



West Wales Regional Committee
Minutes of West Wales Regional Committee meeting held
on 23rd May 2007 at First Milk Cheese Company, Haverfordwest

Attendees:
 Paul Johnson (SSC)
 Rod Kirk (NYC)
 Paul Rowe (NYC) (**Chair**)
 Ruth Sharratt (RYA)
 Christian Smart (PYC)
 Richard Twining (**RDO** - WYA)

Apologies:
 Geoff Baldwin
 Dominic McDonough (Chevron)
 Blake Shaw (TSC)
 Howard Yeates (PAC)

Copies:

 WYA Board
 West Wales Regional Clubs

Note to recipients:

Individuals are expected to implement any actions as noted. These minutes record understanding of the Meeting and intended actions arising there from. Your agreement that the minutes form a true record of the discussions will be assumed unless adverse comments are received in writing within 3 days of publication of these minutes.

1.	Action Log & Minutes of the previous meeting	
	The minutes were reviewed and passed as true.	
2.	Committee aims & objectives	
	<p>To promote more and better sailing in the region by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. growing the number of people regularly participating and racing on the water Measurement = Year on year increase in the number of sailors competing in CYRCs and participating in National Class Events i.e. the West should be aiming to have a squad participating in the following areas : Optimist, Topper, Laser & double handed (Feva) 2. to grow the number of people taking up the sport and joining sailing clubs Measurement = Yr on Yr increase in numbers of Junior Sailors at each of the key target clubs. 3. to develop volunteer capacity in clubs such that each is capable of sustainable growth and expansion Measurement = the successful promotion and organisation through RDOs of volunteer coaching / mentoring programmes that are consistent across the 	

	<p>region</p> <p>4. developing appropriate audits / local charter marks to identify the needs and ambitions of clubs within the regions and assist them achieving Dragon Sail or Volvo Championship status. Measurement = local charter mark developed / number of clubs achieving Dragon Sail or Volvo Champion Club Status</p> <p>5. ensuring appropriate policies and procedures are in place for issues such as child protection, membership numbers and data capture. Measurement = same policies procedures in use at clubs, actively followed and available to all to see - i.e. highly visible (we may want to develop a folder etc that is sent to each club with these in ?)</p>	
3.	Frequency / venue of future meetings	
	It was agreed that future meetings would be held at 7.30pm at the First Milk Cheese Company, Haverfordwest as this was the most central location in the region on the first Wednesdays of April, July, September and December.	
4.	Feedback from WYA Strategy Meeting – 8 May 2007	
	<p>Attended by Paul Rowe and Richard Twining. Paul Rowe outlined the salient points arising from this meeting. These included:- RYA to provide free hosting and to ensure WYA website to be up and running by end May 2007; John White (RYA) has now launched 'Onboard' scheme for Wales; Llanishen is the first pilot site within Wales; both Newquay YC and Cardigan Bay Watersports have expressed an interest in adopting this scheme. No management accounts were made available. However, they were promised for the next Strategy meeting. WYA are currently implementing a new finance system. Cash at bank stood at £100k (i.e. same as prior year position). The South region proposed conducting their future business by way of a forum (rather than existing committee) – the constitution was to be consulted to see if this could be accommodated; the South were to suggest a proposal for a pilot scheme which would be discussed further at future meetings.. Two posts were to be advertised in late May:- (i) Operations and Development Director – a part time (3 days/week) role to assist with Regional Development Officer (RDO) delivery; (ii) Regional Performance Manager – a full time role responsible for QA and steering of both Regional and Performance Squads – funds were not yet available for this role.</p> <p>RDOs gave their reports for their respective regions. Updates were provided from regional committee Chairs. There was now a £7m funding hole in Sportlot funding as a result of a re-allocation of funds in favour of the 2012 Olympics. Minor grant schemes can still be accessed by clubs working towards Dragon Sail status. These grants are currently being reviewed. RDOs have been asked to follow up with clubs in the region to ensure that they have delivered on the promises made in any of their successful grant applications. The Chair stated that limited funding had been received for any club wishing to send a team to the Celtic Water Sports Festival in Carnac, Brittany on 14-20 July. This would be in the form of £200 towards ferry costs. Any interested parties should approach Chris Basten. It was identified that Wales is successful in single-handers but not double-handers. Tim Hall and RDOs to plan a strategy to improve this situation.</p>	<p>RDO</p>

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5.	WAG Funding Initiatives	
	Currently, 'Free Swim' grant monies are also being used to fund 'Free Sailing'. Limited funds in the future has meant that funding will now be focussed on younger juniors at the following six clubs (NYC, PYC, TSC, SSC, Teifi, Fishguard) in the format of either 2-day or 4-day courses during August. Level 1 will occur on Mondays and Tuesdays; Level 2 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Club co-ordination is required and integral to ensuring 100% participation in order to make full use of limited funds.	Clubs/ RDO
6.	Blue Green	
	Ruth Sharratt (Project Co-ordinator, RYA) presented the Blue Green scheme, a joint initiative by the RYA and the British Marine Federation to create greater awareness amongst leisure sailors in actions they can take to minimise their environmental impact. Ruth is willing to visit local clubs to do a presentation and to help disseminate this message. Any clubs interested in receiving Ruth should contact her via the website www.thegreenblue.org.uk Clubs may like to consider adding this link to their own respective websites. Attendees at the meeting were provided with promotional literature to take back to their respective clubs. The Powerpoint presentation is also to be circulated to attendees.	Clubs Clubs
7.	Welsh Schools Championships –14-15 July at PYC	
	PYC are (in conjunction with the WYA) are hosting this event again this year. The event requires greater transparency of accountability, funding, operating costs and surplus. Clarification required as to how the surplus is distributed fairly between the WYA and the host club. This to be confirmed to Christian Smart at PYC. PYC request assistance for provision of additional safety boats from nearby clubs. Any clubs that can assist please contact Christian Smart. RDO to sound out counterparts in other regions to ascertain whether they are visiting with safety boats. PYC plan to use their CYRC event on 9 June as a 'dry run' for the Welsh Schools event.	Richard Twining Clubs Richard Twining
8.	Regional Squads development	
	Regional Squads development is now to be re-focussed on <u>potential</u> National Squad sailors. Winter training involved splitting the fleets between:- (i) Open Training at Neyland; (ii) Regional Squad training at PAC. In future, the possibility of open training at other clubs during the winter exists. The committee would welcome feedback from clubs on the preferred training / racing format for the future. This will be a main agenda item at the next meeting.	All clubs
9.	Club Coach / Volunteer Development	
	No developments to report – update to be provided at the next meeting.	

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10.	A.O.B	
	In order to promote our clubs, it was agreed that reciprocal links between the websites of clubs in the region would improve overall visibility and access.	Clubs

Date of next meeting : 4th July @ 19.30 Hrs