

Cemaes Boat Club
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 3rd January, 2023

Present:

Richard Downs
Marilyn Downs
Simon Drakley
Alan Thomas
Graham Booth
Mike Thompson
Richard Walton

1. Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Apologies for absence were received from: Steve Bray, Alun Pari Huws, Sian Jones, Piers and Sue Beeland.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting (30.11.22):

All who had attended agreed that the minutes were accurate. They are available to read on the website.
Proposed: Alan Thomas Seconded: Graham Booth
4. Matters arising:
 - Roof leaks at The Firs – Simon reported that this is in hand and in the process of being sorted out.
 - Richard has spoken to John Pritchard who has offered to help move some fireproof cabinets that have been offered by Horizon. Simon will speak to him to liaise about the transfer.
 - Marilyn has thanked Darren Gittins at Hempel Paints by sending a CHA card.
5. Treasurer's Report:
Simon reported that there is currently £9,637.41 in the bank.
The Christmas Dinner Raffle raised £262 plus additional donations of £73 from guests who were unable to attend at the last minute.
Simon reported the difficulties that he has experienced trying to insure The Firs because no broker will offer cover. Marilyn will write to Horizon and ask for advice.
In preparation for insurance, a stock list will be needed and this will be done as soon as possible during maintenance sessions.

6. Boatswain's Report:

- Simon reported that the height of the building will allow the Mizzen mast to be erected for training purposes and that he will need to talk to Gerallt to organize the base required.
- The blue oars are now stripped to bare wood ready for repainting.
- Simon reported on small repairs to the boat that are being planned using mahogany strips and epoxy resin.
- Some flooring on the deck will be removed to aid ventilation.
- A skeleton picture of CHA that can be used for training is being ordered by Simon. It was agreed that he can proceed with this and the costs met.
- The Boat Club is still waiting for Mike Fox to undertake an inspection before the full maintenance programme commences. As it has taken some time for this to be done, routine maintenance has already started, but it would be helpful if any major problems could be highlighted. Simon suggested that if Mike Fox is unable to do it, an alternative solution should be pursued.

7. Secretary's Report:

Marilyn reported that she has sent a query to the Lottery Fund regarding the application process for a grant to purchase a RIB.

Alun Pari Huws had sent an email that raised the idea for VHF/aerial that would enable increased communications range. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Club will look at different options before the next sailing season starts.

Steve Bray had sent an email asking about the future plans for a boathouse. Marilyn explained that circumstances had put this temporarily in abeyance, but that she would contact the Williams family with regards to further progression.

8. Membership Secretary's Report:

Sian had reported that the membership numbers were the same:

Full members	48	Friends	16	One day sail	15	Total	79
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9. Action Plan Report:

Graham reported that with Steve Bray, he would be contacting various rowing and yachting clubs on Anglesey and North Wales and proposing to visit to give a presentation about CHA. This would give them an opportunity to try and recruit members with the necessary experience that could provide future core crew and coxswains.

RNLI contact is being maintained regarding future activities for 2024.

Mike Thompson offered to assist with any lectures as well.

10. Website and Facebook Report:
Graham reported on the progress with website updates. The membership has been streamlined and the next decisions will be about how Day Sails are booked and ensuring that multiple bookings are available. Stripe (an online banking system similar to Paypal) will need to be set up so that members can pay online. Simon will organise this account. Terms and Conditions have been completed for the website and Graham was thanked for his work on this. Graham reported that these improvements will be made within the allocated budget. The Facebook page is very active – there are lots of followers, shares, etc. Simon and Marilyn are admin and regular posts and photos are shared with other groups. When a News item is put onto the website, it links with Facebook.

11. Future events:

- Marilyn will bring a proposal to the next meeting for a membership event, possibly at The Harbour, which could have music, buffet and a short talk about the Boat Club. Date to be confirmed.
- Annual General Meeting – after discussion it was agreed that this would be another opportunity to invite people to The Firs.
The date will be Saturday, 15th April at 1.00pm.
- Beach Party – Marilyn will liaise with Carys Evans and organise a linked event with Cemaes Heritage Centre at the end of July. Date to be confirmed.
- Cemaes Carnival – Sunday, August 27th 2023.

12. A.O.B.

- It was agreed that the website should be maintained with Monality in order that regular maintenance and upgrades can be done.
- Merchandise availability was discussed.
The Boat Club needs to design an official logo that is agreed for all future merchandise. It was agreed to bring designs to a future meeting. Mike will get some prices from Seren Embroidery for polo shirts, tee shirts, smocks, fleeces, etc. Simon suggested a fisherman's smock with a central logo that would be seen whilst waering a life jacket.
- It was agreed that a refresher course on knots should be put into the training programme.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 21st February **at 2.00pm** in The Vigour

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