

Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Mor Cymru
Welsh Sea Rowing Association
Executive Meeting April 7th 2006

Present: Mick Fothergill (chairman), Andy Cox, Jenny Fothergill - **Aberystwyth**, Paul Brant (vice chair) Helen Stewart (sec) - **Llangwm**, , Cath Havard (memb sec) Dylan Evans - **Aberdyfi**, Mike Miles - **Solva**, David Thomson, Nigel Bowen - **Aberaeron**, Mike Strawson, Llew Roose, Steve Jarrett - **Ynys Mon**.

Apologies: Mike Swann, Pwllheli, Bob Charles, Pete Fletcher (pres).

⇒ **Matters Arising.**

- **League Dinner:** Helena and HS to organize
- **Interceltic Watersports:** meeting agreed to sponsor transport for junior participation.
- **Guernsey:** CH asked about help with funding to get to this event. The meeting agreed to use £500 of funds to be equally distributed between competitors, if funds allow at the end of the season. Aberdyfi have already entered 18 people. PB is happy to help with arrangements for others, but they need to contact him by 16th July. Longboats need to be taken over but sliding seat boats are available for the Sunday race on a first come first served basis.
- **Purchase of projector:** *MF to go ahead with purchase.*
- **Lifejackets:** PB had info on lifejackets as circulated to clubs previously. If bought in bulk they are cheaper. Also there was a bum bag type lifejacket suitable for adults. *HS to ask clubs if any interest in bulk buy.*

A short discussion arose from this item. If junior race is cancelled for safety, should juniors be allowed to row in the mixed race that follows? **AC proposed that they shouldn't** HS seconded. *Vote - 4 for, 7 against.* MF asked that clubs exercise extreme caution when making decisions that involve juniors.

⇒ **Risk Assessments.**

Although all clubs were required to attend the events workshop and risk assessments were covered, some of them handed in so far have been very poor. This creates extra work for Mike Swann as he has to spend time sorting it out. It was stressed that there has to be a correct paper trail in place for our insurers. *HS to send a proforma to clubs to make things easier.*

⇒ **Development**

Due to the increase in paper work, risk assessments, documentation etc needed to run clubs and comply with insurance demands, it was suggested that future development of regional 'super' clubs be considered. These clubs could handle

the official running of several clubs, enabling smaller clubs to have support. *It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.*

⇒ **Coaching:**

HS reported that the development of the longboat element of the UKCC course is still far from complete. This is due to WARA/ARA not delivering on agreed timescales. The first level 2 coaching course will take place in pems in sept/oct this year, with candidates being encouraged to attend WSRA workshops to increase their knowledge of longboat specific coaching. A course is planned in North Wales for early in the new year.

The novice race was a great success, with 9 crews taking part and all wishing to join clubs where they were coached. *HS to give info on organization to WSRA with a view to running something similar in mid and north wales.*

⇒ **AOB**

A winter series of races was discussed. It was agreed in principle to run 1 a month at suitable venues. *PB to look at insuring extra races this year. Clubs to suggest venues for next meeting.*

CH asked if people were happy with the introduction of yoles into league races so far. It was agreed that there has been a couple of minor incidents which Cath will try to address, but on the whole it has been fine.

MF mentioned a possibility of Aberystwyth twinning with a French/Spanish? town, Sanbria. There is a possibility of racing alternate years in each country. There was a general feeling of 'bring it on'

The late payment of club affiliations and membership was briefly discussed. It was agreed to look at cost increase on late payments to be added to the constitution at the AGM.

Next meeting 20th October Aberystwyth 7.30pm

Meeting closed.