

NORTHERN REGIONAL UMPIRING COMMITTEE

Chair: Dr. R. Mortimer Vice-Chair: Mr. C. Curtis Secretary: Dr. D. Jones
Members: Mr. M. Bell, Ms. L. Forster, Dr. P. Hoare, Mr. J. Mulholland,
Dr. A. Oakenfull, Mrs. L. Pain



Report to the Northern Regional Rowing Council AGM 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 committee resolved to invite Louise Forster to become a member. The changes took place immediately after the end of the meeting.

UMPIRE COHORT

As things stand we expect to have 29 licenced umpires registered to the Northern Region as at 1st January 2021. This is a drop of 2 over the year due to 2 retirements. There were 0 new umpires due to the Covid situation.

Renewals are in progress for those with licences expiring at the end of 2020. Dilwyn is coordinating this for the Northern Region with over half of the expected renewals completed already. A number of umpires have not renewed their British Rowing membership as of 30th September and are currently suspended from the National Umpiring Register. Individuals have been contacted to inform them of this.

TRAINING AND NEW LICENCES

At the beginning of the year we had 2 trainees mid-way through their training with one having passed the theory exam and another ready to take the theory exam. In the normal course of things both would have been expected to take/pass the practical exam early in the regatta season. Training for both is currently on hold.

We had over 10 individuals who had expressed an interest in training prior to the March lockdown. Indeed on the eve of the lockdown we ran a theory session in Keswick. Once it became clear that the regatta season was unlikely to happen all training was put on hold.

Currently we are looking at the possibility of running theory training over the winter months via video conferencing to take advantage of the time when individuals will be spending more time at home.

SEMINARS

Our spring seminar was held online via video conferencing and was well attended. The autumn seminar was cancelled due to a clash with the rescheduled Tyne Single Scullers Head and it was decided to not reschedule this seminar.

COMPETITIONS

The 2019-2020 head racing season proceeded without significant incident. The end of the season was curtailed due to Covid and so far only Tyne Single Scullers Head has been held.

NATIONAL ISSUES

The NUC met via phone/video conference many times during the year with Richard representing the region.

In addition to this Richard is a member of the Rules of Racing Panel along with exams and CPD/training working groups. Peter is a member of the CPD/training working group.