

Northern Rowing Council - meeting of Executive – 24 June 2019

Report of Regional Events Coordinators - Colin Percy and Catherine Bowman

Competitions - losses since last Exec and review

Since the last Exec, we have lost Durham Regatta to high water and Tyne Regatta (in a new and focused format) to low numbers.

Competitions - review

The survey before and discussion at the conference in January still needs following through and Catherine and I need to discuss. Brian Webb in particular is keen for us to promote discussion on regatta issues (low/high numbers, dates, etc). BR has just launched a review of their regatta programme after changes this year not being universally welcomed and the Senior Champs being cancelled. We should encourage rowers in the region to respond. Wade Hall-Craggs has just emailed about it to the Yahoo group, but we can use our Facebook page.

Calendar for current rowing year 2019-20, incl affiliation for CLS & LRC comps

The calendar for 2019-20 remains as before, apart from the Great Tyne Row and Tyne Single Scullers Head in September swapping days (see below). I am expecting revised documents for affiliation of Chester-le-Street Autumn Sprint Regatta later this week after discussion with Brian Webb yesterday. I will ask for signatures for the form at our meeting, with submission to BR to be subject to me, Richard and John being happy with the new docs. It may not happen this year, though, due to building works.

In the last week we have received most draft docs for the Derwentwater Head proposed on 7 March 2020. I think the Exec is already happy with the date; I will ask for signatures for the form but again with submission to BR subject to the docs being satisfactory to the three of us.

The Exec may like to look at the situation on umpire candidates coming forward from CLSARC and LRC before deciding to progress both comps.

Draft calendar for next rowing year 2020-21

Comments have been received to the email in early April (requesting comments on the draft calendar) covering all Tees, Durham, Hexham and CLS events. Everything is acceptable on these, except CLS reserves their position on the spring event as they need to know when JIRR will be as there might be a clash. Catherine and I are about to send a fairly strongly worded reminder to non-responding clubs. The LDS organisers have already been reminded. National dates have not yet been received for 2020-21, though some BR ones may take some time!

Dates for Great Tyne Row and Tyne Single Scullers Head

We are having to move the GTR to the Saturday 7 September as Tynemouth RC are unable to host the finish on the Sunday. NUBC has agreed to swap days and the Exec is asked to agree a formal request to BR to move the Head to 8 September. GTR is not affiliated, so does not need BR approval. NUBC are agreeable. THE GTR will be publicised this week if these changes are agreed at our meeting.

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