



**Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Mor Cymru
Welsh Sea Rowing Association
Executive Meeting Agenda
Saturday 26th January 2013**

Members present –

Nigel Bowen(NB), Chrissy Canning(CC), Tref Boston –Williams(TBW), Wendy Price-Jones(WPJ) **New Quay**, Martyn Davies(MD), Pip Nicholas(PN) **Borth**, Bethan Jones(BJ) **Caernarfon**, John Eddington(JE), Alun Steadman(AS) **Aberdyfi**, Chris Terry(CT) **Mumbles**, Gemma Bell(GB), Chris Haines(CH), Carol Davies(CD), Ian Kavanagh(IK) **Aberystwyth**, Adrian Marfleet(AM), Andrew Cotteril(ACo) **Aberaeron**, Annie Conroy(AC), Hannah James(HJ), Karl Webber(KW) **PYC**, Charlie Martin(CM), Andy Campbell(ACa), Pete Lowton(PL) **Llangrannog**, Neil Cross(NC) **Wiseman's Bridge & Llanion**, Pete Fletcher(PF) **Newport**, Nicola Jordan(NJ), Geoff Wood(GW) **Porthmadog**, Eva McManus(EM) **Fishguard & Goodwick**, Kate Yhnell(KY) **Welsh Rowing Development Officer WARA**, David Thompson(DT)

- **Apologies** - Andy Cox, Mochras, Helen Stewart, Mandi Chesterman, Sion Bowen, Aberporth, Towy
- **Minutes of the previous meeting** - None available
- **Report from Welsh Rowing** -

Chris Terry now sits on the board of Welsh rowing. There have been many changes within the board – all being positive. WARA have now employed a team of development officers to take it forward and there will be more involvement within WARA for the WSRA. Kate Yhnell is a development officer and was present at the meeting. She stated she is able to provide support of rowers and can help develop the sport and can help with funding etc. Anyone wishing to can contact her (Chris Terry can put you in touch)

David Thompson is continuing to explore avenues regarding coaching courses.

- **Affiliation** -

There are two new clubs looking to affiliate soon. Conwy is one and is mainly focusing on disabled rowing – Kate Yhnell has requested their details.

It was also discussed about the possibility of increasing the membership subs. PF stated that the account was reasonably healthy, with incomes from various avenues. It was suggested that it remains the same – all agreed.

- **New mould for longboat**

Dale sailing has confirmed that the mould for the longboats is reaching the end of its life - only a few more boats can be made from it. A discussion then ensued regarding the condition/issues with the boats made within the last few years. Sec to gather information from clubs regarding the condition of their boats. This information will then be presented during a meeting with Dale to try find a solution. PF to organize a meeting with Dale and some committee members. A new mould for the boat will also be discussed at this meeting. It was suggested to put the longboats and mould out to tender to

other boat yards. This was vetoed at present as Dale has been producing longboats since the leagues started. It was also suggested that as it would be a significant cost to build a new mould, that grants may be an option.

- **Size of numbers on boats**

Aberaeron stated that they had difficulty in identifying boats crossing the finish line at the same time during their race last year as some of the numbers on the boats were small. It is requested that the size of the numbers should be 9" minimum. All in agreement.

- **Update race categories on the web site and on reg forms on web**

It was requested that the racing categories be updated on the website & race registration forms and for all clubs to ensure they fill in the race registration forms correctly.

It was suggested to set a minimum age on supervets team at 50 or to keep to the combined age of 200 in the boat. All agreed to keep it as is currently.

- **Update on longboat and yole hire**

NB has been in charge of the hire of the WSRA longboat since last year, the longboat is currently being hired. Newly affiliated clubs can hire the boat – the first 4 weeks are free then it is £5 a week after that. It was agreed & carried by all to increase the hire cost to £10 plus VAT a week as of April 2013.

The yole is also now available to hire after being repaired. The trailer has also been modified so that it is purpose fit and can transport the yole correctly and safely. The hire cost of the yole is currently £12 a week plus VAT – no change to the hire cost.

- **To update and remove non members from e-mail list**

It was agreed that a new closed mailing/contact list be put in place starting from scratch as the current one is very large and has outdated contacts. Some members have complained that emails are not getting through properly. Sec to contact all affiliated clubs to request 3 contacts. The new list will then be updated as necessary. The current list is also connected to the WSRA website – sec to speak to webmaster to see if this can be used for a newsletter feed.

- **Race starts**

CT open to suggestions for racing starts – discussion for various options ensued. CH requested to reinforce the starts and rules of racing. The way forward – sec to look up information regarding racing and penalties to bring to the next meeting in preparation for the season, with a view to a universal start procedure.

Following on this conversation, it was requested that –

Race results – please could all clubs ensure that the race results be submitted within the week after their race event.

- **Possibility of a WSRA membership card.**

CT explained that certain shops may possibly be interested in providing a discount for WSRA members – hence the membership card. CT will find out more information about the discount etc to bring to next meeting.

NB commented that Sport Wales now ask for proof of affiliation to the WSRA as part of grant applications. Membership sec will provide a certificate/receipt of affiliation.

- **Race dates -**

Please see the attached document

As Aberaeron are not hosting a joint league race this year, the 2012 committee were looking for another suitable venue – suggested venues, either Aberdyfi or Borth. Borth were keen to host a north league this year as it is their first race. Aberdyfi to host this years' 3rd joint league race – **carried**

As Aberdyfi are now hosting a joint league race, the north league is short of a race, it was suggested that Aberdyfi host another race to make up the shortfall. Porthmadog also happy to do this. It was suggested that the two clubs host the race together, a discussion was had between representatives of the two clubs – they agreed that Porthmadog will host a second race this year so that there will be the same amount of races in the north league. All agreed with this decision - **carried**

- **Date of next meeting -**

18th May 2013