

NORTHERN REGIONAL UMPIRING COMMITTEE



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Report to the Northern Rowing Council Executive 3rd February 2020.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

The committee met on 20th January 2020.

Peter Hoare has stood down after 14 years as Chair. Richard Mortimer was unanimously elected to fill the Chair role with Dilwyn Jones unanimously elected to take over as Secretary. Peter will remain a member of the committee. The changes took place immediately after the end of the meeting.

The committee then proceeded with normal business with highlights detailed below.

UMPIRING SEMINARS

Our Spring seminar will be held at Durham ARC on Monday 30th March at 19:30.
The Autumn seminar will be held at Tyne ARC on Sunday 20th September at 10:00.
Anyone (umpire, trainee, coach, crew) is welcome to attend each seminar.

REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

The regional head racing season is now drawing to a close. In general competitions have been very well prepared this year and we thank the organising committees for this. The final head race is the newly affiliated Derwentwater Head.

Race Committee Chairs have been identified for all of our regional regattas and attention will be turning to detailed planning in due course.

LICENCE RENEWALS

As of 31st December we have 30 active licenced umpires in our complement with two retirements and two newly qualified during the year. Seven umpires completed their periodic licence renewal by the 31st December deadline. One umpire is still pending renewal for personal reasons.

TRAINING

Preparations for the 2020 umpire training round are getting under way. Twenty three people expressed an interest in training over the past year. We will be contacting each of these to see if they are still interested. Theory training will take place during February and March in preparation for practical training to begin during the regatta season.

NATIONAL ISSUES

The 2020 Rules of Racing will come into force on 1st April. These have now been finalised and are awaiting final approval by the British Rowing board of directors. Once approved for distribution we will ensure that the key changes are notified to competitions and competitors as appropriate.

As of December 2019 Richard Mortimer has been appointed to the British Rowing Rules of Racing Panel.

Peter Hoare will represent the region on the National Umpiring Committee training sub-committee.

Peter Hoare, Richard Mortimer & Dilwyn Jones