

To All SCA Affiliated clubs

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Changes to SCA Club Affiliation Fees**

At the SCA AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009 I announced the board's decision on a change to the SCA affiliation fees for clubs which had been reached after much discussion following the announcement at the 2008 AGM of the intention to make changes.

In light of the comments which were made by the members present I undertook, as chair of the AGM, to take this issue back to the next board meeting, which was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November. The discussion at the board meeting was also informed by several letters which were received in the time between the AGM and the board meeting, most of which were against the proposed changes.

The SCA board has decided that no change to the current arrangements will be made until at least the end of 2010. A consultation on club affiliation will be launched soon to find out views on what clubs, and their members, need and want from the SCA as well as how much clubs and their members value what the SCA currently provides. All the information and views gathered through the consultation will be considered by the board at their February meeting. At that point a decision will be made about the future mechanism and scale of charges for club affiliation as well as the benefits that will be provided through affiliation. This decision will be communicated direct to clubs and will also be placed on the web-site and in the March/April edition of Scottish Paddler.

The board all look forward to this consultation process and to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely

Brian Chapman  
President