

**Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Mor Cymru**  
**Welsh Sea Rowing Association**  
**Executive Meeting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**Members present:** Helen Stewart (Chair), Debbie Phillips, Jon Allan - **Llangwm**, Mick Fothergill, Andy Cox (comms), Jenny Fothergill, Jasmine Sharp (Secretary) - **Aberystwyth**, Dylan Evans (Vice-Chair), Paul Chesworth - **Aberdyfi**, Mike Miles (safety) - **Solva**, Chris Hawes - **Aberaeron**, Dave Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds - **Borth**, Mike Ashbridge (Publicity) - **Tenby**, Kevin Wiseman - **Cardigan**, Tina Skinner, Pete Hughes - **Porthmadog**, Malcolm Clash - **Neyland**, David Belsham - **Newport**

Apologies: Pwllheli RC, Jayne Brooks, Chris Terry, David Thomson, Simon Pendrell.

**Minutes of the last meeting** (23/1/09) had been circulated prior to the meeting by JS. These minutes were considered to be a true and accurate representation of events. Proposed by Malcolm Clash, seconded by DE. Agreed unanimously.

### **Matters arising**

#### *Boat contract*

Mike Miles reported that there was one serious enquiry regarding the boat contract. MM could not divulge the price, but reported that it was competitive. The sub-committee is to continue with tendering process.

There were some reports of better service from Dale Sailing.

MM reported that a new mould is not required if Dale Sailing were awarded the contract, but if a new mould were required for another builder then we should consider building additional buoyancy if it can be done without decreasing competitiveness and increasing weight. MM would like to source an old boat to make adjustments to.

A lively discussion regarding buoyancy ensued - HS will contact the gig association to find out what their position is.

#### *Trophies*

This was discussed at length at the previous meeting, but was recapped for those not in attendance. Trophies not previously in existence will be purchased by the awarding clubs as the WSRA has never funded new trophies. Trophies can be less costly than £50, but must be tasteful. All junior categories need a trophy awarded.

Trophies must have a plate containing the awarding club name, and the category in which they were awarded. Clubs are to identify which trophies are *missing* and to contact Helen about the WSRA paying for

them. Receipts are required.

Trophies are to be awarded in the following categories: Senior, Senior Veterans, Super Veterans, Ladies, Ladies Veterans, Mixed, Mixed Veterans, U16 Boys, U18 Boys, U16 Girls, U18 Boys.

#### *Website*

AC requested more information to be sent to him, including club contact details for all clubs who wish to be included.

#### *Race dates*

See item 2

#### *Membership & Affiliation*

Jayne Brooks was not available for the meeting, but had sent a report which Jasmine read out: "I have received cheques from Fishguard, Wisemans Bridge, UKRS, Borth, Newport, Aberdyfi, Caernarfon, Llangwm, Aberaeron, PYC and LLanion in respect of 09 affiliation and membership but some of these clubs do still have outstanding info or money, but what a great start! Will commence the chase up of the remaining clubs next week so a gentle reminder at the meeting to the others please, particularly those planning to be at Newport.

We have £13.5k in the bank and no 09 membership and affiliation bankings have been done yet, so all satisfactory there."

### **Northern League Racing Schedule**

JS has been in contact with Jane Brooks. Mochras is to hold an event 5<sup>th</sup> July if possible as NL is short a race date.

Pete reported that the scheduled race in Porthmadog for 17/5 would not be possible due to silting up of the estuary. Pete requested a change of date to 28/6 or 12/7 and will contact JS to inform of availability.

Porthmadog asked if a race would be allowed on Bala Lake later in the season. It was agreed that this would be a welcome idea.

### **Rules & Safety Guidance**

MM has made up a new set of safety guidelines. Jasmine will email these around the rowing list and AC will put them up on the website.

AC asked if the WSRA will have a safety pro-forma, MM reported that he has made one up and that the safety audit for all clubs should go back to the WSRA to be held centrally. JS will check with Jayne what information is already held.

There was some discussion about parental consent forms. Jenny Fothergill produced Aberystwyth's consent form. This will be emailed around clubs and will be brought up at the next meeting to be adapted.

## **Coaching**

MM asked that the WSRA should make more use of coaches at various clubs as floating resources. This would help the development of these coaches as well as some clubs. Helen will contact coaches to find out who is willing to coach at other clubs. MF suggested that coaches should all get together for a meeting. Helen will arrange this.

## **Race Day Fees**

JS reported that Jayne Brooks had asked for an increase in race fees. MF suggested that it is a good idea to keep the fees the same for all races. A discussion about food provision followed. MF stated that food must be adequate. PH asked if food was really necessary. JF commented that juniors will not bring own food, so it was important. JF proposed an increase to £4 per person, £2 for juniors. Seconded by MA. 16 in favour. 3 abstentions.

## **AOB**

MF thanked the WSRA for the gift of £100, with which he has purchased some items.

PH asked if anyone has had a boat MOT with Dale Sailing could they report back about the outcome. PH also asked if this could be done at a race site. HS said probably not.

Kevin Wiseman asked if a cox counts as a rower for insurance purposes. HS confirms this is the case.

Kevin Wiseman asked if they could have a set of race flags. JF offered to sell a set of flags to Cardigan club.

Race rules for coxing were brought up again. HS reported that these have been emailed to the representatives who attended the events workshop. AC will put rules up on web.

**Next meeting 31/7/2009. 19.30. Aberystwyth Boat Club**