



Minutes of WYA EGM & AGM

28 November 2011

Via Video Conference between
Plas Menai, Caernarfon
Sport Wales, Cardiff
Sport Wales, Carmarthen

Present (Plas Menai):

Dafydd Griffiths	WYA Vice Chairman/Red Wharf Bay Sailing & Watersports Club
Bill Barry	WYA North Regional Chairman/Port Dinorwic Sailing Club
Ken Newing	Port Dinorwic Sailing Club
Mary Gowers	Llandudno Sailing Club
Mike Butterfield	Royal Anglesey Yacht Club
Mark Stafford	Penmaenmawr Sailing Club
Keith Rollinson	Clywedog Sailing Club
Andrew Pulford	Port Dinorwic Sailing Club
David Challinor	Red Wharf Bay Sailing & Watersports Club
Arny Brown	Bay of Colwyn Sailing Club
Gordon Parker	Merioneth Yacht Club
Val Parker	Merioneth Yacht Club
Paul Proctor	South Caernarfonshire Yacht Club
Sue Proctor	South Caernarfonshire Yacht Club
Rosina Hearn	Rydal Penrhos
Jo Powell	Port Dinorwic Sailing Club
Julia Jackson	Clywedog SC
Peter Jackson	Clywedog SC
Phil Watson	Llyn Brenig Sailing Club
Phil Smith	Bala Sailing Club
Martin Ellis	Royal Welsh Yacht Club
Robert Morsley	Port Dinorwic Sailing Club
Neil Stewart	Holyhead Sailing Club
Piers Beeland	Holyhead Sailing Club
Ron Cox	Scout Association (Wales)
Gareth Roberts	Llandudno Sailing Club
N Wallace	Holyhead Sailing Club

Chairman: Dafydd Griffiths



Chief Executive: Steven Morgan

Present (Sport Wales, Cardiff):

Chris Basten	WYA Chairman/Sully Sailing Club
Bill Jackson	WYA Co-opted Board Member/Llandegfedd Sailing Club
Andy Howard	WYA South Regional Chairman/Llandegfedd Sailing Club
Paul Simes	Cardiff Bay Yacht Club
Mike Hewlins	TATA Steel Sailing Club
Nigel Vick	Barry Scout Association
Idris Dibble	Cardiff Bay Yacht Club
Laurence Wells	Cardiff Yacht Club
Hugh Phillips	Penarth Yacht Club
Phil Tilley	Cardiff Bay Yacht Club/Llandegfedd Sailing Club

Present (Sport Wales, Carmarthen):

Ian Carswell	WYA West Regional Chairman/Teifi Boating Club
Blake Shaw	Tenby Sailing Club
D James	Saundersfoot Sailing Club
Gail Strawbridge	Fishguard Bay Yacht Club
B Murphy	Fishguard Bay Yacht Club
M Renny	Teifi Boating Club
M Brace	Tenby Sailing Club

In Attendance:

Steven Morgan	WYA CEO (Cardiff)
Iwan Basten	WYA High Performance Manager (Plas Menai)
Ruth Iliffe	WYA North Regional Development Officer (Carmarthen)
Ben Smith	WYA South & West Regional Development Officer (Cardiff)
Ceri Yeomans	WYA Office Manager (Plas Menai)

Apologies:

Bob Lowe	Honorary Treasurer/Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli
Laurence Roberts	Company Secretary/Royal Anglesey Yacht Club
Tim Bowden	Shotwick Lake Sailing
Tony Forster	Shotwick Lake Sailing
Jane Butterworth	Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli
Richard Yeoward	Rhosneigr Boatowners Sailing Club
Martin Sykes	Fishguard Bay Yacht Club
Simon Jones	Gresford Sailing Club
Elfryn Jones	Holyhead Young Optimists
Rupert Tildesley	Dovey Yacht Club
Nick Sawyer	Cardiff Bay Yacht Club
Samantha Healy	
Phil Hall	

Chairman: Chris Basten



Chief Executive: Steven Morgan

EGM
28 November 2011
1900 Hrs

1. The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Welsh Yachting Association (hereinafter amended to The Articles of Association), as revised in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and in consultation with the WYA Regional Committees, had been approved by the WYA Strategy Committee and proposed by the WYA Board Committee, and duly distributed to member clubs prior to the meeting.
2. The resolution to adopt the revised Articles was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 1910 hrs.

AGM
28 November 2011
1910 Hrs

1. Minutes of the AGM 17 February 2011

Approval of the minutes of the AGM of 17 February 2011 was proposed by Bill Barry and seconded by Ken Newing. Carried unanimously, with no matters arising.

2. Reports of the WYA Officers

2.1 Chairman: CB reported on the Sports Wales Annual Review meeting which had occurred on 15 November 2011. Overall the discussions had been very positive, and WYA is subsequently challenged to achieve “unreasonable ambition” over the course of the next four years. This will necessitate high goal-setting, aiming for targets such as Olympic selection and significant “first participation” figures. With concentrated effort, it is hoped that these ideals will be met at least in part. (Full report attached.)

2.2 Honorary Treasurer: There were no questions raised concerning the annual accounts to 31 March 2011, which had been distributed to member clubs prior to the meeting. (Full report attached, with approval of the annual accounts addressed at item 3 below.)

2.3 Chief Executive Officer: SM reported that it had been a very successful 12 months, with the compilation of the new WYA Strategy Plan being a major focus for the coming year – this will involve consultations within the Wales regions. The Association will continue to seek further sources of income, for example in the form of sponsorship packages.

The imminent 2012 Olympics will throw a spotlight on, and will hopefully generate interest in, sailing, not least as former Welsh National Squad sailor Hannah Mills has already been successful in her selection bid, with further hopefuls Chris Grube and David Evans (470) seeking selection in December, together with Bridgend-based Paralympic competitor Stephen Thomas.

A new WYA website will be launched in April 2012, and it is anticipated that this will enable further and better interaction for users.

Full report attached.

2.4 Regional Reports: (North, South & West): Reports attached.

2.5 Environmental: WYA wishes to thank all its volunteers for their tremendous input in assisting with pan-Wales environmental issues. The RYA is currently

seeking further volunteer support, and requests that any member interested in taking on the mantle of a Wales environmental representative please contact the WYA office.

Report attached.

3. **Annual Accounts:** The annual accounts to 31 March 2011 had been circulated to member clubs prior to the meeting. As an overview, expenditure had attained its target in almost all areas, which consequently reflects the successful completion of budgeted programmes. The OnBoard and Local Authority Partnership Agreement initiatives, focusing on participation in the sport, have been especially successful.

The approval of the annual accounts to 31 March 2011, as prepared by Alexander Partnership, was proposed by Mark Stafford and seconded by Ian Carswell, and carried unanimously.

4. **Appointment of Accountants:** The approval of the appointment of Alexander Partnership, Tenby, as proposed by Andy Howard and seconded by Blake Shaw, was carried unanimously.

5. **Election of Officers:**

A ballot, with voting rights afforded to one nominated representative of each eligible club, resulted in the following appointments:

Chairman: Dafydd Griffiths (Red Wharf Bay Sailing and Watersports Club)
Proposed by: RWBSWC. Seconded by: Port Dinorwic Sailing Club

Vice Chairman: Ian Carswell (Teifi Boating Club)
Proposed by: Fishguard Bay Yacht Club. Seconded by: Teifi Boating Club

Directors: Bob Lowe (Clwb Hwyllo Pwllheli Sailing Club (CHPSC))
Proposed by: Royal Welsh Yacht Club. Seconded by: CHPSC

Bill Jackson (Llandegfedd Sailing Club)
Proposed by: Llandudno Sailing Club. Seconded by: RWBSWC

Andrew Pulford (Port Dinorwic Sailing Club)
Proposed by: Port Dinorwic Sailing Club. Seconded by: Llandudno SC

6. **Election of President:** The Board Committee recommends Mr Laurence Roberts as the first incumbent of the newly formed role of WYA President. Laurence, involved with WYA since its inception, is a former chairman of the Association, has been a member of

the RYA Council, been the recipient of an RYA Volunteer Award and in latter years has acted as WYA Company Secretary.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

- 7. Presentation to Retiring Chairman:** Chris Basten, following over 20 years' service to the WYA as official, coach and Board member, retires from his role as the Association's chairman having held this position since February 2007. Chris received an RYA Volunteer Award in September 2011 for his outstanding contribution to sailing in Wales. DG expressed thanks on behalf of the staff, Board and Regional Committee for Chris's unstinting enthusiasm and dedication to the Association's cause.

In turn, CB expressed his gratitude to the diverse and hard-working team of volunteers pan-Wales who had greatly facilitated his chairmanship.

- 8. Any Other Business:** The inaugural "Big Weekend" event, which replaces the former Instructor Conference, and Clubs and Coaches Conference, is scheduled for 18 & 19 February 2012 at Plas Menai. It was agreed to include the Sailability initiative within the weekend's activities

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