



**Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Môr Cymru
Welsh Sea Rowing Association
Executive Meeting Minutes
Saturday 26^h January 2019**

Attendees:

Name	Role
Andrew Richards (AR)	Chairman
Chris Haines (CH)	Race Officer
Neil Cross (NC)	Vice Chairman
Martha Owen (MO)	Publicity Officer
Martin Grey (MG)	Health and Safety Officer
Sam Owen (SO)	Mid Representative
Nicola Thomas (NT)	South Representative
Mel Hopkins (MH)	Secretary
Sam English (SE)	Welsh Rowing
Pete Fletcher (PF)	President / Treasurer

Item		Actions
1.0	New members of the Executive Committee	
	The following members were welcomed by AR to the Executive Committee - RA, MO, SO and MG.	
2.0	Apologies:	
	Richard Gloster (RG), Jill Gloster (JG), Dave Reynolds (DR), Jane O'Connor (JoC) and Richard Aherne (RA).	
3.0	Minutes of previous meeting	
	The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 October 2018 were accepted as a true recorded. Proposed by CH and seconded by NT.	
4.0	Complaints and appeal procedures	
4.1	AR referred to one complaint in the South which may lead to an appeal. AR stated that he would not be sharing details at this stage as some members of the committee may be required to sit in on an appeal at a later date.	
4.2	There were no issues related to the North league.	
5.0	Welsh Rowing update	
5.1	The report by SE is circulated as an appendix to these minutes. AR attended the Welsh Rowing AGM where he asked for more support for grassroots rowing.	
5.2	The last payment to Welsh Rowing was in 2016 with subsequent cheques having not been cashed.	

6.0	New Equipment Update	
6.1	The new Celtic Longboat has been delivered and is awaiting its name and livery. The longboat is currently in Wisemans Bridge and awaiting delivery to the Gower.	MH
6.2	The Coastal Quad is nearly ready for delivery and the trailer is in construction. The trailer is currently being constructed in London and will need to be collected shortly. Arrangements for this need to be confirmed. Secretary to send out a request via the distribution list to ask for assistance in picking up the trailer once it is ready.	
7.0	Boat loan booking protocol/Boat loans update.	
7.1	Whilst the normal loan period is 8 weeks, the new Celtic Longboat will be heading to the Gower for a 6 month period as this is a stipulation of the grant from Sports Wales.	MH
7.2	A newly formulated club called Sion Cwilt Rowing Club has also request the loan of a boat, however this cannot take place at this time as their affiliation to the WSRA does not take place until March 2019.	
7.3	Barry Rowing Club are looking to borrow/loan a Celtic Longboat and Cork Rowing Club are also looking to borrow/loan a boat for the Celtic Challenge. MH to write to all clubs asking if they have any boats available for potential loan to other WSRA clubs including Sion Cwilt once they become affiliated.	
7.4	The double yole is currently in Aberporth and the Celtic Longboat Ysbryd Y Mor is at Deganwy.	
7.5	There have been no requests to date for the Coastal Quad.	
8.0	Website hosting, website update and email issues.	
	DR has provided a quote for approximately £1000 to address website and email issues. The current website also needs updating. AR will contact DR to source 2 additional quotes for the work before considering the best way to proceed.	AR
9.0	Publicity options	
9.1	New boats are to have WSRA livery. AR to arrange.	AR
9.2	MO to explore publicity options and present options to the next meeting. Remaining Committee members to feed any relevant information to MO.	MO/All
10.0	Current trophy issues.	
10.1	The current way that the presenting and return of trophies needs to be addressed as it is difficult to manage. There are 57 trophies handed out at the WSRA presentation evening. This will be placed as an agenda item for future meetings until the concerns have been addressed.	CH
10.2	CH suggested that a small trophy for each category that does not need to be returned. CH to source quotes for this option and he will present these to the next meeting.	
11.0	Indoor Rowing Competitions 2019	

	SE provided a summary of the indoor rowing competitions that took place in 2018 and those to take place in 2019. The information is circulated as an appendix to these minutes.	
12.0	AOB	
12.1	<u>Contact details for new Committee Members</u> Contact details to be circulated by AR.	AR
12.2	<u>Access to dropbox</u> DR to arrange access to dropbox for the new Committee members.	DR
12.3	<u>Italian contingent visit 2019</u> WSRA are currently looking for clubs willing to host the visit in 2019. A request for interest to be the host club is to be circulated to the distribution list.	MH
12.4	<u>Welsh Open Championships</u> Welsh Rowing are going to organise another Welsh Open event. SE to confirm the date when available.	SE
12.5	<u>Celtic Longboat supplier</u> A query has been raised as to why there is only one supplier for Celtic Longboats. It was confirmed that the contract in place with Dale Sailing prohibits the WSRA from seeking additional or alternative suppliers at this time.	
12.6	<u>Training for Committee members</u> Welsh Rowing are looking at funding training for members or the Committee. We are awaiting further information from Welsh Rowing.	
12.7	<u>Frequently Asked Question (FAQs) on the website</u> AR asked the Committee to look at the FAQ page and make suggestions for changes as they felt necessary. Committee members to forward their suggestions to AR.	AR
12.8	<u>North Coxing Workshop</u> CH is organising another coxes workshop in the north with dates to be confirmed.	CH
12.9	<u>Celtic Challenge</u> Some North clubs are short of rowers for the forthcoming Celtic Challenge RG to send further information which can be sent out via the distribution list.	RG/MH
12.10	<u>Questionnaire/Survey referred to in AGM</u> CH to prepare a questionnaire and look into using software such as Survey Monkey to collate the information.	CH
13.0	Date of next meeting	
	11am Saturday 27 th April 2019 at St Anne's, Penparcau, Aberystwyth AR has given his apologies for this meeting due to a prior engagement.	

	<p>Some agenda items for the next Exec meeting coming from AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to constitution regarding the combined secretary role • Activities / facilities for young children at race events • Activities for WSRA winter season • Survey questions • Discuss Race Officials Document and comments made at AGM • Sculls in league races - where and when they should start 	
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Appendix

Welsh Rowing Coastal Development Officer Report Prepared by Sam English

WSRA Update Nov 2018 -Jan 2019

Lampeter School Indoor Rowing Day – 20th November.

Welsh Schools Indoor Rowing Championships – 24th November. Largest coastal rowing contingent to date with medal success.

Welsh Indoor Rowing Championships – 25th November. Largest coastal rowing contingent to date with medal success.

Home Nations Coastal Sculling Meeting in Heathrow – 26th November.

1st December – Meetings with Ynys Mon and Conwy.

2nd December – Meetings with Porthmadog at Trawsfynydd.

8th December – High Performance Coaching for Welsh Coastal Sculling Squad in Cardiff

12th December – Meeting with Barry regards to funding opportunities.

18th December – Development Meeting with Mumbles.

Indoor Rowing Instructor Workshop delivered in Lampeter 7th January.

CPD Workshop attended in Cardiff 'Coaching in Clubs' 9th January.

9th January meeting with Tim Down British Rowing regarding Prison Project and Rowing for Wellbeing.

15th January – CRIW Meeting in Lampeter. Project now has funded 21 C2's and present in four schools within Ceredigion. Numbers to sessions both adult and junior increasing week on week.

25th January – Meeting with Aberaeron re club development and training. Insport Ribbon achieved – first in county.

Coming Up...

Aberystwyth University to train in Cardiff Sat 26th January competing in Cardiff City Regatta Sun 27th January.

Coastal Sculling Weekend in Llanberis 16th & 17th March.

Help for Heroes sessions with Wisemans Bridge & Conwy. Dates tbc.

Beach Sprints and Welsh Open. Dates tbc.

CRIW Indoor Championships Saturday 30th March in Cardigan.

Training Officer Update

Race Coxing Workshop attended at Towy on 11th November.

British Rowing Coach Educator Conference 18th November.

Nic Thomas and Richard Gloster have completed British Rowing Assessor Training.

20th January – Level 1 Coxing Workshop held for Llangrannog. Second session Sunday 3rd February.

Coming Up...

BR MOB scheduled in New Quay Saturday 23rd March.

BR L2 Club Coach scheduled in New Quay 6/7/27/28th April.