



St Ayles Skiff International Limited SC690111

SASI Ltd Annual General Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Agenda Item (Actual)	Remarks
1. Welcome and Apologies	Apologies – Gardner Pickering (USA), Ayle of Quinte (Canada)
2 Secretary Report	As per appendix 1 Nothing to add
3. Treasurer Report	<p>As per appendix 2- This is the first AGM for SASI as the organisation was first incorporated in 2021.</p> <p>Not listed in the accounts are assets in the form of the Skiff prints – there are 70 of these available for purchase.</p> <p>SASI Ltd – should also be looking at sponsorship of its activities particularly with reference to items for the 2025 Worlds which will include provision of the medals.</p>
4. Election/Executive Board Rotation	<p>It was felt that there should be some form of succession planning invoked for the Board Membership and Executive Members – to that end Andy would wish to stand down as Secretary, as soon as a replacement is in post. Babs is intending on standing down as Treasurer at the 2024 AGM and 2025 brings the triennial election of members with Max stepping down as Chair in 2025.</p>
5.Membership	<p>Included in the invitations to the National Class Associations and other interested parties was a draft SASI Membership Application Form, which also included a proposal for NCA membership subscription fee – as per attached – as at the AGM no formal applications had been received, although some interest was expressed from the USA. It was suggested that perhaps SASI ought not to be too purist in including only clubs which row St Ayles Skiffs – a number of clubs worldwide have St Ayles as part of their fleet – it was felt that we should establish and maintain contact with all fixed seat rowing clubs.</p>
6.Future	<p>The process for appointing a host for the 2025 St.Ayles World Championships is underway and we had an expression of interest from on place in Scotland – the closing date for expressions of interest is August 2023.</p> <p>Future business to include a review of the Rules of Racing such that they are in place for the 2025 Worlds</p>

7. Any Other Business	<p>Kees has been talking to clubs in several countries including Northern Spain – and supporting them with Alec.</p> <p>Max reported that there has been increased interest around Zeeland</p> <p>Tim advised that they were building a 5<sup>th</sup> skiff at Faversham and interest in Kent, Sussex and Essex and there is hope that there will be sufficient enthusiasm to set up an English Association. Although clubs in the North-East of England remain happy with their association with the SCRA.</p> <p>Jim advised that there was a dynamism noted in Western Australia and they had expressed an interest in hosting a World Championships – some 30 skiffs across the country mostly in Western and Southern Australia and Tasmania – no presence in Queensland or Northern Territories.</p> <p>Interest in Raiding including exploring trips and specifically looking to generate interest in the bicentenary of discovering Australia with a Canberra to the Sea row of 2000 kilometres in 2028</p> <p>Western Australian skiffs are now rigged to use traditional wooden oars and pins and also with carbon fibre for non-competitive events</p> <p>Topher advised that there were now 74 Clubs in SCRA and whilst covid has cast a long shadow on events particularly numbers of participants at regattas. Lindsay is in charge of the SCRA LochDown 2023 initiative where club are encouraged to “bag a loch or two”.</p> <p>More evidence of cruising / raiding in Scottish waters,</p> <p>Dougie DCRA – 10 clubs – continuing to race and Skiffiefest in August – welcome</p> <p>Alec advised that there have now been 409 Skiff kits sold worldwide – know of only one that has fallen apart/rotted away</p>
Close of Meeting	The meeting closed at 10:54BST with thanks from the Chair
Attendees – Board	Max; Robert; Kees; Babs; Topher; Lorrie; Andy
Attendees – Observers	Alec Jordan; Lindsay Watt ; Stuart Mack ; Tim Down ; Dougie Marr ; Jim Barr

Max welcomed all attendees to the first Annual General Meeting of SASI Ltd with a “round the zoom table” introductions from those present.

#### Secretary Report

##### 2023 Annual General Meeting Secretary Report

St Ayles Skiff International was set up during the Stranraer Worlds of 2019 with signatories from DARA (Netherlands); SCRA (Scotland); Down Coastal Rowing Association and the SASCRAA(Australia).

SASI Ltd was incorporated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 as a company limited by guarantee and with a registered office at the Scottish Fisheries Museum in Anstruther.

As at this AGM, the Board consists of Max Berends, Chair; NCA Representatives Kees van Vugt ; Topher Dawson; Robert Graham; Lorrie Harrison ; Treasurer, Babs Elliot and Secretary. Andy Rendle.

The articles of Association and Memorandum are available of the SASI Website :-

[Documents – St Ayles Skiff International \(staylesinternational.org\)](https://staylesinternational.org)

#### OBJECTS and POWERS

3. The objects of St Ayles Skiff International are:

##### General

- (i) to act as the international class association for the sport of fixed seat coastal rowing and racing, for boats of the type and design known as “St Ayles Skiff” in the sport of fixed seat coastal rowing and racing, and, as such, to act as the governing body for, and to co-operate with, such coastal and community rowing associations, and national class associations, throughout the world as may be

appropriate and expedient, and be responsible for the sanctioning and organisation of world championship racing events for boats of the St Ayles Skiff Class;

- (ii) to secure, as far as practicable, a uniform policy in all matters affecting the administration and development of the sport and recreation of fixed seat coastal rowing and racing and to that end to cooperate with and enter into agreements with such coastal and community rowing associations, and national class association's, as become members of, or affiliated to, the Company; Encourage, foster and develop
- (iii) to encourage, foster and develop the St Ayles Class and its participation in fixed seat coastal rowing and racing throughout the world, within all ages and sections of the population, without discrimination of any kind, and to promote health, wellbeing and participating in the recreational activities associated with the sport; Standards
- (iv) to establish and maintain a set of Building and Measurement Rules as the international standard rules of build and construction, world-wide, for the St Ayles Skiff;
- (v) to establish and maintain a set of Rules of Racing for St Ayles Skiff, as the international standard; (vi) to establish and maintain a record of registered St Ayles Skiff rowing boats compliant with the Building and Measurement Rules as mentioned in paragraph (iv) above;
- (vi) to establish and maintain a list of registered and authorised suppliers of St Ayles Skiff kits dealers of St Ayles Skiff kit suppliers from which St Ayles Skiff rowing boats are built;

Since the formalisation of SASI into SASI Limited, the main orders of business have been the assignment and delivery of the 2022 Worlds following on from the devastating impacts throughout the world of the covid epidemic. SASI examined both the Measurement Rules and the Racing Rules and produced advice on compliance. DARA with the organisation delivered by VMS produced a memorable event at Kortgene, Netherlands. Whilst in the end the event was a success, it was felt by the SASI Board that there had been some issues which needed to be addressed and subsequently issued an Evaluation Report which helped to inform and update the Host Criteria for future Worlds. We are pleased to announce that Marc Beerens from VMS has recently been the recipient of an award from the King of the Netherlands.

The process for appointment of the 2025 Worlds is currently underway, using the Host Criteria and we look forward to this event which attracts St Ayles fixed seat rowers from around the World.

Clubs wishing to host the 2025 Worlds have until August 2023 to submit initial submissions, and following an inspection by SASI appointed officials, the host location will be appointed in January 2024.

One of the major duties of the SASI Board is the guardianship of the Build and Measurement Rules and following a period of consultation with the National Class Associations, the 2023 Edition was published in February 2023 and will be in place until at least after the 2025 Worlds.

Another key task, is the maintenance of a standard set of Racing Rules, this project is currently under review and it is anticipated that proposals for discussion and approval will be issued during 2023 and again be in place for the 2025 Worlds.

The SASI Website is the major means of disseminating information throughout the St Ayles Skiff Rowing World and we would urge NCAs and Clubs worldwide to use the facility for announcing events which hope to attract clubs outwith their own country. [St Ayles Skiff International – Some information \(staylesinternational.org\)](http://staylesinternational.org)

It is hoped that with the expansion on St Ayles Rowing, in fact the 400<sup>th</sup> Worldwide skiff kit was sold at the Kortgene Worlds, that more countries will be able to move forward to joining SASI expanding the sphere of operation, whether for competitive racing or for pleasure or expedition rowing.

It is my intention to stand down from the post of SASI Ltd. Secretary at this forthcoming Annual General Meeting, however I would hope to be able to continue to contribute to the process of assignment and delivery of the 2025 Worlds.

Andrew R Rendle

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Secretary SASI Ltd

May 2023

Treasurer Report

**ST AYLES SKIFF INTERNATIONAL**

**ACCOUNTS**

Balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Income

Interest from bank 2022	4.00
Balance from Worlds 2022	86.29
Sale of prints	<u>840.00</u>
	<b><u>930.29</u></b>

Expenditure

Postage of prints	58.90
Import Tax for prints	14.35
Tubes	20.70
TSO hosting	14.34
Companies House	<u>13.00</u>
	<b><u>121.29</u></b>

Balance	
Income	930.29
Expenditure	<u>121.29</u>
Balance	<b><u>809.00</u></b>

**Balance bank account** 809.00

**Debt to SCRA unpaid**

**Web hosting 2019-2023** 325.89



**St. Ayles Skiff International Limited**

**Company Number 690111**

**APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP**

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION or CLUB</b>	
<b>COUNTRY OF OPERATION</b>	
<b>CLUBS REPRESENTED</b>	
<b>MEMBERSHIP FEE</b>	<b>Single Club or National Class Association with fewer than 5 Clubs = £50</b>
	<b>NCA consists of 5 – 10 Clubs – Fee = £100 per annum</b>
	<b>NCA consist of 11-20 Clubs – Fee = £200 per annum</b>
	<b>NCA consists of more than 21Clubs – Fee = £300 per annum</b>

**SASI Ltd Articles of Association**

**MEMBERSHIP**

5. Subject to Article 6, the Company shall comprise of the following membership categories:

(a) Full membership - shall be available to organisations carrying out the functions of a class association for the St Ayles skiff within a defined geographical area, who have complied with the terms of admission to membership and have been elected into membership by the Board and have paid the appropriate membership fee. Attendance and voting at meetings shall be subject to Article 67 (a).

(b) **Affiliated Membership – shall be available to such organisations as have complied with the membership regulations relating to the requirements of such membership as defined by the Board from time to time and have been elected into membership by the Board and have paid the appropriate membership fee. Attendance and voting at meetings shall be subject to Article 67 (b).**

**6. The Company can, with approval of the Board, remove any of the membership categories listed in Article 5 and / or create new membership categories.**

7. Any organisation, Individual Members or body desirous of joining or affiliating to the Company will be required to submit a form which may be obtained from the Registered Office and the Company's official website, containing such information as may be required, and to lodge that form, together with such supporting documents as may be required by the Board, along with the appropriate annual membership fees. The Board shall consider the application and may at its discretion hear oral submissions from any applicant. The admission or affiliation of associations or organisations bodies or individuals shall be determined promptly by the Board. The Board shall have the power to grant or refuse admission to

membership and affiliation on such terms as the Board may from time to time determine. (Admission or affiliation will not be granted unless the Company is in receipt of the appropriate annual Membership fees.)

8. The Members shall be entitled to services and benefits as provided by the Company from time to time.

9. The Members shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Articles, the Memorandum of Association of the Company and any rules, regulations, policies and procedures (hereinafter referred to as "Regulations") issued by the Company from time to time whether or not they have signed a written statement to that effect.

10. The Members shall pay an annual membership fee to the Company as agreed annually by the Board.

11. Any Member desiring to resign its membership shall make such intimation to the Secretary. The Member's name shall then be removed from the Register of Members whereupon he shall cease to be a Member.

12. Membership shall not be transferable and shall cease, unless otherwise determined by the Company, on the occurrence of any of the events listed below:

(a) bankruptcy of the Member; or

(b) failure to pay the appropriate membership fees by the Member; or

(c) the unanimous vote of the Members, following an act of gross misconduct; or

(d) on the compulsory or voluntary liquidation, or on the appointment of a receiver or administrator, of a Member.