

NRC Masters Feedback from Masters Committee

March 2018

The masters committee meeting was postponed due to snow and is Tuesday March 20th so not a lot to report, though I have read all the papers to be submitted for discussion and can say this..

There has been some discussion about age categories for masters rowing and whether to change them, in particular the age that rowers go from senior rowing to masters rowing. There seems to be a general feeling that the age could be lifted to allow seniors to row as seniors for longer.

There is a huge number of masters rowers wanting to row at National events each year, National Masters and Henley are usually oversubscribed. Perhaps there should be 2 National masters events each year, say one in April and one in October?

Also, maybe communications between clubs should be improved so that clubs can more easily put together composite crews to race at championship vents.

At the moment masters rowers make up 40 to 50% of the British Rowing membership and 900 masters rowers went from the UK to Bled last year. This is a lot of people and British Rowing could be doing more to represent/help masters rowers. There is a drive towards looking at what masters rowers need rather than just expecting them to fit in.

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