

Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Mor Cymru
Welsh Sea Rowing Association
Executive Meeting Friday 23rd January 2009

Members present: Helen Stewart (Chair), Annie Reid - **Llangwm**, Mick Fothergill, Andy Cox (comms), Jasmine Sharp (Secretary) - **Aberystwyth**, Dylan Evans (Vice-Chair), Nigel Scott, Paul Chesworth - **Aberdyfi**, Mike Miles (safety) - **Solva**, Jayne (Memb sec, treasurer) & Jamie Brooks - **Mochras**, David Thomson, Will Willis - **Aberaeron**, Dave Reynolds, Martyn Davies - **Borth**, Peter Fletcher (President) - **Newport**, Al Ball, Steve Jarrett, Mike Strawson - **Caernarfon/Ynys Mon**, Mandy Williams, April Smart - **PYC**, Helen Brewer, Frank Miller, Mike Ashbridge (Publicity) - **Tenby**, Richie Jones, Kevin Wiseman - **Cardigan**, Mike Hughes - **Fishguard**, Nigel Bowen - **UKRS/New Quay**, Dave Lloyd, Simon Pendrell, Keith Allmark - **Porthmadog**, Malcolm Clash - **Neyland**

Apologies: Porthgain, Barmouth, Pwllheli.

Minutes of the last meeting (3/10/08) had been circulated prior to the meeting by HS. These minutes were considered to be a true and accurate representation of events. Proposed by AC, seconded by DT. Agreed unanimously.

Matters arising

Boat contract

MM has prepared a pre-tender pack which he will circulate as soon as possible. Two boat builders (Neyland and Bill Piper) have approached MM with interest in tendering for building new boats.

MF has corresponded with Dale Sailing via letter to address the concerns regarding the quality of finish to the boats.

→ MF will circulate these to the league.

MM has met with Dale sailing and informed the meeting that Dale Sailing would be prepared to enter into a more binding contract, including penalty clauses

AC suggested increasing the royalties paid to the league and using this money to give grants to WSRA affiliated clubs.

MM proposed the forming of a new sub-committee to deal with information gathering and an executive meeting would vote on the issue in another meeting

→ Subcommittee was formed of Mike Miles, Mike Hughes, Jamie Brooks, and Pete Fletcher.

→ HS will circulate new contact details for clubs to contact Dale Sailing

Website

AC has prepared an email list for easier use when contacting clubs. HS pointed out that the association secretary should remain the point of contact for all league business.

AC reported that the previous WSRA website is no longer active and so needs to start from scratch on a new website. AC reported that approximate charges to host a website will be £15 per year for the website domain name and £4 per month charges.

→ JB will send CD of information from the old website to put up on the new website

All clubs are requested to send any information they would like to see on the website.

JB asked if there would be any provision for members to post items. AC informed the meeting that he would look into the addition of a forum for the website.

RACE DATES

HS reported that drawing up the race dates was made difficult due to some clubs giving only 1 or 2 potential dates.

Only 3 Northern League events were proposed prior to the meeting. To make up the shortfall from the usual 4 races, Nigel (Aberdyfi) proposed that Aberdyfi could hold a Northern League event in addition to a Joint League event.

→ Aberdyfi will get back to Helen regarding an additional date to fit around the dates finalised in the meeting.

More than 4 races had been requested in the Southern League. AC proposed that 5 events could be run in the Southern League. The Southern League clubs were in agreement that this was a good idea.

Race dates were finalised.

→ JS to circulate race dates

Will Willis (Aberaeron) proposed a 3 day row from Aberaeron-Borth-Shell Island-Pwllheli over 3/4/5 May. This clashes with the Southern League race at Newport, but Aberaeron will run the event for those not wishing to race or wishing to participate during Saturday/Sunday.

Tenby requested that their non-league event (Caldey Island) could be run on a Sunday if it fits within the calendar. Tenby will get back to JS with dates once calendar is released.

TROPHIES

At the previous meeting clubs had been asked to return all trophies. It was agreed that the WSRA would purchase new trophies where the originals could not be found.

→ Jasmine is to ask clubs to state which trophies they have.

It was agreed that clubs will sign for trophies awarded and be fined £50 for lost trophies.

Mixed veterans was introduced as an event last year. All clubs organising an event are required to provide a trophy for this category from the current year.

→ Jasmine will send out a list of categories requiring trophies at races.

AFFILIATION

JB proposed to leave the affiliation and insurance fees as they were last year. This was agreed by those present.

2 new clubs requested affiliation: UKRS based in Coventry/Newquay, and Llangranog Rowing Club. JB proposed these clubs were accepted for affiliation. Both clubs were accepted by a unanimous vote.

AOB

SJ (Bull Bay) enquired about whether members who paid personal insurance through the ARA also need to be paid to WSRA. MM stated that the insurance was actually paid as a lump sum as part of the club insurance, so cannot be separated. **MM will look into it further.**

Trophies brought to the meeting were returned to the awarding club if not signed back out by last year's winning crew.

Meeting closed 22.20.

Date of next meeting 24/4/09