

Northern Rowing Council - Executive meeting – 27 June 2016

Report of Events Coordinator

Meeting of regional events coordinator

The meeting due on 9 April was cancelled at very short notice (but I was going to London anyway, so no travel cost issue) and no news since.

Events programmes for 2016-17 and 2017-18

Weather has been relatively kind to the 2016 summer regatta season with the exception of first up Chester-le-Street, which was cancelled. I will seek feedback from events once Tarn is over and report fully next time (plus any news on the new competition structure).

For 2017-18 the programme remains settled, but subject to checking with events again and sorting the clash in requests for Tees and Tyne Regattas in 2017. Can the Exec agree who from the Exec who should hear the competing bids in the next 2-3 weeks now that the 2016 events are over and can be assessed as part of the process.

The discussions with Newcastle University about a proposed single scullers head on the Tyne, mooted for Saturday 10 September 2016, have not progressed and I now think it is too late to get this moving. There is in any case an objection from Yorkshire RC, as the Bradford Autumn Regatta is the following day. We can still explore the possibility for 2017.

Explore Series (formerly Sunday League)

The first four events have now happened (no cancellations! And next Sunday is the July event at Tynemouth. The first ever at Berwick in June went very well, though there are lessons to be learnt about tides/currents and admin (nothing serious). We also have a problem with tides (my fault) for the Explore Series event on 3 September at Tyne and it will have to be retimed (a bit later) on the day or may have to be moved to 10 September – thanks to Jerry at TARC for spotting this.

Great Tyne Row

Preparations are proceeding. Our last meeting was on 15 June. There were 5 entries at that time. The early bird reduced rate expires at the end of June. The steering group now has its own community bank account with a cheque book (two signatures needed) but not online banking and no overdraft facility. Can the NRC Exec endorse this action and ask the Treasurer to offer any guidance to the GTR Treasurer (Pam Walton) as to processes.

The GTR steering group would also welcome confirmation from the NRC Executive (if not at this meeting, in due course) as to the relationship between the NRC and the steering group so as to clarify the ultimate responsibility for the event, its finances and any liability the GTR organisers may have if something goes wrong. The question was asked at the last meeting was whether the NRC holds any insurance itself or through British Rowing. The answers may apply to the organisers of the LDS series and the Explore Series

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