



**Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Mor Cymru
Welsh Sea Rowing Association
Executive Meeting Agenda
Friday 17th May 2012**

Members present –

John Eddington **Aberdyfi**, Sara Kenny, Debbie Phillips **Llangwm**, Mike Miles **Solva** (H & S) Carol Davies, Chris Haines **Aberystwyth**, Nigel Bowen (chair) Chrissy Canning (sec) **New Quay**, Debbie Parsons, Angie Butler **Caernarfon**, David Thomson,

Apologies –

Pete Fletcher (treas) Mandi Chesterman (mem sec) Andrew Cotteril (CPO) Ynys Mon, Mochras, Fishguard, Borth

- **Minutes of the previous meeting**

NB gave update of previous minutes, agreed as accurate.

Since the last meeting Chris Terry has had to resign as Vice Chair & Publicity officer due to personal circumstances. No replacement was found during the meeting.

- **Boat mould/Dale sailing**

CC noted that there had been few emails about new boat issues – mainly seem to be same issues with many clubs. NB will arrange meeting with Dale Sailing to discuss the issues and boat mould. NB has had two quotes for building a new boat mould – MM has one coming in on Monday. Once all quotes are in, sec will send to clubs for their views.

- **Race starts**

CC gave brief rundown of race start procedure from the WSRA 'hosting an event' guide. It was agreed that this procedure can be simplified. Document to be altered to reflect the following –

A 5-10 minute warning should be issued to crews on shore to enter the water in preparation for the race – variations on distance from the shore to start line must be considered when alerting crews. Once the start boat sees a reasonably straight line, they will raise a red flag and the race can be underway any time after this point by dropping the flag and sounding a horn (audible sound optional). Dropping of the flag must be the minimum signal to start the race. This ensures a simpler start procedure and less waiting time on the start line.

- **Coaching course funding**

David Thomson explained the need for funding to enable the WSRA to have coaches/assessors. The WSRA have been asked to provide funds of £1000 to support the costs of the coaching/assessors course. All in favour to pay £1000.

A discussion then ensued regarding covering travel expenses, it was suggested that anyone doing business on the behalf of the WSRA a maximum of 40p per mile can be claimed. All in agreement.

- **Race categories – all forms now updated & available to download from WSRA website**

Crew registration forms now display entry fee plus a date stamp/version to ensure consistency

- **End of season presentation**

All in favour of end of season party. CD offered to check out the Marine hotel in Aberystwyth.

- **AOB**

- Caernarfon raised issues about their new boat leaking – water is getting into the buoyancy tanks amongst other things. They are quite alarmed about the leak and have asked for WSRA support in dealing with this. NB reiterated a need for a meeting with Dale about the issues with boats.
- Fishguard sent sec email stating apologies but wanted to raise a point. CC outlined the email – Concerns were raised about clubs informing hosting clubs about attendance not until the last minute – it can cause major problems with regards to suitable safety cover, in addition it can also cause issues with providing enough catering. It was suggested that there be a cut off point of a Wednesday at 9pm preceding any race event to confirm attendance – these crew will be guaranteed to be able to compete. All in agreement. Club registering their attendance after this point may i) still be able to compete but there may not be sufficient catering or ii) may not be able to compete as the hosting club is unable to provide sufficient safety cover.
- Caernarfon issued an apology for a mix up over entry fees at their race day on Sunday 12th May and offered to refund clubs. Any club wishing to obtain a refund need to contact Caernarfon directly.

All agreed that the entry fee to remain capped at £4 per adult and £2 per junior for this year. Any increase can be discussed at the 2014 AGM.

- DT explained that some time ago a pair of Ergo machines were donated to the WSRA by the Henley regatta organisers to encourage juniors into rowing by rowing two at a time and racing against each other. At the time there was no local club that had the space for them so they went into Penglais school Aberystwyth. Porthmadog had enquired about loaning rowing machines so the ergos were collected from the school, only to be found trashed. Aberystwyth then paid £800 for the necessary repairs and have used them machines since becoming usable again. DT suggested 3 options –

1. WSRA Pay Aberystwyth the £800 and take the ergos back into ownership
2. Take one and distribute to clubs
3. Leave them in Aberystwyth

If was agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting. Aberystwyth are really keen for them to remain insitu. Clubs with juniors wishing to use the machines can contact Aberystwyth to visit them to have sessions by qualified ergo instructor. DT will enquire about more ergos for the association to loan to clubs.

- **Date of next meeting**
Sat 21st September at 1pm