



**Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Mor Cymru
Welsh Sea Rowing Association
AGM Agenda
Sat 25th January 2014**

Members present – Bethan Hughes, Elin Powell **Caernarfon**, Jeff Jeremiah, Julie Jeremiah, Chrissy Canning (sec) Nigel Bowen (chair) **New Quay**, Debbie Phillips, Mandi Chesterman (mem sec) **Llangwm**, Tina Gorridge **Neyland**, Kevin Cole, Roy English **Beumaris**, Pete Fletcher **Newport** (treas) Andrew Cotterill (cpo) **Aberaeron** Jan Cannon, Chris Haynes **Aberystwyth**, Pete Lowton, Charlie Martin **Llangrannog**, Chris Miller-New, Leanne Phillips **Aberporth**, Eva Rees **Fishguard**, Darrell Willington, Richard Jelley **Llanion Warriors**, Neil Cross **Wisemans Bridge**, John Eddington (assist) Dylan Evans **Aberdyfi**, Dave Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds **Borth**, Nicola Thomas **Towy**, Simon Owen, Jo Owen **Conwy**, Hannah James, Karl Webber, Rachel Parfitt, Annie Conroy, Shaun Manche **PYC**, Nicola Jordan, Phillipa Owen, Jill Gloster, Richard Gloster, Lesley Thomas-Pugh **Porthmadog**, Carol Davies, David Thompson, Mike Miles **Solva**, Jackie Southworth, Mike strawson, Dewi Strawson **Ynys Mon**

Apologies – Cardigan, Bob Allen Towy,

Agenda –

- **Minutes of last meeting** - agreed as accurate
- **Matters arising** - none
- **Chairman Report** -

2013 was a very successful year for the WSRA for many reasons

Firstly, not one race had to be cancelled due to bad weather conditions and I was privileged to be able to attend all but one of the league races.

Secondly there were a record number of boats at many events, with categories having as many as 30 boats entered.

Thirdly the number of new crews forming and affiliating to the WSRA is very encouraging to the sport of longboat rowing Conway, Beaumaris and Barry have joined in 2013 and St Dogmaels have reformed. In the pipeline are Nevyn, Neath, Ferryside and another club from Conway associated to the yacht club. To date the WSRA has 28 clubs and 900 members.

I must also mention that the amount of junior teams in 2013 was very encouraging to see. They are the future and it looks as though there are going to be quite a few.

The fact that the WSRA longboat has been on hire all year to various clubs proves the interest there now is in longboat rowing. The yole has also been a popular add-on rental and the two boats between them have provided extra income for the WSRA.

The Great River Race was again a popular event, gaining in popularity every year. A record 40 plus longboats took part in 2013.

After “yes it is” and “no it’s not”, the answer is “yes it is”. The Celtic Challenge lives on and as it happens with registered interest from 30 teams, the most ever. I hope the weather is an improvement on last time, but whatever the weather I wish you all a good trip.

On a personal note, I always said my last Celtic row would be when I am 65 and guess what – yes this year.

The WSRA end of season dinner and dance was a great success this year with good attendance. Well done to all the clubs who won trophies, of which there were many and well done to all the clubs

who took part in any rowing event whether it be a league or any other event. Every rower needs recognition for making the sport such a pleasure to be part of.

Good luck to you all.

Lastly, I thank my fellow committee members for their support this year and all the effort they have put in to make it a rewarding year. In particular, our secretary who has waded through e-mails and old rules to update them, needs a special mention, Chrissy thank you.

- **Treasurer Report -**

Spread sheet attached. If anyone would like any further info, Pete is happy to answer.

Report:

2013

Income: £28989.32

Expenditure: £21601.26

Surplus: £7388.06

Surplus is higher than normal due to late deposit of 2012 equipment insurance (£1931.60) and 2012 Boat royalties: £1560.00

Taking the above late deposits out of the 2013 income it still leaves a healthy surplus of £3896.46 for the year.

Membership subs of are up on 2012 from £12445.00 to £14834.00

Actual boat royalties for 2013 are for 3 boats = £360.00

End of season dinner income is higher due to the increased numbers attending.

Expenditure: Up by £1208.72 on 2012

Due mainly to an increase in travel cost and repairs to the hire boats.

End of season dinner cost increase reflected the extra numbers attending.

Web services and trophy costs showed a marked reduction on 2012.

Bank Balance: 31/12/2012 = £9547.55

31/12/2013 = £16935.61

- **Secretary Report =**

It's been a busy year and 2013 proved to be a good year for racing. The majority of races are now well attended with up to 30 teams entering and the weather played its part for the majority of race days – fingers crossed for more of the same this year.

Interest in the sport seems to be on the increase, as shown by higher race entries, membership growth within clubs and new clubs emerging. Clubs have had success outside of the WSRA, with many attending the GRR and returning triumphant so a big well done to you all. Also, some have been to Italy this year to compete in the European fixed seat championships. Hopefully this year, we can continue to raise the profile of the WSRA and its many clubs.

This year, I hope to continue with working on various documents - bringing them up to date and ensuring consistency throughout so please bear with me. So far, there's been a secure online storage system of WSRA documents introduced, for current and future committee members to access.

Thank you to you all for a fantastic 2013

- **Election of Officers –**

BH proposed voting en mass as all committee members happy to stay on, seconded by 2014 WSRA officers are as follows -

Officer	
Chair	Nigel Bowen
Vice-Chair	Dylan Evans
Treasurer	Pete Fletcher
Secretary	Chrissy Canning
Membership secretary	Mandi Chesterman
Health & Safety	Mike Miles
Child Protection	Andrew Cotterill
Publicity	Carol Davies
Assistant to Committee	John Eddington

Jill Gloster from Porthmadog is now a DBS evidence checker in the north region – requests for all DBS checks for WSRA clubs are still to go through Andrew Cotterill.

- **Update WSRA Constitution with new details –**
 - Change chairman details
 - Section 4 - Include Health & Safety officer & assistant to committee
 - Section 11 – alter payment date of hire equipment to reflect current agreements
 - Section 12 – change date of AGM

All in agreement of this – updated constitution attached.

- **Date of next AGM**
January 2015 – to be confirmed