

# South Wales Branch DSWA-GB

## AGM

**Brecon RFC 7.30pm 07-11-12**

**PRESENT:** Ceri Jenkins, Brian Lock, Martin Rathbone, Martyn Jones, Hywell Griffiths.

**APOLOGIES:** John Pasztor, Philip Clark, Ken Young, Toby Small, Nigel Spiers, Andy Smith.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Chairman Ceri Jenkins, Secretary Brian Lock, Treasurer Nigel Spiers.

**COMMITTEE:** Martin Rathbone, Martyn Jones, Toby Small, Hywell Griffiths, Andy Smith.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Agreed

### **MATTERS ARISING**

- **SHOWS:** The **Spring show** at Builth Wells was a poor show by our standards due to lack of interest by members, **BL** stated that the branch should not attend shows if we are going to struggle to get members to help, **CJ** stated we should try to get more members involved and try to improve next year this was agreed.  
The **Royal Welsh Show** all went ok, the weather was beautiful. A real plus was the members from North Wales who helped at our stand, but we need new ideas for 2013.  
**Pembrokeshire show** again a serious lack of members Ceri was asked if the branch should stop attending this show but said he enjoyed the show and he would lead the branch at this show.
- **TRAINING:** 41 people attended our courses in 2011-2012 with some very good feedback. It was stated by **MJ** that we need a new training site in a more prominent place to promote the DSWA to the general public, this was agreed by all and will be looked into and stay within the BBNP boundaries.
- **Competition:** 7 people competed at Vaynor with Ceri Jenkins winning the professional & Brian Lock the amateur we are now a long way from the show field and at a recent show meeting **BL** asked if we could move down to the show field next year as we are now too far away this was agreed in principle.
- **Certification week:** The certification week was a huge success with all 10 candidates passing, well done to Martin Rathbone & Nigel Spiers for running such a good course. It was mentioned by the examiners how well prepared the candidates were and the facilities that were on site. They stated it is a pleasure to come to a South Wales test day. However one person who came from another the branch did not turn up until late Tuesday and did not have the skill level to do the intermediate test and subsequently did not turn up on the test day. **MR** stated from now on anyone

who wants to attend our certification course from another branch should attend one of our training weekends first so we can assess if they are up to the mark required this was agreed. **BL** stated that we should only allow 10 people and keep 2 places spare in case any of our members are late wanting to join the course this was agreed. We are trying for funding for 2013 to run another test week.

- **FINANCE:** In the absence of the treasurer **BL** presented a balance sheet which he had received by email with a balance on 31-08-12 of £3,807.81.
- **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** **CJ** asked if we could try for funding for an Ivor Williams box trailer and tools from Brecon Beacons Trust. **BL** stated that this would cost in excess of £3,000 and he will look into this over the winter. New dates were set for 2013 as attached. It was also stated by all at the meeting about the disappointing attendance at the AGM. Next year the AGM will be on a Saturday at 5pm approx with a meal at 6.30pm and all partners are welcome.

**MEETING ENDED 9.10PM**