



# UP NORTH COMBINE LTD

AGM Part 1 – Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

The Shack, Boldon Colliery, Tyne & Wear. NE35 9AL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

### Apologies:

Newcastle West and Sunderland & District

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*There was a request from a federation for the voting of each federation to be shown in the minutes – we therefore request that ALL federation delegates submit the attached form completed at the end of the AGM so that these results can be collated and reported in the minutes*

**Some Federations were not happy with the voting form issued, the use of this form will be voted at the AGM Part 2 meeting**

### 1. APPLICATIONS

*None*

### 2. RACE PROGRAMME

*Two full race programmes were submitted and proposed:*

- *Up North Combine (suggested programme includes the correct dates for the NEHU races)*
- *East Cleveland*

**Sunderland Premier proposed the UNC Race Programme, seconded by Tynemouth North  
Carried 17 votes to 0**

### 3. GROUPS & LIBERATIONS

#### Old Birds

- a) *North Yorkshire Federation propose 3 groups for all old bird races (except combine races) TOP, MIDDLE and BOTTOM:*  
*TOP: Border, Coquetdale, Wansbeck, Northumberland Premier & Tynemouth North.*  
*MIDDLE: Newcastle West, Gateshead, Durham Middle Route, Houghton, Mid Tyne, South Shields, Sunderland & District, Sunderland Premier, North East Counties, Hetton and Shotton & Trimdon*  
*BOTTOM: East Cleveland, North Yorkshire, Middlesbrough & District, Hartlepool, South East Durham, Tees Valley & Teesside*

**seconded Hartlepool. Carried 9 votes to 6**

- b) *Shotton & Trimdon Federation propose that non combine races over 200 miles, liberations are East West*

**Omitted due to earlier voting**

- c) *Wansbeck Federation propose that cut off times for national races to be fair to the longest flying lofts to give them a chance to get home*

**seconded Sunderland Premier. Carried 16 votes to 0 for times to be negotiated**

#### **4. CHANNEL RACING**

- a) *North East Counties Federation propose that channel racing must be cost effective seconded by North Yorkshire Federation*

**seconded by North Yorkshire.**

**Carried 17 votes to 0 for charges to be agreed**

- b) *Sunderland Premier Federation propose the money from the vets' fees is subsidised from the £119k the UNC has in the bank.*

**Omitted by earlier voting**

#### **5. YOUNG BIRDS**

- a) *Sunderland Premier Federation propose the young bird programme to start two weeks earlier allowing more daylight and better weather for the two longest races*

**Having voted for the UNC programme, the racing will be started earlier**

#### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) *East Cleveland Federation propose that once you are in a group you cannot change your mind part way through the season. Seconded by Hetton Federation and there is a similar proposition from Shotton & Trimdon Federation.also Tees Valley and East Cleveland.*

**Carried 16 votes to 0 to be at the convoyers discretion**

- b) *Shotton & Trimdon Federation propose that section/groups be relouked at*

**Letters need to be sent to the UNC requesting changes as per the handbook rules**

- c) *North East Counties Federation propose that the stray centre fee reverts back to £5*

**Defeated 3 votes to 10**

- d) *Sunderland Premier Federation propose that the stray centre fee is taken out of the extra £10 paid in 2022*

**It was agreed that no stray centre fee is required for 2023.**

**The 2023 season will be subsidised from the additional £10 paid in 2022**

- e) *North East Counties Federation propose that the members be updated more about the stray centre returns.*

**All strays are reported to the relevant organisations by the Secretary**

**The Stray Officer then contacts the owners**

**The strays will be put on Facebook and the website when necessary**

f) *Shotton & Trimdon Federation propose that:*

- *the combine negotiates a fixed price to publish results in the British Homing World.*  
**The secretary is going to look into the costs to do this and discuss at the AGM Part 2 meeting**
- *any changes or updates are put on the UNC website*  
**This already happens**
- *no members are to contact the UNC secretary or the Convoyer on race days*  
**Members should not be contacting any members of staff any day of the week with complaints – correct procedures should be followed via club, federation etc.**

g) *East Cleveland Federation propose that:*

- *we scrap any national races where we have to basket on a Thursday*  
*NB: East Cleveland have included Eastbourne in their race programme, this is not achievable from a Friday basket*  
**Withdrawn due to earlier vote**
- *we choose a designated few on race day to get a true report on the weather on the line of flight.*  
**This is already the procedure**

h) *Wansbeck Federation propose that:*

- *we avoid inland national race points that take too long to get to, such as Ramsgate or require going a day early. NB: at that time, we could not get on any other site other than Ramsgate which was a Friday basket*  
**Withdrawn due to earlier vote**
- *the comeback races after combine races are no further than Grantham*  
**This could possibly be accommodated**

i) *South East Durham Federation propose that all drop back races between combine races are flown from a distance no shorter than Peterborough or Huntingdon.*

**Huntingdon is 250 miles to the top end of the combine however the majority of those races on the UNC suggested race programme are of that distance**

j) *North East Counties Federation would like to know why the members had no information after the disaster young bird race from Chelmsford as there was no information on the official website or from any of the combine officials.*

**There was a meeting in October to discuss this and minutes were issued  
No other meetings were held**

k) *John Mowbray – one loft race (attached)*

**Further information is required from John Mowbray to look at his proposal more in depth,  
to be voted at the AGM Part 2 meeting**