



SARC Annual General Meeting 1st February 2023, Pengwern Rowing Club

Attendees:

Stuart Shepherd, John Shaddock, Paul Fox, Matt Ashton, Paul Gold, Dave Ward, Ed Davies, Bruce Orme, Tim Downes, Rebecca Richards, Matt Mayne, Ian Mottershaw

Apologies:

Quentin Shaw, Geoff Barton, Ian Davies

Remembering Gary Richards

2022 Race Summary:

Brilliant to be back on the water with other clubs.

PYC - great race day, lots of fun.

GRR - a great event although not quite what we all had in mind, looking forward to it all being back to normal this year.

European Fixed Seat Challenge - SARC did fantastically and came back with a trophy.

Scottish Row - well timed to coincide with a beer fest - fun and adventurous weekend away.

Christmas Row - Another awesome row down river from The Royal Hill to Shrewsbury, ending with a warming curry and beers.

Geoff Barton to confirm dates for the next Euro Fixed Seat Championships.

All Wales rowing fest last week of april - look into it

Current Membership:

At the moment there are 35 paying club members.

Average age of members is 53 years old.

Bruce has had enquiries from potential newbies but has found it difficult to slot them into a row. It has been very hard to try and get current members to sign up for the Saturday afternoon row which was set up with potential new members in mind. There is a high percentage of people that try us out for one or two rows and then disappear - retention needs to be worked on.



Finances:

Income from membership fees	£4,020.00	
Other income T Shirts	£400.00	
Boat Repairs		-£755.90
Great river race		-£2,131.00
Equipment insurance		-£580.16
Red boat hire (Dale rowing club)		-£1,500.00
SARC Ball glass hire		-£52.80
Montford challenge		-£1,085.00
boat shed rent		-£1,200.00
Website – 2 year costs		-£503.74
Total expenditure		-£7,808.60
Total income	£4,420.00	
opening balance	£ 12,779.79	
closing balance	£ 9,381.19	



Montford Challenge

Date ratified with WSRA

QR code on website

General consensus was that the £12 entry prepay fee is putting people off signing up.

Hoping that all club members are either signed up to row or have offered to help run this club event.

Committee Membership:

Thanks to all current members - all 2022 members have stayed on in the role for 2023.

Welcome to Tim Downes - Merch Manager - a new role to oversee purchase and sale of club merchandise.

Position	Member		
Bosun 1	Matt Ashton		
Bosun 2`	Ian Mottershaw		
Coach	John Shaddock		
Chancellor	Ed Davies		
Member Sec	Bruce Orme		
Web Master	Stuart Shepherd		
Events Manager	Matt Mayne		
Commodore	Matt Mayne		
Club Secretary	Rebecca Richards		
HSE Officer	Quentin Shaw		
Merch Manager	Tim Downes		

Stuarts Shed Review:

Rent due in April which will be paid at the start of April

We talked about whether we should we have a contingency plan for a new shed and whether the council could give a grant for it

Gary Richards Memorial:

A social club row to Ironbridge - rowers to make a donation with proceeds going to Severn Hospice. *Stuart Shepherd to organise - 1st weekend in July potentially*



2nd option discussed was to join in with the Pengwern Regatta in June.

WSRA Updates:

Matt Mayne attended agm - via zoom
55% female, 45% male WSRA members.

Membership Fees:

New members are to get a SARC t-shirt when they join.
Joining fee to increase to £50 to cover cost of branded clothing
Tim Downes and Matt Mayne are finalising the designs to be printed onto the new merchandise.
Stuart Shepherd is to create event on the website for people to buy SARC merchandise

SARC Fleet:

Matt Ashton is to organise a working party to clean the shed, clean and refurb Yellow.
Bruce happy to keep Concrete
Matt Mayne is arranging for new foot straps to be made for the Celtics.
Trying out a new night light idea - put lights on a little pole for better night vision - Stuart Shepherd to lend one

2023 WSRA Events:

Great River Race - Matt Ashton to organise
Dragon Boat Racing - 23rd July - starts at Pengwern - Paul Gold to organise
Maddog Dash - Dave Ward to organise
Lots of other exciting races have been listed on the website - volunteers needed to take the lead on them and encourage fellow rowers to sign up.

AOB:

Club members need to book on for a row even if there's a full boat load rather than seeing 5 names down and not adding theirs. The aim is to get multiple boats out for each session.

Pengwern Regatta - Coronation weekend - Sunday and Monday 7/8th May
Last year Bruce and Stuart Manley sponsored it. Bruce to sponsor again this year

Pengwern are in the very early stage of talks with Shrewsbury School to acquire some more club land. If successful there is a very small chance that SARC could have a spot down, there.