



SCOTTISH ROWING BOARD MEETING

Zoom call 6.30pm – 5th July 2023

Board Attendees	Initial
Matt Taylor	MT
Sam Winton	SW
Dot Roberts	DR
Alistair Neill	AN
Chris Woods	CW

In attendance		
Amanda Cobb	AC	Scottish Rowing
Lee Boucher	LB	Scottish Rowing
Mark Senter	MS	Scottish Rowing
Carol Ann Ellis	CAE	Scottish Rowing

Item	Topic
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>MT welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Neil MacIver sent apologies.</p>
2.	<p>Declaration and Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>MT and SW declared a conflict in interest in relation to the alumni clubs mentioned in the COO update (item 6.1) as both are or have previously been members of Eden Boat Club.</p> <p>A conflict of interest was declared by AN in relation to the approval of the SROC Chair which was discussed in AOB (item 9).</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Approved by the Board.</p>



4.	<p>Playwaze Update</p> <p>Paper previously circulated to the Board briefing them on the current SR entry system (Playwaze), problems they have been experiencing with the system and asking them to consider options and alternatives.</p> <p>AN advised that the system was discussed at the last SROC meeting as many clubs have expressed that they would rather not use it for their events and feel that it is not fit for purpose.</p> <p>SW suggested that rather than take up a lot of staff time and resources, it may be an option to look at which university partners run Computer Science courses and if there were any students who would be interested in looking at what would be required to produce a system that is more suitable to the needs of SR.</p> <p>After some discussion, it was agreed that a working group would be put together as a first step to look at the bare basics of what SR need and want from an entry system so that if they did go down the university partners route they would have a starting point. In the meantime, clubs should be fine to revert to how they collated entry data previously until a new system is in place.</p> <p>AC agreed to put together a working group.</p>
5.	<p>Governance Items</p> <p>5.1 Equality</p> <p>SW provided a verbal update advising the Board that he held an online Pride webinar on 28th June for Pride month. Unfortunately there were no attendees but the webinar was recorded and they are planning to release the footage to the SR membership. SW expressed that they had some great guests involved and it was a great way to build a foundation with Hugh Torrance, co-president of the European Gay and Lesbian Sports Federation and executive director of LEAP Sports.</p> <p>AC suggested that it would be good to release the footage in smaller clips periodically throughout the year.</p> <p>5.2 Safeguarding Update</p> <p>MS gave a brief update on some ongoing safeguarding cases.</p> <p>He also advised that a case management training course for club CPO's is taking place in August.</p>



	<p>5.3 Anti-Doping</p> <p>No update.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Operational Updates</p> <p>6.1 COO Update</p> <p>Paper previously circulated.</p> <p>AC gave a brief overview of the paper. Areas to highlight were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BR have released a Consultation of the Senior Championships survey which has been shared with SR clubs. AC encouraged the Board to put forward any input they may have and advised that she will be proposing that BR consider the calendar in Scotland when arranging events.• Two university alumni clubs have advised that they won't be re-affiliating to SR as the governance requirements have become too stringent and the affiliation fee is prohibitive. AC suggested that they allow institutions to register a second racing identity for a small fee to enable alumni to remain connected to SR and have the opportunity to race. They would register as social non active members which would also allow SR to include them in their membership numbers. The Board advised that they were happy for clubs to be consulted to see if there was any interest.• AC advised that work is being carried out to improve and streamline the process for joiners and leavers. MT highlighted that it would be useful for the Board to have sight of the checklist currently being used and AC agreed to share.• AC issued a proposed Board reporting schedule and asked the Board to review and feedback.• AC provided an update on the activity at SRC. MT expressed that it was exciting to see so much happening and asked AC to pass this on to the relevant people. <p>6.2 Performance Update</p> <p>Paper previously circulated seeking approval from the Board to purchase a Para rowing single scull to support emerging ambition in this discipline.</p> <p>The Board agreed that this would be a good investment and allow current and future capacity to support Para rowers within the performance pathway programme.</p> <p>Approved by the Board.</p>



	<p>6.3 Development Update</p> <p>Paper previously circulated. Areas to highlight were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plans to invest in a new outreach programme in Inverness unfortunately didn't materialise however the decision was made to divert 2k of this funding to the SPRC community outreach project, with the agreement that they would provide SR with participant data. • First cohort of Champions for Change was cancelled due to a number of candidates pulling out last minute. MS reached out to the previous expressions of interest received and 10 people have now signed up and seem committed. • MT expressed that the current activity in River Ayr was exciting and inspirational and it would be good to communicate this out to the rowing community. MS advised that he has received positive feedback and is hoping to put together an impact report by the end of the year. • MS advised that Firhill YP committee requested that he attend an emergency meeting as they had concerns over their capacity to run the project and employ staff. It has been agreed that SR will support staff members, which will allow the Board to focus on strategy, policies and sustainability of the project. MS reassured the Board that he is not concerned and both SR and Glasgow Life want to provide their support in order to allow the project to continue. <p>6.4 Pathways and Membership Update</p> <p>No update</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Finance Update</p> <p>7.1 Year end management accounts</p> <p>Paper previously circulated.</p> <p>MT thanks AC for her report.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>See actions list.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>AC informed the Board that Jen Thomson has expressed that she would like to continue in her role as Chair of the SROC.</p>



	<p>The Board approved and requested that appreciation of the SROC's continued hard work be passed on to the committee.</p>
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