



Welsh Harp Sailing Association



**WWSA ExCom Meeting (Final)
Wednesday 26th May 2021
19:30 Virtual Meeting using Zoom**

Attendance:

Officers:

Manfred Starkl (WWSA Chairman)

Tony Barton (WWSA Treasurer)

Lenore Camron (WWSA Vice-Chairman)

Brian Jefferies (WWSA Harbour Master)

Carl Goulding (WWSA Secretary)

Iain Porter (WWSA Sailing Master)

Commodores (or club representatives):

Lenore Cannon (WSC)

Mark Kitchen (RSBB) *arrived 19:45*

Maciek (WWSA) *arrived 20:00*

Apologies:

Jon Russell (WWSA)

John Shepherd (WWSA President)

This meeting will be shorter than normal as the WWSA AGM will follow this meeting at 20:00. We may not have time to cover.

Minutes

Matters Arising

1. Security of the site

2. priority list

3. Complaint regarding the child.

At the moment the club of the child that was spoken to in an inappropriate manor has not been identified, thus I can not talk to the club in question.

Chairman's Report

I have noticed that other boats (fevas ?) that were not in the original boats that were displaced from the new extended area next to the laser beach have been put in the area. These boats need to be moved back to their original berths. They will be in the way when the Harbour Master needs to swap to the newly grassed area later in the year.

There is a nice number of suggestions from members on the to do list.

I have the bike information. I have received the information from one club (WSC), thus know that there are a minimum of 10 people who currently cycle to the Harp on their sailing days. We now need to look for possible locations for some bike racks.

Brian has made space for RSBB safety boats where Imperial had stored Fire Flies. The boats have been moved to this area but will need to be hidden / covered so that they cannot be seen from Birchen Grove. RSBB will look into how this can be achieved. He has also said that the 2 racks at towards the back of the boat park can be used for canoes / kayaks as no one uses them anymore. He



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has said that RSBB can make them more secure. RSBB will make something similar to what WHSC has built around the windsurfing kit.

In a discussion that followed, WHSC said that they only had 6 people cycling and they did not see the need to bike racks. If there were bike racks it would not encourage WHSC members to cycle to the Harp, 95% were negative responses to the question. 0% said it would be nice to have bike racks. Probably only 6 people cycle during the week and 2 at the weekend. 95 members of WHSC responded to the survey.

Treasurer Report

Will be given at the AGM that follows this meeting.
Accounts as yet have not been finalised.

Sailing Masters Report

Iain Porter reported that the listed of dates for planned events had now published to the WHSA Google Calendar. Upcoming fixtures have been amicably discussed and agreed with the clubs. Sea Cadet "A" day on the Saturday had been cancelled, the clubs had been informed on the Monday, giving them 6 days' notice that they could go back on the water and not lose any more water time. The Sunday "A" day is still going ahead. Brent Regatta is still on for Monday.

Harbour Masters Report

Weed

We have been touring the Harp with the V cutter and the paddle steamer but have found little indication of weed as yet. We will continue to check.

Committee Boat

Pamela has had a few teething problems – a heavier anchor has been added but it doesn't quite fit in the cradle – hopefully, a solution will be found. The horn was difficult to hear so a new one has been fitted by Maurice Cleal who had joined the Tuesday team.

We are going to fit a flag array on the fishing boat – it is intended to be used on a few occasions so it can be put on and removed easily.

We sold the old committee boats – one for £150 and the other for £600. We have just sold the engine from one of them for over £1,000.

Site

A lot of work was carried out by Maciej's team and has resulted in a new area and a deeper harbour. Half the area has been covered in topsoil and seeded with grass, once this has matured, we will do the same to the other half.

We have laid a test strip of Lanmat on one slipway to assess it in comparison with GRP grating.

Partly as a result of the work there are areas of the site which have been "chewed up" and we are working to put this right.



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Security

Unfortunately, two outboards were stolen recently. I think that everybody is now conscious of the attractiveness of small outboards. I don't know what more we can do. The site is pretty well fenced, there are floodlights and CCTV, but they seem to be ineffective. Clearly, we should make sure that gates are not left open, and we should hide the smaller outboards. There is little we can do on the larger ones but they are very heavy.

Possible future activity

Much of this depends on finance as the new wall and area reduced the coffers – Tony is best placed to speak on this.

- New area on singlehanded beach - we need more topsoil? I am waiting until the grass gets well established before we get this, and it is not happening that quickly. We are in the hands of the weather gods, but I think it will be another two to three months i.e. July
- Concrete the areas at the top of the boat park which have been chewed up by the Manitou I intend to do this fairly soon as it is not a great expenditure, and the ground has been badly cut up.
- New fendering on the main pontoon – My plan is to do this in late June or early July when the weather is suitable for hanging over the side of the pontoon. It will be done in hard wood and is likely to cost £2,500.
- Bike racks not sure where we would put them at the moment – still under discussion.
- Some concreting at the end of rows K & L to level and allow boats to be moved easily.
- Repairs to the starters box – solving the leak and then replacing the small area of ceiling.
- Removing the “signing on box” and creating a patio – depends very much on how far we want to go with this. The electric connections are in a cupboard in this building. Various ideas are being discussed.

Site Improvement List

Now that we have the start of a list the priority list is what we need to look at first as these are items that the members have requested.

Task	Suggested By	What is required	Completion Date
Electric winch on main slipway	WSC	Winch – to be able to launch and recover boats	
Security Fencing	RSBB	There are places whereby the security fence needs to be extended. Too easy to see into the site from Birchen Grove and the car park.	
Water tap by laser beach, attached to the Starter box.	WSC	Water tap to be able to wash off boats and windsurfing kit over by the starter box.	
Grouping of general boats on site		Putting all of the e.g. GP14's together in one location.	



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Accurate site plan		To know which boats belong to which club etc.	
Concreate plan		What other locations would benefit from being concreated?	
Buffers on pontoons		Replacement of damaged parts of the pontoon.	
Outside electrical point by laser beach, attached to the Starter box.		Power hose	
Widen Merlin berths		Look at where the Merlins could best be stored onsite.	
Chain trip hazard		Are they a trip hazard, to they need to be fixed to the ground in a different way?	
Corners of boat rows		Due to recent works onsite some of the entrances to boat rows have become damaged and are now in need of being replaced. Heavy lorries have broken the concrete.	
Windsurfer beach area		Removal of bramble and weed etc.	
Starter boxes		Bring them back into use as they have good line of site over the water.	
Bonfire area		The area where the fire is normally placed may need to have the concrete replacing as over time it has become damaged.	
Image of the site		The overall image of the site could be improved. Boat not used could be removed. Other boats could be covered behind hoardings etc.	
Bike rack		To stop bikes from being chained to e.g. powerboats.	
Non-Slip surface by waters edge.		Trial of no-slip surface.	

Long Term Projects

Task	Suggested by	What is required	Completion Date
WHSA Shed – Replacement of as roof is falling in.	WHSA	Replace with a 2 floor to be able to cater for future demand.	??
Silt treatment	WHSA		

The above items will be prioritised as to what could be achievable this year, depending upon WHSA funds.

Priority list (to be discussed)

1. **New frontage and get the spacing agreed.**
2. **Picnic and green teaching/ observation space**
3. **Water and hoses on laser area with electrical point**
4. **Berth numbering**



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5. **Image of the site**
6. **Buffers on the pontoons**
7. **Surfaces of Slipway**
8. **Bike Rack**

Any Other Business

The question was asked as to where Marks 7 and 8 normal are. Iain Porter has an 'original' map he would share with Manfred.

Covid update, We will need to wait to hear from the government and then the RYA in June as to if the lock down will be eased in the future.

It was suggested that the WHSA should invest in the website and marketing of the Welsh harp.

Future Meetings

The meetings of the association are held every 2 months, unless another meeting is required. The meetings will be in the last week of the month. The meetings will roll on a day every 2 months, starting with January. If the meeting day falls on a public holiday, the meeting will be held the week before. It was agreed that meetings will be on a rolling bases between Mondays, Tuesday, and Wednesdays.

Monday 26 th July 2021	Excom Meeting
Tuesday 28 th Sept 2021	Excom Meeting
Wednesday 24 th Nov 2021	Excom & Council Meeting
Monday 31 st Jan 2022	Excom Meeting
Tuesday 29 th March 2022	Excom Meeting
Wednesday 25 th May 2022	Excom Meeting & AGM

Meeting closed at 20:00