

Northern Rowing Council - Executive meeting – 30 January 2017

Report of Events Coordinator

Events programmes for 2017-18

The calendar has eventually been finalised with the fixing of the date of Chester-le-Street Regatta, i.e. on Sunday 30 April 2017. Members will recall that York City/Yorkshire RC objected to a clash with York Spring Regatta and this ultimately led just a week or two ago to the National Competition Committee ruling that CLS could not have Saturday 29 April, but that they could live with Sunday 30 April (or another date). CLS ARC chose to run with 30 April.

I will start looking at the programme for 2018-19 very shortly, as dates could be a little more awkward all round in the summer due to vagaries of the (non-rowing) calendar. This will also allow us to get ahead of others if necessary. The calendar to 31 March 2018 is at www.nerowing.com/calendar.html.

Tyne Single Scullers Head

This event to be run by Newcastle University BC on Sunday 3 September 2017 is in the national calendar for 2017-18 but will be taken out again if an application for affiliation is not made to BR now. I have worked with NUBC and the relevant draft documents needed by BR have already been circulated to Exec members by email, together with the application form.

I know everybody was not entirely convinced about the need for this event, but it is now in the calendar and I hope that we can endorse affiliation. Comments on the draft documents just sent to you (which can be reviewed and amended as necessary by NUBC nearer the time of the event) are of course welcome and amendments can be made. BR may seek changes too.

I recommend the Exec endorse the affiliation of Tyne Single Scullers Head.

If endorsed I need signatures (or supporting emails if not present) from the Chair, the Regional Rep, the Chair of the RUC and the RWSA.

Competition Framework

I gave a talk on the new Competition Framework (CF) at the Club Development Conference on 22 January. There was much interest but still uncertainty about some aspects, both from an event organiser's and a competitor's point of view. I am almost certainly meeting Phil Clements and Jeff Elms of BR the evening before BUCS on Friday 24 February along with regional event contacts to discuss the CF in more detail. I will disseminate any new info not already on the (recently updated) BR web site – and suggest that the web site info is supplemented if necessary.

I also wish to discuss with event contacts the regional programme in all its aspects, with a view to perhaps seeking some changes this year or more likely in 2018-19. I had hoped to cover this at the Conference, but ran out of time. I may therefore seek views from rowers

generally via email, social media, etc, see what we cover on 24 February and then decide how to proceed with clubs and events.

Explore Series (formerly Sunday League)

I have worked with Colin and Gabrielle on this and the new programme has just been launched – see www.nerowing.com/sundays.html. Colin covers this item in his report.

Great Tyne Row

I had hoped to give a full report on the GTR, especially on finances, but I am awaiting information from fellow steering group members on income and expenditure, and cannot do so. A further contribution from the NCR to help cover costs will almost certainly be necessary. A steering group meeting is planned shortly. The date for 2017 is Saturday 2 September.

Colin Percy