

Northern Rowing Council - meeting of Executive

24 September 2018

Report of Events Coordinator - Colin Percy

Competitions since last Exec

Over the spring and summer all regattas ran in reasonable to good conditions and (I think) in good time. The exception was Chester-le-Street on 14 April, which was cancelled due to high water, but rerun in September. N.B. See last item for proposed survey.

Competition Programme for current year 2018-19

Gateshead CRC withdrew their proposal for an Ebchester Regatta in summer 2018 (after all documents were prepared and sent off to British Rowing). The application from Cambois RC to run the Wansbeck SBH themselves has been agreed by British Rowing. BUCS 4s & 8s Head will not be returning to the Tyne in spring 2019 onwards; it is going to Gloucester.

Competition Programme for next year 2019-20

Clubs and other contacts in this region have had two emails from me on 3 and 20 September 2018 enclosing the proposed programme. Not all have responded; thanks to those that have. Everybody had a third email on Sunday 23 Sept, with an update on Yorkshire dates and a plea for outstanding replies to be made to me asap. N.B. No problem with Yorkshire dates, with Bradford RC happy being on the same day as Tyne Regatta, 29 June 2019. These dates are in a separate document to be sent out with this report.

Chester-le-Street ARC has asked that a new event be endorsed in principle by the Council with a view to a full application with documentation being prepared for submission back to us and then on to British Rowing shortly. This is for a Chester-le-Street Autumn Regatta similar to the one recently held in lieu of the cancelled spring event. Members of the Council may wish to consider issues such as event congestion, umpiring and calls on other regional resources in making an in-principle decision.

There are outstanding issues with the programme raised by or with me and not resolved:

- Tyne United RC is considering a date a week later for TU New Years Head in 2020;
- it was suggested by me to Tyne ARC to look at Pont Head maybe a week later in 2020 to avoid being on the HoRR/Vesta Vets weekend, but no response;
- feedback on LDS dates as a whole needed - see next para.

The LDS series dates may need considering in light of the clock change date in the middle - Wansbeck have queried their current date after the clock change. Can the LDS coordinating committee please chase up comments from host clubs and take an overview of their dates for 2019) and get back to me asap?

I am recommending that the meeting endorse the programme set out in the table below, subject to these three provisos. I would seek to resolve these outstanding matters quickly, consult Council members by email and then go back to British Rowing and confirm the dates, which they have already have as a provisional draft.

Date - draft	Our events
Sat 20 Apr 19	Easter
Sat 6 April 19	CLS Regatta
11-12 May 19	Durham City Regatta
Sat 18 May 19	Tees Regatta
Sat 25 May 19	Wansbeck Regatta
Sat 1 Jun 19	Hexham Regatta
8-9 Jun 19	Durham Regatta
Sat 29 Jun 19	Tyne Regatta
Sat 6 Jul 19	Talkin Tarn Regatta
Sat 7 Sep 19	Tyne Single Scullers Head
Sun 8 Sep 19	<i>Great Tyne Row (non-affil)</i>
Sat 21 Sep 19	CLS Autumn Regatta - new *
Sat 28 Sep 19	Durham Autumn Sprint
Sat 5 Oct 19	South Hylton LDS
Sat 12 Oct 19	Tees LDS & SBH
Sat 19 Oct 19	Tyne LDS & TU SBH
Sat 26 Oct 19	Berwick LDS
Sat 2 Nov 19	Wansbeck LDS & SBH **
Sat 9 Nov 19	Durham LDS & SBH
Sat 07 Dec 19	Rutherford Head
Sat 18 Jan 20	TURC New Years Head **
Sat 1 Feb 20	Durham SBH
Sat 15 Feb 20	Tyne Head
Sat 21 Mar 20	Ponteland Junior Head **
Sat 11 Apr 20	Easter

* needs decision in principle

** issues to be resolved

Great Tyne Row 2019

All presented invoices have been paid, with the possibility of one or two more being received. The current bank balance of £870.93 is sufficient to cover these should they be received. The event has not run this year as previously explained, but a date of 8 September in 2019 is in the programme above.

Regatta format etc - discussion and debate

This will be on the programme for the Club Development Conference on 27 January 2019. Can we please try to avoid a clash with the Safety session, as many will want to go to both? As an input I will shortly seek structured feedback from organisers on their regattas this year.

CP