

# BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

Pen Portraits for Nominated Candidates for the position of Treasurer at 2023 ACM

## **Joe Fitzpatrick**

I have paddled for 20+ years, I have been a club coach for 14 years.

My previous experience of being on a committee at Stortford Canoe Club include junior rep, Vice Chair Volunteer co-ordination, Chairman, Quartermaster, head coach and head of policy. These roles have seen my engage with paddlers for the first time in a boat to checking in with one of our oldest members that is 87 years old, understanding why they want to start paddling to what can I do to help to keep enjoying the sport.

### **Why do I want to join the SRC?**

I would like to join the SRC to try and help the team execute some of there goals and ideas. I feel like I am in a position where I can respect where the sport was, I will bring commitment to the sport now to add to the Current members and community. I will always stride to produce excellence in what the team deliver to its communality and Its members.

### **Why The Treasure Role**

I have put myself forward for the role of Treasure because It will allow standardise of how Flatwater Paddlers Presents itself to its National Governing body and its members the clubs.

If voted in for the SRC I will do my best to make it that Amazing Place for Canoeing.



I would like to thank you for taking you time to read this paper.

Kind Regards

Joe Fitzpatrick

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### Louise Clive

I have been involved in canoeing since 1999 when the whole family started paddling at Gailey CC. We enjoy both Sprint and Marathon competition. I am the Race Organiser for Gailey CC.

I have been a member of the SRC since 2008, initially joining to help represent the small clubs. I have volunteered as an official at Sprints for over 10 years and have also been on the Regatta Committee and Regatta Treasurer since 2016.

I started, and still run, the Facebook group 'Racing Canoe Clubs (UK Based)' so I hear paddlers opinions from 'grass roots' alongside official points of view and club needs.

I am also on the committee of the Midlands RDT.

My background is in finance and administration, having worked in a school for 20yrs, in the areas of ICT and then School Bursar. In 2018 I opened, and now run, a Real Ale Micropub. Running my own business brings its own benefits and challenges, my daytimes can be more flexible now and I have more control over what I do when. I have to deal with people from all walks of life on a weekly basis.

I am the Treasurer for three other groups or clubs as well as Secretary for two groups. Luckily, I am 'usually' methodical and organised.

A good committee is diverse and covers all areas and interests. Areas that I have focussed on while on the SRC have been communication, publicity, the U14 paddlers and finance. During the recent years I worked with a small sub-committee to keep Regattas running where possible through the pandemic, we have introduced Intermediate racing and progressed the running of local regattas, bringing a small amount of income to the SRC as requested by BC. The racing Handbook is currently our only other income stream and this year I brought in enough advertisers to cover a large part of the production costs.

If re-elected as Treasurer I will continue to look after the funding in the way required.

Louise Clive

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