

## Minutes of the North Wales Regional Committee of the WYA

15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 Port Dinorwic Sailing Club

### Present

Mark Stafford Pen SC (Chairman) (MS)  
David Griffiths RWBSWC (DG)  
Mary Gowers LLSC (MG)  
Bill Barry RWYC (BB)  
Mike Tomkins BCSC (MT)  
Eifion Owen Pwll SC (EO)  
Non Roberts Pwll SC (NR)  
Ken Newing PDSC (KN)  
Peter Davies LBSC (PD)  
Rosy Hearn RPSC (RH)  
Chris Strange Rhyl YC (CS)

### In Attendance

Ruth Iliffe WYA (RI)

### Apologies

Paul Lyon BCSC  
Andy Mainwaring RWBSWC

### Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 were accepted as a true record.

Prop. MG Sec KN All in favour

### **Matters Arising**

1. None

### **Club Survey**

13 clubs have responded so far, we need another 10 at least. This is essential for funding. Ask RI for a link, or a PDF can be used. Development needs to be shown. Llyn Brenig has seen an increase with OnBoard and new Families

### **Winter Open Training**

Following the Open Training Meeting held in August, the subject of using Plas Menai was brought up. This would cost £25 per person per session as opposed to the £10 per day that we are working on at the moment keeping the training within the regional clubs. This also helps development and sustainability of clubs, by taking ownership and organising it ourselves.

The prospect of Open Training for all was discussed, with the possibility of opening up the Laser training to a wider age range, and be run similar to the English system with 5 sessions at Plas Menai. Port Dinorwic could hold coaching sessions during Open Training.

Training locations would be as per the training meeting in August, with a joint application form, and a copy going to each venue that the applicant wishes to use. The venue organisers are Merrion Edwards PDSC and Jane Butterworth Pwll SC. Clubs are to provide coaches/volunteers.

The possibility of arranging open training for adults was discussed and it was agreed to explore this further. RI confirmed that the RC was able to do this as long as it required no support from WYA staff

Parents will require volunteer inauguration to have volunteer roles explained, so they understand why people are needed to do the various jobs and how they need to be carried out. RI could possibly give a talk about the role of the WYA, BB volunteered his assistance.

### **Additional Participation Funding**

The application for Additional Participation Funding from the WYA and 'Splash' funding from the Environment Agency as a low cost entry into water sports was discussed, and a vote of thanks proposed by MG Seconded by KN to Chris Strange for all his hard work was passed unanimously. The proposal would go off to the Environment Agency immediately.

### **Bank Account**

There was a discussion about whether the committee needed a separate bank account, which could require a constitution to be drawn up. as the need had been passed down from WYA, as a result, the topic changed onto the role, responsibilities and legal entity of the RC as these had never been clarified.

Specific questions included what is the working relationship with WYA? What is RIs role? What is the position for insurance cover for members of the RC acting in that capacity - ie not as a club member? What is the function of the committee? What are its responsibilities and by whom delegated? RYA Legal said that the Committee was a sub-committee of the WYA, and therefore would not require a separate constitution. It was decided that DG would check with the Board as to our perceived status.

### **Deputy Chairman's Position**

Proposed by MG, seconded by KN, that Bill Barry should be nominated for the position of Deputy Chairman. Carried unanimously and accepted by BB.

### **CYRC Series**

Three races have been held so far and one has been cancelled due to water level problems at Brenig.

Entries:

1. Pwllheli 22
2. RWBSWC 30 with Topper Traveller
3. Penmaenmawr 27

Maximum in Oppy beginners – 3

2010 Dates Bala in April, Brenig in September with another three venues required. Open training needs to lead int CYRC racing and there is currently a mid-level weakness due to low intake at the bottom.

## **Cruising**

Mixed weather, not a lot happening. CS and BB looking for winter activities:

1. VHF etc.
2. Organise cruises in company for next year
3. Cruising seminar in region – possibly Pwllheli

CelticSEA.com – proposed by BB, seconded by CS - that we look into opportunities offered by celticsea.com. There is Interegs money available for information cruises etc. – Carried

## **Strategy Committee Meeting**

MS will be attending the Strategy Committee Meeting to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November and all comments would be useful prior to the meeting. Some points that were raised:

1. Minutes of previous meetings not available on the website
2. Bilingual policy – Public Face – Website Welsh or English

Any other suggestions can be brought up at the next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> November at Rhyl Yacht Club.

## **Pay & Play**

Pay & Play is working well at Llandudno, MS to email Gareth Roberts for an update

## **North Wales Boat Show**

The 2009 Boat Show held in July was another success, even though the weather was not too kind. It was too windy. We were the only stand with sailboats. Feedback from parents is that they want kids to learn to sail over three days. 25 to 30 kids were referred to regional clubs, the hook of kids activities on the stand helped to attract visitors. Other questions raised were that we need to clarify the role of the WYA and our role within the WYA BB is to write up questions, and thanks go out to all the people who committed their time to the event.

## **AOB**

**Regional Committee Shirts** were a great success at the Boat Show and CS was presented with one for his work on the Additional Participation Proposal

**Marine Lake Rhyl** – CS said that the Council were happy for RYC to use Marine Lake as discussed at a previous meeting earlier in the year.

**Pwllheli SC** – EO stated that they had been awarded a grant of £10.5k for new Oppies, and that the old boats would be offered for sale at between £350 - £450 each. The Christmas regatta would be held at Pwllheli on 12<sup>th</sup> December Iwan Basten would be there with squads, and if clubs could provide powerboats for safety cover and coaching it would be very much appreciated.

**Welsh Youth Championships** – RI said that there would be Onboard fleets and Windsurfers in the Regatta Fleet this year. Pre-entries are preferred.

**Open Training** – RI stated that if Open training was required for Junior Double-handers, Windsurfing etc, then an expression of interest would be required.

**Forthcoming Events** - 21<sup>st</sup> September Match Racing Rules evening RAYC  
4<sup>th</sup> October N Wales Dinghy Championships PDSC

**Next Meetings** - 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – Rhyl Yacht Club  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2009 - RWYC