



**British Canoeing – Sprint Racing Section
Annual Consultative Meeting**



Wednesday 29th September 2021

On-Line via Zoom

at 20.00

Minutes

Attending: a total of 39 people joined the on-line meeting.

SRC and BC: Tim Scott, Louise Clive, Cathy Wynne, Ivan Lawler, David Lawrence, Margaret Chapman, Peter Gorman, Ian Wynne, Paul Dimmock, Malcom Johnson, Anna Gray, James Train,

Signed in: Via the 'Chat' function 13 non-voting members attended

Roll Call: Confirmed 19 Voting Representatives attended, to vote on behalf of their clubs. See Addendum A for the list of voting clubs.

Proxy Votes: None

A total of 19 clubs voted (out of a possible 55 UK sprint clubs).

1. Apologies for absence:

Hannah Brown, Martin Hook, John and Ann Hoile, David Joy and Keir Worth.

2. Appointment of Tellers: -

Anna Gray proposed by Phil Caisley and seconded by Kari Martin: A show of hands was requested via the 'raised hand' function to approve Anna's appointment. **APPROVED**

Mark Pearce proposed by Chris Michael and seconded by Derek Marshal. A show of hands was requested via the 'raised hand' function to approve Mark's appointment. **APPROVED**

3. The 17th October 2020 Annual Consultative Meeting Minutes:

The Minutes, circulated with the agenda and on the SRC website.

The approval of the minutes as circulated was proposed by Kari Martin and seconded by Paul Dimmock. A show of hands was requested via the 'raised hand' function to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting **APPROVED**

4. Matters arising not covered by the agenda: None

5. Chairman's Report: TS

Written report, circulated with the agenda and on the SRC website

The report outlined the vision and core philosophies and aims to promote and attract more paddlers into sprint racing, and for more to stay in the sport longer. Tim also especially wished to thank all the club volunteers and regatta officials for the extra work involved holding covid secure events this year. To conclude his report the Chair, congratulated all the athletes on their achievements this year, overcoming all the many extra difficulties caused by the pandemic.

6. Treasurers' Reports: LC

Sprint Racing Committee & Regatta Committee Treasurer's End of Year Reports, circulated with the agenda and on the SRC website

a) Sprint Racing Committee End of Year accounts up to 31/10/2020

Louise gave a brief explanation of the accounts and ask for any questions:

Several members questioned the low level of the British Canoeing funding support for the SRC. Particularly the level of funding support for the national regattas which include selections for the major international events. Often the selection regattas are run at a financial loss for the Regatta Committee and rely on volunteers giving support to hold the events.

Louise commented that British Canoeing had underwritten any losses for the 2021 April selection event which was held under strict DCMS Elite Sport Exception covid rules, this had been a 'one off'.

The British Canoeing grant to the committee is documented in the End of Year Balance sheet, the Royal CC Voting Rep, asked if the total value of British Canoeing support, financial and 'in kind' (staff support) for sprint racing was known, including indirect expenditure such as the Start Gates etc. This information is not easily available, AG would follow up on this question later.

Another question was raised whether the Welfare Unit at South Cerney funded by the SRC was retained as a SRC asset. Louise replied, she didn't know the background as the agreement to fund the unit was made before she was Treasurer. Tim stated the records would be checked to establish if it is or not.

The Chair requested the SRC Accounts be approved. Vote by a show of hands. **APPROVED**

b) Regatta Committee End of Year accounts up to 31/10/2020

LC gave a brief explanation of the accounts, there were no questions raised.

The Chair requested the RC Accounts be approved. Vote by a show of hands. **APPROVED**

c) The Treasurer gave an outline of the expected financial position at the end of the current financial year (up to 31/10/2021). Explaining that the SRC had used some of their reserves to fund the Live streaming of the National Regattas this season. Due to the covid protocol of 'no spectators' at events, the SRC consider the streaming a priority and a worthwhile future investment for the sport. The challenge is to move towards, live streaming being self-funded

Several attending members spoke of their appreciation of the introduction of the live streaming and support for this to continue for all national regattas.

A question was asked, that historically the intention was to use the reserves to replace the timing system for the national regattas, is that still the case. Louise replied the SRC did still plan to replace the timing system, the option now being investigated with British Canoeing's help, is the possibility to expand the planned upgrade of the Timing system as part of a new competition software package.

7. Election of Committee Secretary: for a 3-year term with 1 candidate:

A Pen Portrait of the candidate circulated with Agenda and on the SRC website

Nominated Candidate	Proposer	Seconded by
Cathy Wynne	Louise Clive	John Hoile

The Chair asked for a show of hands to vote for the election of the Committee Secretary **AGREED**

8. Election by an on-line ballot of Committee Members; for a 3-year term,

Four candidates for three positions:

Pen Portraits of the candidate circulated with Agenda and on the SRC website

Nominated Candidate	Proposer	Seconded by
Hannah Brown	Tim Scott	Alison Nightingale
Paul Dimmock	Tim Scott	Peter Gorman
Martin Hook	Louise Heather	Donna-Louise Thomson
Philip Miles	Paul Darby-Dowman	Kristina Medovcikova

Tim reminded the Voting Rep's they can vote for up to three candidates on the ballot form.

The results of the ballot: -

Hannah Brown 19 votes: Paul Dimmock 13 votes: Martin Hook 10 votes: Philip Miles 15 votes

Tim welcomed, Hannah, Paul and Philip as committee members and thanked all four candidates for volunteering to be part of the SRC. There's a lot of work to be undertaken in the coming year with which it is hoped that Martin would consider assisting with, as part of one of the SRC working subgroups.

9. Regatta Committee 2021 Report: PC

Written report, circulated with the agenda and on the SRC website.

While it was pleasing to be able to return to holding sprint competition the changing covid restrictions did pose an increase burden on the Regatta Committee as we were unable to plan or operate to the usual timescales. The Regatta Committee wish to say a massive thank you to our wonderful band of volunteers, officials, and the British Canoeing event staff, we appreciated your support and the significant input you all made throughout the season, the regattas could not have happened without you.

Also, thanks to the clubs who adapted to the On-line Team Leaders Meeting, WhatsApp group for comm, and submitting crew change forms electronically among other changes, all due to the covid protocols. We will be reviewing the effectiveness of those changes, the best of which will be taken forward for the coming year. It was great to be able to reintroduce some normality to the regattas by the September event.

We are all looking forward to 2022, planning for the National Regattas has already started but the dates can't yet be firmed up but will be shared soon.

10. Announcement of the Results of National Sprint Competitions and Awards.

As we are meeting for the ACM on-line, presentations of these awards will be arranged over the coming months at the athlete's clubs or other suitable social occasions.

After the National Championship Regatta in July the SRC awarded the **five Championship Best Performances trophies** for specified group of competitors.

To:-

- Femina Trophy – Most Meritorious Senior Womens A performance at the National Championship Regatta. **Lizzie Broughton; Richmond Canoe Club.**
[Presented during the National Interclub MacGregor Championship Regatta]

- Dexter Trophy - Men Under 23 - Best Performance at National Championship Regatta.
Charlie Smith; Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club
- Lee & Joan Davies Memorial Trophy - Women Under 23 - Best Performance at National Championship Regatta, **Emma Russell; Chelmsford Canoe Club**
- Skinner Salver - Junior (U18) Female C1 at National Championship Regatta
Awarded jointly to **Ella Kendall; Nottingham Kayak Club**
& **Hannah Page; Nottingham Kayak Club**
- Adjutants Cup - Junior (U18) Male C1 - Best performance National Championship Regatta.
George Bell Fladbury Paddler Sport Club

The Results of the National Inter-Club MacGregor Competition Regatta on the 4-5th September. 1st place with 418 points Richmond Canoe Club.

Also, during the 4-5th September Regatta

The Andrew Bonham Memorial Trophy -was contested

The winning C4 crew are: **M Gohar /C Mavra /B Philips/J Berzilla; Richmond Canoe Club**

After the final national regatta of the year the medal points have been calculated for the **National Inter-club Medal Competition.**

– Prize: a K2 donated by the World Class Programme

1st place with 113 points Nottingham Kayak Club

The Junior Canoeist of the Year – voting for by other members of the Junior Championship Team – the winner is **Xavier Hinves, Southampton Canoe Club.**

11. Discussion item proposed by Teresa Gregory, seconded by Angus Gregory

Time limits for committee posts:

Written report circulated with the agenda and on the SRC website

The Chair, introduce and handed over to Teresa Gregory, who expanded on her report outlining the possible pros and cons of this issue and opened the debate to the meeting.

The consensus generally appears to be that in theory this was a 'good governance' policy as an aim. However, this could be difficult to put into practise within volunteer committees, due to limited volunteers. Contingency should also be built into any implementation of this policy to retain knowledge and experience within the committee. Anna commented the SRC terms of reference are regularly reviewed when the SRC could give this issue further consideration.

12 SRC Planning Report:

Written report circulated with the agenda and on the SRC website

No questions or comments were raised on the report, however, feedback on the SRC Plan would be welcomed or on any other issue by contacting either Tim by email on

canoesprint.chair@vol.britishcanoeing.org.uk

or Cathy via canoesprint.secretary@vol.britishcanoeing.org.uk

13. Chair's Closing comments:

Tim reminded everyone there are two Sprint National Championship events in the next couple of weeks. A 10k K1 National Championships as part of the Royal Paddle Challenge on the 17th October. Also, the Scottish Hooley with 5k National Championships in K1/C1, K2 and K4's on the 23rd October.

Thank you all for attending and contributing to the meeting and good night.

Annual Consultative Meeting closed at 21:15

Addendum A – List of Voting Clubs

At Meeting	Club Name
√	Banbury Canoe Club
√	Burton Phoenix Canoe Club
√	Chelmsford Canoe Club
√	Devizes Canoe Club
X	Ealing Canoe Club
√	Elmbridge Canoe Club
X	Falcon (Oxford)
√	Gailey Canoe Club
√	Kirkcaldy Canoe Club
√	Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club
√	Linlithgow Kayak Racing
√	Longridge Canoe Club
√	Norwich Canoe Club
√	Nottingham Kayak Club
√	Richmond Canoe Club
√	Royal Canoe Club
√	Royal Leamington Spa
√	Solihull Canoe Club
√	Southampton Canoe Club
√	Tonbridge Canoe Club
√	Wey Kayak Club
	Eligible clubs = 55
	Proxy votes = None
	Registered Voting Rep = 21
	Attended the meeting = 19