
AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION



National Rowing Championships



Report to ARA Council

Council Meeting 27th November 2004

A Meetings and Attendance

The committee met on October 16th

The following members were present

Fiona Dennis, Chairman, Laurie Shindler, Deputy Chairman, Jane Beckett, Secretary, Philippa Sondheimer, Colin Biggs Financial Controller, Gary Painter, Chair of the Race Committee, Paddy Ibbotson, Safety Advisor, Joyce Hooper, Dave Jillings, David Thomson, John Jenkins

Apologies were received from Annabel Howell, John Burnett, Ronnie Goldie and Ed Rees

B Matters Arising from Last Report

1. Race Programme

Having a finals day worked well, however we are reviewing the order of events, particularly in light of the Competition Review (see section C)

2. NWSC facilities

There were several issues relating to IT facilities, the computer system didn't provide the information in the format required and the palm held computers were unreliable. The views have been sought from the other events regarding these matters and a meeting is being arranged with the NWSC manager and the Programmer to resolve these difficulties

2. Entries/ Race Control

As a result of the difficulties in competitor registration the organisation will be amended next year to increase the number of competitors that can be dealt with at any one time and the

Race Control team will be expanded to enable registration to be processed more quickly.

C New Business

1. Revised organisation of the committee

Gary Painter has replaced John Friend as Chair of the Race Committee and Ed Rees joins us as course facilitator. Dave Jillings has taken on the role of overall IT manager. This will enable the Vice Chairman to have a greater overview of the event.

2. Competition Review

The committee considered the above in the light of Council's decision in September and the document forwarded to all current multi lane events by the Competition committee.

As Council agreed that both National and Primary events should be implemented as from 2006 the committee considered how best to take this forward. Because the revised structure will require a significant alteration to our race programme in terms of the events offered and possible structure, offering B finals in some events, it was agreed that a gradual change would be preferable. This is outlined below in the recommendations below.

D. Recommendations

Events to be offered for 2005

In order to move part way to adopting the revised programme of events we propose the following for next year's event;

- To expand the range of U23 events introducing both women's and open 2X and 2-
- To withdraw J14 events
- Introduce U23 LWT 1x both women and open events, if the programme allows considering the above recommendations.

Race Programme

In light of the above we recommend that the order of finals for senior and junior events be revised so that they run concurrently.

Fiona Dennis
Chairman