

Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Mor Cymru
Welsh Sea Rowing Association
Executive Meeting Friday 3rd October 2008

Present: Mick Fothergill (Chair), Jasmine Sharp, Andy Cox - **Aberystwyth**, Nigel Scott, Dylan Evans - **Aberdyfi**, Mike Miles (Safety) - **Solva/Llangwm**, Helen Stewart (sec) - **Llangwm**, Andrew Cotterill, David Thomson (vice chair) - **Aberaeron**, Jayne Brooks, Jamie Brooks - **Mochras**, David Lloyd, Pete Hughes - **Porthmadog**, Adele Jones, April Smart, Iain Phillips - **Pembrokeshire Yacht Club**.

Apologies: Tenby, Pwllheli, Barmouth, Cardigan, Richard Curtis, Simon Pendrall.

Minutes of the last meeting were read out by MF and were considered to be a true and accurate representation of events. Proposed by AC, seconded by NS. Agreed unanimously.

Matters arising

Boat contract - A lengthy discussion took place. It was again agreed that Dale Sailing have provided a poor service generally. Several actions were agreed:

- ⇒ MM to put together a pre tender pack.
- ⇒ Jamie B to phone boat builders to gauge interest in tendering
- ⇒ Jayne B to email clubs for info on current boat ownership and anticipation of further purchase
- ⇒ MF to contact Dale Sailing to enquire about buying the gunnel and footrest mould and inform them of our intention to re tender

Bill Piper, from Porthmadog, is currently refurbishing Aberdyfi longboat if anyone else is interested

- **Communication Email System** - AC to liase with HS to set up a simple email system for all members of WSRA to use for mass communication
- **Committee Changes** - MF, HS and DT are **definitely** stepping down at the AGM in January. JB is happy to carry on as Memb Sec and Treasurer. So a new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will need to be found!!!
- **Race Dates** - to enable a good spread of races, across the season:
 - clubs will be required to submit a race date **with a risk assessment** to HS by Monday 12th January 2009
 - clubs wishing to hold an event are required to attend the workshops in January and February (see below)

this info will be collated into a race calendar ready for the AGM

cardigan have expressed a desire to hold a race, Porthmadog have submitted the date 17th May

- **WSRA Web Site** - we are looking for someone to collate information onto a web site for WSRA. Jamie B to get prices for someone to do this, but if anyone within the WSRA has the skills, time and enthusiasm, please let us know
- **League Results** - everyone was happy with the league results, thanks to Andy who is happy to continue next season. AC has requested that clubs provide an electronic copy of results please. There was disappointment at the lack of junior crews competing this year and clubs are asked to think about club development to encourage more juniors.

AC requested 2 agenda items for the AGM:

To include yoles as a category of their own

To change the vets age to 50yrs

- **Trophies** - there will be a trophy amnesty at the AGM. Clubs are asked to return all trophies, league and non league. These will be collated to see what is missing and a new system introduced to take receipt of trophies to ensure their return. The WSRA will fund replacement of lost trophies but as of next year clubs will be fined if they lose trophies.
- **Report back from WARA**
 - D.T voted in for another term as Vice Chairman
 - For the first time a sea rower joined the dignitaries in presenting the medals and gave the after dinner speech at the Home International Regatta.
 - The WSRA Development Plan is being included in the WARA five year Development Plan being presented to the Sports Council for funding purposes.
 - Simon Pendrall from Porthmadoc is the new Community Coach in the North (Helen Stewart being the Community Coach in the South). The two Sports Council funded WARA appointed C/Coaches are from the WSRA.
 - The High Performance Coach has assisted with the training of Cath and Jane from Aberdyfi in their preparation for the FISA world championships.
 - Any sliding seat sea rower of the appropriate age group who achieves a prescribed Ergo score will be invited to join the High Performance Development Group.
 - A query was raised over entering fine boat regattas of clubs affiliated to WARA. DT will follow up.

➤ **Workshops** - there will be the following workshops:

Workshop 1. Events (including rules of racing), Safety on 31st Jan 2009

Workshop 2. Coxing, Rigging and Technique on 21st Feb 2009

These will take place at Aberystwyth Boat Club at a cost of £20/person.

More details nearer the time. There will also be workshops on funding and junior development to follow. AC will set up a temporary website with information and club development info.

AOB

- JB has not yet paid all insurance as she is still waiting for answers to queries from Perkins Slade. MM and JB to sort.
- PYC are interested in buying or loaning Celtic boats as their club is thriving. If any clubs have anything, even if just for the winter, please contact them or HS.
- DL asked if clubs have to be based in Wales. They have to affiliate to WSRA and wouldn't be eligible for any grants from Welsh sources but can be based elsewhere.
- Presentations will take place at Mochras event.
- An agenda item for the next meeting will discuss how to spend some of WSRA accumulated funds.

**Next Meeting after AGM on 23rd Jan 2009
7.30pm Aberystwyth.**

Meeting Closed.