

Cemaes Boat Club
Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, 21st February, 2023

Present:

Richard Downs
Marilyn Downs
Simon Drakley
Alan Thomas
Graham Booth
Ken Bramhall
Sian Jones

1. Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Apologies for absence were received from: Gerallt Jones, Steve Bray, Alun Pari Huws, Piers Beeland, Sue Beeland, Keith Muscott, Mike Thompson
3. Minutes of the previous meeting (3.1.23):

All who had attended agreed that the minutes were accurate. They are available to read on the website.
Proposed: Alan Thomas Seconded: Simon Drakley
4. Matters arising:
 - Roof leaks at The Firs: Horizon is going to cover the cost of necessary repairs by D.U. Construction. They will also collect the fire safes and cabinets while they have a trailer and move them into The Firs.
 - Simon and Graham reported that we now have a postcode (LL67 0DH) that can be used and a postbox which Graham will fix to the exterior gate. This means that Simon can make enquiries about a suitable insurance policy for contents.
 - An inventory can be taken from the list of recent purchases using the Cronfa Padrig grant.
 - Discussion took place about the Club logo. It was suggested that once the logo is agreed, it should be put on the left side unless it is a tee or sweat shirt when it can be placed centrally. Clwb Cychod Cemaes should go over the top and then Charles Henry Ashley underneath. The CHA boat could be taken from the new Signs and Designs picture (with their permission). Signs and Designs could be asked to provide printed logos on tee shirts, car stickers, etc. Embroidered logos for sweatshirts and polo shirts could be sourced from Seren.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Simon reported that there is currently £7,508.78 in the bank.

6. Boatswain's Report:

Simon reported on the work that maintenance team had been undertaking:

- All white blades are painted and finished.
- Blue oars are oiled ready for painting
- The rudder has been stripped right back
- Rust on the keel has been removed and painted
- The Keel is in the process of being sorted out and epoxy resin will then be applied
- Stern bolts have been checked and tightened. Keel bolts are all cleaned.
- Holyhead boatyard will lift us at no cost so that we can check the keel.
- Maldwyn Griffiths has checked the boat and given advice. He will check upon finish. This will be done for no charge.
- The tender is being cleaned and might need a little fibre glass repair.

Simon has spoken to a possible trainer who could undertake training for competent crew.

The VHF Radio is with Mike. Simon will need to check the connections and work out what aerial connection we need. It can be run down the mast.

7. Secretary's Report:

Marilyn reported that she has applied to Ynys Mon Charitable Association for a £10,000 grant under their 'Small Grant Scheme'. She has requested £9,000 for a RIB with 50hp engine and trailer, £800 for appropriate Power Boat Training course and £200 to assist with bilingual information.

MonSar sent the Boat Club a very nice letter of thanks as a follow-up to their fundraising evening where Cemaes Boat Club had donated some sailing opportunities to be auctioned. Simon reported that the event had been very successful.

8. Membership Secretary's Report:

Sian reported that the membership numbers were the same:

Full members 47 Friends 16 One day sail 15 Total 78

Members are now being encouraged to pay through the online Stripe account. Marilyn has contacted 26 past members who have old accounts on the website, but who have not paid their subscriptions for the past year or longer. If they don't respond by the end of February, their accounts will be removed.

9. Action Plan Report:

Steve has spoken with Tony Pearce regarding contact with Holyhead Sailing Club. They are ready to set up a meeting where they can speak to members.

Alun Pari Huws will be asked to make contact with RNLI crews and find out if they want to take part in rowing opportunities when the boat is located in Holyhead.

10. Website and Facebook Report:

Graham reported on the progress with website updates. Everything is now up and running with no problems. Some trial renewals for membership have now been made using Stripe and Guidelines have been written for members to follow. Following discussion about the Donation facility, it was agreed that the Boat Club should renew membership with Local Giving and that this should be the donation portal that can be used on the website. (Local Giving enables donors to apply Gift Aid to their donation.) Marilyn will send the Local Giving link to Graham for insertion on the website.

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 suggested that the Spring event could be a Launch Party possibly at The Harbour, with a finger buffet provided. There could be a short presentation and music. Date to be confirmed.
- Sailing dates are being prepared by Laura Downs, Graham is shadowing as a learning objective and they will then be run past Norman.
- Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 15th April at 1.00pm at The Firs.
NB Following the meeting with other local groups from the village it was discovered that there is a clash of timing on Saturday, 15th as there will be a blue plaque unveiling for 'Tom Titanic' at 2.00pm that many of the Boat Club would wish to attend. The AGM will now be held at 12.00.
Chairs are needed and if Mike Thompson is unable to source any it was decided that we could purchase some possibly from Costco.
- 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. There is a local groups meeting on 22nd February at 6.30pm to assist with preparing a Cemaes Village calendar.
- Cemaes Carnival – Sunday, August 27th, 2023.

12. A.O.B.

- Alan suggested that we should put dates against tasks – so that everything is finished in plenty of time. Simon reported that he is confident that the CHA will be ready for launch at the end of April.
- Graham reported that some changes are required for the Constitution and he will send over suggestions to Marilyn in readiness for the AGM when it will need to be agreed.
- CHA Bulletin boards – Marilyn will update the posters on the Pier and near the Beach Café.

Meeting closed at 3.15pm .

13. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 21st March **at 2.00pm** in The Vigour

Annual General Meeting: Saturday, 15th April at 12.00 at The Firs

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