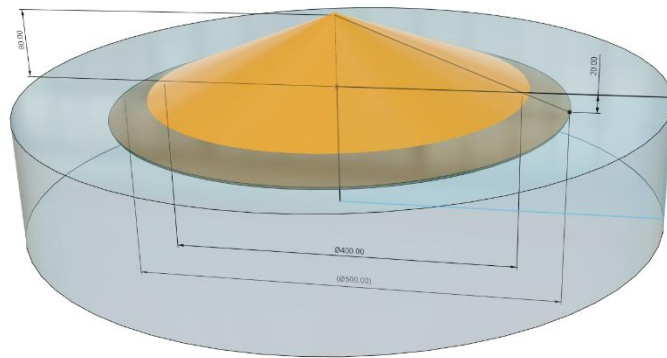
[Request permission to test new style buoy](#)

As can be seen from the accounts, the cost of replacing punctured buoys is rather high. An additional problem with the current style of buoy is that collisions with them from any type of Hydro usually results in damage to the Hydro. At any given meeting there is usually at least one damaged boat.

I would like to suggest that we trial a new style of buoy which would be as shown in this diagram. As can be seen, it is a circular, shallow angled cone. The edges would be below the waterline. This means that if hit from any angle the boat should ride up the cone and not be damaged.

The disadvantages are:-

- 1) They are not Naviga rules compliant, but neither are our current style.
- 2) They may not be visible enough but only a test will confirm this. They will be approximately 500mm diameter and be yellow.



Some discussion of different styles of buoys was had.

Luke expressed a concern that the conical shape may launch the faster boats into the air.

Rob Physick suggested a charge on any member who burst a buoy.

Ashley Wilson suggested “pool noodles”

Finally it was voted on whether permission was given to trial just one of these for next season if Martin Marriott made it. Approval for this was given.

Stephen Hart

- 1) Proposed that the Mill Time be reduced from 10 to 6 seconds.

Much discussion regarding the implications took place regarding the relative merits.

Martin Marriott indicated that it may not be necessary to vote on this as the Naviga Technical Committee had already voted to reduce the Mill Time down to 6 seconds and would probably be in the 2025 rule book.

A vote was held and it was agreed that we would adopt whatever the Naviga rules stated, as we do now.

Presentation of trophies

After the presentation of certificates and medals for Round 7 the 2024 League results were announced.

Close Meeting

The meeting was closed at 15:21