



UP NORTH COMBINE LTD

AGM Part 2 – Wednesday, 18th January 2023

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Apologies: Sunderland & District

Federations in attendance: 16

- Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to all federations and accepted as a true record**
- Proposed by East Cleveland that delegates for federations should only be voting on what they have been mandated to by its federation members, it has been said in the past that some delegates vote on how they personally feel. Do this by listing what delegates have voted for at combine meetings. This can be achieved by using a voting sheet previously mentioned in part 1 of the AGM – straight vote - yes/no (6 federations completed the voting sheet in Part 1 of the AGM)*

Voting: 12 for, 3 against and 1 abstained.

It was agreed that the form will be in use from the next meeting.

- Confirm racing rules from Part 1 of the AGM
Racing rules from Part 1 of the AGM confirmed. However, Shotton & Trimdon have objected in writing. For their objection to be taken into consideration, they would need 5 federations to agree. It was also confirmed that the young birds' liberations stay the same as 2022, 5 liberations.
- Balance sheet (if available)
A draft copy of the balance sheet was available, Karen is waiting for the accountant to complete his part (depreciation values etc). Federation representatives were happy to wait for the audited and official one.
- Officials for 2023

President:

Proposed East Cleveland Federation – Mr. W. Heslop

Proposed Hartlepool Federation – Mr. J. Groom

Mr W Heslop to stay as President for 2023. Carried 9 votes to 7

Senior Vice President:

Proposed Wansbeck Federation – Mr. S. Kinahan

All in favour for Mr S Kinahan to stay as Senior Vice President for 2023.

Vice Presidents:

Proposed Hetton Federation – Mr. R. Embleton

Proposed North Yorkshire Federation – Mr. D. Drinkhall

Proposed Shotton & Trimdon Federation – Mr. R. Frost

Proposed North Yorkshire Federation – Mr. G. Hampson

All in favour for the above Vice Presidents to stay for 2023.

Finance Committee:

Proposed Shotton & Trimdon Federation – Mr. R. Frost

All in favour for Mr R Frost to stay on the Finance Committee

Convoyer:

Application received from Mr David Middleton of Sunderland

Application was withdrawn by Mr David Middleton during the Christmas season. It was agreed after lengthy discussions for Karen to advertise the position with a closing date of 14th February 2023.

Race controller:

Proposed Shotton & Trimdon Federation – A race controller to assist the convoyer

After lengthy discussions, it was decided a race controller was not needed. It was requested that more information on who was spoke to on the line of flight be recorded on the convoyers report.

6. Any Other Business

- a. *Tynemouth North Federations clubs baskets are all on the same transporter, not as 2022 when other federations whose liberation time was after section one, this to avoid the mistakes made last season when Mid Tyne birds were wrongly liberated with section one, and the Huntingdon race when Holywell baskets were liberated with the next liberation after section one causing their race to be void.*
- b. *All section one to be on the same transporter where possible. This could be done if other federations that are not liberated with section one are picked up with their appropriate liberation group and not on a section one transporter*

Due to a visit by the DVSA on 21st November 2022 regarding Driver Hours & Tachograph records that should have been used in previous years, there will need to be a change to pickups to allow the UNC drivers keep within the driving time laws. We all need to work together on this issue. This was discussed in length with all delegates who attended the meeting, everybody appeared to understand the impact this is going to have on the forthcoming season.

- c. *East Cleveland propose some reduced hours of employment (not the secretary) to help with costings* **No seconder for this proposal therefore there will be no reduced hours**
- d. *John Mowbray one loft race - requested to attend meeting to discuss in more depth*
John Mowbray has withdrawn his one loft race proposal.
- e. *Presentation night venue: It has been suggested that a different venue is used (cost of drinks) such as a change to a working men's club*
The venue has been looked into; John Groom (Stranton HS) viewed the concert room with Joanne from Boldon HS. It has been decided the 2023 presentation night will be held at The Shack, Boldon Colliery. This venue will hold at least 300 people.

f. *Secretary's report regarding costs for BHW printing UNC results*

Karen looked at the costs advertising the national race results in the BWH. For one full page the cost would be £168.36 (at least 2 pages would be required). The publishing of national race results was also discussed due to one member saying not received them. Karen assured everybody that the results are published within a timely period (usually within 1/2 weeks dependant on workload and NEHU checks), issued to the Federation Secretaries and published on the UNC's website. It was agreed that paper copies of the National Results will be issued to all the drivers and given out on pick up days.