

Minutes of WSRA Executive Meeting
Friday 26th March 2010

Present

Andy Cox – Aberystwyth, Mandi Chesterman & Stephen Buy – Llangwm, Martyn Davies – Borth, David Thompson – Aberaeron, Richard Jones, Kevin Wiseman & Dai Jones – Aberteifi, Jamie Brooks & Jayne Brooks – Mochras, Peter Hughes & Nicola Jordan – Porthmadog, Dylan Evans, Ian Andrews – Aberdyfi.

1. Apologies

Jasmine Sharp, Helen Stewart, Pete Fletcher, Aberporth, Porthgain.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising

Boat contract – it was noted that IA had recently been to Dale Sailing and had an opportunity to inspect the existing mould. There were no obvious signs of damage. Work on the contract is ongoing.

Coaching – A course was due to run in North Wales from 14th – 17th May [Note from AC: this has subsequently been postponed] and a course in the south is being arranged at a date to be confirmed. It was noted that Alun Steadman had yet to confirm whether he was happy to go on level 3 training. **Action: DE to talk to Alun.**

Milford Haven Port Authority race – This should really be named the Cardigan Quays Festival race or Mermaid Race – an event jointly being arranged by Aberteifi and Aberporth clubs. Race details were noted for inclusion in the online calendar. The possibility of WSRA funding some of the race trophies was also discussed. **It was agreed that a one-off grant of £500 would be made to the event for the purchase of trophies for Celtic overall winners, mens Celtic, Ladies Celtic, Mixed Celtic and Juniors (the latter subject to sufficient entries being received).**

4. Report from WARA Committee

It was noted that the current WARA-funded Community Coaching Co-ordinators were standing down. If any individuals (L2 coaches) would be interested in taking on these roles they should make themselves known. Similarly long term plans were being drawn up to introduce further L3 coaches. **Action: any interested parties in either of these opportunities make yourselves known to DT or AC.**

5. WSRA Boat

The order for boat and blades has been placed with delivery expected in mid-May. A trailer is needed still. **Action: JS contact clubs to see if anybody has a single trailer for sale.**

It was agreed that advertising would be sought at a rate of £125 per sponsor for the first year and £50 to renew annually thereafter. **Action: JB draft invitation to companies.**

There was a discussion of rental of the new boat. **It was agreed that any new clubs could use the boat for free for 1 month. Thereafter a rent of £5 per week would be charged, payable quarterly in arrears.**

Action: any interested parties in borrowing the boat – contact Jasmine to register your interest.
The executive committee will then allocate the boat.

6. Race dates

It was noted that the date for Porthmadog had now been finalised and added to the online calendar. Arrangements for the proposed Yole races are ongoing pending input from Dave Rice. The Mermaid Race would be added to the calendar. It was noted that there was a need to check the position with regards receipt of risk assessments for 2010 event. **Action: DE to check with HS.**

Action: AC add exec meeting dates to calendar.

7. Affiliation

At the date of the meeting, there were 6 fully affiliated clubs. 3 had paid but sent no paperwork. 2 had produced paperwork but had not paid. 15 clubs had not responded at all.

It was agreed that any club wishing to race at Newport should get payment and paperwork to MC by 1st April or be suspended pending renewal.

8. AOB

Action: DT to chase up the position with regards the Janousek Yoles.

It was noted that the price of Crokers is now £375 + VAT + delivery per blade due to the unfavourable exchange rate with the AU \$.

Child Protection – the implications of the new vetting and barring scheme were still to be clarified. Clubs were encouraged to get any CRB checks completed by July. Further details available from DT.

Action: all clubs – write a press report after your event, send to AC for publication on the web and to your local newspaper.

Action: DT to discuss collation of definitive info for web with MF.

Close: 20:45.

Next meeting: 19:30, 23rd July.