



**Cymdeithas Rhwyfo Mor Cymru  
Welsh Sea Rowing Association  
AGM Agenda  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Members present –**

Nigel Bowen(NB), Chrissy Canning(CC), Tref Boston –Williams(TBW), Wendy Price-Jones(WPJ) **New Quay**, Martyn Davies(MD), Pip Nicholas(PN) **Borth**, Bethan Jones(BJ) **Caernarfon**, John Eddington(JE), Alun Steadman(AS) **Aberdyfi**, Chris Terry(CT) **Mumbles**, Gemma Bell(GB), Chris Haines(CH), Carol Davies(CD), Ian Kavanagh(IK) **Aberystwyth**, Adrian Marfleet(AM), Andrew Cotteril(ACo) **Aberaeron**, Annie Conroy(AC), Hannah James(HJ), Karl Webber(KW) **PYC**, Charlie Martin(CM), Andy Campbell(ACa), Pete Lowton(PL) **Llangrannog**, Neil Cross(NC) **Wiseman's Bridge & Llanion**, Pete Fletcher(PF) **Newport**, Nicola Jordan(NJ), Geoff Wood(GW) **Porthmadog**, Eva McManus(EM) **Fishguard & Goodwick**, Kate Yhnell(KY) **Welsh Rowing Development Officer WARA**, David Thompson(DT)

- **Apologies** – Andy Cox, Mochras, Helen Stewart, Mandi Chesterman, Sion Bowen, Aberporth, Towy
- **Minutes of last meeting** - Accurate Proposed by NB, seconded by CT
- **Matters arising** - None
- **Chairman Report** -

**Chairs report**

2012 was another busy year for the Association. 13 of a possible 15 league races took place, with two southern events lost due to weather. There was once again a variety of non-league events to complement the league races. In May, the Celtic Challenge took place with 12 of the 22 crews that started battling to the finish line in 'challenging conditions'. This was the biggest challenge yet and there was a lot of interest from other crews who weren't able to take part. There will be some changes to the CC committee, but I hope the event will be back in 2014, even bigger and better than before. The WSRA is in a healthy position with 29 active member clubs participating in our flavour of rowing. We also passed the 1000 member mark in 2012 which marks a significant milestone for the organisation. I dare say that with the growing profile of rowing after the Olympics, this number will grow further, together with cross-over from some of the good work that is going on to promote indoor rowing in Wales and to provide machine to boat pathways.

I am standing down as chair having completed two years' tenure. I have also resigned from the board of Welsh Rowing, where I represented the WSRA for the last 3 years. Due to changing personal circumstances, I really can't give rowing the time it deserves at present and won't be able to contribute to the WSRA in any capacity for the foreseeable future. I also don't anticipate making it to many races in 2013 as my focus for the year is going to be around long distance cycling. I hope to have some involvement with Aberystwyth RC going forward, although less hands-on than I have been and I also hope to remain involved with the Celtic Challenge (I'm currently vice-chair of the organising committee).

I'd like to extend my thanks and good wishes to the exec committee and to all of the wider membership who through their enthusiasm have helped to grow the sport to its current healthy state. There are challenges ahead, but I am confident that the WSRA will flourish for many years to come.

Andy Cox,  
24/01/2013

Committee to send a letter of thanks and appreciation for all the hard work Andy has demonstrated as chair over the past two years.

- **Treasurer Report –**

Please see the attached document

- **Secretary Report –**

Not available

- **Election of Officers -**

Chair:	Nigel Bowen – proposed Helen Stewart, seconded Mandi Chesterman – no objections or nominations against - <b>Carried</b>
Vice-Chair:	Chris Terry – proposed Helen Stewart, seconded Nigel Bowen - no objections or nominations against - <b>Carried</b>
Secretary:	Chrissy Canning – proposed Nigel Bowen, seconded Helen Stewart - no objections or nominations against - <b>Carried</b>
Membership Secretary:	Mandi Chesterman willing to stay on – no objections or nominations against, all in agreement - <b>Carried</b>
Publicity Officer:	no nominations - Chris Terry will remain temporarily with a view to hand over to volunteer
Child Protection Officer:	Andrew Cotterill willing to stay on – no objections or nominations against, all in agreement - <b>Carried</b>
Assistant to the Executive:	John Eddington willing to stay on – no objections or nominations against, all in agreement - <b>Carried</b>
Treasurer:	Pete Fletcher willing to stay on – no objections or nominations against, all in agreement - <b>Carried</b>
H&S Officer:	Mike Miles – proposed by Helen Stewart, seconded by Mandi Chesterman no objections or nominations against - <b>Carried</b>

- **Points allocation –**

NB has been collecting data from 2012 events regarding points. He explained an outcome of – during the 2012 season a ladies team collected 94 points yet if they entered races as a ladies vets, then points accumulated would have only been 16. He proposed the points be allocated as teams cross the post irrespective of category. CH suggested a two tier system. PF then explained he used to do the points system in a 'grand prix' style of 15 points maximum in all races and suggested returning to this system. CD proposed, CH seconded - **Majority agreed**. Therefore the new point system is as follows – 15 points maximum for 1<sup>st</sup>, 14 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 13 for 3<sup>rd</sup> etc regardless of category in all races, any boats finishing after 15<sup>th</sup> place will all receive 1 point each. All points are carried over into the corresponding category.

Following on this conversation, a discussion regarding race allocation ensued - Clubs that attend a minimum of 5 races will be automatically considered to host a race the following year. In addition,

clubs that have attended a maximum of 5 races can also apply - the decision on who gets that race will be decided by a vote at the committee. **Majority agreed.**

- **Date of next AGM**

25<sup>th</sup> January 2014