**SARC AGM, held on Friday 15th May, 7.30-9.30pm at Brooklands Hotel, Shrewsbury.**
The Commodore welcomed the members to the 2015 AGM and confirmed that the meeting was quorate. He gave a short review of achievements since the Christmas social event.

**Re-Election of the Officers**
The Officers of the club stood for re-election. Each was nominated and unanimously endorsed by the members present.

Commodore (Chairman) - Paul King
Treasurer - Jason Powell
Secretary - Leah Wood

In additional members were proposed and agreed to support the club in the following areas. (These positions are not official Officers of the club):

Health & Safety - Oliver Edwards
Event Coordination - Richard Charmley (Fu)
Bosuns - Justin Reynolds and Dave Ward
Coach - John Shaddock
Webmaster - Stuart Shepherd

**The Treasurer gave an update on the club's finances:**Number of members = 45

Monthly income = £300
Balance at bank= £7578
Payments outstanding= £2600

It was decided to purchase a new set of Croaker Oars for the new Celtic Longboat, Revi Resco, and 2 spare Macon spoons in case of future damage. Sufficient balance of funds should be held to meet ongoing expenses and in case there is an opportunity to buy the Red boat from its current owners.

**Membership**

It was decided that Stuart Shepherd would upgrade the website and be the person responsible for its maintenance going forwards. Stephen Harpin was thanked for setting up the website and its maintenance to date. It was proposed that the club should dispense with the category of 'prospective members' on the website, to ensure that all new recruits sign up as full members as soon as possible after their 2 free test rows, and that only full members can sign up for events. However, we may retain the facility to list prospective members' contacts on the website. Contact details will only be accessible by members of the club.

Stuart has also introduced a PayPal payment system that can be used for joining fees and payments to enter events in the future. It was decided that the PayPal administration fee should be charged in addition to the joining and events fees.

It was agreed that we should review the wording of the membership form with regards to individuals' joining at their own risk, to protect the club and its Officers.

**The Constitution**

The Chairman introduced the rationale for updating the club constitution: to bring it up to date with working practices, to clarify the role of the official Officers in relation to club governance, and to include the 'Hat of Fairness' policy. The Chairman asked the members to vote on the decision to include the policy in the Constitution and a clear majority voted in favour. The Chairman asked the members to vote on the proposed new Constitution and a clear majority voted in favour. The motion to introduce to revised Constitution was thereby passed. Copies of the new Constitution will be sent to the Coop Bank by the Treasurer, and to the WSRA by the Chairman.

**Health & Safety**Oliver Edwards updated the members on plan to improve signage and other basic provisions to improve health & safety procedures within the club. Oliver will check the specific requirements of the insurance provided by the WSRA, to which SARC is affiliated. New noticeboard, first aid boxes and basic lifejackets and buoyancy aids (for the Pembrokes) that can be fitted in the boats will be purchased and installed by Oliver and the Bosuns.

**Events**Celtic Challenge 2016 - Stuart Shepherd will check on the current status of the event with a view to putting it up on the SARC website ASAP, to maximise time for preparation including identification of support vessels.
Darwin Dash - a new event was proposed, to be hosted by SARC, to which other rowing clubs would be invited to participate. A likely date is March 2016, and the event could be promoted via the WSRA and at events such as the Great River Race. Justin Reynolds will contact Nigel at WSRA to propose the event and get his input.
SARC in SW France - Christophe Legeais will provide details of a proposed 4/5 day event in July.
Hammock & Ale - Justin Reynolds updated members on revised plans for the event on 5/6 June and hopes to secure crews for 2 boats to participate.
Salty Seadog Tales from the Atlantic - Steve Cocliffe proposed a social/dinner event at which Christophe and Stephen would recount their experiences on the Atlantic. Steve will also take this opportunity to distribute CDs and videos of SARC adventures that members purchased at the Christmas fundraising auction.

**Bonsuns' Updates**The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Bosuns for their on-going hardwork and invaluable contributions to the club.
The Bosuns appealed to all members to be considerate in their use of the boats and related equipment to minimise wear and tear. All members are responsible for keeping the boats, boatshed and equipment clean and tidy.
It is proposed to upgrade the slipway at the Showground over the summer, to minimise damage to the boats and ease launching.

There being no other matters of business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting.