SASI Limited Board Meeting Number #29

04 October2026

Agenda Item	Precis	Actions
1. Apologies and Attendance	Rory Reilly (Chair) Kees van Vugt (DARA Rep) Claire Simpson (Secretary) Topher Dawson (SCRA Rep) Judith Uys (SASCRAA Rep) - Robert Graham (DCRA Rep) Alex John - (Treasurer) Ralph Hopkins (SCRA Observer) Gerlinde Vandongen (DARA Observer) Charlie McClements (DCRA Observer) RR thanked everyone for joining the meeting and welcomed Alex John who has been appointed Treasurer of SASI. CS reported that Alex John has been appointed as a director of SASI with Companies House. Rory also welcomed Ralph, Gerlinde and Charlie as observers in preparation to replacing three very experienced National Association reps, Topher, Kees and Robert. The Observers introduced themselves.	
2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	Minutes of the last meeting were circulated and accepted. One bid to host the World Championships has been received from Stranraer Watersports Association (SWSA). An extension for the DARA bid was requested and permitted to allow for some documentation to be completed and this bid has now been received. DCRA withdrew from the bidding process for Skiffie Worlds 2028. RR and CS have contacted the English clubs and have scheduled a meeting for 06_10_2026 on Zoom. CS issued Measurement and Racing Rules 2026 to National Associations.	CS to share both bids with the Board. CS to share the Notes of Meeting the English Clubs on 06_10_2026 Updated Rules to be added to the SASI website.
3. Updates from National Associations	DCRA - RG updated the board on a very successful Skiffiefest 2026 which included clubs from Scotland and NL. The NA has also been working on recruiting Charlie. RR added that a boat was being built in Donegal and hopefully they will be joining DCRA. DARA - KV updated the board on 3 or 4 clubs who are building boats . NL clubs have been very active this year and have participated in the Vongalona in Venice, The Great River Race in London and events in NL. They continue to work on their CE mark which is a European safety requirement. KV explained that they were trying to make this as economically effective for clubs as possible. TD gave an update on SCRA paid up members (77) and the upcoming AGM and training weekend at Loch Tummel on 23-24th October. There have been events across Scotland in Stranraer, North Berwick and Cromerty recently. There is some discussion in SCRA about how many boats it is safe to start on a single buoy turn course. At Loch Tummel there will be training on course laying, race coxing, umpiring and rowing technique. TD also outlined some communication with Robert Gordon who is involved in the sliding seat coastal rowing beach sprint format. This is an olympic event and is taking place at Nairn and St Andrews adjacent St Ayles Skiff rowing clubs.	

	JU gave an update on the SASCRAA paid up members(14). She explained that because of the wide geographical separation of clubs in Australia, there are few regattas. The raid format, where clubs visit another club for a couple of days is more popular. They take place in conjunction with wooden boat shows. The next one is in Tasmania. The focus of St Ayles Skiff rowing is on community and this is why some non compliance is tolerated.	
4. Skiffie Worlds 2028 Update	Through email discussion it was decided not to add a separate assessment checklist to the bidding criteria previously circulated to the organisations who noted interest. It was recognised by the board that both bids that were being produced have involved a great deal of thought and hard work and that members of the board will visit both locations and meet with the bidding teams before a decision is made. RR thought it was important to meet the teams, look at dates and overall costs of each venue. (feedback from the English clubs meeting was that English club participation in the Worlds would improve if the dates avoided term time in England.) TD noted that board members paid their own travel to take part in the visits last time. This will be the case for 2028 Worlds too. There was a discussion around who does what for the event, as in, what does SASI have responsibility for. RR explained that most of that is in the host criteria document but that next steps would include talking about those things. JU and CS both suggested that more clarity around costs and responsibilities would make the running of the event smoother.	TD, KV, RR and RG and new rep observers to coordinate to visit both bid locations. CS to email Stranraer and Veerse Meer Evenementen to organise visits. CS to share both bids with the Board.
5. Membership Update and Fees (and Treasurers Update)	AJ suggested that assuming NCA's had not changed club numbers in the last year that the invoices could be sent out with the applications for memberships. All agreed. Bev Meek and Babs Elliot (previous treasurers) have not managed to add Alex to the bank account. Once she has access to the bank account, CS will remove Bev Meek from the Board. Alex reported that the bank balance was £5678.81 as of 18th August but that a bank charge of £4.25 will be taken off for September fee.	CS to add AJ as full signatory to the bank account. BM and BE to be removed. Send SASI invoices to NCA's
6. AGM Date and Reports	It was agreed that the AGM should be after the World Championship Host decision so this puts it back into December Sunday 13th December at 0900 hours GMT	CS to notify and invite NCAs and Associate members of SASI along with other relevant individuals to the meeting.
9. Date of Next Meeting	22nd November 2026 @ 0830 hours GMT	