

SARC AGM Friday 23rd June 2017
18 Darwin Gardens, Mountfields, Frankwell SY3 8QB

1. We reviewed the highs and lows of the year including the second Montford Challenge, Great River Race, Fixed Seat European Rowing Cup in Italy and of course the Celtic Challenge.

2. **Election of Officers**

The serving officers were thanked for their outstanding contributions to the club over the last year.

The following nominees were presented as a 'slate' and unanimously elected by the members present, (and proxy votes in support were received from Martin Berry, Bruce Orme, Stephen Harpin and Jason Powell).

- Quentin Shaw - Commodore
- Jonathan Gould - Treasurer (to be renamed Chancellor?!)
- Justin Reynolds - Member Secretary
- Dave Ward - Bosun
- Ian Mottishaw - Bosun
- Bev Scragg - H&S
- John Shaddock - Coach
- Stuart Shepherd - Webmaster

It was unanimously agreed that the formal SARC Committee should be extended to all the named officers.

3. **Accounts**

The Treasurer (Jason Powell, who was unable to attend the AGM) provided the following written update:

3.1 We are currently showing a surplus year to date of £2084.21 as at 20/6/2017. This is largely due to a surplus of £1272 left over from the Celtic Challenge and the rest coming in from membership fees.

3.2 Current Bank balances stand at £8017.13 (including the Celtic Challenge Surplus which is in the CC account).

3.3 Most of this year's large expenditure has gone through, apart from the Equipment Insurance, which will be due soon - in the region of £800.

Then there is the rest of the income to come in for GRR and the associated expenditure to go through.

Stuart Shepherd asked whether we are we accruing rent for Red? To be clarified by incoming Treasurer.

3.4 Membership numbers (active) stand at 54. This year, we have had 5 join us, but also had 7 leave us. Therefore, we are a net -2.

It was noted that we now have more female members - circa 10.

It was decided that the new Committee should undertake a review of the WSRA insurance policy to assess risks arising from activity such as active members booking lapsed members onto events.

4. Celtic Challenge 2019

Following the 2017 event a meeting was held to review lessons and to agree actions for prepare for 2019. (See below). It was decided that organisation should begin asap, and that a Celtic Challenge 2019 Committee should be agreed at the AGM. Nominations are as follows:

- Event Captain(s): Bruce Orme and/or Stuart S
- Event support: Stephen Harpin
- Marine: Martin Berry
- Training & safety: Quentin Shaw

In addition to the notes from the CC review meeting that were circulated to all members, the following points were emphasised:

- There needs to be a clear protocol for deciding when to quit - chain of command inc support boat skipper
- Early training and man overboard training required
- Team captains should have authority to remove crew members who don't train/prepare adequately
- Sea training must be compulsory
- Explore Insurance against risk of cancellation?
- Luc and Stuart would like to volunteer for the organising committee.
- Next step is for Stephen to circulate "scary email" (!) then put up event to assess demand

5. Forthcoming event updates

- Great River Race 2017 - only 7 out of 20 have paid the balance so far.
- Fixed Seat European Rowing Cup 2017 to be reinstated by Geoff.
- Montford Challenge 2018 - Luc to help Geoff and Justin with organisation.
- WSRA events – greater participation?
- support 2/3 Welsh clubs, eg Aber, Ynys Mon? To reciprocate support for Montford Challenge.
- Stuart M will lead on Cork
- Jason P leading on Conwy in August
- Stuart S to lead on Castle to Castle

6. Any other business

Catherine borrowing a boat for the charity row raised an interesting question. This matter was mainly discussed with club members on Facebook, not via the elected officers. It's important that all club members go through the committee so we can ensure rowers are paying members and thereby insured.

- Emphasised importance of communicating via the SARC website and the official SARC committee
- Need to review insurance rules and therefore club rules re families and guest rows, and casual rowers
- Put insurance policy on website?

- It was agreed that SARC will instigate a '3 strikes and you're out' rule for people who fail to turn up when booked to row, with little or no notice, without good reason. The Membership Secretary will review and decide in the event of appeals.
- Slipway repairs to be led by Gareth