

Scottish Rowing
AGM – 15th of October 2017
 The Watersports Centre, 366 Hamilton Road, Motherwell

Welcome

Mike Morrice (MMo) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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Accreditation

Martin Claxton (MC) confirmed the following:

- 12 Clubs represented
- 3 fully completed Proxy vote received

Club	Name	Name
Aberdeen Boat Club	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Aberdeen Schools Rowing Association	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Aberdeen University Boat Club	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Albyn School BC	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Castle Semple Rowing Club	Rachel Robertson	
Clyde Amateur Rowing Club	Grant Ross	
Clydesdale Amateur Rowing Club	Stella Hawthorn	
Deeside Scullers Club	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Dundee University Boat Club	Aaron Duff	
Eden Boat Club		
Edinburgh University Boat Club		
Eastern Amateur Coastal Rowing Club	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
George Heriots School RC	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
George Watson's College Rowing Club	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Glasgow Rowing Club		
Glasgow Schools Rowing Club	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Glasgow University Boat Club	Amy Fraser	Izzy Warren
Heriot Watt University Boat Club	Conal Gray	Patrick Conway
Inverness Rowing Club		
Loch Lomond Rowing Club	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Nithsdale Amateur Rowing Club		
North British Rowing Club	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Robert Gordon University Boat Club	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
Scottish Schools Rowing Council		

	St Andrew Boat Club	Iain Wilson	
	St Andrews University Boat Club	Apologies Received	Apologies Received
	Stirling Rowing Club	Neil McGuire	David Sannachan
	Stirling University Boat Club	Elijah Mtonga	Niels Henning
	Strathclyde Park Rowing Club	Gillian Connal	Craig Twaddle
	Strathclyde University Boat Club	Ronan Welsh	Ben Cooper
	Tay Rowing Club	Barbara Millns	Stewart Fleming
	BOARD		
	Board	Mike Morrice	
	Board	Martin Claxton	
	Board	Alistair Neill	
	Board	Caroline Parker	
	Board	Dorothy Roberts	
	OBSERVERS		
	Amanda Cobb –Scottish Rowing COO	Ken McCracken – JRD Accountants	Nour Almesmari – Stirling Uni BC
	Lee Boucher – Scottish Rowing Head of Performance Pathway	Chris Smith – Tay RC	Josh Findlay – Stirling Uni BC
	Carol Ann Ellis – Minute Taker	Ailie Ord – Strathclyde Park RC	Robert Gordon – Inverness RC
	Gemma Fay – sportscotland	Laura Graham – Strathclyde Park RC	Bob Neill – Scottish Schools RC
2	<u>Notice of Meeting</u>		
	It was agreed by Members represented that the Notice of Meeting was in order.		
3	<u>Apologies</u>		
	MMo confirmed apologies were received from:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Morrison – Honorary Vice President • Brian Snowden – Honorary Vice President • George Hunter – Honorary Vice President • John Gill – Director of Coaching • Karen Ness – DROC Chair • Albyn School Boat Club • Easter Amateur Coastal Rowing Club • Deeside Scullers • Robert Gordon University Boat Club • Aberdeen University Boat Club • Loch Lomond Rowing Club • Aberdeen Schools Rowing Association • George Heriot’s School Rowing Club • North British Rowing Club • Glasgow Schools Rowing Club • Aberdeen Boat Club 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of St Andrews Boat Club • George Watson's College Boat Club
4	<p><u>Approval of Previous Minutes (Appendix 1)</u></p> <p>Papers previously circulated.</p> <p>Minutes approved.</p>
5	<p><u>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</u></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
6	<p><u>President's Report</u></p> <p>This is my last report as President of Scottish Rowing and I am delighted to be able to end on a high note.</p> <p>2016–17 was the final year of the 2013–17 strategic plan and Scottish Rowing exceeded its growth and performance targets for the four year cycle. This is an achievement we should all be proud of, as it is the result of the hard work and dedication of our member clubs.</p> <p>It was always going to be hard to improve on a successful Olympic year for the Scots on Team GB but the 2016–17 season has seen some significant performance highlights. Three home based athletes, Josh Armstrong, Maddie Arlett and Gavin Horsburgh all of Edinburgh University Boat Club (“EUBC”), achieved selection for the senior GB Rowing Team. EUBC alumna Robyn Hart-Winks also made the senior team, joining Maddie at the World Rowing Championships.</p> <p>Scottish Rowing is grateful for the strong partnerships we have with the University of Edinburgh and the University of Glasgow and for their continuing investment in and support of rowing.</p> <p>On the development side, we saw strong growth in club membership as we would expect in an Olympic year, with clubs better prepared to deal with the increased interest in rowing. Our schools indoor programme is growing every year in terms of numbers of participants and also the number of schools involved.</p> <p>Looking forward to 2018, it is less than a year until we welcome the European Rowing Championships to Strathclyde Park. The newly completed upgrade to the finish tower is the first visible legacy from the event and I'm sure you'll agree that it looks magnificent. The event planning is being managed by a professional team as part of Glasgow 2018, but Ailie Ord will be the Race Director for the event. I know you will all get behind the event to make it special for any Scots in the GB Rowing Team who get the rare opportunity to race on home water.</p> <p>The works on the finish tower, brought some challenges to our domestic competitions at Strathclyde Park and a lot of people worked hard behind the scenes to deliver the events. Sincere thanks are due to Alistair Neill as Acting Chair of the Domestic Regatta Organising Committee (“DROC”). Karen Ness has now been appointed as the Chair of the DROC and I'm sure she will do an excellent job moving both Strathclyde Park</p>

Regatta and Scottish Championships forward. I would also ask that clubs help support these events by supplying volunteers to ensure that they run as smoothly as possible.

As I come to the end of 12 years on the Board of Scottish Rowing, nine of those as President, I am confident that I leave Scottish Rowing in a good state. We have built a strong partnership with **sportscotland**, our funding partners, and this has been transformational in enabling us to increase participation and performance in rowing and I would personally like to thank all their staff involved for their support over the years.

I would like to thank all Scottish Rowing staff for their hard work and my Board colleagues, past and present, for their enthusiasm, challenge and support over the years. Finally I would like to thank all the volunteers who give so much to rowing in passion, expertise, and most of all time to make the sport as successful as it is. There would be no rowing without you.

7. Chief Operating Officers Report

AC presented the report to the meeting.

Key areas of the report were:

Performance

- A record 12 Scottish athletes selected for World Rowing Championships
- 3 homebased Scots selected for GB Senior Team
- Gavin Horsburgh won world silver in LM4x, making medals in constructive years across the 3 main age groups.
- A strong senior team performance at HIR with the women winning for the 3rd time in 4 years
- Excellent club performances in domestic competition including WeHORR, HRR and British Junior Championship
- START programme relaunched at Strathclyde Park

Coaching & Development

- Total membership growth of 10.2% in 2016-17 (as at October 2016)
- 2013-17 targets met overall growth of 17.8% (target 10%)
- Schools league and Schools Indoor Championships continue to grow
- North region leading the way with regional group set up to focus on local needs
- Sprint series ran through August and September and was well supported – Stirling RC won both series
- Session coach course now running in Scotland

Stella Hawthorne highlighted that it was encouraging to see an increase in membership and enquired if there were any particular groups within the membership where this increase could be identified. AC advised that there were currently no targets in place to collect information on specific groups but would keep in mind to do so in the future. The work being carried out at the Firhill basin by Miki Lee Dale, SCT British Rowing Coach, has also secured a commitment from BR to get the sport further out and into communities that wouldn't normally have the opportunity to take part in rowing.

AC advised the meeting that the Sprint series was both well received and well attended and a survey would be circulated to the clubs for feedback on the events.

	<p><u>Corporate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan for 2013-17 is now live & published • Core funding secured for 2017-18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facing a more challenging funding environment in the next cycle • Staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appointment of Lee Boucher as Head of Performance Pathway ○ Stevie Baxter retained as RDM for the North ○ Adam Hardy has recently started working in the East region • Continued investment in PR support = increased media coverage and improved social media presence • New membership system due to go live by end of 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will include Club Management module <p>AC advised that there was a slight increase in the 2017-18 funding however, this will be more challenging going forward due to government funding cuts.</p>
8.	<p><u>Proposal of Special Resolutions</u></p> <p><u>8.1 Amendment to the Articles of Association</u></p> <p>It was proposed that the post of Director (Corporate Governance) be replaced with a more focused Finance Director position. This will allow the Board to have the expertise to bring appropriate financial scrutiny to the affairs of Scottish Rowing.</p> <p>Change to Director role approved.</p>
9.	<p><u>Proposal of Scottish Rowing Membership fees for year ending March 2018</u></p> <p>Paper previously circulated.</p> <p>It was proposed that the approval of affiliation and racing licence fees for 2018–19 be deferred to allow the Board time to review the membership model to ensure that the membership provided to clubs, institutions and individuals is inclusive and equitable and meets their varied needs and requirements.</p> <p>Once the review is complete, a General Meeting will be held prior to 31st March 2018, for approval of the restructured membership model.</p> <p>Postponement approved.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that a consultation regarding the membership model would take place immediately after the AGM.</p>
10.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>10.1.1. Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 (Appendix 2)</p> <p>Papers previously circulated</p> <p>10.1.2. Supplementary Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 (Appendix 3)</p> <p>Papers previously circulated</p>

	<p>10.1.3. Scottish Rowing Group Analysis as at 31st March 2017 (Appendix 4)</p> <p>Papers previously circulated</p> <p>AC presented the accounts to the meeting and no questions were raised.</p> <p>10.1.4. Proposal of Accountant</p> <p>Papers previously circulated.</p> <p>All in agreement for JRD to continue as the Scottish Rowing accountant.</p>
11	<p><u>Election of Board Members</u></p> <p><u>11.1. President – Martin Claxton</u></p> <p>MC was nominated for the role of President by the Board. MMo advised the meeting that he believed MC to be an excellent and capable nomination for President and that he would also create continuity on the committee.</p> <p>Approved.</p> <p><u>11.2. Director (Sport Development) - Caroline Parker</u></p> <p>CP was nominated by Castle Semple Rowing Club. Rachel Robertson from Castle Semple was in attendance and informed the meeting that CP was extremely dedicated to the club and continually working to push the sport forward.</p> <p>Approved.</p> <p>MMo stepped down from chairing the meeting and MC took over after the approval of both nominations.</p>
12	<p><u>A.O.C.B.</u></p> <p>No other business raised for discussion.</p> <p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The provisional date of the next AGM is 14th October 2018 and clubs will be consulted if this date is required to be amended.</p>