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WYA North Wales Regional Committee Meeting
15 November 2007
Royal Welsh Yacht Club

Present

Mark Stafford (PSC) - Chair
Ruth Iliffe (WYA)
Antony Robinson (RAYC)
Mary Gowers (LSC)
Bill Barry (RWYC)
Ken Newing (PDSC)
Liz Gowers (Secretary)

Apologies

Paul Pearce (DYC)
Paul Morton- LISC
Andy Jeffrey (DYC)

Previous Minutes

Minutes were discussed and springboard Weekend was also discussed.

CYRC'S

No reply's from clubs as yet as to whether they wish to be involved throughout 2008.

Mary Gowers is the CYRC co-ordinator.

Process has started at looking at locations and dates etc.

Open Training

Shotwick, Port Dinorwic, Dovey, Pwllheli, Holyhead, Plas Menai are the locations for Open training 07/08.

Approximately 52 children were involved last year at regional level, and there is currently 60+ children taking part this winter (The numbers for this winter includes those in the performance squads).

The percentage of children from the North and South that are currently in Welsh squad were discussed and the current figures are:

National Squad Sailors from the North = 16
National Squad Sailors from the South = 19

Dovey was commended for their independence in the running of open training in their area for the winter 07/08.

North Wales Boat Show

The Dates for the North Wales Boat Show will be the 25th, 26th and 27th of July at Faenol Park.

It will be organized by Ben Sutcliffe, who organized the South Wales Boat Show this year.

There will be a meeting on the 26th March 2008 at PDSC at 7.30 to start planning the event.

Action- Bill Barry

There will be a further meeting on the 10th July to be held at RWYC, this will be to discuss the final preparations.

It was felt that the Boat Show will be ideal for promoting Boating of all kinds and also promoting sailing clubs in the area.

Volunteer Health Check

The document was discussed and it was felt that the members of the committee need to go away and study it in more detail before it can be discussed in full.

Club Development

A Sport Development Workshop has been planned to be held at Plas Menai on the 4th February to start at 6.30pm.

Regional Action Planning

Need to gain Regional Action Plan by April 2008

A regional planning day where clubs can contribute to Action Plan to be held on the 24th February 2008 starting at 10.00 for 10.30. Mary Gowers will facilitate. **Action RI and Mary Gowers**

Regional Documents

Go Sail Poster

It was discussed at length.

It is felt that more than one format is needed so that it can be used in a number of locations e.g. Clubs, Leisure Centres, Plas Menai, website etc.

Thanks given to Liz Gowers for the work done on it so far.

Action Liz Gowers to work with RI

Event Management Guide

Thanks to all who provided feedback including Ruth Iliffe

Action RI to circulate to board.

Springboard Weekend

Ken Newing went through the document at length and explained important points. Most importantly the growth at club level.

Looked at Potential and Engagement in the clubs (Peoples Perception on how the clubs are performing in both areas.)

How do you get the document out to all of the clubs in the region? This point was discussed at length and it was decided that the document needed to be fragmented before it was distributed.

Concern was shown over what the specific role of the Regional Committee is.

Discussion into whether the current regional committee should be a committee or a forum. Committee was preferred by all those present.

The report needs to be condensed to help encourage clubs to promote the ideas.

The Sports Council is very impressed with the development and training in North Wales.

It was asked whether Ruth could email the document to everyone in colour so that the important points could be seen more clearly. **Action RI**

Executive Summary needed in the next couple of weeks so that it can be distributed with invitations for regional action planning day.

A Work Group is needed in the next couple of weeks so that the document can be completed. The date for this was decided to be the 19th December 2007 at 7.30 at Penmaenmawr Sailing Club.

Any Other Business

1. RYA Instructor Conference 8th March 2008- Plas Menai, the RYA Representatives will be present.
2. Sail Smart Conference 9th March 2008- Plas Menai, unknown guest speakers
3. Website- likely to go live in a few weeks.
4. Cruising- Team meeting in around a fortnight. Large numbers are wanting to go cruising but have no body to go with. This caused a discussion about internet forums to be discussed. Contacts are needed to be made (possibly via the internet)
5. All clubs/ committees were asked to provide information about the funding they received and how it was spent over the last 8/9 years. This includes Lottery funding and MEG's etc
6. What do clubs want from the WYA AGM in the future? The point was discussed.
7. Dave Sheppard is resigning as the Treasurer as of the 2008 AGM.

Dates for the coming months

Sub committee meeting to create the executive summary for the Springboard Document- 19th December 2007 7.30 Pen Sailing Club

WYA AGM 29th January 2008 8pm Plas Menai

Committee meeting + ANWSC AGM- 31st January 2008

Club development planning workshop- 4th February 6.30pm Plas Menai

Regional Action planning day- 24th February 10.00am for 10.30 Plas Menai

North Wales Boat Show preliminary Planning meeting- 26th March 2008 7.30 PDSC

Regional Action Planning (to write the plan)- 17th April 2008 7.30 LSC

North Wales Boat Show Final Meeting- 10 July 2008 7.30 RWYC