

Minutes of WSRA Executive Meeting
Friday 23th October 2010

Present

Present

Andy Cox (AC)(Chair), Rhian Davies – Aberystwyth; Dylan Evans (DE)(Vice-Chair), Paul Chesworth, Alun Steadman –Aberdyfi; Stephen Lewis, Tony Phillips – Llangwm, Jasmine Sharp (JS)(Sec), Nigel Bowen, Hannah Thomas, Chrissy Canning – New Quay Community RC, Dave Reynolds, Martyn Davies (MD) – Borth; Oliver Box, Andy Mayer, Charlie Millow, Derek French, Tim Ogilvie – Aberporth; Kevin Brown, Pob Thomas – Llangrannog; Sion Bowen, Julie Castle – UKRS, Ian Draisy, Jamie Brooks – Mochras; Richard Gardner, Karl Webber – PYC; Darrell Richard – Llanion Warriors; Martin Ellis – Royal Welsh Yacht Club, Caernarfon; Eva McManus, David Rees – Fishguard; J. McKenzie-Murdoch, Noel Bennett – Barmouth; Mike Hughes, Chris Terry – Mumbles; Steve Jarrett, Dewi Strawson – Ynys Mon; Kevin Wiseman, Dai Jones – Cardigan; Pete Fletcher, Newport; Nick Newland – Mermaid Race, Mike Miles – Solva; Geoff Wood, Maxine Jenkins – Porthmadog.

1. Apologies

Helen Stewart, Mick Fothergill, David Thomson, Jayne Brooks, Mandi Chesterman.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

It was noted that Jasmine had sent the July minutes out with the agenda rather than the October minutes. Jasmine had previously sent the correct October minutes in December when asking for agenda items.

Jamie Brooks noted that there was an error in the July minutes. Jamie had voted against the WSRA paying for a band at the WSRA presentation evening. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed AC. Seconded NB.

3. Matters arising

WSRA Boats – Any clubs interested in hiring either the longboat or double yole to contact Andy Cox to arrange.

CRB checks – David T sent a message via Jasmine that some clubs have junior rowers but no child protection officer or people with current CRB checks. Jasmine will follow up on all cases where this is known. Some clubs requested paperwork, but has now expired. Andrew Cotterill is the new Child Protection Officer, but will be assisted by David until he is confident in the role. Jamie Brooks asked if the WSRA has rules for junior & on water. Jasmine told the meeting that she thought we do, and will ask David.

Action – Jasmine to follow up clubs with no CRB checks/child protection officers. Jasmine to contact David re. Rules for juniors on water and in clubs.

Member survey – AC reported that he has paused this as he was unable to do a good job of it in time. The survey will go out within the next 3-4 weeks. It was queried how it would be distributed and several members suggested using SurveyMonkey (online survey tool) which Andy will consider.

Action – Andy to devise survey and email link to member clubs and put link on website

Action – members to fill in form (no limit of max members per club).

4. Report from Welsh Rowing Committee – AC.

AC informed the meeting that there will be a decrease in funding to WR of 7% year on year. This will have little impact of WSRA as most of the cutbacks will be in high performance areas, however there will be staff cuts, likely in the form of coaching cuts (possibly the coaching administrator) and informed the meeting that in the wake of cutbacks, he envisages Welsh Rowing cutting funding for 1 community coach. AC requested additional people to go to WR committees.

5. Affiliation

MC sent apologies. Next renewal date is April so this item is deferred to the next meeting.

6. Coaching

The next fixed seat specific course will be held in Aberystwyth in late March/early April, administered by Welsh Rowing. First 15 people to express interest, complete relevant form and pay deposit to Welsh Rowing will be accepted. Emails have already been circulated regarding this course. The 4 day course is approx £400 per person.

Alun Steadman reported that WR have set dates for all courses for next year – details can be obtained from WR office.

Action – Jasmine to email for volunteers for coaching representative. Andy to investigate setting up coaching forum.

7. Health & Safety

MM informed the meeting that the WSRA demands risk assessments for racing but doesn't require to see training risk assessments (although recommends that they are completed). MM suggested that the WSRA requests a risk assessment for training activities as part of the affiliation, including water safety audit, Child protection details, constitution and risk assessment.

Action – Jasmine to ask Mandi to request this info from clubs and to circulate email from MM regarding how to complete a safety audit.

8. Proposal for paid admin role

There is a proposal within the executive committee to hire an admin person. There was much discussion on the topic which eventually resulted in a proposal to defer the decision for 1 year (Prop Pete F, sec Alun Steadman). Voted 30 members for, 4 against. Motion carried.

9. Dale Sailing Boat Production

Nigel Bowen reported that Dale Sailing are currently quoting a month lead time for boat production, but the actual time is 5 months, as the 1 month time is from the start of production. 5 boats are currently in the waiting list. Pete F noted that a lot of work is done on the boat whilst it is still in the mould and there is little we can do to speed the efforts. Pete also noted that it is good that there are 7 new boats being made, as it shows a growth in the sport.

Action – Andy Cox to write to Dale Sailing to request full details of waiting lists are given.

It was noted that Croker Oars were hard to source now. Pete F informed the meeting that someone is importing them from Oartech and a supply had been re-established, although expensive. Sion informed the meeting that oars can be ordered from China and that he will distribute details.

Action – Sion Bowen to send Jasmine info regarding oars

10. Events Workshop

Jasmine reported that there will be a non-compulsory events workshop in March in order to assist clubs with hosting events. Event will be hosted in Aberystwyth and will be half day 10am-1pm.

Action – Jasmine to organise event and email details

11. Request for time guillotine

Jasmine requested that in order to keep the pace of the meeting that a time guillotine be introduced such that if the maximum time was reached before or during AOB that no further AOB be discussed. Members were encouraged to submit matters to be discussed to feature on the agenda.

Seconded by Andy Cox. Voted unanimously in favour. Time guillotine for current meeting set for 9.30pm.

12. Race Dates

Race dates were suggested and a list formulated with which everyone seemed happy.

Action – Jasmine to draw up list and circulate to clubs and to arrange to go on website.

13. AOB

Time guillotine reached during race date discussion. AOB suspended and deferred to next meeting.

AC thanked everyone for their attendance.

Next meeting: 19:30, 25th March, Aberystwyth Boat Club.