

SCRA AGM  
AGM 24.10.15

At the Kirk Hall, Callander  
At 1800

Clubs and Individual Members Present:

An Eathar; Anstruther; Avoch; Blakeney; Boatie Blest (P. S. & Cockenzie); Broughty Ferry; Carrick; Catterline; Collieston; Crail; Cumbrae; Eastern; Eskmuth (Musselburgh); Firth of Clyde; Gourdon; Islay; Isle of Seil RC; North Berwick RC; Pittenweem; Portsoy; Rowporty (Portobello); Royal West of Scotland; South Queensferry; St. Andrews; Ullapool CRC; Wormit.

Apologies:

None had been received

Minutes of the 2014 AGM

These were scrutinised, and proposed acceptance, agreed.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report:

Detailed accounts were tabled and the Treasurer spoke briefly to these.

The 2014-15 Accounts are available at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JT6qzbJF13Ytd7m1LGYabCGHGrQShKDHuREReycRLt8/edit#gid=1514615413>

Some specific points and explanations were raised and provided:

An Eathar asked that the club be included in the list of those who had paid - agreed;  
Loch Insh costs: it was explained these were for the 2014 Freshwater Regatta and AM facilities - noted;  
Coxes training evidenced the development of the Association's capacity-building for this activity – noted and supported;  
Donation to Worlds: the Committee had made an executive decision to invest in the event – noted and agreed;  
The 2015-16 accounts to show purchase of a set of race marks (as used today) – noted.  
The Accounts were subsequently formally approved.

Membership Fee: proposed to remain at £60 per year per member organisation, affirmed by consensus.

Convener's Report:

The Convener summarised his report, available to those present, and at [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uHFu\\_V5ooOuIgNpDsADVWAvw\\_zjCoahw5K-pplrS2Is/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uHFu_V5ooOuIgNpDsADVWAvw_zjCoahw5K-pplrS2Is/edit)

And this was accepted.

The following committee members were elected:  
Robbie Wightman (North Berwick) Convener  
Topher Dawson (Ullapool) Treasurer  
Andrew Rendle (St Andrews) Secretary

Ali Grant (RowPorty) Coaching Rep  
Wendy Clements (Portsoy)  
Stuart Mack (Boatie Blest)  
Richard Wemyss (St Ayles Anstruther and SFM)  
Audrey Horsburgh (St Ayles Anstruther)  
Karen Burrows (Collieston)  
Sue Fenton (Isle of Seil)  
Fergus Forsyth (Carrick)

Grateful thanks were repeated for the work and enthusiasm of outgoing committee members Barbara Elliot, David Tod and Peter Ashe.

World Championships 2016 (Update)

The Convener reported that good progress was being made on preparations for the event. As might be expected, at this stage, there was still a good deal to be done practically, but the agencies and Clubs involved locally were working well together.

Formation of an International Association

This had been publicised here: <http://scottishcoastalrowing.org/2015/09/22/proposal-for-an-international-st-ayles-skiff-federation/>

Following a brief resume by the Convener, this was proposed and accepted by affirmation.

Amendments to Constitution

Following a brief resume of the rationale of each clause by the Convener, each amendment was put to the vote:

In Paragraph 4.2, insert the words "colour, creed, sexual preference, impairment or disability" after the word "sex". [passed unanimously]

In section 5 ("Management"), add a new paragraph: "5.5 no more than two members of the committee shall be drawn from the membership of the same club". [passed unanimously].

In paragraph 9.4 change “one half” to “one third”, of the voting rights to make up a quorum at General Meetings. [passed unanimously].

In Paragraph 10.2 delete “provided that if a Member shall be admitted after the commencement of a subscription year, the subscription payable by that Member for that year shall be the proportion of the appropriate annual subscription in relation to the number of complete months left in the annual year” and replace it with the following: “provided that if a new Member Organisation joins the Association for the first time and pays their subscription after the end of July, that subscription will last until the AGM of the following calendar year.” [passed unanimously].

#### Club Survey Results

Thanks were given to all Club respondents for providing an encouragingly full set of information.

The convener provided selected highlights from the material:

Scottish SCRA Clubs had 2196 members and in addition 2214 non members were taken out rowing in the 12 months leading up to the survey.

90% of our skiff rowers had no experience of rowing in any form before rowing in a St Ayles.

75% of our rowers had no significant boating experience before rowing in a St Ayles.

53 % of our rowers are women.

All age groups within a community are involved. Across the clubs the highest proportions of members are seen in the age categories of 50 – 59, followed closely by the 40 – 49 years olds, and then >60 being the next largest group.

Average Cost of Club membership is £35 per year, although it is difficult to make a straight comparison, as some clubs charge a small session fee.

Any Other Competent Business:

No other competent business had been notified.

The meeting closed at 1930.