

SASI Limited Board Meeting Number #21

31 August 2025

Agenda Item	Precis	Actions
1. Apologies and Attendance	Max Berends Kees van Vugt Claire Simpson Topher Dawson Rory Reilly (observer) Judith Uys Robert Graham Apologies - Bev Meek	
2. Minutes of the last meeting and Matters arising	Minutes of the last meeting were approved	
3. World Championship 2025 Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medals - merchandise - Age Validation - Scrutineering - Mark Laying - Skiff Pictorial - Scoring System - Tracker System/Cameras/Large screen - Entries - Lane Draws and Racing Schedule 	<p>Merchandise -Thanks was given to JU for creating the poster which was sold at the merchandise tent. Most were sold and a good profit was made which will go towards SASI costs and the purchase of the medals. There was a substantial number of the signed St Ayles Skiff drawings sold (see treasures report). At the time of the meeting SWSA was still to make the contribution towards the medals. Update since the meeting is that £5000 has been paid to SASI to cover the cost of the medals. RG suggested a policy of charging an entry fee at the next Worlds to raise money with 50% to go to hosts and 50% to SASI to cover the costs of the medals.</p> <p>Age Validation - TD reported an ongoing issue with the age of one rower. It appeared to have been resolved at the time of the World Championships but further evidence reported to SCRA much later has required further investigation which is ongoing. Update on the SCRA Age Verification is that one rower in a medal winning crew was not age compliant. The crew has been disqualified and the medals and championship points are being reallocated to the compliant crews. It was agreed that SCRA's Wendy Clement and her team did an excellent job of checking the ID of the medal winners.</p> <p>Scrutineering Document - Summary from Stuart Mack</p> <p>KV and RG agreed that the process was very well carried out and was effective. TD noted that the process picked up a few non-compliance issues but that they were all fixed during the scrutineering process and nobody was prevented from competing.</p> <p>Mark Laying - MB thanked TD for his enormous efforts in getting the course laid. TD reported it was not a smooth process as the chief instructor at SWSA resigned the week before the first parts of the course were to be laid. TD explained the gear is all stored in a container in Stranraer and is the property of SWSA. RG asked about improvements and TD explained that the large yachts assigned to the umpiring roles were not suited to moving over the lines which were 1.5m below the surface. As the water is 2m deep minimum with boulders sticking up, the lines have to be 1.5m under the water, which is fine for skiff rudders and outboard motor boats but not large yachts. The turn line bellying was fixed during the event, using a north and a south anchor line fastened to the centre of the</p>	<p>TD to report on the verdict of the investigation</p> <p>CS is communicating with affected clubs in the reallocation of medals and championship points. MB to write and thank WC</p> <p>CS to request raw data from SM</p> <p>MB to write and thank SM</p> <p>CS to store TD Mark Laying documents on the SASI drive.</p>

	<p>turn line. TD has sent a number of documents to CS who will store them on the SASI drive for future reference.</p> <p>Skiff Pictorials -A huge thanks go to Andy Rendle and Judith Uyss for their work on Skiff Pictorials. AR's pictorial sheets for each race were invaluable in the umpire box. RG explained that all DCRA boats should have and IRL number. JU requested a photo of each skiff is collected on registration along with their number.</p> <p>Scoring System - Another huge thanks to Stphen Hall and Judith Uyss for creating and testing the scoring system together which worked very well over the whole championships. The user-friendly and integrated system was commended by all on the SASI board.</p> <p>Tracker System/cameras/large screen - Despite there being no practice race on the Sunday, the tracker and drone/video footage was a triumph. Everyone who worked in the Chief Umpire box acknowledged the assistance it brought to that task. Being able to scroll back and obtain footage from the turns and the finishes was extremely helpful. Well done to Dick and team. Youtube videos can be viewed on the sportvolgen channel e.g Skiffie Worlds 2025 Finals women 60+ Wednesday July 9th It was acknowledged that there was a tracker only channel as well as the one that integrated the different feeds. All in all it was excellent.</p> <p>Umpires - RR thought overall the umpiring in the tower went well but the changes made to the schedule did not consider the implications for chief umpires. The very long days were not foreseen. In future put additional chief umpires on longer days. The wind still was a problem on day two with the timing of the schedule and time was lost straight away. Need more gaps in the schedule. The long start line was a slight issue and umpire boats should keep the chief umpires informed of any issues. E.g boats in line but facing the wrong way.</p> <p>Entries Lane Draws and Racing Schedule - A discussion around the number of boats that can be accommodated at a World Championship concluded that the event is probably getting to it's capacity. The Australians had suggested to RG that they could supply 10 boats that everyone rows in for an event in their country. JU explained that the Australians are not ready for a World Championship yet. TD explained that 30 boats would be needed. CS suggested that several bosuns would need to be on hand. It was suggested that due to the demand for U26 race category that these should be reviewed before the next Worlds.</p> <p>Presentation of Trophy - MB reported that the closing ceremony included the chairman of SWSA and the fisheries Museum Director. It needed to have someone thanking the hosts but MB did not get an opportunity to do this.</p>	<p>MB to write and thank AR</p> <p>JU to take up the question of general use with SH MB to write and thank SH</p> <p>MB to write and thank Dick</p> <p>SASI to review Race Categories.</p> <p>SASI to plan the closing ceremony to ensure the hosts get thanked.</p>
4. Treasurer Report	<p>Treasurers Report SASI Accounts from Aug 2024</p>	

<p>5. Timeline and call for measurement rule changes.</p>	<p>TD provided an Advanced Motion on oar length that will be presented at the SCRA AGM. There was a discussion about the need for this motion and the perception that long oars gives a competitive advantage and could increase the incidence of oar clashes in lane racing. RG suggested that the incidences of oar clashing is not related to oar length and suggested analysing penalty data from the Worlds. TD reminded us that Eastern had called for more standardisation at last year's SCRA AGM. MB suggested that not just oar length should be reviewed. RG suggested a total weight might be a better standard. In conclusion SASI will create a template for NC's to review the measurement rules and/or suggest new rules.</p>	<p>RR to provide a penalties summary.</p> <p>JU and CS to create a template for reviewing Measurement Rules.</p>
<p>6. Date of AGM who to invite and transition of the chair.</p>	<p>Nov 2nd - Invite Fisheries Museum Director, Alex Jordan, John Longleigh(AU) plus invitees from last year.</p>	<p>CS to draw up invite list.</p>
<p>7. Licensing</p>	<p>MD has had a discussion with Alex Jordan about transferring the licensing of the St Ayles Skiff to SASI. TD thought it appropriate that SASI gets to control who cuts the kit and that a kit supplier is licensed to SASI. There was a discussion about digitising the design</p>	<p>SASI to discuss succession issues.</p>
<p>8. Process of deciding the timing and location for the next Worlds.</p>	<p>MD suggested that this should take place after the review of the measurement rules and the rules of racing. It was suggested that criteria need to go out at least two years before and a decision made 18 months before the next Worlds.</p>	<p>CS will look out past criteria and timeline.</p>
<p>9. AOB</p>	<p>Membership renewal. Applications to go out Oct 2025 for Membership 2025/26</p>	<p>CS to issue applications to NCA's for Membership 2025/26</p>