



- The next item was the progress on Angling Scotland Ltd (ASL). As of 1<sup>st</sup> April, this year it had been hoped that the administrative functions of SANA, the SFCA and the SFCA would transition to ASL. However, there has been no confirmation of funding, and this is unlikely to be known until the middle of March. We do know that SportsScotland have had their overall funding reduced by 20%.

SANA along with the other two governing bodies have submitted a four-year plan with provision for a marketing manager to help grow angling. We have agreed with SportsScotland that if the funding proposal is not accepted by the 1<sup>st</sup> April this year we will postpone the launch of ASL until later this year and will continue as we are or until funding is guaranteed.

During the negotiations, there had been considerable discussion and negotiation about the continuing status of SANA and the other governing bodies. A final form of words in the ASL Articles of Association has been agreed that clearly states that SANA remains the governing body for Game Angling in Scotland.

## 5. Annual Reports (on the webpage):

### a. Migratory Fish Committee (Craig Campbell):

Craig Campbell felt it was best to concentrate on the Wild Fisheries review while we had a favourable outcome from the new minister's (Roseanna Cunningham) deliberations who is the Cabinet Minister responsible for that. It may have given the impression that somehow or other the Wild Fisheries reform was over, it is a long way from over.

#### **WFR will not involve**

- Rod licences or any direct form of angler levy.
- Criminalisation of fishing without permission for non-migratory fish.
- Central Government funding of the mainstream of fishery management.
- Fishery Management Organisations, i.e. Boards will remain and may not be present everywhere. Management will not have obligations for non-migratory fish, but the subject may remain in the National Strategy. (See below)

#### **WFR will involve**

- National Strategy. Working Group to be reconvened for redrafting.
- Central National Management Unit for direction of science and research.
- Fewer, bigger, Boards will be encouraged and it appears that they may include Trusts but not necessarily.
- Fishery Management Plans, central and local, dovetailing with conservation plans.
- Nets to be subject of oversight by District Boards.
- Retention of Protection Orders, possibly improved. A new technical working group will be set up with at least one volunteer from SANA's non-Migratory Fish Committee
- Partnership and engagement.

#### **WFR may involve**

- Angling development viz. promotion and youth recruitment but not as an obligation in the Bill. Angling development will still be in the National Strategy.
- Conservation of non-migratory species – with discussions to be held on possible references in the Bill. This may include direction/commissioning of Board responsibilities for brown trout. The Boards currently have a responsibility for Sea Trout and science now tells us that Sea Trout and Brown trout are the same species.
- Single data source for catch statistics. Currently statistics are issued by central government and the Boards and they are not the same.

Ken Mackie asked that with the amalgamation of RAFTS and the Area SFBs into the Fishery Management Scotland. It should really be 'Migratory Fishery Management Scotland' as other species are pretty much up in the air and this body is really concentrating on migratory fish only. Craig agreed that that appeared to be the case and he had not heard of any trusts that want to lose their charitable status and as an opinion he would be very surprised if any amalgamations take place.

Alan Ayre reminded the meeting that it was not just Salmon and Trout but Grayling that also need to be considered in future legislation. He also reminded the meeting that it was not only fly fishing but all forms of game angling that we represent (including worming)

Ronnie Picken said that Stewart Brabbs in his press release for the Ayrshire Rivers Trust he indicated that because of the WFR decision it was 'business as usual' for the trust. Ronnie said he had great difficulty in understanding how they could merge Boards and trusts given their different status.

Craig advised that throughout the two years where the subject matter being discussed on the WFR it was with a joint working group of Boards and Trusts. They have always come to meetings with joint representatives and an agreed view. There does not appear to have been any policy hurdle where Boards are statutory bodies and Trusts are Charities.

Alan Ayre had asked Brian Davidson from ASFB He said there was no intention of having the trusts being absorbed into anything else. The trusts will carry on as they are now caring for all species. He suggested that the new body was an administrative function. Alan also said that the Directors of FMS were salmon people and it was important for the non-Migratory Fish Committee to make sure they take non-migratory fish problems into consideration.

#### **b. Non-Migratory Fish Committee (Jim Twaddle):**

Jim Twaddle started his report by noting that three stalwart members of the non-migratory fish committee passed away. They were Malcolm Steen, Alastair McKellar and Jimmy McAloon, they will be missed.

The committee also lost the service of Willie Miller, who was pivotal in Protection Orders and the running of SANA.

Jim also thanked the remaining 6 members of the committee and appealed for new members.

The last year has been mostly taken up with the Wild Fisheries Reform and the non-Migratory Fish Committee views and recommendations have been represented by Craig Campbell in meetings with government.

Protection Orders have now come back on the agenda and it is likely that there will be a chance to remedy some of the flaws in the current system.

The committee are also concerned about the upcoming changes to the Crown States and Forestry Commission in Scotland. They have a lot of fishing water and will impact on us.

WE also had input on the governments stocking and fish introduction policy, which should be fully run out by 2020. It will apply to some clubs by 2018 and Jim was concerned that there seemed to a degree of ignorance amongst clubs about this.

The Reservoirs Act also come in the next couple of years.

We had a feedback request from members on Beavers and got no response. It is quite hard to produce a policy or stance if you do not know what the membership thinks.

**c. Ladies (Dione Roberts):**

Dione said this year the Ladies had won Gold in the International. She had been delighted that it had been held at Carron Valley as it had been Jimmy Coyne's ambition to hold an International there. The feedback was great.

The Ladies have been trying to attract new members. They held a development weekend last week and 5 new Ladies came along.

The Ladies have set up a buddy systems so if any new Ladies want to go fishing then there will be an experienced angler or coach to go with them. The Ladies have quite an active programme of events throughout the year.

This year the International is in Ireland in Ireland and the Ladies are going for 4 Golds in a row.

**d. Competition Committee (Archie Ferguson in place of Donald Forbes)**

Archie gave the report as Donald Forbes was not present.

The SANA teams have again had a very successful year;

Ladies – Gold

Stillwater – Gold

Youths - Silver

Disabled – Gold (7<sup>th</sup> year running) – round of applause was give

World Masters – Silver with an individual bronze

5 Nations – Individual Gold

11<sup>th</sup> in the World Championships

Archie went on to explain that one of the new initiatives involving the Coaching Committee and SNFFL was a pathways initiative. It had been recognised within SNFFL that there was a danger they were stagnating and new blood was required.

Therefor a plan is being worked on to take anglers from Grassroots to Elite Angling, or any point in between. This is a long-term plan and is in the very early stages.

We are looking at a roadmap for progress and trying to identify the skillsets with SANA what we would need to support it.

The steering committee will be led by Donald Forbes, with Ken Oliver, Jim Kyle and Alisdair Mair.

The Coaching Committee have agreed to develop coaching pathways in line with the programme.

It is a long-term plan and it might be a 5 or even 10-year plan. It is all about getting the right people involved.

**e. SDFFA and SGAIC (John Hood)**

SDFFA – as Archie had said earlier the Disabled team won Gold for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in a row. They are aiming for an 8<sup>th</sup> in Wales later this year.

They have a fundraiser in March at Millhall and other events throughout the year. Details on the SDFFA Facebook page

SGAIC – We have 8 candidates on this year's course, 4double-handed and 4 single handed

**f. Youth report (Arthur Wilkie)**

Arthur was disappointed that the Youths did not get gold in Ireland. He was also dismayed by the cost to compete there. However, there had been a significant upturn in the fundraising for the Youths and Arthur said he would particularly like to thank George and Senga Murray from New Haylie Fishery. A lot of money was raised at that fundraiser.

Alasdair and Liz Fyfe had also run a fundraiser at Fauchlin Fishery which went very well, whilst David Ezzi at the Black Loch also ran a successful fundraiser for the Youths. Arthur also thanked the Late Jimmy Coyne and Cameron at Carron Valley who had been great supporters of the Youths by giving them the use of Fauchlin.

The International in Ireland had been tough with high winds and rain for most of the time, but the team still won silver. Arthur said it was a credit to SANA, the way that the Youths turned out to compete. They were well behaved and always gave 100%.

Full training programme in place for this year and several ex-team members have come back as coaches. Arthur also picked out the Lake of Menteith, Carron Valley, SANACC and SANACC for their ongoing support of the Youths

#### **g. Coaching Committee (Alisdair Mair):**

We currently have 41 active Level 1 coaches and 35 active level 2 coaches.

Three Constant Personal Development (CPD) days arranged so far for this year. One is a core CPD for 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and Child Protection whilst the other two are technical CPD events.

Alisdair explained that the Coaching Committee and SNFFL were working on a new initiative to try and encourage ex-youths to develop their river skills and join SNFFL. The plan was to put in place a coaching network with specific skills to try and develop new talent as well as adding to the coaching skillset. Alisdair explained that it was early days and this was a long-term project.

Alisdair advised the meeting that the coaching committee were currently putting together a database of coaches so we have up to date information on locations and skillsets of all our coaches.

Alisdair thanked all his committee members for all their hard work during the past year

## **6. Certified Annual Accounts:**

### **Finance**

- a. The Secretary reported that SANA had achieved a small surplus last year. As the accounts were already on the website he intended just to cover any significant changes from last year. (If anyone wants any further detail, I would be happy to go through anything after the AGM).
- b. The Gifts and donations included two significant items over last year.
  - i. A very generous donation from Aberdeen and District Angling Association towards the cost of sending Andy Walker to the NASCO conference in Germany. The club's generosity was greatly appreciated.
  - ii. a contribution from SNFFL towards the FIPS Mouche membership (€900/£600).
- c. There was no increase in the SANA grant last year it was still £19500 although the accounts show an increased amount. The difference is money accrued from the previous year. The Sportscotland financial year is 1 April to 31 March as opposed to SANA's which is 1 November to 31 October. The difference is made up of the accrued amount of the RADM grant and some development money that we used last March. The two different financial years mean we always have accrued funds going forward.
- d. The membership income increased by £470 – see later.

- e. SANA have a credit card facility in the office. Some members and committees find it easier to pay fees by card. The payment is accepted and cleared and then transferred to the various destinations. It is merely a service facility.

The *Misc. income* figure of £6134 is made up of the following payment;

European and 5 Nations payments	£3021
Instructors licence fees	£339
SDFFA (assisted text relay system)	£175
UKCC Course (Collected and disbursed)	£1524
Rental share for RADM (Energy)	£1075
Total	<b>£6134</b>

*Competition income;*

SANA Open (less costs)	£252
World Payment (Audit trail for Foreign transfer)	£3568
Total	<b>£3820</b>

*Coaching income*

Coach licensing (transferred to ADBoS)	£1425
Courses (collected and disbursed)	£2817
Total	<b>£4242</b>

(includes ADBoS income from courses and licences. Again, as SANA administer the ADBoS account, money is usually collected by SANA and transferred to ADBoS once all the payments have been made. It is not ideal but a condition of angling receiving funding).

The final item of note is the difference in the RADM figure. This is not a pay rise, Last year SANA became responsible for this grant from the 1<sup>st</sup> April and last year's figure only represented 7 months. On the expenditure side, a couple of points to note.

The small increase in meeting costs is due to Angling Scotland meetings but SANA has recovered the full cost of these.

The last item is the RADM accrued expense item. We have been paid the full grant until the 31<sup>st</sup> March and this item represents the 5 months still to run from 1/11 to 31/03. Last year the grants were not paid up front in full.

## Membership

This year saw a pleasing increase across most of the membership categories.

SANA have 78 club members (an increase of 2) with a club membership of just under 10,000. Although we lost 6 clubs we gained 8 new clubs with another one joining this week. Some of these are brand new clubs which must be an encouraging sign.

Although SANA try to find out why clubs leave, despite reminders, most do not reply - could be a change of secretary etc. Those that do respond mostly cite cost (especially the smaller clubs), and some prefer the competition factor with SANACC when making their decision. Quite often clubs that do not renew come back the following year.

SANA have also seen increases in both the individual members and youths. The individual member numbers helped by the entire SNFFL league deciding to take out individual membership.

Last year SANA had 222 individual members that includes coaches, instructors and youths, this is an increase of 26 from the previous year.

One of the things that has helped club retention is Child Protection. This year SANA have seen a significant increase in clubs putting some of their members through the Child Protection Disclosure System. This is something SANA offers free of charge to member clubs and individuals where it is required. Unfortunately, the increase has stemmed for all the wrong reasons, especially the issues in football. It is now more vital

than ever that clubs especially ensure their regular volunteers and external coaches are disclosed. The process may be quite daunting but it is very much front loaded

The Sec then opened the meeting up to questions;

David Ogg asked if there would be any merit in aligning our financial year with SportsScotland's'. *The Sec explained that whilst it would make the accounts easier, by law we must hold an AGM within 6 months of the year end. Having a year-end of 31<sup>st</sup> March would mean an AGM had to held by the ned of September. Any AGM would therefore be in the fishing season and possibly have detrimental impact on the numbers attending the AGM. The Board have looked at this before and considered it better to leave our financial year as it is. The Sec did advise that once ASL was up and running then all SportsScotland funding would go there. SANA would only have the membership fees, donations and any invoiced items on the books. We should have few if any accruals.*

Jane Wright asked who will administer ASL. *The Sec replied that the intention was for a full-time post to administer ASL and the governing bodies.*

Ronnie Picken asked if there would still be a SANA office. *The Sec confirmed that the ASL office would be the existing SANA office in Kinross. Other options had been considered including serviced offices or SportsScotland's premises in Edinburgh. All things considered the existing office seemed the most suitable providing some remedial work was carried out.*

Alan Ayre reiterated the importance of bringing new people on to the Committees. He advised that the NMFC was now down to seven people and at 81 he had been hoping to stand down. *The President responded by saying that there had been some research and it has been proved that the longer you remain on a committee the more youthful you become!*

Alan also mentioned the expansion of Beavers and took the opportunity to remind the meeting that Grayling were also a game fish and should not be forgotten Alan also reminded everyone that it was not only fly fishing that SANA represented but all other types of game fishing including worming.

Jane Wright commented that in the light of the DSFBs having to take some consideration about brown trout because of the Sea trout issue. was there an argument for combining the MFC and NMFC. *JT confirmed they were looking at that as an option. CC pointed out that a lot of the committee work was carried out by email and where there was a common interest it was shared amongst both committees. CC fear is that if the two committees were merged they would end up with an impossibly long agenda for their joint meetings. It would have to be an all-day meeting which would be too much.*

- *The sec added at the end that he would like to explore the option of using the small company's exemption for the SANA accounts from 1/11/2017. As SANA would no longer be receiving public funds directly (it would be through Angling Scotland Ltd) then our accounts no longer need an accountant to certify them. This would save £1200. The meeting agreed that this should be considered.*
- *The Sec also suggested that number of votes for clubs should be reviewed for the next AGM along with options for tiered membership as several smaller cubs were finding it difficult to continue their membership.*

Proposed by Neil Sinclair, seconded by Jim Mathew

## 7. **Annual Subscriptions:**

Proposed by the President to retain the same levels as last year and supported by the Board. These were previously circulated prior to the AGM.

I.Club subscription at £75 per Club

II.Individual & Associate Membership Fee at £20 per person

III.Professional Membership Fee at £30 per person

IV.Junior Membership Fee (*under 18 years*) Free Membership

Proposed by Ronnie Picken and seconded by Jim Mathew.

## 8. Election of Directors for 2017:

Nominations as previously circulated.

Name of Nominee	Position nominated for within SANA
John Hood	SDFFA Director

Alisdair Mair	Coaching Director
Alasdair Fyfe	Coaching Director

John Hood was proposed by Sandy Crawford and seconded by Jim Mathew  
Alisdair Mair was proposed by Ronnie Picken and seconded by George Mooney  
Alasdair Fyfe was proposed by Jim Mathew and seconded by John Stewart

Archie explained that as we had two nominations it would go to a vote. David Ogg felt that as he did not know Alasdair Fyfe a brief resume from both candidates would be appropriate. The Sec agreed to this.

Alisdair Mair gave a brief resume of his qualifications, experience and reasons for re-electing him.

Alasdair Fyfe followed with his own qualifications, experience and reasons for electing him.

There followed a discussion amongst the meeting and Neil Sinclair asked if there was a view from the Coaching Committee. He also expressed the view that he would have expected this matter to be resolved at Committee level.

A response from a member of the Coaching committee was started but the meeting quickly felt the AGM was not the place to discuss Coaching Committee issues or personalities. The discussion continued for a short while longer before the President brought the meeting to order.

At which point the President advised the meeting that he was calling a recess and adjourned the meeting, requested the Board to join him.

Following a short interval, the Board returned.

The President advised the meeting that the matter would be subject to a vote. He explained that under the terms of SANA's constitution Alisdair Mair had to stand down, regardless of what happened in previous months. He had chosen to seek re-election. A nomination for the same post had been received under the terms of the constitution and a vote including proxies would be taken. The President stressed that this vote had nothing to do with what went on at committee level and was purely a vote on election to the Board.

The votes for Alisdair Mair were – 5 (in addition to 4 proxy votes)

The votes for Alasdair Fyfe were – 11 (in addition to 24 proxy votes)

Archie then asked Alisdair Mair to stand down from his post and declared Alasdair Fyfe as the new Coaching Director.

## 10. Election of Members of the Committees to the Board: (as listed in the handbook)

- (i) Migratory Fish Committee. Craig thanked the Migratory committee for putting up with all his emails. He advised there were three members who had to seek re-election. Ronnie Picken who was co-opted last year, French Wight and himself Carried by the meeting.
- (ii) Non-Migratory Fish Committee: Jim asked that all the existing NMFC continue in post.



- (iii) Youth Development: Arthur Wilkie advising that they were looking for a secretary, treasurer and supply officer. They have 9 individuals.
- (iv) Competitions Committee: Archie Ferguson (Chairman), Donald Forbes, Gillies Breckenridge, David Deane, Neil Sinclair and David Chalmers.
- (v) SDFFA: Jim Crawford (Chairman), John Hood (Vice-Chairman), Alan Hunter (Secretary).
- (vi) SGAIC: Will Shaw (Chairman), Stevie Reid (Secretary)
- (vii) Ladies Committee: Jane Wright (Chair), Morag Wallace, Kathleen Shepherd (treasurer), Dione Roberts (secretary), Helen Philp, Liz McLellan, Liz Fraser and Anne Boyce.
- (viii) Environment: Andy Walker can be approached for assistance.
- (ix) Coaching: Chairman (Vacancy), Alasdair Fyfe, Alisdair Mair, Jim Mathew, Willie McCutcheon (North Lanarkshire), John Hood (Tayside and Fife), Stewart Cameron (Paisley), Tom Anderson (Falkirk), Ken Oliver (Youth Coach), Jane Wright (Ladies Team manager and Coach).

12. **Election of the Financial Examiner:**

Agreed to Ross McConnell CA, Kinross.

Proposed by Ronnie Picken, seconded by Alasdair Fyfe.

13. **Bye Law Review:**

No changes to the bye laws.

14. **AOB**

David Ogg asked what the SANA Board had done to try and bring SANA and SANACC back together again. To provide a much broader base to influence Scottish Government regarding angling matters.

Archie responded by that nothing official had been done. Archie had been speaking unofficially to several influential figures within SANACC regarding the situation. Archie advised that the response had been a rejection of any possible joining together. Archie still said he would be happy to work with SANACC and there was no intention to subsume any other organisations.

Ian Campbell summed up the difference between the two organisations is that SANACC do not have any youths, they do not have any Ladies section, and they do not have any Disabled Section. They run three competitions per year two home Internationals and one River Home International. That is the SANACC position and it works well for them. He also added that there was no objection to the two organisations talking or working together as they had done over the Wild Fisheries Reform, where both had fought against a rod licence.

Archie felt it was a shame that SANACC and SANA had run two different campaigns over rod licences and it seemed to be legacy issues that prevented the organisations from coming together. The latter comment was rejected by Ian who explained that SANACC were happy with what they did and did not want to get involved in a lot of the areas that SANA did. Arthur Wilkie added that although the two organisations were separate, SANACC had generously supported the youths both financially and with logistical help.

Alasdair Fyfe asked that the meeting thank Alisdair Mair for all his hard work and efforts during his time as Coaching Director. The meeting responded with a round of applause for Alisdair Mair.

Archie closed the meeting.

**APPENDIX - Attendance**

**Apologies Recorded: 24**

John Miller	The Lame Ducks	Loch Kindar AC	Gordon KB Moffat
Connaire Diver	Alastair H Hume	Declan Coral	Euan Clark

Brian Miller	Diana Craig	Caitlyn Jinks	Raymond Fuggle
Fraser Renwick	Castle Douglas & District AC	Dounreay Fly Fishing Assoc.	Linlithgow Angling Club
Sheila Mannion	Steve Mannion	David Paterson	Brian Miller
Brian Clarkson	Dalziel High School Fishing Club	Coatbridge High School Fishing Club	David Paterson

**Members Present: 33 individual members**

Archie Ferguson	Alisdair Mair	Alan Ayre	Andrew McIntosh
John Hood	Dione Roberts	Robert C Campbell	Jim Twaddle
John D Pirie	Alan Wright	Neil Sinclair	Derek Cowan
Thomas Anderson	Jane Wright	Gilbert T Owen	Ian Campbell
Bill Balfour	John Stewart	Kathleen Shepherd	Andy McAlpine
Ronnie Picken	David Ogg	Ian Wilson	Stewart Cameron
Sandy Crawford	Alasdair Fyfe	Robert Fyfe	Jim Mathew
Willie McCutcheon	John Mullen	Ken Oliver	C Vaughan Ruckley
Arthur Wilkie			

**Clubs & Associates represented: 12**

John Stephen	Aberdeen & District	French Wight	Hawick Angling Club
Ronnie Picken	Dreghorn Angling Club	David Ogg	Bothwell & Blantyre
George Mooney	Lochinch	Ken Oliver	Inverclyde Fly Fishers
Ken Mackie	UCAPA	Jim Twaddle	Cairnie Angling
Andy McAlpine	Forth Area Federation of Anglers	Arthur Donnaghy C Doull	Bonnybridge Angling Club
John Mullen	The Totally Awesome Community Fishing Club	Alan Wright	The River Clyde Fishery Management Trust