

Scottish Rowing
AGM – 11th of October 2015
 The Watersports Centre, 366 Hamilton Road, Motherwell

Welcome

Mike Morrice (MMo) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

MMo reminded the meeting of the new Club Representation forms which are to be fully completed to enable representatives to vote.

MMo congratulated Aberdeen Boat Club, Nithsdale Amateur Rowing Club and Clyde Amateur Rowing Club on celebrating their 150th anniversary.

MMo welcomed the newly affiliated Tay Rowing Club to the meeting.

Highlights from Scottish Rowing include:

- The performance from Josh Armstrong and Gavin Horsburgh on their gold medal achievement at Rio.
- Strathclyde Park is to host the 2018 Rowing Championships which will see major investment to the park and facilities.
- Recruitment of two new Regional Managers.
- Recruitment of a new Board Member, Euan Faulds, who is taking the position of Director of Corporate Governance and will ensure the sport moves forward.

MMo informed the meeting that Graham Butler will be stepping down from his position as Treasurer on the Scottish Rowing Board, and thanked him for the fantastic role he has played and his support to Scottish Rowing.

MMo thanked the continued support from the Board, SR staff, committees, clubs and key partners such as **sportscotland**.

The Annual Review has been circulated.

1 Accreditation

Martin Claxton (MC) confirmed the following:

- 12 Clubs represented
- 1 fully completed Proxy vote received

MC reminded the meeting about the two forms which were circulated to allow the Clubs to vote.

Club	Name	Name
Aberdeen Boat Club	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Aberdeen Schools Rowing Association	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Aberdeen University Boat Club		
Castle Semple Rowing Club	Jo Pinder	K. Sanders
Clyde Amateur Rowing Club	Bernie Gillion	Andrew Caldwell

Clydesdale Amateur Rowing Club		
Deeside Scullers Club		
Dundee University Boat Club		
Edinburgh University Boat Club	Charlotte Dobson	Charles Thompson
Eden Boat Club		
George Heriots School RC		
George Watson's College Rowing Club	Apologies Received	
Glasgow Academy Rowing Club		
Glasgow Rowing Club		
Glasgow Schools Rowing Club	Mike Haggerty	Ronnie Goldie
Glasgow University Boat Club	Calum Williamson	Laura Rankin
Heriot Watt University Boat Club		
Inverness Rowing Club		
Loch Lomond Rowing Club		
Nithsdale Amateur Rowing Club	Melanie Platten	Emma Stanforth
North British Rowing Club	Graham Butler	
Robert Gordon University Boat Club		
Scottish Schools Rowing Council	Bob Neill	
St Andrew Boat Club	Iain Wilson	
St Andrews University Boat Club	Rowan Wood	
Stirling Rowing Club		
Stirling University Boat Club	Elijah Mtonga	
Strathclyde Park Rowing Club	Alistair Neil	Ailie Ord
Strathclyde University Boat Club	Aimee MacDonald	Jean Parry
Tay Rowing Club	Stewart Fleming	
BOARD		
Board	Martin Claxton	
Board	Caroline Parker	
Board	John Gill	
Board	Dorothy Roberts (Appointed)	
Board	Euan Faulds	
OBSERVERS		
Ken McCracken – JRD Accountancy	Amanda Cobb – C.O.O. SR	
Olivia Crooks – Minute Taker		
Edinburgh University Boat Club	Colin Williamson	

2	<p><u>Notice of Meeting</u></p> <p>It was agreed by Members represented that the Notice of Meeting was in order.</p>
3	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>MMo confirmed Apologies were received from;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Snowden • Peter Morrison • Katherine Grainger • Gemma Fay • Ron Wallace • ASRA • GWCRC • Alex Wann – ABC
4	<p><u>Approval of Previous Minutes</u></p> <p>4.1 – Annual General Meeting, 26th October, 2014 (Appendix 1)</p> <p>Paper previously circulated. The Minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and approved.</p> <p>4.2 – Extra-ordinary General Meeting, 8th February, 2015 (Appendix 2)</p> <p>Paper previously circulated. The Minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and approved.</p>
5	<p><u>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</u></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
6	<p><u>President’s Report</u></p> <p>6.1. Presentation of Scottish Rowing Annual Report</p> <p>This year has been one of success and progress for Scottish Rowing. It has been an incredible year for Scottish athletes and clubs at domestic, national and international level. The number of Scottish athletes on GB rowing teams has been unprecedented with 22 athletes representing GB at all levels, 10 podium places and 4 world champions.</p> <p>Seventeen of our 2014 Scotland Team went on to represent GB this year; however any concerns about being able to maintain the 2014 level of competitiveness at the Home International Regatta were unfounded. The senior men retained the team trophy while every member of the women’s team won a gold medal.</p> <p>Further evidence that there is a strong pipeline of talent was the fantastic performances by Josh Armstrong and Gavin Horsburgh, both coached by Iain Somerside at Glasgow Schools Rowing Club. Following on from a record breaking row at Henley Royal Regatta, they returned from the World Rowing Junior Championships in Rio as well deserved World Champions. To put things into context this is the first Gold Medal that</p>

GB Rowing has won in a Quad Scull at a World Championships.

On the development front we have been building our staff team and now have a full complement of Regional Development Managers. As well as working with clubs, they have been focused on increasing engagement with schools across Scotland. Last year saw the inaugural Scottish School Indoor Rowing Championships and we are sure that there will be even more schools entering it next year. We then followed this up with a successful pilot indoor league for schools.

Delivering growth in Scottish Rowing is not without its challenges. Facility developments take time and clubs and volunteers are still under resourced in terms of coaching capacity and volunteers. As we look forward to 2016 and what we hope will be another successful Olympics for the GB Rowing Team, the challenge will be to get "Ready for Rio".

It has been a busy year for events. In addition to Strathclyde Park Regatta and Scottish Championships, we also hosted a successful Home International Regatta. Thanks go to the organising committee and event volunteers for their hard work in making these events a success. The week before HIR Strathclyde Park also hosted the British Rowing Junior Championships which saw a record entry for the event when held in Scotland with many complimentary remarks made about the venue and the warm welcome everyone received. We look forward to getting more British Championships events to Scotland.

We are delighted that Scottish Rowing will be playing its part in hosting the European Rowing Championships in 2018. This event will form part of the larger European Sports Championships, a virtual multi-sport event being hosted by Glasgow and we look forward to welcoming international competition back to Strathclyde Park.

As well as progressing our sport, we are also making progress in modernising our organisation. Euan Faulds has joined the Board of Scottish Rowing as the new Director of Corporate Governance. This is the first external appointment under the new Articles of Association which were approved at an EGM in February. Graham Butler is stepping down from the Board at the AGM and I thank him for his many years of support and service as a Director.

Thanks are also due to Gary Bain who retired as Chair of the Race Control Commission during the year. Neil MacFarlane has picked up the baton and is continuing the good work done by Gary and his predecessors.

Our success this year is due to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in our sport – volunteer and coaches in clubs, my Board colleagues and the staff. We are also fortunate to have strong productive partners. We are grateful to sportscotland for their continued funding, advice and support to our sport. Our University partnerships also provide mutual benefits and we hope these will continue to develop and flourish.

We are building strong foundations for the future and we look forward to 2016, an Olympic year, with anticipation and ambition

<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Chief Operating Officers Report (as per slides)</u></p> <p>AC presented the report to the Meeting.</p> <p><i>Development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On track to hit four year performance targets in spite of slower growth in club membership. • Membership growth is slowing as Clubs are beginning to meet their capacity. • Development Conference talks can be located on YouTube. • Schools Indoor League competition is being held in November 2015. <p><i>Finance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted the growth in turnover as a consequence of the Commonwealth Rowing Championships 2014. • Secured funding in place for Coaching Futures post. • Forecasting a small loss in 2015/16 as spending retained funding.
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Proposal of Scottish Rowing Membership fees for year ending March 2017</u></p> <p>The proposal is to keep the Scottish Rowing Membership fees unchanged.</p> <p>Fees for 2016/17 approved.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>9.1 Presentation of Accounts</p> <p>Papers previously circulated.</p> <p>9.1.1. Account for the year ended 31st March 2015 (Appendix 3)</p> <p>Papers previously circulated.</p> <p>Ian Wilson requested details of the performance funding. KM directed him to the supplementary accounts for a detailed breakdown of expenditure.</p> <p>9.1.2. Supplementary Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 (Appendix 4)</p> <p>Papers previously circulated.</p> <p>9.1.3. Scottish Rowing group analysis for period ending March 2015 (Appendix 5)</p> <p>Papers previously circulated.</p> <p>9.1.4. Proposal of Accountant</p> <p>Papers previously circulated.</p> <p>All in agreement for JRD to continue in their role as SR accountant.</p> <p>The expenditure for SR hosted events was questioned along with the fact that different</p>

	<p>events have different athlete costs due to logistics. Also raised were funding opportunities available to SR and the importance of this funding being secured to allow as much support and opportunities as possible to be available to athletes.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Nominations for Board Members</u></p> <p>10.1 – Director of Sport Governance – Martin Claxton</p> <p>Approved.</p> <p>10.2. – Director of Performance – Dorothy Roberts</p> <p>Approved.</p> <p>10.3. – Director of Coaching – John Gill</p> <p>Approved.</p> <p>10.4. – Director of Development – Alistair Neil</p> <p>Approved.</p> <p>MMo noted that SR are now hoping to recruit a Director with responsibility for Business Development and Marketing. MMo thanked the Board members for their continued support and commitment to SR.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p><u>Other Competent Business</u></p> <p>Racing Calendar</p> <p>Paper previously circulated.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the proposed racing calendar and clashes that have previously occurred throughout Scotland and it was highlighted that academic dates also need to be taken into consideration. MMo agreed that the appropriate amendments need to be made to accommodate these issues and advised that Neil MacFarlane will be contacted regarding this.</p> <p>Veteran to Masters</p> <p>SR have been approached with the suggestion of amending the terminology of Veteran to Masters and, as there have been no objections from the DROC or Racing Committee, MMo has advised that this will be implemented next year.</p> <p>Race Control</p> <p>The rule change proposal from Jason Foster of GWCRC was discussed. Key points raised include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The definition of coaching as opposed to encouragement from coaches when racing is taking place. • Whether there is a need to bring Scotland into line with England.

SR Umpires explained that their duty is to ensure that the event is safe for all athletes taking part in the race.

Consensus is that this matter needs to be fully discussed and reviewed at a later date by the Race Control Committee.

There is a Schools Head Race meeting on 25th October in Edinburgh although MMo noted Neil MacFarlane had informed him that the School's application form has not been completed or submitted.

A.O.C.B.

The meeting recognised the loss of some significant individuals from the Rowing Community including Hugh McGoldrick and Jim MacRitchie.

Discussion took place on the Polmadie Bridge closure and Alistair Neil informed the meeting that the most up to date news is that the bridge is to be demolished and parts of the river are closed until March 2016. Safety of boat usage on this part of the Clyde was highlighted due to the volume of activity at peak times.

Mike Haggerty advised that he has been informed of changes to the British Rowing Board. MMo explained to the meeting there have been changes to the number of British Rowing directors, and as a consequence there is now only one Home Nations Director instead of two. MMo went on to explain that there are also changes occurring in the MoU between Welsh Rowing, British Rowing and Scottish Rowing. MMo informed the meeting that SR have objections to the wording of the MoU which were currently delaying the finalisation of this document.

Mike Haggerty stated that when the ARA rebranded as British Rowing, they were promised a place on the BR Board to ensure that SR had a voice and was consulted. However he pointed out that he felt that SR is now not represented at this higher level. MMo agreed that SR now only had periodic representation but wanted to ensure that maintaining strong relationships with the other nations was still a priority.

Date of next meeting

Provisionally the date of the next AGM is 16th October 2016 and clubs will be consulted if this date is required to be amended.