

Royal Welsh Yacht Club

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Zoom.
Thursday 23 May 2024.

All submitted reports are appended to the end of the minutes (page 6)

Members present on Zoom:

Tom Edge	(TE)	Commodore
Jan Edge	(JE)	Regalia / Minutes Secretary
Mark Pearson	(MP)	Website & Media
Neil Christian	(NC)	Treasurer
Mike Hamer	(MH)	Joint Rowing Secretary
Keith Belfield	(KB)	Secretary
Nigel Oldbury	(NO)	Yearbook Coordinator
David Chinn	(DC)	Membership Secretary

Apologies

Linda Park	(LP)	Social Secretary
Sophie Mohun Kemp	(SMK)	Sailing Secretary
Sarah Roberts	(SR)	Vice Commodore
David Richardson	(DR)	Southern Squadron

Did not attend.

If you cannot attend, please offer apologies.

Elin Dillon	(ED)	Committee Member
Iwan Rees Jones	(IRJ)	Committee Member
Frank Smykowski	(FS)	Rear Commodore
Clive Haycock	(CH)	Committee Member
Kate Jones	(KJ)	Joint Rowing Secretary

Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 25th April 2024

No corrections. Proposed by NC, seconded by KB.

David Chinn, Membership Secretary was welcomed to the Management Committee.

5. Conflict of Interest : None

6. Health & Safety Issues: Roof beams still outstanding.

Land Registry

Carter Vincent have still not responded regarding transfer of assets. It was felt that the Club needs a solicitor/conveyancer and NC would investigate the costs. MH suggested D Pritchard Jones, who is a member, may be able to offer help.

ACTIONS

1.	Structural Engineer roof beam quotation still outstanding.	TE
2.	Committee photographs – MH/NC/SMK/NO/MP. Please send photos asap.	TE/MP
3.	Carol Owen started work last Wednesday and we have had good feedback.	SR/LP/TE

13.	Committee members absent from meetings. Iwan Rees Jones is working in Scotland. David Richardson has now sent short report but since the season has not really started in the South, he felt he could not offer anything as yet.	TE
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7. New Bar Manager

Carol Owen to sign contract.

8. Performance of the Bar

Increase in bar prices to be 15% on current prices for members and 25% for non-members. NC said we should only mention one price going forward. Members have been informed in the Bulletin that prices are going up as we cannot continue to make a loss. There will be 1 price list behind the bar and if members swipe their membership cards a 10% discount will be applied.

In the Club survey a minority were against this but the majority, over 70%, were in favour.

The price rises will be implemented when everyone has their cards. DC had 140 cards left, but this may be the linked member cards. KB and DC to meet to ascertain if membership numbers are the same as those on the till.

Bar prices need to be updated on the till, it was felt that Arfon of Gwynedd Cash Registers was the best person to do this and KB to contact him.

9. Cash Register and Swipe Cards

Card Reader installed and working.

1. Incorporation

Meeting held by TE, NC, KB, SR, DC, who will be the Directors but anyone on the Management Committee is invited to be a director if they wish.

We must re-apply for CASC incorporated status and FS to fill in application form and **must emphasise Incorporation in the application.**

KB has spoken to HMRC and has the case officer contact details.

NC to look at forming the 2 companies (incorporated and trading) avoiding using Ltd in either one.

2. Food Festival

Went well with a trickle of people visiting for Tea/Coffee and Cake and the relaxed atmosphere was welcome for many. £200 was made and 2 new members joined. The bar was open in the evening and took £400.

3. Sea Scouts

Sea Scouts used the Club during the Food Festival for promotion and feedback was positive.

4. RYA Grant Funding Search Engine

All available funding on one search engine. Do we need a Grant Funding Secretary? TE suggested Bob Lowe / Kath Jones MBE.

NC said funding was very important and we should make sure no grants are missed.

DC said that in his previous rowing club there was a Funding Co-ordinator, and this was a worthwhile position. TE to send website details to DC.

KB added that in the business world, someone was employed in consultancy basis to devote time and effort into researching funding.

RYA have a Regional Development Manager – Hester Walker, who can assist with funding advice.

5. Loss of Royal Patronage

King Charles 111 has declined our royal patronage. TE to contact Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd to ask whether Prince William & Princess Kate would fill this role, since Prince William and Kate are Honorary Member of RWYC.

This does not affect our Royal status to fly a defaced ensign as this is dependent on the Royal Warrant already given.

OFFICERS REPORTS

A. COMMODORE - see attached.

Re Lift extension AW seem to be getting cold feet. TE to contact.

B. VICE COMMODORE - see attached.

- Lounge carpet has been cleaned.
- Work party required to clean Barbican and wall area – weeding and spraying.

C. REAR COMMODORE - No report

D. SECRETARY

Insurance runs out 28.5.24 and invoice needs to be paid. No objections.

KB thanked DC for the work he has already done in chasing member payments.

DC inherited over 1000 emails which had not been dealt with.

E. TREASURER

See attached report.

Activity this month, mainly Castle to Castle which put £2,500 into the bank account.

Money now in Savings Account £125,000 Should it be put into a fixed term interest bearing account. NC to investigate.

F. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Mojo system works well apart from where external payments to be made. DC identified 64 people, mainly rowers, to target to get them to pay on Mojo, thereby reducing monthly payers.

Membership numbers increasing – on Mojo new members get a welcome email and digital yearbook.

Re Expired memberships – they get 3 reminders then these are archived.

Chris & Fi Jones are chasing Sean Weaver (Three Ships) and Joe Jollands (Splinters Apprentice)

New Members used to be voted in at Management Committee Meeting, but this is now a formality and the Articles of Association have been amended at 2023 AGM.

Mojo states that membership is subject to Management Committee approval, however after 2 taster sessions of rowing, rowers are told they need to join the Club, therefore approval is after the fact.

See Membership Secretary's report for new members and details.

G. ROWING SECRETARY

Castle to Castle Rowing Race was a positive success, however we were very stretched, more survival.

Need better cover – Celtics need sponsorship to cover entry fees / travel costs.

MH asked NC to check if Anglesey Mining still paying sponsorship as they had made payment in the past. A rowing grant had been received in 2022.

MH would go hunting for sponsors, produce a cash flow for what was needed. Sponsorship for T Shirts etc.

Brodwaith, who produce our regalia, can produce sports gear with our logo and names of sponsors. JE has catalogue.

See Rowing Secretary's report.

H. WEBSITE

- Webcam not operational, investigation of whether we have another.
- Sailors with AIS to be encouraged to register with Marine Traffic Map – MP to check with Delwedd.
- Translation into Welsh cost £80 per 1000 words. Club members to be asked to translate.
- MP to investigate setting up Private Section on the website to store Minutes / Yearbook with sensitive information.
- New photographs for website – are they necessary? It was felt that they were fine now.
- Yearbook email working OK.

See Website report.

J. SAILING SECRETARY

- Rowers to get involved with Logbook Competition. MH to rustle up articles of events from new rowers.

- First candidate for Guillemot Trust sailing – Chris Loll. MH thought this was a great success in getting rowers involved in sailing as well.
- See Sailing Secretary's report.

K. Southern Squadron

Members circulated re Classic Yacht Regatta "Richard Mille Cup" taking place in Falmouth 3-6 June, with a feeder race to Dartmouth on 7 June. 13 large Classic yachts from 8m up to 65m, including 2 three masted yachts. Should be quite a spectacle.

Hoping to have a Rally and Supper early July.

M. SOCIAL SECRETARY

Membership Survey

Thanks to Linda for compiling a summary of the Survey results. Feedback from the committee suggested that the use of certain charts from the survey could be used to help illustrate and emphasize certain questions and results.

See Social Secretary's report.

N. YEARBOOK

NO asked what the size of the Yearbook should be, in 2022 and 2023 approximate page count was 86 with corresponding high printing and postage costs. 2024 yearbook reduced to 46 pages saving about £900.

Discussion ensued as to the purpose of the Yearbook, whether articles on sailing/rowing events should be included.

TE & KB thought the Yearbook was a reference tool, with helpful information and that articles should be for the Quarterly Bulletin.

Information is important but can be found elsewhere i.e. on the website.

Training information could be taken out of the yearbook and set up on the website.

DC said that rowers would probably accept an electronic copy and were referred to Welsh Sea Rowing WSR and British Rowing on the website. Mojo can set up group emails to send bulky information to specific groups.

Some felt that it was interesting to read about member's journeys, others felt it added to the costs.

KB suggested the Yearbook could be left in Libraries etc. as promotional literature.

NO found the Yearbook interesting and was reluctant to lose it completely suggesting a multi format of paper copy and digital.

Item to be included on the June meeting agenda, NO to have a look at past examples and make a proposal for 2025 – possibly dividing information between a paper version of mainly articles, important and essential information; backed an electronic version, the web site and quarterly newsletter???

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DC – Indoor training for rowers had operated during the autumn and winter months which had cost £5/pp per hour. Would the Club consider funding this based on being open to all members as beneficial remedial exercise.

This was to be included in the next agenda along with sponsorship.

Date of next meeting:**Thursday 27th June 2024, at 19:00 on zoom only.**Please note **FOLLOWING ACTIONS LIST****Actions**

1.	Need to include Carol in bar price increases loop	TE/SR/KB/FS
2.	Till prices to be updated by GCR	KB
3.	Note Committee re wish to become a director	TE/KB
4.	Incorporation CASC application to HMRC	FS
5.	Formation of RWYC Incorporated and the RWYC Trading Company	NC
6.	Approach Bob Lowe & Kath Jones re Grant Funding	TE
7.	Rowing sponsorship for funding	MH
8.	Investigate Private Members only section on the website for Yearbook / Minutes.	MP
9.	Include charts from questionnaire in summary feedback.	LP
10.	Yearbook review and proposal for 2025	NO
11.	Rowing regalia – what is required.	MH
12.	Funding rowing gym sessions	TE/DC//MH
13.	Request to membership for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh translation service • Conveyancing solicitor • Change to two tier system 	TE



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COMMODORES REPORT

Health and Safety.

Roof Beams – Quotation for Structural design of supporting ceiling structure to be sort. Work in progress.

External Main Roof Covering.

An area of the felt approximately one meter square has formed a significant bubble; a meeting with the original contractor was held 14 February 2024; the recent appalling severe weather has prevented any work – an email and follow up phone call reminder have sent to William Taylor.

2024 and 2025 Yearbook Coordinator.

Fifty 2024 copies were placed in the bar for local members to collect. 30 still remain, if we post them, it will cost £90 – plan is to leave them behind the bar and remind members in the bulletin – also when two tier pricing is introduced, bar staff to be brief to hand over card and yearbook to allow discount to be made.

Web Site Manager We need to update the Management Committee picture frame in the lounge. Head and shoulder photos are requested from the Website Manager, Sailing Sec, Treasurer, Rowing Sec, Yearbook Coordinator, and new Membership Secretary.

CASC, Card Reader, Membership cards and Two-Tier Bar Pricing.

DoJo card reader has been installed, integrated with the till, and now working. New membership cards with magnetic stripe have been issued with the 2024 yearbook.

Work on the two-tier bar pricing has progressed to a stage when we are ready to go! Need agree the date for implementation.

Incorporation

We can now move forward with incorporating the club following the HMRC regulation and guidelines for the transfer of an existing CASC to a limited liability company. Identification of the Directors needed. We need to remove Jane Crowther from the CASC and add Neil Christian as responsible persons. Land Registration documents to transfer the building to the incorporated body have been found and RYA /HMRC advice on CASC incorporation has been circulated.

Membership Questionnaire

Eighty members completed the questionnaire – incredibly positive. Circulated to the Management Committee. Currently being analysed to prepare a summary for the membership. Using the information; Short – Medium – Long-Term five-year plan to be developed. Work in progress.

Lift Extension and New Toilet Block.

I have to say that AW silence and lack of response to the information we have issued is very disappointing. No progress has been made over the last three months.

Funding has been requested from CADW for the Architect to give a presentation of the project to the AW Board of Directors. A revised access risk assessment prepared by RWYC for consideration by AW and the respective insurance companies.

Membership Application Form

Now found on Membership Mojo at <https://membermojo.co.uk/rwyc> it will also be found on the web site. Online shop <https://membermojo.co.uk/rwyc/store>

Guillemot Sailing Trust

Following the meeting with GST and the Sailing Committee held the 8 April. Final notes of the meeting have been prepared and agreed with GST. The notes to be circulated. The activities of our Training Centre were of interest and has been mentioned in their Spring Newsletter. A link will be provided on their web site. We have our first club member lined up to trial the sailing experience.

Sea Cadets

A promotion event was held May 11 – Food festival day unfortunately they could not get a space for their display, so we supported them by providing accommodation for their team in the club. Intend to progress slowly and need more adult commitment, but all positive at the moment.

Data Protection Act

To be circulate to members and added to the web site and MoJo.

Training Centre

The Guillemot Trust see an opportunity to link their sailing experience activity to our training centre to offer a next step to their clients, with a link from their web site to ours. Work in progress to agree details.

Bar Manager Position

Advertising of the position, interviewing candidates, job offer made and accepted all conclude in May. Carol Owen has accepted the position and starts work on Wednesday 22 May 2024, shadowing Graeme in the cellar, cashing up, line cleaning. Carol is an experienced bar manager having managed the Anglesey Arms.

Membership Secretary.

Welcome to David Chinn who has taken over the Membership Secretary role and with the support of Keith and Neil is getting his teeth into the job, reviewing MoJo, and sorting out the details to his way of working. We must thank Linda Park and Keith Belfield for managing MoJo in the interim period.

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Vice Commodore

Previous four weeks activities:

Taking registrations at the Castle to Castle and League Races. Supporting bar staff to serve rowers.

Registering the Club for new style recycling bins

Convening the House Committee - Minutes and action points attached. Next meeting to be convened by Frank.

Arranged for the carpet to be cleaned (Ann will be completing this on Tuesday 21st May)

Purchasing non-alcoholic items and cleaning materials for the bar.

Being part of the team welcoming public to the Club during Food Festival and running the bar in the evening

Filling in behind the bar over two weekends.

Note: Graeme has covered Wednesdays this month in the absence of a Bar Manager. Graeme has suggested a list of House Wines which will be passed on to the new manager.

Bar Manager: Advertised, communicated with and was part of the interview team for the new Bar Manager.

Arranged with Snowdonia Fire Protection for Fire Extinguishers and Emergency Lighting checks in June and July.

Will recontact: Eco Green re Gas Boiler and Gas Oven annual Checks

Along with Tom attended a zoom discussion with RYA re a new Welsh Council for Voluntary Action (national membership organisation for the third sector) database of grants and funding opportunities called Funding Wales. Possible grant opportunities here for the Club. Tom has registered the Club with Funding Wales.

I am away from the 22nd of May to 28th and then from 2nd of June to approx 25th but am contactable via email and WhatsApp.

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Secretary's Report

Insurance

The policy has now been renewed and the invoice of £ is due for payment. Authorisation to pay is now required.

Details of the policy was circulated to committee members for consideration and all feedback and additional equipment included. Clarification was made between the difference of cover for volunteers and paid members of staff.

Card reader and till

The wireless card reader is now installed. This will speed up transactions at the till and reduce errors.

All membership details are now on the till ready for the monitoring of turnover and dual payments.

Further to discussions at the previous meeting relating to the profit and loss account of the bar, details of costings and the necessary increase in prices have been circulated to all committee members in the form of a spreadsheet. View [spreadsheet](#).

David Chinn has taken the position of Membership .

In the short period of time that David has been in post much action has taken place. In the past month David's diligence and hard work has been responsible for the chasing of the defaulting members to renew their fees, £1640 in total and still counting. David is very keen to streamline some of our systems and progress the use of our database and payment system, Mojo. Many thanks David and more detail is available in the Membership Report.

All other items have been covered in the Commodore's report

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

membermojo progress:

The new process for membership applications and payment has created an efficient pathway which is the preferred route.

New members applications have been directed to this application which provides on completion a receipt, welcome email and attached yearbook.

Within the mojo shop items can be purchased and rowers can pay the WSR insurance.

Those renewing who have previously paid as an external payment are encouraged to use the new payment system.

However it is understood that some require a monthly payment option or external alternative which currently uses GoCardless, details from the treasurer but will subsequently move to the membership secretary to provide details.

The membermojo system provides also a automatic reminder 28 days prior to renewal and 28 days after the renewal date if not paid. External payments require a manual reminder.

The work involved has required a manual search through the Bank and GoCardless statements with the possibility of some external payment members being missed.

membermojo changes:

New fields have been created to include D.O.B, WSR insurance and external payments.

I am now receiving a daily update from mojo.

Group emails :

Groups within mojo can be created to provide an e mail to those members.

At present it has been used to contact expired members and rowers.

It would be useful if agreed to contact all members with details of the new system and subsequently information regarding the membership cards and till use.

Membership numbers:

Full and senior – 272

Social - 66

Hon/overseas/temp/comp – 25

Expired – 68 [this is down from 77 since the reminder email,it includes those who had previously emailed resignation and those renewed.]o

Additional info :

For the month April 24 – there were 7 new/ renewals [1 comp,1 temp,2 social and 3 full/senior]

Rowing members = 38 of which 24 have WSR insurance [this is due to several members not actively involved] ,it is important we have D.O.B info to complete the spreadsheet for WSR.It is noted the renewal year for affiliation and membership runs from 1st April.

from 6] I have e mailed one but the second has no email or address.We should subsequently decide how long we pursue the two outstanding.

I still have the 144 membership cards which will need to be put into named envelopes to go behind bar ready for the new till system.If envelopes available will get on with task or will order some .?

The operating manual changes will be a task when other items complete.A priority remains completion of the learning log for the double scull going to Sport Wales.

Apologies for inaccuracies or omissions. Please let me know if further information required.

Amendment – List of members new/renewals for approval for the month of May 2024,

(see below).

member number	First name	Last name	Membership	Primary interest	Background	Renewed on
357	Chloe	Everitt	Full	Rowing/Skulling		20/05/2024
368	Robert	Hardware	Social		I have very much enjoyed my time at the club as a visitor, have felt very welcomed, and hope to be accepted as a member.	20/05/2024
369	Sara	Lloyd Williams	Social		Sara has also enjoyed her time at the club and is hopeful of being accepted as a member.	20/05/2024
373	Michelle	McMaster	Full	Sailing	Powerboat level 2, First Aid Instructor	20/05/2024
374	Neil	McMaster	Full	Sailing	Powerboat level 2, Dayskipper for both power and Sail, Short Range VHF Cert	20/05/2024
360	Patricia	Murchie	Social		See Greg White application for details. New member of staff at the University of Bangor, settling in the area from Lincolnshire.	20/05/2024
359	Greg	White	Social		My wife, Patricia Murchie, is a new member of the University of Bangor senior team and we are renting a place at Doc Fictoria pro tem, until we get settled in the area. My formal address is therefore Lincoln, which is where the family house is for now. Thanks to Linda (?) for her friendliness and mentioning membership when we popped in the other day (Food Festival), and thanks for considering the application. Only interested in social membership at this time, though I used to row when I was younger.	20/05/2024
371	William	Williams-Wynne	Senior	Sailing		19/05/2024

372	Robin	Evans	Social			18/05/2024
370	Freddie	Jones	Full	Sailing		18/05/2024
358	Gavin	Jones	Social			18/05/2024
357	Rodger	Webb	Senior	Sailing	Joining Southern Squadron in Cornwall.	17/05/2024
363	Mark	Craddock	Honorary member			15/05/2024
361	Commodore	CSC	Honorary member			15/05/2024
362	Elin	Dillon	Full	Sailing		15/05/2024
359	Dirk	Kalis	Honorary member			15/05/2024
364	Steven	Morgan	Honorary member			15/05/2024
366	Margaret	Powell	Honorary member			15/05/2024
360	Iwan Prytherch	Rees-Jones	Honorary member			15/05/2024
365	Lindsey	Wilding	Honorary member			15/05/2024
358	Rebeca	Parry	Full	Rowing/Skulling		14/05/2024
356	Dewi	Pritchard Jones	Senior	Sailing	Lapsed member wishing to renew. Previous membership secretary	10/05/2024
355	Peregrine	Armstrong-Jones	Honorary member			02/05/2024
352	Alan	Simcock	Senior	Sailing	Compentent Crew Day Skipper	01/05/2024

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Website Report

The actions performed since last month are as follows:

- On the Home page, the Upcoming Events have been amended weekly to reflect changes or to add additional information. This usually mirrors the weekly bulletin. Draft details of the Summer Cruise have also been added.
- 'Multi-headline' scrolling banner is possible. I just require the wording and associated information to implement it.
- Under Noticeboard – Minutes, the number of documents have been reduced to a rolling 12 months
- The webcam is currently not operational; however the Vice Commodore reports that there is a new one in the cleaners cupboard! Further investigation required to get it working.
- The Marine Traffic Map on the Homepage was discussed at the Sailing Committee Meeting and the decision was to continue with its use and encourage more members with AIS to register.
- For information, Delwedd have confirmed that they can offer a translation service from English into Welsh if required at a cost of £80 per 1000 words.
- Request made to Aled at Delwedd to transfer the membership@ email address to David Chinn.

Requests carried forward:

- Any Rowing Archive items to add as none since 2020 – MH to assist
- The Summer 2023 Bulletin and the AGM minutes from 2021 need adding (awaiting Keith's return)
- It would be nice to have more of the website translated into Welsh, which unfortunately I cannot do.
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Observations and Questions (some c/f from April):

- The header of the website has a slide show of very good quality photographs to depict the activities at the club. I suspect they have been there for quite some time so is it time to refresh the selection? Obviously, any new photos would have to be the same high quality

Mark Pearson 20/05/2024

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SOCIAL SECRETARIES REPORT.

Club logo stickers. Orders have started to be actioned. Thank you to Jan for coordinating in my absence

Club Survey 80 members responded. Feedback to members circulated to MC

Events since the last meeting. Quiz nights Hosts are appearing in an ad hoc way which has been great. From the Survey we may have a volunteer to be quiz master!

Events scheduled

Saturday 1 June. A booking by a small group who wish to meet in the main bar to share stories and poetry. The bar will stay open for members who are welcome to join in. A notice will go in the bulletin next Monday to make members aware. The calendar indicates that sailing and rowing activities abound over the summer. Happy days on the water everyone and thanks to those who make sure the wheels turn smoothly for our guests. Linda Park.

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SAILING SECRETARY REPORT

Last Sailing Committee Meeting held 20th May 2024.

Sailing Qs responses from Club Membership Questionnaire

- We discussed the responses at the last meeting and are now working on a short, medium and long term plans for the future direction of Sailing.

Plas Menai J80 racing

- We are hoping to run another day of J80 racing at Plas Menai this Autumn. We have contacted Plas Menai to ask about availability and we have approached a number of sources for funding.

Summer Cruise

- Lots of boats keen to join, although many will be setting off at slightly different times.
- Specific Whatsapp Group set up for communication.

2024 MS Regattas planning

- RWYC day pages submitted
- Application to CHT sent
- Volunteers nearly sorted

Guillemot Trust

- We have had our first RWYC member interested in signing up for a sailing experience and I am in the process of getting it booked onto a date.

Logbook Competition

- We will launch the Logbook Competition in next Monday's bulletin to coincide with the start of the Summer Cruise. (See text below my report)
- We would like to make it also open to Rowers – are the Rowing Committee happy with this? Would one member of the Rowing Committee be happy to be on the judging panel? If yes then I will update the text before it is sent out next Monday.

RWYC/PDSC Race to Caernarfon (8th June)

- Plans being made for a welcome party and catering.

2024 Menai Strait Regattas

- I am in process of planning Seiont and Cadnant Regattas at RWYC – 7th & 8th Aug.
- Eric Crowther will be Race Officer on both days.
- I have sent out emails to those who volunteered last year asking for help again this year and am awaiting replies. I will need some extra volunteers as well – I will ask in the Cruising Whatsapp group when I know where the gaps are.

LOGBOOK COMPETITION**Text for Bulletin and Cruising Whatsapp:****NEW Logbook Competition**

This sailing season the Sailing Committee have decided to offer a prize to the writer of the best logbook!

Entries should describe a voyage or passage you have undertaken, and the most entertaining entry will be judged the winner. Entertaining in this context means (one or more of) readable, interesting, humorous, or informative! As a guide, entries should be a maximum of 3 sides A4 with approximately 300 to 1500 words and one or two illustrations.

Prizes will be presented at the AGM and the winning article printed in the Club Year Book. It is hoped that this will enable the membership to release their inner Mark Twain or Oscar Wilde by stimulating their writing muscles or, in my case, my right-hand index finger and I-pad. The competition is open to both sailors and rowers.

Entries can be sent by email to XXXX. The deadline for entries is 15th October 2024.

We look forward to hearing about your sailing adventures near or far!

Text for website**RWYC Logbook Competition**

To stimulate the literary, photographic and/or illustrative talents of our sailors the Sailing Committee proposes a Logbook Competition.

The entry should describe a voyage / passage undertaken by the author.

Judging criteria:

The key judging criterion is entertainment value.

To be entertaining it does of course need to be readable, and one or more of interesting, humorous and informative.

Overall presentation, including use of illustrations and photos, will also be taken into account in judging.

Judging panel:

- Sailing Captain (or Secretary)
- Yearbook / Bulletin Editor
- Commodore

Guidelines to entries:

We recommend the entry should contain:

- a chart or map of the passage
- some photos
- some narrative text

Entries must be submitted in a digital format.

Maximum 3 sides A4 using a 12pt font including any illustrations (chartlets, photographs or other art work).

Word count = max 1500 words

Deadline for entries:

Entries must be sent by email to XXXX.

The deadline for entries is 15th October 2024.

Copyright:

To enable publication of any of the entries (in the Yearbook, Newsletters or Website) copyright would be vested in The Club.

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Treasurer's Report

Management Committee – 23rd May 2024

Financial Position:

Business account	£2,849.59
Subs account	£2,554.42
Savings Account	£125,265.91
Petty Cash	<u>£10.50</u>
Total at Bank	£ 130,680.42

NOTES:

Accounts to April 2024.

Bar sales to date £27.4K compared to £30.1K in previous year.

Interest income of £2.5K which includes £1.9K of interest on thr fixed term deposit account.

Bar purchases £15.9K compared to £16.8K in previous year.

Direct wages includes all bar staff - £12.5K for the year compared to £10K in the previous year, this will be down to increase in minimum wage two years running.

Castle to Castle income showing at £2.5K with a Castle to Castle costs coming in at £453, giving a profit for the event of £2,047.

Other revenue received in April includes £462.00 from Westerly Owners Association.

Please beware at present it is very difficult to isolate expenses to a isolated event, especially if it is food items and one or more event takes place over a weekend or items are purchased well before the event. We make every effort to match expenses with events.

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Survey results

Please see survey results in two different formats with a summary provided by Linda.

Survey results.

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Rowing report

After the excitement of the rowing weekend (is it possible to know how much money was generated?) and the arrival of the new coastal scull, normal activities have returned but at a much higher participation level.

The ladies crews ably coxed and coached and motivated by Kate, Angie and David have entered and competed well in three league races.

I have never seen so many rowers out for each social row and our list of new rowers grows by the week.

Now the glitches in the system are being resolved by the new membership secretary we are optimistic about our continuing development as a club.

There is a risk that, with all of the new faces and enthusiasm, those who enjoy a more leisurely row may feel slightly put out-so we will not lose sight of their contribution and work hard to remain our friendly, welcoming and inclusive-selves.

In every situation there is an opposite reaction and in our case the penalty of expanding activities is that our resources, both human and equipment are coming under increasing pressure-my personal sense is that prior to Castle to Castle and league races we were stretched and during the event-to the limit.

So we need to build some firm foundations to consolidate what we have-for example:

A budget and plan for boat and equipment maintenance. There is an ever increasing list of things that need repair-it is not possible to rely on the good nature and free time of just a few broad shouldered souls.

We need a training and development plan for fixed seat rowers.

Also for sculling, as a club we do not have as much experience and it is important that we start on the right foot.

I am not sure if we have an accessible safeguarding officer or safety officer.

We need to encourage more rowers to take more responsibility. Coxes and sea training-can be done "in house" probably in the winter months and WSRA have offered to support us with our first one. After we have delivered this, then it should be part of every new rowers induction.

We need to train at least one more club coach-the next fixed seat training will be in early 2025 but we need to be lining up candidates and funding now.

Having spent the last few days on holiday in the coastal villages of mid wales-I am astonished how many communities have a boat and each with good sponsorship from very local businesses. I am pretty sure that the Anglesey Mining payments are no longer being received and maybe we could offer a deal to new sponsors. If it covered the costs of the vinyl sign and maybe entry fees and towing costs for the competition boats or similar then that would be a positive outcome.