

**SCOTTISH COASTAL ROWING ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**LOCH TUMMEL**

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**Clubs Attending**

An Eathar, Annan, Arran, Avoch, Black Rocks, Boatie Blest, Broughty Ferry, Burghead, Carrick, Crail, Cromarty, Cumbrae, Dunbar, Eastern, Elie, Eskmuthie, FOCCR, Golspie, Isle of Seil, Kinghorn, Lossiemouth, Nairn, North Berwick, North Queensferry, Orkney, Queensferry, Pittenweem, Portsoy, Prestwick, Queensferry, Renegade, RowPorty, Royal West, Sketrick, Stranraer, St.Andrews, St Ayles, Strathpeffer, Sutor Skiffies Tiree, Troon. Ullapool, Wigtown Bay; Wormit, Woudrichem.

**Apologies**

Blakeney, Newburgh, Grimsay

The Minutes for the 2018 AGM have been published and available on the website.

These were proposed by Wendy Clements and seconded by Lindsay Watt

**Matters Arising**

An update on the situation with Scottish Rowing will be included in the Convenor's report

**Treasurers Report**

A copy of the report was available for viewing and was published on the website.

As at the AGM – there were 73 paid up clubs – most at the standard rate of £60 but a few at the reduced rate for clubs with fewer than 20 members (£40).

Total Income - £10,661 Expenditure £10,433

Costs – FWS/AGM - £500 – very good value and we are very grateful to Loch Tummel Sailing Club and for the very good value of the event.

£800 for insurance – corporate dealings insurance.

Worlds Expenses - £3454.20 including Towing costs (£105.00) cake (£120.00), medals (£1729.20) Speaker Accommodation (£180.00) and the Drone Trial (£1320.00) at Ullapool Regatta

Costs also include provision of Training Courses at Stranraer, Stonehaven and Tiree.

Start-up Costs for the SASI website

Training film £3000 and funding for the 2020 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Film – holding £5361 for this funding

It was agreed that the fees for 2019-2020 would remain the same - £60 for clubs with more than 20 members, £40 for clubs with fewer than 20 members

Thanks to Topher for his continued efforts as Treasurer.

Skiff World Championships \_ Sue Fenton – Feedback Survey

58 Clubs responded to the survey request representing a total of 1187 rowers

An average of 20 rowers per club with a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 50

89% of respondents were happy with the Race Categories, while 94% were happy with the Race type and length.

95% thought that the Umpiring was OK

The next section required a number of thumbs up from 0 to 10 to indicate happiness /approval with 68% voting 10 thumbs for the Loch Ryan Venue.

7-10 Thumbs were noted for the water venue

Launching and Recovery

Scrutineering

Equipment

Shore Side Infrastructure 57% 10 thumbs

Drone – note – due to conditions there were a number of occasions when they could not fly due to weather conditions

Worlds Cycle – 84% OK every 3 years

In general – responses were so positive – people facilities and work

We owe our thanks to someone who imagined and delivered the Worlds on a different scale and to whom we are delighted to present an SCRA Quaich in recognition of all that she has done.

Wendi Cuffe (Stranraer) presented with an SCRA Quaich in recognition of all that she has done for the St Ayles Skiff World Championships in July 2019

## **Convenor's Report 2019**

Firstly I have now been in the post of Convenor for 10 years – we are no longer the new kids on the block as compared to the first AGM minutes from 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and did not then realise that we would have reached this stage. Thank you to those who attended the first meeting - North Berwick RC , Coigach, Eyemouth, St Abbs, Dunbar, Royal West , Newhaven, Portobello, Ullapool and Portsoy.

Skiffeworlds took up a lot of time over this past year, however we did spread the load of acting as Chief Umpire – 3 of us took 2 days each leaving time to race and enjoy what Stranraer had to offer and that was very pleasing

SCRA membership now stands at 70 clubs in Scotland with 3 outwith Scotland.- Scottish Rowing have been going for 150 years and only have half that number.

We have produced and published a series of 6 Coaching Videos – thanks go to Newhaven Club and Tim Down.

Thanks also to Raw Film who are producing a film to celebrate our 10 years and will be involved in the filming of the RowAround

SASI – St Ayles Skiff International – Dutch , Irish and Australian representatives have agreed to form SASI as the International Class Association for the St Ayles Skiff.

SCRA are at present the Class Association for these skiffs and by forming SASI we be able to form and develop a model to be recreated elsewhere – with the 4 national associations already signed up.

This will then internationally organise One Design Racing – just as we have taken part in today.

### **Relationships with Other Bodies**

#### **Irish Coastal Rowing Federation**

I attended a weekend get together

#### **Cornish Pilot Gig Association**

Working quite close with them recently with some close contact

### **Scottish Government Cross Party Working Group on Marine Tourism and Recreational Boating**

Andy and I attend meetings of this group and at the last meeting we gave a presentation on the Worlds.

### **Incident Reports**

We regard these as providing a very positive input and they are very much appreciated and therefore request that clubs fill out a report and submit it for the committee to view and subsequently issue Safety Notices or other Guidance.

We have 3 outstanding Incident Reports to discuss at the next Committee Meeting.

### **Scottish Rowing:**

**“No club that is a member of Scottish Rowing will be permitted to race in any race held under the rules of the SCRA”**

This has recently been changed to “ An individual member of Scottish Rowing needs approval from Scottish Rowing to row in SCRA events”.

We consider this to be inappropriate and have invited SR to address this issue.

At present there exists a draft Memorandum of Understanding between Scottish Rowing and Scottish Coastal Rowing Association which is being worked on with a view to agreeing and adopting in December.

Otherwise – there is no update on our relationship with Scottish Rowing

I would wish to update the meeting on my personal plans – I have been involved with SCRA since May 29<sup>th</sup> 2010 and have been convenor for going on 10 year. If you are kind enough to elect me again at this meeting , I shall be standing down as Convenor in May 2020 and this will be my last AGM that I address as your convenor.

Topher asked the assembled delegates to express their vote of thanks to Robbie , for all he has done and that he has done a fantastic job as convenor

Delegate Applause and approval.

### **Proposed Resolution**

This meeting asks clubs to give the committee the powers to set up an SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

The present constitution is nearly 10 years old anvarious options and d we have set up a small group to look at Governance – this group has recommended that we form SCRA into an SCIO.

Wendy Barbour (Eskmuthe) one of the Governance Group gave a briefing on the set up and the benefits including the advantages of a legal structure with minimum administration and would benefit committee membership with protections and the ability to enter into contracts.

A Draft Constitution suitable for taking forward has been submitted to the membership prior to this meeting.

Questions – Adam Graham -How does this affect clubs not based in Scotland

Membership is open to all – however voting members must be based in Scotland therefore all clubs outwith Scotland would apply to join as non-voting members..

Following a call for any objections – the response being negative – the resolution was affirmed by those present.

### **Green Flags**

The SCRA is not just about competition and we have an award of Green Flags to those clubs who submit a report on their activities which protect the environment.

This years awards go to:

Boatie Blest

Stranraer

FOCCR

Queensferry

And – following the AGM – green flag sent to Wormit.

Details of the contributions are available of the website.

### **Proposed resolution**

To enable the setting up of St Ayles Skiff International which when formed will become the International Class Association for the St Ayles Skiff.

Approved by affirmation

### **RowAround Scotland – Sue Fenton**

A meeting of those section pilots who are available on the Sunday following the AGM would be held.

The RowAround is to celebrate 10 years of the SCRA by rowing right round the coast of Scotland – there are sections where we will be using alternative means for example – swimming , cycling , horse and cart driving around all 70 of the Scottish clubs.

The event will commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> April near Annan and finish at Loch Tummel for the FreshWaterSprints & AGM 2020 in October.

Each section has been allocated a timeframe of two week blocks – 12 Pilots and each section will hold a celebratory event , try a row event or a regatta to bring rowing to the wider community. It may be possible for some clubs to row in convoy.

We have been awarded some money which unfortunately we cannot publicly announce but details will be released.

We would like the pilots to look at and approve an appropriate logo,

Thanks to Sue.

We wish the RowAround to involve every club even the quiet or dormant clubs as our wish is to include everyone involved,.

### **Blue Flag**

This has been announced and is awarded to clubs who engage in community involvement activities and following a submitted report the following awards are to be made to: -

Arran – Emergency Services Regatta

Portsoy – MS Society

Orkney – Row round Mainland

Ullapool – Minch row for MS

Details of the above published on the website.

### **Cruising Log**

Three excellent entries :-

Eastern – Round the Forth – permanent and inspirational

An Eathar – beautifully written and stunningly photographed

Woudrichem – Week long European River Expedition

Cruising Log Competition Winners - Woudrichem

All entries posted on the SCRA Website.

### **Election of Office Bearers**

The meeting affirmed the election of committee members as follows:-

Convenor- Robbie Wightman

Secretary – Andrew Rendle

Treasurer – Wendy Clements

Coaching – Ali Grant

SouthEast – Stuart Mack

SouthWest – Adam Graham

NorthWest – Sue Fenton

Western Isles – Anna Mackenzie

NorthEast – Wendy Clements

Fife – Elsie Johnstone

Fife (and Scottish Fisheries Museum contact) – Shona Muirhead

### **Any Other Business**

We have received a request asking those who organise regattas/events to include more Novice races.

We commend this suggestion

### **Events**

Early spring 2020 – Regatta organisers weekend

We had two new events this year – at Morvern and Strathpeffer.

We are growing organisation and existing competitions get filled up quickly – we need more events!!!

Thank you for your patience

Thanks to Loch Tummel Sailing Club

The meeting closed at 18:45hrs

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