

# Minutes of the North Wales Regional Committee of the WYA

4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Rhyl Yacht Club

## **1. Present**

Mark Stafford Pen SC (Chairman)  
Bill Barry RWYC  
Chris Strange Rhyl YC  
Gwyn Jones Rhyl YC  
Dave Challinor RWBSWC  
Tim Bowden Shotwick Lake SC  
Mary Gowers LLSC  
Keith Rollinson Clywedog SC  
John Moore Bay of Colwyn  
Ken Hull Bala SC  
Peter Weekes RPSC  
Rosy Hearn RPSC  
Peter Davies Llyn Brenig SC  
Brian Dixon Rhyl YC  
A Brown BCSC  
Mike Lehane BCSC

## **In Attendance:**

Ruth Iliffe WYA

## **2. Minutes**

An amendment was made to the minutes of the last meeting regarding the discussion on the status of the Committee.

## **3. Matters Arising**

None

## **4. Winter Open Training**

RI reported back on winter training.

16 children at PDSC over half term

14 children at Bala, 4 visitors

4 junior double handed (8 booked)

8 Windsurfers at half term, this is a large increase

The generic form worked well.

Entries already for April, 3 booked for Laser Open training

A question was asked if the training was just for juniors. The answer was given that it was within the remit of the committee to have some adult training but it was up to the members to decide what they wanted. Clubs are reliant on volunteers, there is funding for subsidised training courses to help with club development and participation.

MS asked the question of what else we could do apart from winter training.

## **5. Additional participation training update**

The committee had previously identified windsurfing as the main aim. Splash funding has run out of money for this year. Chris is looking at the possibility of three other grants.

A suggestion was made that Shotwick might take this onboard but they are finding it difficult to get volunteers involved in training. RI offered help.

There was a discussion about Sports Match funding and a more general one about grants.

An important point was made that RI must have club development plans before any clubs applies for a grant. Also clubs are asked to tell RI if applying for a grant.

Mary proposed that there should be a funding workshop, possibly in two different places. This was seconded by Bill. RI to action.

Chris discussed money available through a County Councillor; Pen SC had had money this way in the past.

Clubs are asked to keep a volunteer diary to show good will.

## **6. Regional Bank Account**

MS – We are a sub committee of the WYA and therefore we don't need our own bank account. NW Sailing Clubs also have a bank account. MS will discuss our role at the next strategy meeting.

It was decided that Chris, Mark, Mary and Bill would put together a list of questions to ask at the next strategy committee meeting and would report back with the answers.

## **7. CYRC**

The attendance was variable. People tended to stay at their own clubs and not travel.

11<sup>th</sup> April – Bala SC

9<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May or 6<sup>th</sup> June TBC at PDSC

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June TBC at LLSC (2 day CYRC & Topper traveller)

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Brenig TBC

16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Shotwick

NB 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 09 – Xmas Regatta PDSC

There was a discussion about combining the North Wales Schools Sailing Championships with the CYRC at Brenig. Brenig to confirm this with their committee.

CYRC has made a profit of £120 over the series.

## **8. Cruising**

Bill has spoken to Stuart Gibson of IrishSea.com. If any clubs want courses of advice speak to Bill.

Organising a cruising captain's course was discussed. RI said that any dates of courses could go on the Google calendar.

RI asked to let her know if any clubs are hosting evening lectures.

The newsletter was discussed.

## **9. Strategy Committee Meeting November**

MS discussed the role of the strategy committee. Questions raised in the meeting will be passed on. Contact MS via email.

## **10. Pay and Play**

LLSC not able to report back at the meeting.

Clubs discussed individual cases. Clubs are asked to pass the information on to MS so that an audit can be carried out. This will also give the committee an idea of what club boats are available.

## **11. AOB**

a. There was a discussion about V Team. It provides a structure for young people to get involved in volunteering. Another route for those not involved in squad. Can be used as part of D of E. The WYA is looking for funding for it.

b. A question was asked where the participation money is going to be spent. The strategy committee will be asked if it can be rolled over to next year.

c. A reminder was given about the Clubs and Coaching Conference at Plas Menai. RI gave an overview of the day.

The instructor conference is 21<sup>st</sup> March with a guest speaker and on the water sessions.

### **d. Sailability**

Keith gave an overview of his role in Sailability. He also discussed the facilities at Clewedog SC. Keith will help any club to organise sailing for disabled persons.

Peter, Brenig SC discussed their role in disabled sailing. They would like to do more but have not succeeded in getting people involved.

Shotwick have 2 Access dinghies that take part in Club racing.

e. MS thanked RI for coming to the meeting.

f. Chris spoke about the availability of the Marine Lake to Rhyl Yacht Club. It will be open during the winter months and available to anyone through Rhyl YC. This has been agreed by the council and the users' forum.

Rhyl Yacht Club would like input from other clubs as to how to move forward and introduce dinghy sailing. Ideas were open days and getting advice from RI.

g. Ken from Bala SC is considering the onboard scheme but would like some advice.

h. Peter Weekes from Rydal Penrhos SC would like some support from the other clubs at both the North Wales Schools Sailing Championships and the Pico Challenge.

i. Dave Challinor spoke about dinghy/cruiser racing at the Menai Straits Regatta. There will be separate courses, starting in the second week of the Regatta. He asked the committee for their thoughts.

j. Yahoo user group available to email other members.

k. Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December at PDSC (tbc).

Meeting closed.