



Racing Committee: notes of meeting 31st March 2019

Attendees: Barry Wyatt Ian Rawet Joe Constable
 Jon Rickels Neil Klabe
Apologies: Dave Philpott David Macnamee **Ian Paterson**
 Neil Washington

- 1) **Turnout:** The statistics will be circulated as soon as they are available. There is an interest in the number of boats racing in the third race of the winter series compared with the number of boats taking part in the third race (i.e. the first race in the afternoon) of the spring series.
- 2) **The special race events** to be approved by Mark Rushden
 - a) **Past Masters** Trophy 2nd June. Should this for example, be just one long race?
 - b) **RNLI** 5th May. Pursuit race.
 - c) **24th August 2019 to 26th August** (Bank Holiday Regatta from Saturday through to Monday with the Monday long distance event)
 - d) **29th September** Duke of Edinburgh Club championship.
- 3) **Wednesday evening** racing.
 - a) The review of format by Joe Constable and Ian Paterson identified that for both the fast and slow two-handed fleets, there had been a slight reduction in the number of boats racing when compared with the slow single-handed fleet. No change was recommended with the provision that the situation continues to be monitored.
 - b) The number of prizes being awarded at prize giving was a cause for concern. There would be a positive drive to reduce the time taken giving out hardware at the next prize giving.
 - c) A special event, embedded in the Wednesday evening series, for the team Grafham racers to be held during school holidays would be discussed with Mandy Sweet.
- 4) **Autumn Series** runs August to October with two am and two pm races.
- 5) **Winter Series**
 - a) three back to back races to be morning only for November through to January.
 - b) The afternoon races for the Spring series in March 2019 have had poor turnout due to adverse weather conditions. There is some thought that the afternoon racing with 2 races should not formally start until April.
- 6) **The Club Racing format for May, June and July 2019** will be
 - a. **Wednesday evenings** run from mid-April through to September.
 - b. **Summer Sunday series** May to July with two am and two pm races. The afternoon dates will depend upon the finalised dates for the special events.
- 7) **Publishing Sunday results:** a complaint that the morning results on a Sunday was discussed. The office would be asked to change their



procedures to get the results available earlier. Perhaps there is Club member who could volunteer to help.

- 8) **The dates** of the next season's meetings: 30th June 2019, 6th October 2019, and 5th January 2020, 5th April 2020.

Ian Rawet,
Chair