



**Minutes of WYA AGM  
15 October 2012  
at 1900 hrs  
Via Video Conference between  
Plas Menai, Caernarfon  
Sport Wales, Cardiff  
Sport Wales, Carmarthen**

**Present (Plas Menai):**

Dafydd Griffiths	WYA Chairman/Red Wharf Bay Sailing & Watersports Club
Laurence Roberts	WYA President/Company Secretary
Bob Lowe	WYA Director/Pwllheli Sailing Club
Huw Stiley	WYA Director of Finance/Saundersfoot Sailing Club
Dave Challinor	WYA Director/Red Wharf Bay Sailing & Watersports Club
Bill Barry	WYA North Regional Chairman/Port Dinorwic Sailing Club
Ken Newing	Port Dinorwic Sailing Club
Rosina Hearn	Rydal Penrhos
Nigel Ellis	Rhyl Yacht Club
Simon Jones	Gresford Sailing Club
Justine Wolgram	Port Dinorwic Sailing Club
Rob Riddell	South Caernarfonshire Yacht Club

**Present (Cardiff):**

Andy Howard	WYA South Regional Chairman/Llandegfedd Sailing Club
Chris Basten	Sully Sailing Club
Ben Smith	Cardiff Bay Yacht Club
Nick Sawyer	Cardiff Bay Yacht Club
Nigel Vick	Barry District Scout Council
Rob Smith	Dale Yacht Club
Mike Hewlins	TATA Steel Sailing Club
Paul Bambridge	TATA Steel Sailing Club
John Roderick	TATA Steel Sailing Club
Idris Dibble	Cardiff Bay Yacht Club
Jeremy Symons	Llandegfedd Sailing Club
Laurence Wells	Cardiff Yacht Club
Laurie Pavelin	Penarth Yacht Club
Ann Whitfield	Penarth Yacht Club
Steve Marshall	Sully Sailing Club

**Chairman:** Dafydd Griffiths



**Chief Executive:** Steven Morgan

**Present (Carmarthen):**

Ian Carswell	WYA Vice Chairman/West Regional Chairman/Teifi Boating Club
Graham Wellman	Saundersfoot Sailing Club
Mick Renny	Teifi Boating Club
Blake Shaw	Tenby Sailing Club
Brian Murphy	Fishguard Bay Yacht Club
Gail Strawbridge	Fishguard Bay Yacht Club
M. A. F. Brace	Tenby Sailing Club

**In Attendance:**

Steven Morgan	WYA CEO
Alistair Dickson	WYA High Performance Manager
Ruth Iliffe	WYA National Development Officer
Samantha Healy	WYA South Regional Club Development Officer
Ceri Yeomans	WYA Office Manager

**Apologies:**

Bill Jackson	WYA Director/Llandegfedd Sailing Club
Andrew Pulford	WYA Director/Port Dinorwic Sailing Club
Paul Simes	Cardiff Bay Yacht Club
Gwyn Phillips	Neyland Yacht Club
Mary Gowers	Llandudno Sailing Club
David Waltho	Llyn Brenig Sailing Club
Phil Watson	Llyn Brenig Sailing Club
John Mecklenburgh	Dale Yacht Club
Iain Williams	Swansea Watersports
Andrew Campbell	Teifi Boating Club
Kelly Mayhew	Neyland Yacht Club
Holyhead Sailing Club	

## 1. Minutes of the November 2012 EGM/AGM

Approval of the minutes of the EGM/AGM of 28 November 2011 was proposed by Bill Barry and seconded by Ian Carswell. Carried unanimously.

## 2. Matters Arising

There have been two further appointments to the WYA Board of Directors:

- Dave Challinor – Director, with effect from May 2012
- Huw Stiley – Director of Finance, with effect from July 2012

It is hoped that a Director of Marketing will be appointed in the foreseeable future, and this will then bring the WYA Board Committee to its full complement.

## 3. Reports of the WYA Officers

The reports of the WYA Officers had been circulated to member clubs prior to the meeting. (Please see separate WYA 2012 “Annual Review”.)

Additionally:

**Big Weekend:** Steven Morgan (WYA CEO) commented upon the success of the inaugural WYA “Big Weekend” that had been held in February at Plas Menai, and had attracted 78 delegates from clubs and associations across Wales. A second “Big Weekend” is scheduled for 16/17 February 2013.

**Child Protection Workshops:** A series of regional-based (north, south, west) child protection workshops, specifically aimed at and for the benefit of club welfare officers, are planned for the coming months.

**Staffing:** There have recently been two new appointments to the WYA core staff: In September, Alistair Dickson took over the role of Wales High Performance Manager from Iwan Basten, and in October Samantha Healy began her role as South Regional Club Development Officer (part-time), which replaces the former South Regional Development Officer post as formerly held by Ben Smith. Ruth Iliffe, former North Regional Development Officer, was promoted to National Development Officer in September.

It is anticipated that a West Regional Club Development Officer will be in place in the foreseeable future.

**WYA Strategic Plan:** The WYA Strategic Plan is in the process of being finalised, will be presented to the WYA sub-committees for approval, and will be circulated to member clubs

upon completion, which is envisaged for early spring 2013. One of the specific focuses of the Plan is the development of clubs in Wales, with an emphasis on family participation.

**Regional Reports:** Dafydd Griffiths thanked the members of all 3 Regional Committees for their input and commitment. The progress made in several areas is very encouraging.

**Environmental:** Bob Lowe reported on RYA's new system of co-ordinating the way that WYA/RYA responds to planning proposals and other issues that could impact on watersports in and around Wales. Clubs will be contacted with the view to compiling a list of individuals within clubs to whom matters of environmental concerns can best be addressed – for their input as and if required. It is hoped that a network of volunteers can be established to provide information to assist RYA's responses to proposals, and any club member with environmental knowledge who would like to be part of this new system is requested to please contact the WYA Head Office. In the meantime, there has been a fantastic volunteer effort, and particular thanks go to Bob Lowe, John Eddington (RYA Environmental Co-ordinator), Tim Bowden (north), Susanne Newbold (south) and Dominic McDonough (west).

Bob also wished to thank the many clubs and organisations that provided the RYA with information to support and strengthen the objections to the recent Marine Conservation Zone proposals.

#### **4. Annual Accounts**

The WYA annual accounts, as prepared by Alexander Partnership, Tenby, to the year ending 31 March 2012 had been circulated to member clubs prior to the meeting. Approval of the accounts was proposed by the WYA Board of Directors, and seconded by Blake Shaw. The vote to approve the accounts was carried, with 2 abstentions from the North, and 1 from the South.

It is confirmed that the WYA accounts do not require external auditing, and that a declaration to this effect is included within the accounts under the heading "Members' Funds": *"For the year ended 31 March 2012 the Association is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies."*

#### **5. Appointment of Accountants**

The approval of the appointment of Alexander Partnership, Tenby, to act as chartered accountants for the Welsh Yachting Association for the next 12 months was proposed by the Board and seconded by Andy Howard. Carried unanimously.

## **6. Any Other Business**

The election of directors to the WYA Board should be a phased re-election, as opposed to block re-election, to ensure continuity, and a rolling programme of elections will be implemented.

**Dafydd Griffiths expressed his thanks to all those present, and there being no further business the meeting concluded at 2000 hrs.**

**The date of the next AGM is scheduled for October 2013 – to be confirmed.**