

Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Mor Cymru
Welsh Sea Rowing Association
Meeting Notes
Friday 29th April 2012

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¹⁷ **Apologies** – Helen Stewart (Sec) Chris Terry (Pub Off) Borth, Porthmadog, RWYC, Mochras, Cardigan, Fishguard, Pete Fletcher (Treasurer & President).

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¹⁷ **Minutes of previous meeting**

No issues noted.

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¹⁷ **Future of Rowing in Wales - Steve Osborne**

Steve provided an update on changes within Welsh Rowing, the aim to develop the sport of rowing within Wales as a whole across the three rowing disciplines (river, sea and indoor). A draft vision was presented and any comments should be directed to Steve directly or fed back via AC/CT (both of whom sit on the Welsh Rowing Board). Over the summer, WR will be appointing a Chief Operation Officer and this role will be key in developing the sport. Other new roles will be filled following this appointment.

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¹⁷ **Coaching**

David Thompson kindly agreed to liaise with British Rowing in identifying what is needed to qualify some further coach educators within Wales and to satisfy the paperwork required to re-activate some of our existing coach educators. If any existing L2 coaches who haven't already come forward would be interested in becoming coach educators, please make yourselves known.

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¹⁷ **Solva Membership and Participation (Solva)**

This was not discussed, as the issue had been resolved within Solva RC.

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¹⁷ **Round table row (Solva)**

SRC have some members wishing to row around Pems. This was endorsed in principle and the club were asked to liaise with MF regarding risk assessment and safety cover. Once this is completed, the WSRA will help to publicise and see if any clubs would accompany the crew during legs of the row.

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¹⁷ **Points Allocation (Newquay)**

It was noted that the allocation of points from races may benefit from further refining. NB will gather data from 2012 events to allow the modelling of alternate approaches with a view to presenting a motion for change to the 2013 WSRA AGM.

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₁₇ **Yole and Longboat rental update**

NB was in discussion over the return of the longboat from Mumbles and was exploring avenues for it's next user. The yole had sustained some damage and would be collected from Mochras shortly with a view to identifying what needs to be done to render it usable again.

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₁₇ **AOB**

Affiliations – MC reported that affiliations were coming in but that a number of clubs still had to submit details and/or payment. MC was in discussion with Dai Jenkins of the Celtic Challenge Committee to ensure that all Welsh participants in the CC are fully paid-up affiliates of the WSRA and that their clubs are fully affiliated.

MF would like to attend a sea survival course and cascade knowledge back to WSRA members. Agreed in principle, MF to advise of costs in due course.

CT was in on-going discussion with Pembs CC over running an indoor instructors course. Details would be circulated in due course.

PF had been working to pull the finances together from last year. Draft accounts have been produced and are attached to these notes. He has also been successful in registering the WSRA to file VAT returns online. There is still a need to update signatories to reflect the 2012 exec committee and this will be looked at next.

Next meeting: Friday 13th July, 19:30, Aberystwyth.