



**Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Mor Cymru
Welsh Sea Rowing Association
Executive meeting Agenda
Sat 26th April 2014**

Members present –

Chrissy Canning – *Secretary*, Nigel Bowen – *Chair New Quay*, David Thompson, Carol Davies – *publicity Llangrannog*, John Eddington – *AtC Aberdyfi*, Chris Haines, Tyenne Morgan **Aberystwyth**, Roy English, Jeannette English **Beumaris**, Geoff wood, Godfrey Owen **Porthmadog**, Steve Jarrett, Kelly Roose **Ynys Mon**, Andrew Cotterill – *CPO Aberaeron*, Eva Rees **Fishguard**

• **Apologies -**

Mandi Chesterman, Dylan Evans, Mike Miles, Llangwm, Towy, Caernarfon, Neyland

• **Minutes of last meeting**

Agreed as accurate

• **Matters arising –**

Insurance increase –

JE informed executive members of changes to the civil liability from Perkins Slade due to the current insurer no longer providing civil liability cover. Different insurers had quoted a higher premium for the forthcoming year. JE had lengthy conversations with Perkins Slade, taking into consideration that no claim has been made for over 20 years and as a result the increase in premium is at a considerably lower cost of £24.45 per club. **Agreed and carried unanimously.**

Clubs need to send a cheque to Mandi for a further £24.45 to cover the insurance increase

DBS -

Andrew has not done many DBS checks recently; he stated that he's trying to build a comprehensive list of DBS checked members within the WSRA. With the DBS now being transportable he may not have a full list of members. Chrissy to email all clubs asking to contact Andrew with a list of their DBS checked members.

JE –

JE had been emailed by Shrophshire RC to insure their equipment for the forthcoming Celtic Challenge. NB – most clubs do insure their equipment through the WSRA but are not obliged to do so. JE has a spreadsheet of clubs that insures equipment and those that do not. It was suggested that all clubs that do not insure their equipment through the WSRA must supply John with a cover note/certificate to show that their equipment is insured. **All in agreement, carried.**

The world championships are being held in Savona this year in September, some clubs attended last year. John will send an email with information if any clubs wish to participate in this event.

Savona are also sending crews over to Aberystwyth for the weekend of the 17-20th July. Chris Haines & John Eddington have been in talks with Savona and are coordinating their visit. The 15 juniors coming over will have an itinerary for the weekend and will be participating in the Aberystwyth league race day. Last year, Savona covered the costs for two nights' accommodation –it is suggested that the WSRA return this favor. JE has worked out travelling and accommodation costs totaling £1735, with CH & himself trying to find match funding opportunities to cover half of the costs, the WSRA has been asked to cover half of this at £850. NB will check with Pete Fletcher (treasurer) to find out if this is affordable. All executive members present agreed to allow Nigel, Pete and Chrissy to make decision on this.

- **Dale sailing update/Future production of longboats**

Discussion delayed until next meeting. Pete Fletcher has been in talks with Dale sailing since last meeting. Many members expressed disappointment that we are no further forward and are still in the same position as we were a year ago. DT suggested getting a report together to bring to the next meeting. JE and GW will make enquiries with other boat builders for quotes to produce longboats.

- **Safety boat ratio**

Current safety boat ratio is one safety boat per 5 rowing boats. Previously, it was suggested that 3 safety boats would be enough to cover a race. Discussion regarding this deemed 3 boats not suffice. DT stated that the WSRA has an excellent safety record & needs to maintain this incase of incident. The general feeling was not to be in a situation where the safety boats could not cover the field of competitors. NB suggested a ratio of 1:6, questions were raised about knowing how many boats are entering any race to work out safety boat ratio & catering arrangements. CC stated that there is a cut of point of a Wednesday preceding all races that was introduced last year - Hosting clubs are not obliged to take crews into their equations after this point. When sending out race notices CC will remind clubs of this. **All in agreement, carried**

***Ratio of safety boats is one safety boats per 6 rowing boats; the rule of minimum of 3 safety boats still applies.**

- **Timed events**

It was brought up to have independent scrutineers from another clubs at the start/finish to help with the timings. NB stated that not many clubs to have timed races. GW and GO stated Porthmadog would be happy with this. SJ said mass starts also need independent scrutineer on the start line as the starts are horrific. NB said clubs need to be more strict with penalties for jumping the start lines etc. It is not necessary to repeatedly tell boats to get back to the start line. Start lines should be clearly indicated at the coxes briefing. **All in agreement, carried.**

***All timed events need scrutineer(s) from another clubs to assist with time keeping. Mass starts need scrutineer from another clubs to assist with the start line.**

- **Publicity**

The WSRA needs to increase publicity this year. Clubs have been asked to contact Carol with the name of their local paper.

- **Ergo machines decision**

Erg machines will stay at Aberystwyth, CH stated they were at the end of their life now. Clubs are welcome to use them with prior arrangement with Aberystwyth. CC stated that NQ had a community

chest grant for a concept 2 rowing machine recently so if clubs want their own it may be worth checking out if grants are available.

- **Northern league races**

Porthmadog are concerned with the lack of races in the north especially with Caernarfon having to cancel due to bad weather. CC said there is 9 clubs in the north but not all host races. Committee will contact northern clubs to assist them if they require it. Also suggested that clubs could help out other clubs at hosting races if need be. Porthmadog are happy to host a second race this year to increase the number of races as they have no flexibility and have to attend all northern races to achieve their best of seven. NB suggested that as they held an additional one last year that it is offered to the other northern clubs first. Chrissy to email all northern clubs to co-ordinate a decision on this. Executive committee agreed that Caernarfon can reschedule their race to the date they submitted subject to giving the executive committee assurances they will award trophies and adhere to the rules. CC will send out email to remind clubs to be aware of the rule of hosting a race – trophies for all entered categories, race flags, correct boat number size etc and also remind clubs that officers will do race reports which will be discussed at meetings which may affect next year's race bid.

- **AOB**

DT update on the coaching courses stating we're working towards an appropriate course for sea rowers – watch this space!

- **Date of next Executive meeting**

July 2014 – date to be confirmed, CC will inform clubs in due course

End of meeting.