



St Ayles Skiff International Limited SC690111

SASI Ltd Annual General Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Agenda Item (Actual)	Remarks
1. Welcome and Apologies	<p>Max welcomed everyone to the meeting and attendees were invited to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Attendees: Max Brerends (Chair of SASI), Judith Uys (Australian Rep on SASI), Kees van Vugt (DARA Rep on SASI), Robert Graham (DCRA Repon SASI), Topher Dawson (SCRA Rep on SASI), Lindsey Watt (Observer from SCRA), Rory Reilly (Observer from DCRA), Paul Sluimer (Observer from DARA), Gardner Pickering (North American kit supplier), Claire Simpson (Secretary SASI), Michael Donald (Business Manager Scottish Fisheries Museum)</p> <p>Apologies – Barbara Elliott (SASI Treasurer standing down 2024), Stuart Mack (SCRA Rep) and Bev Meek (New SASI Treasurer)</p>
2. Minutes of the previous Meeting	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated in advance and were accepted.</p>
3. Treasurer Report	<p>As per Appendix 1 and Treasurer Report - It was acknowledged that there was some money in the bank but that additional funding will need to be sought for World Championship medals, estimated to be between £3000 and £4000.</p>
4. Secretary Report	<p>As per Appendix 2 - There was a discussion on the process of recording the issue of kits and registering skiffs in different countries. Gardener reported that he had sold 42 kits but that not all of them had been built and launched. He explained how he was now involved in moving boats around to groups who wanted to row. Topher reported that on a recent trip to the US he made contact with Bayfield Maritime Museum (Wisconsin) and Marquette Yacht Club (Michigan) who had boats that they had acquired from other clubs.</p> <p>NCA's were seen as the main record holders of skiffs entering the fleet and SASI Secretary should keep contact with them to keep updated. Topher asked Gardener to keep him updated as to what is being sold.</p>
4. Election/Executive Board Rotation	<p>Andy Rendle, who was part of the formation of the International Class Association in 2019, has now been replaced by Claire Simpson as Secretary SASI. Max noted the excellent work Andy has undertaken in this role and thanked Andy for his contribution over the years. Babara Elliot (Treasurer) is standing down and handing the reins over to Bev Meek. Max also thanked Babs for her excellent work, especially the sale of the prints. Judyth Uys has also joined the board to replace Lorrie Harrison who Max again thanked for representing the Australian Skiffs over the previous years.</p> <p>Max will be stepping down as the Chair in 2025 and it was recognised that the rotation of this role would be going to the DCRA. Robert reported that DCRA had started looking at potential nominations for this role.</p>

5.Membership	<p>Gardner reported that the number of US boats made stands at 42 but possibly only a quarter of these are being rowed.</p> <p>Judith reported that Australia has 30 boats split relatively evenly between the east and west coast. It is not thought that New Zealand's boat is active. Judith to contact the Australian kit manufacturer to find out more.</p> <p><b>(31/10/2025 Update</b> from Adrian Hodge from Blakeney who contacted a New Zealand rower he knew - I used an old contact in Auckland to find out what is happened to the fleet of seven skiffs originally in Auckland, and was referred to a chap who runs a more informal St Ayles group in Auckland still with two of the skiffs, with the other five being used by a youth trust in Tauranga for life and outdoors skills. Down south we have Toroa active in Nelson and a community built skiff in Kaikoura that is still rowed by a group down there. )</p> <p>Robert reported that 9 clubs were active in Ireland with 18 boats and that Dundrum are building another boat.</p> <p>Kees reported 35 skiffs in the Netherlands and 3 in the build.</p> <p>Topher reported 70 paid up clubs in SCRA with new boats being built.</p> <p>Not all boats/clubs/organisations register with their NCA.</p>
6.Future	<p>Topher noted that the spread of the St Ayles Skiff is organic and that its success in Scotland is partly due to the relative proximity of the coastal communities. One club spawns another. This is not the case in the USA and indeed in eastern and western Australia which are thousands of miles apart. Topher considers the best way of spreading the word is by word of mouth and this was backed up by Judith's observation in western Australia where putting a boat on a trailer and visiting others motivated them to start building a boat. Robert noted that it was SASI's role to standardise boats and kit. He suggested that in future a set of "Standardised Racing Boats" could be used at the Worlds. Topher had recently witnessed this during the Women's Gig Championships where races took place in 6 boats which were sufficiently alike to be comparable.</p> <p>Michael of the Scottish Fisheries Museum was supportive and recognised the museum as the birthplace of the St Ayles Skiff and welcomed any communications from members.</p>
7. Any Other Business	<p>Kees has been talking to clubs in N Spain and Portugal who are looking for a kit supplier. Kees also reported the rowing of St Ayles skiffs in Pico, an island on the Azores. They would like to come to the World Championships.</p> <p>Lyndsay suggested that the SASI website could publish global events and report on participation in these events by St Ayles Skiffs, eg. Great River Race, Ocean to City and Castle to Crane.</p> <p>Robert suggested trying to find a suitable university town to host a World Championship where accommodation might be in student halls over the summer when they would be empty.</p> <p>Rory reported that he will be visiting the Faversham group of skiffs and will report back.</p> <p>Robert asked about the Race Schedule and scoring system for the 2025 World Championships. Max explained that he is meeting with Stranraer Water Sports Association on 24th September and that these would not be decided before that meeting.</p> <p>Robert also asked about the start marks for the lanes at Worlds 2025 needing to be moved every day and Max reported this would not be the case.</p>
Close of Meeting	The meeting closed at 11.00BST with thanks from the Chair

[Appendix 1](#)

[Treasurer Report](#)

[Appendix 2](#)