

Minutes of the North Wales Regional Committee of the WYA

18th June 2009 Penmaenmawr Sailing Club

Present

Mary Gowers LLSC
Bill Barry RWYC
Ken Newing PDSC
Bernard Carter PSC
Phil Smith Bala SC
Chris Strange Rhyl YC

Apologise

Mark Stafford PSC
Tim Bowden SLS
Paul Moreton LLSC

In Attendance

Ruth Iliffe WYA

Minutes

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the previous meeting.
Prop. CS Sec KN All in favour

Matters Arising

1. Rhyl and RW YCs have agreed to postpone joint planning until the end of the current sailing season

Cruising

Nothing to report

Winter Open Training

MG reported her concern about a lack of "second" season sailors feeding into CYRCs and (potentially) on to squad training. There is a real lack of new sailors at CYRC events this year. Previously attending CYRCs has been part of the package when accessing winter training.

The clubs represented reported that the focus of winter training has changed since it moved to a club centred model. Their clubs now concentrate on developing family sailing within the club with less emphasis on young sailors being encouraged to travel to compete.

It was noted that the current financial situation has meant a noticeable all round reduction in travelling to sail. There has also been an increase in clubs staying open longer over the winter period,

It was agreed that not enough clubs were present to reach any conclusions.

ACTION Winter training 2009-10 meeting to be organised on 13th July

An update was given on the possibility of using Rhyl Marine Lake for winter training. CS has had discussions with Rhyl Council who are in principle in favour of such use. Two major issues remain to be resolved

- Insurance
- Safety boats

ACTION CS and RI to meet with Rhyl Council and explore further

Active Participation Funding

The sub committee have met regularly via email and Google Docs. They have agreed to pursue a funding bid to introduce competitive youth windsurfing to NW.

CS has done a lot of research and had prepared a detailed forward plan for the next 3 to 5 years. This was approved.

It was agreed that a proposal be sent to the board for funding to set up the scheme to cover coach training, publicity etc. This would be supported by a SPLASH fund bid to purchase kit, together with an approach to manufacturers etc for sponsorship.

Prop. BB Sec. KN All in favour

ACTION CS will continue to research and draw up a proposal to submit to the board supported by the rest of the sub committee.

CYRCs

MG reported that there are fewer “new” sailors attending this year but that both events had been very successful for those who did attend. Next event Penmaenmawr Sailing Club 11th July, Clubs asked to encourage young sailors to attend.

On Board

RI gave a brief update on OB progress in NW.

Pay and Play

No report

Boat Show

BB reported

- No caravan is available but we do have the large marquee again
- A small caravan is needed for Thursday to Sunday
- Only 3 clubs have signed up so far – ACTION RI to chase
- PDSC will again supply furniture

Other matters

- MG, and PDSC will supply dinghies, others are welcome
- More pictures, including local sailors, were requested

- There will be an OnBoard festival on Friday - Ceri
- Cuddly toys would again be raffled – ACTION BB
- Possibility of a windsurf simulator was discussed –ACTION RI to ask PM
- Possibility of trapezing activity or display was discussed – would need an instructor in attendance, possibly LG
- MG requested a simple guide to weight/height recommendations for different boats

ACTION Planning Meeting 7pm 13th July

Regional Committee Date

Tuesday	15/09	PDSC
Wednesday	04/11	RYC
Thursday	10/12	RWSC

AOB

1. Nominations for Vice Chairman to be made by 15/09/09. A vote will be taken at the RC meeting that day
2. A letter from Dickies was presented which offers special events for local club members. The committee welcomed the invitation but sought assurance that there would be some “pay back” from Dickies for publicising the event. ACTION MS to discuss with Dickies
3. RI noted a possible correlation between the number of clubs represented at RC meetings and when the agenda is sent out. ACTION Agendas to be issued at least 3 weeks before date of meeting
4. The WYA Strategy Committee will meet on 15/11. All relevant information needs to be with Mark before this date if he is to present or action it.
5. RI reported that club audit data collection is now available electronically