

Eastern Region Umpires Committee Report for Eastern Region AGM 2020

This year has been a very quiet one for umpiring in the region. Though there were a number of successful head races run at the beginning of the year at Northampton, Peterborough and Bedford, the early part of the year was affected by the weather, and there were a number of cancellations on the basis of weather before Covid forced the cancellation of the remainder.

Umpires Committee

The committee is comprised of Joanna Cotgrove (chair), Cherry Kemp (secretary), Andrew Blit, Tom Brown, Gavin Dodds, Ian Donald, Nick Hubble, Chris Parkhouse.

Umpires Licences

As umpires are dependent on officiating at a certain number of events in order to maintain licences, the National Umpires Committee have changed the requirements for licence renewal for this year to enable those who have not been able to do the requisite number of events for a renewal.

Renewals

These are currently being managed by Cherry who has contacted all umpires who were due to renew this year, and the renewals for this region are almost complete.

Retirements

Notification has been received from Paul Sadler-Dunnnett (Bedford), Andrew Thompson (Star Club) and Roger Croome (Norwich) of their intention to retire. The region owes a great deal of thanks to these individuals for the work that they have put in over the years into the successful running of many events.

Seminars

An online seminar was held earlier in the year. Plans will be put in place for a longer seminar in the spring on the basis that there will have been a year of very limited umpiring by that stage.

Trainees

For very obvious reasons, it has not been possible to progress with training of trainees this year. However there are a number of interested potential trainees who have remained in contact throughout lockdown, and it is hoped that we will be able to begin training 7 new umpires next year.

Should any one know of anybody who would potentially be interested in training as an umpires, please do contact me directly, or through the expression of interest form on the British Rowing Website.

Joanna Cotgrove
Chair, Eastern Region Umpires Committee
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