

Bwletin y Dwyllgor / Committee Bulletin 40

This Bulletin is based on the unconfirmed Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee, 23 May 2010

Finance Bar takings for the month of April 2010 were approximately 14.5% lower than for the corresponding month of 2009. This continues the disturbing tendency found last month. We know times are hard and are likely to get harder but we do urge Club Members to use the Club as much as possible so we can maintain Club prices at their current excellent rates as long as we can and continue to develop our Club in the exciting ways we are planning.

The draft annual Accounts have been approved by your Management Committee and will be distributed as part of the AGM material as usual - mid to late July. The Accounts are prepared by our Treasurer, Hugh Baker and Assistant Treasurer, Andy Stokes. They were formally complimented and thanked for their work at the May meeting and Club Members should be very grateful for their undertaking this gargantuan task.

Membership On May 25, 2010 we had 1,281 subscribing Members and 1,385 voting members. Our total membership is 2,939!

Sailing and Boating The Race Calendar is now available free of charge at the bar. Rowing members had a successful weekend 21-23 May. Ladies and veterans' teams entered the Cleddau races and on May 23 surf rowers came down from Llantwit Major and coached our rowers in the niceties of surf boat rowing. A very helpful and successful afternoon on Big Beach, with the Llantwit people volunteering to come again. The kayaking group were very active over the Newport Spring Festival weekend with a well-supported trek and several races. Kayaking seems to be expanding exponentially and it is good to see people of all ages on the water in these very popular craft.

Building The potholes have received preliminary attention and the windows in the ladies' washroom have been replaced. We are still waiting for quotes for the proposed new balcony and Commodore's Lounge bar improvements.

Social The social programme for the summer has been planned and a list of activities is on the notice board. It includes crabbing, quizzes and music. Thanks go to Peter Smith and his committee for planning, arranging and conducting these events.

New Committee Member We are pleased to welcome Nigel Parker, an enthusiastic kayaker as a co-opted Member of the Management Committee.

General

- We have received formal approval for the variations in our Licence and are now officially allowed to dance and make music!
- Preparations for the AGM in August have begun. Nomination papers for the various vacancies at the Club should be on the notice boards early in July. If you are considering a formal Resolution to be presented to the AGM, a written proposal (emails not accepted for this) with a proposer and seconder who are eligible to attend the meeting (Rule 20(a) should be given to the Secretary via the Club as soon as possible and no later than 14 days prior to the advertised date of the meeting. The earlier you submit, the more chance there is for formal inclusion on the Agenda and circulation with other AGM material.
- Members will be aware of the recent town exhibition concerning the new outfall at Cwm. We understand the work will be done in summer 2011. Part involves a specialist pipe-laying ship working in the bay with a separate contractor working at Cwm. It is not yet clear how this work will effect our maritime activities but it seems possible the river will be obstructed at Cwm. With other local organisations we will be keeping a careful eye on this and in the meantime will be writing to Dwr Cymru pointing out the likely effects of the work and hoping disruption will not occur or at the least kept to the absolute minimum.
- This Bulletin. Members will have noticed this is the 40th edition of our Bulletin and thus we have been presenting information on the activities of the Club Management Committee in this fashion for nearly four years (there are normally 11 issues a year).. We believe Members appreciate the bulletins but we'd like your opinion and suggestions as to how they might be improved – or perhaps you have something you'd like to say in the Bulletin yourself. Please send comments/suggestions etc to the Secretary Ray. Jones at secretary@newportboatclub.co.uk.

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AGM Preparations for printing the 2010 AGM Handbook are proceeding. This will be posted to all voting Members at a cost of approximately £500. This expenditure could be considerably reduced if we were to send the Handbook by email. So, if we don't have your email address, please give it to the Membership Secretary or Manager.

The President and all Officers retire as usual together with two Management Committee Members, Peter Arthur and Norman Thomas. This gives us seven vacancies for Officers and three vacancies for Committee Members. There are no vacancies on the Sailing and Boating Committee this year. Nomination Papers will be put on the Club notice board shortly.

Sailing and Boating Each of our safety boats and each Longboat have been checked and the Longboat trailers repaired by the Bosun Tony Williams and all is ready for the season.

As the London Government are reviewing the Vetting and Barring scheme there is no need at present for our helpers working with young people and vulnerable adults to be vetted.

Finance The budget of June 22 will not affect bar prices until VAT increases in January 2011 except that cider prices will be lowered immediately. Members may be assured we will do everything we can to keep prices as low as possible and it is pleasing to see our prices remain highly competitive on a like-for-like basis.

Bar We can confirm there will be rolls on sale at the bar from July 23 together with Barbecues every Friday and Saturday night from 1700h. to 2000h. also beginning July 23. A burger/sausage/baked potato meal with salad will cost £5.50 and a meat filled roll £1.50.

Buildings We are pleased to announce that your Management Committee have agreed that the balcony will be replaced by a new structure with steel supports and decking and a brushed aluminium and glass balustrade system. Work on fabrication is to begin shortly with demolition and removal of the existing balcony and erection of the new structure likely to be done in early September. The Contractor is Paul Williams with architect Julian Bishop and civil engineer Steve Rich. The glass and aluminium balustrade system will be manufactured and supplied by Balcony Systems Ltd. We are confident the new balcony will greatly enhance our historic building both aesthetically and operationally and together with the recent refurbishment of the Commodore's Lounge and planned further enhancement will make our upstairs room, with probably one of the best views in the county, very pleasant indeed.

Social The summer social programme is displayed on the notice board and also listed on the Club website www.newportboatclub.co.uk

On July 17 a team of intrepid warriors will push a 'siege tower' to Cardigan Castle and after liberating a trophy will push it back to Newport. This is in aid of the Mayor's Fund charities. Peter Smith has further details.

Next scheduled meeting of the Management Committee Friday July 23 at 1830h. at the Club. This will be the last routine meeting of the current session.