

## **WBRC AGM – 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018**

### **19.30 Saundersfoot Sailing Club**

Attendees – Rod, Gary, Jim, Caroline, Lowri, Tash, Grace, Mel, Gabi, Bunty, Andy, Neil, Dan, Jess, Lynne, Keith, Jane, Simon, Marja, Nigel, Mark, Nikki, Di

Apologies – Nick, Jake, Rose, Mammatt family, JD, Phil T

Welcome and an outline of the successes, achievements and activities of the past 12 months was presented by Simon and Marja as outlined on the newsletters on the tables – it was agreed that the club have had the most successful year yet and are looking forward to an even better 2019.

### **Committee positions**

Chair – Simon (Standing) – voted back in

Vice Chair – Bunty stepping down – Simon proposed Phil T and Andy seconded

Treasurer – Di standing down to assistant – Rod proposed Jim which Nigel seconded

It was voted by a majority to change the constitution Section 2.4 to create the role of Assistant Treasurer as it was felt that with a club of around 70 members it was now too much for one person.

Assistant Treasurer – Di – voted in

Secretary – Marja (standing) – voted back in

Safety Officer – Mark (Standing) – voted back in

Grants – Mel (Standing) – voted back in

Bosun – Nigel (Standing) – voted back in

Child Protection – Jake stepping down, Tash volunteered and was voted in

Social/PR – Nikki (Standing) – voted back in

Website – Gabi (Standing) – voted back in

SSC Rep – Gabi stepping down. Nikki volunteered as she is currently Social Sec for SSC – voted in

Insport Administrator – Gabi (Standing) – voted back in

Club Captain/Race Administrator – Vacant – Neil to take the lead with Jess to assist encouraging attendance at the Wednesday Race Training nights – voted in

Junior Rep/Captain – Rosie stepping down – Lowri and Grace agreed to take on the role and were voted in

Coaching Team – Nick/Neil/Jim

Notes from above

- More help was requested as the bosun team largely consisted of Nigel, Jim and Phil – however more members are needed to help as and when
- Gary has done a great job keeping the quad going for us every year
- The club would benefit from a few more, poss female coaches to be discussed further

## **Accounts and expenditure to date (separate document)**

What is still left to purchase

New Erg (money is available from a specific grant last year\_

Safety equipment for the new double scull – approx. £300

Donation to Carmarthen Boat Club as they towed the double scull to the harbour for us - £100

proposed and agreed with a show of hands

## **Funding/Grant Opportunities – Mel**

£1500 from Stroller Rower project

£1500 from MHPA for a set of lighter more flexible Croker Oars

£400 from South Hook for Simon's volunteering time

Potential for funding (Match funding?) from Valero – Dan to investigate

We need some fundraising events to pay for grants you can't get things for eg repairs – Nikki to look at

Simon proposed leasing one of the Celtic longboats to another club as it is very rare that all 4 boats are used – a show of hands agreed

It was proposed that Gertie would be loaned out along with the Excel Oars and trailer, this would be for the minimum of a season and is hoped will raise around £500 with the additional saving of £100 insurance – this was agreed with a show of hands

## **Wish list of Investments for 2019**

Extra Coaching Team (Females) – Grants in place for 2-3 places

It was asked what the youngest age of a coach should be, however it was agreed that the proposed coaches ideally should be adult and planning to remain involved in the club for the foreseeable future

Road Trailer for Double

Safe guarding and DBS for more members and those who's are due to expire

Boat Covers

VHF Radio Training

Coastal Quad

## **Repairs etc - Nigel**

Nothing major just some minor repairs

It was requested that cleats were placed on the boats to allow safe tying up

Dirty Dick doesn't belong to the club but may be a project to do up – only needs TLC and isn't costing the club anything as isn't insured.

## **Membership Fees**

The club has been asked to consider a more flexible membership structure

Simon proposed replacing the £40 cox/social membership with a £50 which would include no more than 7 rows a year.

This £50 concessional membership will not include rowing the coastal scull and will not be eligible for the add on of junior membership as is the case with the full £100 membership. As WSRA insurance is £15 and SSC membership is £20 – the club only makes £15. This is not available to new

members, only previous members who have rowed with the club before. The new membership of £50 was voted in by a majority with the provisos above

The other change will be to remove the drop to £50 for members who join after 1<sup>st</sup> August  
So full membership will remain at £100, If joining after 1<sup>st</sup> July, £60 and £40 if joining after 1<sup>st</sup> Sept  
(no limit on rows)

Under 18 – Joining with family member on full membership - £10

Under 18 – Joining with no family member (or family on concession membership) - £30

Members of other WSRA clubs will have a reduction of £15 (as insurance already paid) and SSC members will have a reduction of £20 if they join WBRC.

SSC will be maintaining their membership fees at £20

It was proposed that an increase in membership should be considered at the AGM in 2019 by around £20 as the club is already excellent value and the grant revenue may not continue indefinitely.

It was also proposed that the membership fee structure be removed from the constitution to allow a change in membership fees.

A full financial analysis was requested in order to ensure that the club remains viable in terms of the fees covering running costs. – Bunty to provide

### **Safety items**

Night rowing – sheets on tables and information will be added to the forum. No new people to go on a night row if never having rowed before.

There are some life jackets available, however if you plan to night row more regularly, members are encouraged to buy their own life jacket with light

Chase up Tenderfoot Swim donation for radio

Guidance for Yole rowing also on tables – will be added to forum

### **Junior Support and Development**

Neil is planning a push next year to encourage members in the 14 year old age group

- Proposal to set up a learn to row session in March combining ergs and on the water – perhaps with an open day one weekend.
- Grace suggested bringing the army cadets down for the day and will ask
- Caroline will ask DofE co-ordinator when he is next at the school
- It was also suggested asking Wyndham Williams re Greenhill's after school sports club
- Also asking the SSC juniors – Nikki to organise a social

A sub committee to look at the recruitment and development of young people, including juniors and young adults 20-30 year olds. The following volunteered to be involved – Dan, Jess, Mo, Neil, Nikki, Di, Lowri, Grace, Tash.

### **Tenderfoot**

Jim, Caroline, Simon also Mel and Mark have been involved every week. There is scope for one or two more helpers but not too many as the group needs to build familiarity and trust and also commitment. If anyone is interested – speak to Jim and Caroline.

Simon read out a lovely thank you email from Tenderfoot following the evening on the water the previous month. They are looking forward to a repeat next year.

### **Social - Nikki**

Hallowe'en Trail

26<sup>th</sup> Oct, expect around 330 children, volunteers to speak to Nikki. Need help to decorate the room and set up after Tenderfoot. Also help at the disco.

There is also a family party night at SSC for Hallowe'en on the 27<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Raised over £1000 last year – hoping for the same this year.

Christmas do

15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Imperial Hotel – deposits and menu choices to Nikki

### **Plans for 2019**

Little and Large Bites have offered to hold something

Perhaps look at the themed food nights

Possibly look at another band event as the last one was very successful

Social night for juniors with SSC

### **Events for next year – ideas**

Caledonian Canal

Celtic Challenge

Italy

Scilly Isles

Venice

Morbihan

Row to Gower

Row on Lys Y Fran – Tash suggested a row as Welsh Water have been investing in Lys Y Fran and it would be great for winter rowing

Possibility of an International Sculling event as Welsh Rowing are proposing the area – still a lot to be decided

### **AOB**

When are the boats moving to the harbour? As soon as there is space!

Gerald Brace a PT instructor is offering to do some rowing focussed strength session

WBRC has been nominated as Insport Club of the Year and also are up for a BBC Sport Wales award

Simon has also been nominated for a sport wales coach award.