

Meeting to form the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association on 29 May 2010

Education Centre, Scottish Fisheries Museum, Anstruther

1. Organisations represented at the meeting are listed on the attached sheet.
2. Mr David Tod from the Scottish Fisheries Museum welcomed everyone to the meeting. Robbie Wightman, secretary of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Project introduced the other members of the SCRP: Mr, Alec Jordan from Jordan Boats and Ian Clark from Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club.
3. Robbie invited those present to form an Association to be known as the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association (“SCRA”). This was agreed unanimously.

Inaugural meeting of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association (SCRA)

1. Election of office bearers to SCRA

Robbie Wightman invited nominations from the meeting for the posts of:

- a. Convenor
- b. Treasurer
- c. Secretary; and
- d. Up to six ordinary committee members, including webmaster.

It was agreed that the posts should be filled as follows:

Convenor Robbie Wightman, Treasurer Topher Dawson, Secretary Ian Clark, Webmaster Peter Nisbet. The remaining posts would be filled as soon as possible.

Note: It was the recommendation of the steering group that there be representation on the committee from North West, North East, South West (including Clyde) and South East on the Committee, and that all members of the committee should be members of organisations which are themselves members of the SCRA.

- 2 Robbie Wightman proposed the following Resolutions:

1. Resolution: In recognition of the impetus given to the project by the Scottish Fisheries Museum, to invite the Scottish Fisheries Museum to accept the honorary position of “Patron” for the period of 2 years.

This was unanimously agreed.

2. Resolution: To adopt as the Constitution of the SCRA, the document annotated as V1.4, and published at <http://scottishcoastalrowing.org/documents/>.

This was agreed unanimously.

Mr Jim McRitchie asked whether individuals could become members of the SCRA. The Convenor replied that only organisations could be members at this time. The Committee would take this suggestion forward.

3. Resolution: To adopt the Rules of Racing annotated as version 3 and published at <http://scottishcoastalrowing.org/documents/> as the Rules of Racing of the SCRA.

This was agreed unanimously.

4. Resolution: To adopt the Measurement Rules, annotated as version 5 and published at <http://scottishcoastalrowing.org/documents/>, as the Class Measurement Rules for the St Ayles Skiff.

This was agreed unanimously.

5. Resolution: To approve a subscription of £20 in the first instance payable by each member organisation to the Association.

This was agreed unanimously.

6. Resolution: That Bank of Scotland shall be appointed as SCRA bankers, and that the said Bank be requested to honour all Cheques and Orders provided that such documents are signed by any of the signatories (being the Convenor, Treasurer and Secretary elected today) even although any such payment creates or increases an overdraft on the said account.

This was agreed unanimously.

7. Resolution: To disband the Steering Group of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Project and call upon the SCRA committee to (i) investigate common insurance for the craft and membership of the SCRA and for the Association itself; (ii) to investigate coaching and training suitable for members of the Association (iii) to promote the building and rowing of St Ayles skiffs in communities who have yet to become involved in the project.

This was agreed unanimously.

8. Insurance: Ian Clark explained that he had obtained quotations and information from a number of brokers including Noble Marine, Sunderland, Heath Lambert, Perkins Slade, Elite Rowing, Groves John and Westrup, McKay Corporate. In his opinion, Heath Lambert, who are agents to Groves John and Westrup provided the best package for Clubs and this was his

recommendation. A list of comparative costs had been circulated and is available. (Note, a number of clubs have now insured with heath Lambert)

9. Coaching: Ian reported that he had been in touch with the Scottish Rowing Association, The Sea Cadet Corps, the RYA, and Rowing GB as well as the Welsh Sea Rowing Association. The Scottish Rowing Association, who are the Sport's governing body in Scotland use tutors from Rowing GB who have experience of Coastal Rowing in Fixed Seats, have promised to provide UKCC standard Coaching Courses in September. Ian was of the opinion that the content of the Course should be agreed in consultation with the SCRA and other bodies with relevant experience. He advised member Clubs that if they use experienced persons within their own Clubs to provide training, coaching, or even providing help to novice rowers, they should ensure that they have relevant personal insurance, or that they are covered by "member to member" insurance within the Club. The Committee will make the subject of coaching a top priority.

10. Vote of thanks.

Robbie thanked all present for their attendance, as well as the members of the SCRP especially the Scottish Fisheries Museum for taking the initiative to bring the St Ayles Skiff to life, and for their support in promoting it.

11. The meeting Adjourned to allow members to go racing in St Ayles skiffs.

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