

W.Y.A. WEST REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Minutes/notes from meeting 30th March

- Present Ian Carswell (chair) Tim Hall (Director of Sailing) Ben Smith (RDO)
Chris Jeffries (RDO West) Blake Shaw (Tenby) Mark Giles and
Martin Sykes (Fishguard)
- Apologies Paul Rowe (retiring chair) Karen Thomas(Teifi) Christian Smart(PYC)
Paul Johnstone and Rolfe Johns (Saundersfoot) Rod Kirk and Phil
Leggett (Neyland)

Ian opened the meeting by thanking the committee members for all their previous hard work, in particular Paul Rowe as the retiring chairman who had also allowed the committee continuing use of the conference room at first Milk for their meetings. There will inevitably be some changes in the future but the main thrust would be building on and developing what is already in place; within the remit of the Strategic Plan 2009-2013 'More and Better Sailing', the appointment of Ben Smith as RDO for a combined South and West, the appointment of an On Board Officer for West and greater use of Community coaching.

Matters from meeting of 21st October 2008 had been included as agenda items as there had been no meeting in January 2009

Tim gave a presentation including the pertinent points from the Strategic Plan and an explanation of finance granted from the SCW and the RYA advising of shortfalls on certain general expenses, which needed to be funded locally.

Ben complemented Tim's presentation also adding that he could help club's with their bids for grants and similar and one of his rolls was to advise on sources of funding and completion of applications.

He looks forward to visiting all the clubs in the West area

Chris presented a comprehensive report (available on request) for his time as RDO for West itemising a number of events he had either organised or been involved in.

He was thanked for all his hard work and it was hoped that with the On Board Officer position to be advertised and Community coaching in the offing we would be seeing more of him in the forthcoming season.

Welsh Schools Regatta at Tenby – There had been a pre meeting, meeting, to discuss this event and Blake was able to advise the committee that all was going ahead on schedule. More volunteers were required and firm commitments were necessary for certain roles and the loan of safety boats.

Welsh Schools for 2010 – The schools event was now permanently based in the West area and a venue for next year would need to be confirmed prior to this year's event in July. Blake advised that Saundersfoot SC had expressed an interest. Teifi was not a suitable venue due to limited water, Fishguard felt unable to offer as a venue due to

lack of facilities, PYC had hosted recently, Neyland would be approached and Saundersfoot would be asked to confirm their situation.

C.Y.R.C.s - All dates for 2009 were published and confirmed the subject of prizes would be discussed at the next meeting.

First C.Y.R.C. scheduled for Saundersfoot on 9th May with Fishguard the following week

Finance – Points previously covered by Tim and Ben in their reports

Strategic Committee – Input and feed back, nothing at this stage. To be brought forward to next meeting as there will be a meeting in May.

W.Y.A. Website – Updates from Tim and Ben.

Christine Stanley effecting new website within limitations of R.Y.A. format. Ben would have access to update main areas of text and there would be Google calendars for South, West and Open events

A.O.B. - Discussion re contact with other clubs within the West area and also schools through the L.A.P.A's – local authority partnerships

Next Meeting – Tuesday 28th April 7pm at First Milk