



**Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Môr Cymru
Welsh Sea Rowing Association
Executive Meeting Agenda
Sunday 19th July 2015**

Members present – Carol Davies (membership sec), Charlie Martin **Llangrannog**, Nicola Thomas, Owen Davies **Towy**, Jenny Redfearn, Louise Redfearn, Hannah Harries, Amy Rees **Newport**, Moss Inns, Chris Haines **Aberystwyth**, Jill Gloster Pippa Owen **Porthmadog**, Bryony Jones **Wisemans Bridge**, Dylan Evans (Vice-chair) John Eddington (assistant to committee) **Aberdyfi**, Tynne Morgan, Amy Lawrence **Llanion**, Innes Heron **Borth**, David Hooper **Aberaeron**, Chrissy Canning (Sec) Nigel Bowen (Chair) **New Quay**

Agenda –

- **Apologies** – Beumaris, Caernarfon, Mike Miles
- **Minutes of the previous meeting**
 - **Dale**, Basically WSRA has no pull on the boats, only the mould is owned by WSRA. It appears there was no water tight contract document or anything in writing in place when the longboats were designed. Dale have the sole design rights. IH queried if we would have to for a new mould in future. NB explained about an increase to the royalties will help cover more of the cost of new mould in future. The plug is new and if stored correctly it can be used in future. Dick Morgan (Architect) is on board with this. NB thanked Chris Harding of Llanion for the input and time he has put in to try get some answers.
Nothing the WSRA can do – boats will not be going to tender
 - **Cardiff** – going ahead on 12-13th sept, 14 clubs are attending
 - **Publicity** – waiting for drone footage to be compiled
- **Complaints procedures** – More complaints this year than ever – one race day had 6 complaints. Discussion ensued regards many aspects of complaints. It was noted that many club believe the WSRA officers have authority to deal with matters – they do not. All decisions/penalties are decided by all clubs at meetings, which the officers can then implement. Rules are not being adhered to and hosting clubs are not enough to ensure rules are kept to. It was commented that during one race, some boats were not completing buoy turns but were not penalised by host clubs. It was also suggested that when clubs complain at race days only two members from each club should attend discussions of complaint as any more is intimidating – all in agreement. It was noted that this year there has been a lot of tension/friction between clubs at race days – there appears to be a lack of camaraderie and lack of a friendly fun atmosphere. Chrissy suggested introducing a booklet which will have all information for all aspects of rowing/racing which will be given to clubs at affiliation for the forthcoming season and will be altered/adapted for further seasons. All in agreement. Chrissy will also draft questions/queries/definitions to cover ‘grey’ areas which will be sent out to clubs to discuss and put forward ideas/solutions. Both the ‘Grey’ areas suggestions and booklet will be ratified at next year’s AGM. All in agreement.
- **Race starts and food provision** – Discussion merged into the previous agenda item, with clubs saying some host clubs not providing enough food and not adhering to race starts. It was also commented that some of the safety cover do not know rules etc. Proposal – create generic form for race days that clubs can comment on various aspects. This form is not intended to be detrimental

to or insult host clubs, it is to provide information to host clubs and highlight any possible areas for improvement. This will also be covered under the form/booklet (as previous agenda item)

- **Coaching – Helen Tan WR** – There is a coaching course being held at Wisemans Bridge later in the year – members present do not know all the details on this. It's been commented that enquires from fixed seat clubs have expressed interest to the WSRA to attend fixed seat coaching courses if the WSRA hold them. Plenty of experienced rowers throughout the WSRA and clubs expressed the need for informal courses without the certificate. CH suggested a coaching forum where coaches can discuss and share info. NB suggested nominating a few experienced rowers within the league to share their info. JG stated that there are two elements to coaching – some would like official course so they will be coaches. PO suggested that clubs can link up. CC commented that this could be a social thing and help alleviate tension amongst clubs. Volunteers needed for possible forum/page to discuss and organise days.

- **Website –**

- Some club information is out of date – clubs to contact webmaster with details as necessary
- Explanation requested regards the cardigan results – penalties were incurred by some but the results form did not explain the penalties, hence the results were uploaded incorrectly then once this was realised, they were uploaded to the result positions sent in.

Requested that any penalties must be written clearly on the results form

- **Child welfare** – DBS's are being done – a volunteer is needed in the mid wales area for when Andrew Cotterill moves.
JG proposing clubs welfare officers/child protection officers have meetings in the north and south to discuss info etc.
- **Publicity** – Danielle thanked PYC for their involvement with Coast & Country. Porthmadog will contact Danielle regards them rowing to Cardiff. Danielle proposed a photo completion – a maximum of 12 from each club to be submitted after the GRR/Cardiff events with the possibility of creating calendars for next year. Voting on the 12 winning pictures – committee can shortlist them then clubs could vote via FB to choose final 12.
- **Welsh rowing indoor competition** – Chris Terry (mumbles) and Ian Kavanagh (Aberystwyth) are involved with the indoor champs and clubs can contact them direct.
- **AOB**
 - Porthmadog to contact Llanberris about rowing on the lake
 - Suggestions for winter socials
 - Insurance – so far 5 clubs have contacted JE regards equipment insurance and the cover has lapsed. Clubs who do not insure via WSRA must show proof of equipment insurance.
 - Borth – Aberystwyth and Aberdyfi offered help to run their race day, IH to go back to clubs to discuss the possibility of running their race day with help from other clubs.
 - Rescheduled dates –
 - 23rd sept – Llangrannog – agreed
 - 23rd Aug. – Caernarfon – agreed
- **Date of next meeting - TBC**

