



West Wales Regional Committee

**Minutes of meeting held
on 4th July 2007 at Haverfordwest**

Attendees:

Karen Thomas (Teifi), Malcolm Williams (S/foot), Rod Kirk (Neyland)
Blake Shaw (Tenby), Christian Smart (Pemb's YC), Richard Twining (RDO - WYA), Paul
Rowe (Neyland) – (Chair), Martin Sykes (Fishguard)

Apologies:

Howard Yeates

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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.	Minutes of the previous meeting	
	The previous minutes were reviewed and agreed as a true and accurate reflection on the meeting.	
2.	Schools event update	
	<p>Christian Smart provided the meeting with the following update in relation to the arrangements for the forthcoming schools event:</p> <p><u>Event Manual</u></p> <p>This is all but finalised and Christian has been working in conjunction with Tim Hall to ensure that this meets the standard required.</p> <p><u>Safety Cover</u></p> <p>19 boats have been confirmed as attending and these will be apportioned to the 3 courses as appropriate, currently this is:</p> <p>5 on Alpha fleet, 10 on Bravo fleet & 3 on Charlie fleet</p> <p>Richard Twining as event safety officer will man the final rib. RIB fuel will be dealt with in the same manner as the youths, i.e. arrive with full tanks and fill up after each day. The cost of this will be dealt with as previously agreed.</p>	

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	<p><u>Security</u></p> <p>A local hire centre has very kindly sponsored the fencing and the lighting for the camping compound that will be set out next to the clubhouse. Christian is also hoping to secure portaloos from them also (not present last year) in addition to the club facilities, which will remain open for the duration of the event for the campers etc to use.</p> <p>Security provision has also been secured from the local LNG terminal; this will be in place from 18.00 hrs - 06.00 hrs on the Friday night & 18.00 to 06.00 hrs on the Saturday night. During the day the site / compound will be monitored by club officials.</p> <p>The cost of the Security is being met totally from the money received from the camping fees; as such this will be self-financing.</p> <p><u>Refreshments</u></p> <p>In addition to the usual availability of the PYC bar, bacon butties & coffee will be available each morning to competitors and their families.</p> <p><u>Prizes</u></p> <p>These have now all been secured in conjunction with the sponsorship received from South Hook LNG & WYA providing some of the prizes, Christian has secured 40 very impressive glass trophies which are due to be engraved this week as well as items such as rash vests, sun glasses etc.</p> <p>Given all of the above and provided the weather does not put too many off the event should make a reasonable profit for the WYA.</p> <p>Christian was thanked for the update and the work put into the event to date. Paul Rowe confirmed that he would now send the requested update to the WYA board members as requested.</p> <p><u>Entry Fee's</u></p> <p>The entry fee for the regatta fleet was discussed and at the current level of £25 was deemed to be prohibitive. The committee collectively agreed that the fee for this fleet only should be reduced to £10 with no penalty for late entry.</p> <p>Ceri Yeomans (WYA Head Office) to be notified accordingly so that arrangements can be put in place to refund those already entered in this fleet.</p>	<p>P Rowe</p> <p>P Rowe / R Twining</p>
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3.	C.Y.R.C Series	
	<p>The recent CYRC series was debated at length in terms of both successes and in relation to what could be improved upon for future events. The following actions were subsequently agreed:</p> <p>A standardised set of SI's and event instructions be developed and loaded up on the web site for each club to use at the event it will host to ensure consistency across the region. The SI's will have a section for clubs to add in commentary about local conditions such as commercial shipping, restricted areas etc.</p> <p>It was agreed that each club would continue to take the fees and purchase its own prizes. It was also agreed that the recent trend set by Saundersfoot in relation to rosettes be continued with each club presenting this in their club colours.</p> <p>Prizes to be presented as opposed to cash.</p> <p>Potential for bulk buying of the rosettes for the region to be looked into.</p> <p>To avoid the same issues regarding clashes with local regatta's and national dinghy events Blake Shaw & Richard Twining agreed to take responsibility for agreeing these dates at the Pembrokeshire Yachting Federation (PYF) meeting in November each year.</p> <p>Each respective club will however need to ensure RT & BS are spoken in relation to preferred dates prior to the PYF meeting.</p> <p>P.Rowe to check with Simon McGrath (West Topper Rep), I.O.C.A , Feva and Laser class associations so that the dates of their various events could also be taken into consideration.</p> <p>R Twining ran through the number of entrants in the various events and those who actually qualified. This was compared to the previous year and the data is as follows:</p> <p>In 2007 9 sailors competed in the Handicap Class, only one boat qualified for the series, 18 sailors competed in the Optimist / Tera class, only 4 qualified for the series, 27 sailors competed in the Topper class, only 6 qualified for the series.</p> <p>This means that only 12 sailors out of 55 actually qualified for the series. In 2006 the numbers were similar with 12/50 sailors qualifying for the series. Clearly there are clashes where sailors need to prioritise attendance e.g. Mumbles Topper Nationwide clashed with Neyland final weekend.</p> <p>Rod Kirk raised the issue of the problems associated with getting 'new' sailors around these events for the first time as many would not yet have made the commitment to move into their own boats and most clubs had no means of transporting them.</p> <p>Whilst it was collectively agreed that work had to be done into encouraging parents to put boats onto the roofs of family cars etc, the committee agreed to looking into whether a 'regional' multi boat trailer could be acquired or borrowed.</p>	<p>R. Twining</p> <p>M.Williams</p> <p>B.Shaw / R Twining</p> <p>Clubs</p> <p>P.Rowe</p>

5.	Regional Coaching Plan	
	<p>R Twining informed the meeting that he had last week attended a 3C's meeting in Cardiff where by all the RDO's had been asked to provide an input into a regional development plan which would form part of a pan Wales Coaching Plan. The purpose of this paper (attached) is to identify areas where additional funding can and will improve the level of participation and performance for West Wales.</p> <p>Coaching is the key to success in these areas and the proposal prepared by Richard is an attempt to raise the number and quality of voluntary coaches in the region. Only with more and better coaches is it possible to increase capacity and quality of youth and junior club sailing in West Wales.</p> <p>The draft paper was given approval but with the view that it would difficult to recruit a community coach in the area and that the funds if permissible would be better used to fund the various courses that needed to be run in the region in the near future.</p>	
6.	PAC stage 1 & 2 courses	
	<p>RT reminded the meeting that 60 free places were on offer for clubs to send sailors to P.A.C over the summer. The offer is currently only open to sailors who are currently resident in Pembrokeshire.</p> <p>No dates for the training have been agreed as yet but clubs need to submit their lists to RT by 14th July at the latest.</p>	Clubs
7.	Club auditing / data capture	
	<p>RT re-issued the club data capture requirements forms and asked that each club complete and return the document to him by no later than 14th July.</p>	Clubs
8.	Honda RIB Final	
	<p>This is being held at PYC on the 27th July. Clubs will need have completed their own heats and select a maximum of 2 sailors to send to the event.</p>	

9.	AOB	
	<p>RK asked whether the Acorn (formerly PGL) Regatta would be held this year. RT will speak with Iwan Basten (South RDO) and confirm and post dates on the website.</p> <p>West Website – P Rowe reminded everyone that whilst the WYA West website was an excellent source of information and that Simon McGrath should be commended for stepping into the breach in the absence of any official web site, the region should not take for granted that Simon would continue to do so.</p> <p>The latest info from the WYA is that Tim Hall (National Coach) attended a meeting at the RYA in Hamble on the 3rd July to discuss plans for the new site. RYA will be running the main WYA site and this is currently being built. Tim has to report to the board of WYA on what input is required for the RYA, all of which means that a long term sustainable web site should not be too far away.</p> <p>P Rowe commented that he had sent an email to a number of the Board members regarding the importance of the region being able to submit pictures / reports etc on a regular basis as this brought important motivational drivers for our young sailors.</p>	R Twining

Date of next meeting: 5th September @ 19.30 hrs