



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



Wednesday 28th September 2022

On-Line via Zoom

at 19.30

Minutes

Attending: a total of 30 people joined the on-line meeting.

SRC: Tim Scott (Chair), Louise Clive (Treasurer), Cathy Wynne (Secretary), Margaret Chapman (SCA Rep), Peter Gorman, Alice Murphy.

RC: Phil Caisley, Paul Edwardes.

SCA: Jon Schofield.

BC: Charlie Barwis, Anna Gray, Chris Furber, Ashley Metcalfe, Keir Worth

Non-Voting attendees: Vicki Cabrera, Pete Clarke, Simon Eskriett, Stuart Fisher, Lorne Gray, Martin Hook, Roland Lawler, Alan Laws, Greg Spencer.

Voting Reps; the roll call confirmed 9 Voting Representatives (which included 3 SRC members named above), were in attendance to vote on behalf of their clubs for the start of the meeting at 19.30. One additional Rep joined at 19:45. See Addendum A for the full list of the 10 voting clubs.

Proxy Votes: None

1. Apologies for absence:

John and Ann Hoile, Derek Marshal, Ian Wynne, Richard Ramsdale.

2. Appointment of Tellers: -

The Chair proposed Anna Gray and Charlie Barwis to act as the tellers for the meeting. A show of hands was requested via the 'zoom poll' function to approve the appointment.

Agreed

unanimously

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 the Chair. A show of hands vote was requested via the 'zoom poll' function to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting

Agreed unanimously

4. Matters arising not covered by the agenda:

Item 6: A question had been raised about the Welfare unit the SRC had funded for South Cerney.

Louise Clive explained that the purchase of the unit had not gone ahead as the talks with the Trustees over the use of the site for sprint canoeing and the general development of the lake had stalled with no significant movement over the last few of years. This is currently being picked up again by British Canoeing staff.

Alan Laws suggested the SRC arrange for return of the £5,000 as it unlikely to be used in the foreseeable future.

ACTION: TS +

LC

5. Chairman's Report: Tim Scott

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

As a brief outline of the full report, Tim remarked on the positive atmosphere at the National MacGregor Inter-club regatta, the last at Nottingham for this season. Thanks go to all the volunteer officials who give up so much of their spare time both behind the scenes and during a regatta. However more people are always needed and will be made most welcome, anyone interested do contact [Ann Hoile](#) to find out how you can help.

Also, Tim thanked Paul Dimmock who is stepping down from the Chair of the International Panel. His love of the sport has underpinned his leadership through the challenging times of the recent years.

On a sad note, the passing of James Smythe in the spring and the very recent passing of David Green has left a major sense of loss within our sport. Both contributed so much to the canoeing community, who will miss them both so deeply.

Congratulations goes to all our international team members on their achievements during the season and that our athletes have been inspired to further success in the coming year. Tim hopes that a long-term philosophy of building supportive, caring, and inclusive training at all levels will promote and attract more paddlers into sprint racing, with Clubs, SRC, RC and British Canoeing working together. The Junior Development Squad is a good example being run jointly by the SRC, MRC and the Talent Department. As is the recent inclusion of sprint canoeing in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) with the inaugural event scheduled for March 2023. This project has taken many years of negotiation, discussions, and form filling, only possible because British Canoeing staff and the SRC worked together.

The SRC is seeking to make major changes that is hoped will kickstart a new era for sprint racing. For 2023 the focus will be on increasing local sprint events to be held by clubs. Using these local events to generate an income for the SRC and to qualify for the MacGregor National Inter-club Challenge. The SRC will use 50% of the proposed levee to support athletes selected as part of GB teams, which is hoped will be a massive step towards equality. The remaining 50% will be invested back into supporting local sprint events.

Tim congratulates and thanks SCA for developing the 5k Hooley on the 22nd October as the British Sprint 5000m Championships. Do please enter.

To conclude his written report, Tim suggested that anyone with ideas or suggestions, to [contact him](#) direct or any SRC member. The SRC is here to represent you.

Tim did not add any comments to his written report, other than to ask if anyone had any questions or comments. No questions or comments were raised on the report.

6. Treasurer's Reports: Louise Clive

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

a) Sprint Racing Committee End of Year accounts for 31/10/20 to 31/10/2021

Louise gave a brief explanation of the accounts which had been limited due to the covid restrictions and ask for any questions: There were none.

The Chair asked for a Proposer and seconder for the approval of the Sprint Racing accounts

Proposed by Alan Laws and Seconded by Erika Hutchinson.
A show of hand vote was taken using the 'zoom poll' function
unanimously

Agreed

b) Regatta Committee End of Year accounts up to 31/10/2020 to 31/10/2021
Louise explained the effect the covid restrictions, particularly at the start of the year had, although easing through the summer months. This had impacted on income and increased the expenditure costs for the national regattas. Louise asked if anyone had any questions, there were none.

The Chair asked for a Proposer and seconder for the approval of the Regatta Committee accounts. Proposed by Alice Murphy and Seconded by Paul Edwardes

A show of hand vote was taken using the 'zoom poll' function
unanimously

Agreed

c) Louise gave an outline of the expected financial position at the end of the current financial year (up to 31/10/2022). The SRC, are expecting to overspend by around £2,000 if all the outstanding items are as planned.
The Regatta Committee are expecting an overspend of a little over £7,000, due mainly to the increase in running costs for the regattas. Plus, no grant towards the cost of the Start gate system and a small decrease in entries for the early part of the year.
Both overspends will reduce each committee's reserves. No questions were raised.

N.B. at this point Margaret Chapman SCA Representative on the SRC, took over as Chair of the meeting from Tim Scott for agenda item 7.

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

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

Nominated Candidate	Proposer	Seconded by
Tim Scott	Grace Anderson	Shaun Cook

The Acting Chair asked for a show of hands vote via the 'zoom poll' function on the election of the Committee Chair
unanimously

Agreed

N.B. Margaret Chapman handed back the Chair to Tim Scott.

8. **Election of Committee Members;** for a 3-year term, with 2 candidates for 3 available positions

Each candidate to be elected by a separate show of hand vote via the 'zoom poll' function

The two candidates are:

Nominated Candidate	Proposer	Seconded by	
Martin Hook	Cathy Wynne	Reef Hook	Agreed by a
Roland Lawler	Rebekah Solway	George Durden	Agreed by a

majority

9. **Regatta Committee 2022 Report:** Phil Caisley

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

Four national regattas had been delivered during 2022, which included multiple GB team selections, National Championships, Inter-services Championships, SUP British National Championships and several smaller series competitions.

The Regatta Committee give a massive thank you to our wonderful band of volunteers, officials, and the British Canoeing event staff, we appreciate 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 for your support during the year, in nearly all cases this is very positive and supportive. However there have been challenges from one club which had to be escalated to the SRC to deal with under the sprint disciplinary regulations.

An additional challenge this year, due to the untimely death of John Ball had meant we have had to relearn, amend, and adapt processes used during our regattas and source equipment that previously had been supplied. In addition to outsourcing some of John's timing system related work to the software supplier, at a much-increased cost. This extra cost has contributed to the National Regattas making a significant loss this year.

On a positive note, we have increased our numbers of International qualified officials with congratulations to Adam Miles for successfully completing the ICF examination as an ITO (International Technical Official).

We are all looking forward to 2023, planning the Regattas has already started with the confirmation of the National Regatta weekend dates as: - 15-16th April: 3-4 June: 1-2 July and 2-3 September. Following the July regatta there will be some selection races held on Monday 3rd July.

Phil asked for questions, none were raised.

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

Following the final National Regatta of the season, Tim announced, that after clubs had checked their own scores, the winning club is confirmed for the **MacGregor National Inter Club Challenge as Richmond Canoe Club** with 497 points. Second, Wey Kayak Club with 451 and third Nottingham Kayak club with 434 points.

The **Andrew Bonham Memorial Trophy** was also contested at the September regatta, the winning C4 crew are:- **O Laws/A Sarkisyan/Z Veale**, all from Richmond Canoe Club and **A Makhaibuskui** from Cardiff Bay Kayakers.

The medal points for the **National Inter-club Medal Competition** have been calculated. The prize, a K2 kindly donated by the Performance Department going to **Nottingham Kayak Club** with the winning score of 128 points, second Reading Canoe Club with 79 points and third Richmond Canoe club with 70 points.

The three awards will be presented shortly at a club social event, date to be confirmed.

There remains one further trophy to be announced, which is the **Junior Canoeist of the Year** – voting for by other members of the Junior World Championship Team members – the winner is **Kristina Armstrong, Linlithgow Kayak Racing Club**

This award will be presented at the Ceilidh following the British 5000m Sprint Championships Hooley Regatta at Strathclyde Park on the 22nd October, along with the five National Championship Best Performances trophies for specified group of competitors awarded by the SRC and announced in the September national regatta programme. They are: -

Femina Trophy – Most Meritorious Senior Womens A performance at the National Championship Regatta. **Emily Lewis, Worcester Canoe Club.**

Dexter Trophy - Men Under 23 - Best Performance at National Championship Regatta. Joint winners, **Philip Miles, Royal Leamington Spar** and **Charlie Smith, Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club**

Lee & Joan Davies Memorial Trophy - Women Under 23 - Best Performance at National Championship Regatta, **Zoe Clark, Royal Canoe Club.**

Skinner Salver - Junior (U18) Female C1 at National Championship Regatta,
Hannah Page, Nottingham Kayak Club

**Adjutants Cup - Junior (U18) Male C1 - Best performance National Championship Regatta.
Owen Chisholm, Richmond Canoe Club**

11. Grass Root Sprint Events Development for 2023: Tim Scott

The proposal is that qualification for the MacGregor Inter-Club Challenge will be by paddlers participating in a local sprint event. A paper was shared on the screen with a draft outline of what could constitute as a qualifying local event. This would include a levy payable to the SRC; 50% of the levy will be used to promote and support local sprint events, 50% used to subsidise athletes selected for international events. More detail will be added to this outline before being shared with the community in the next few weeks for your feedback. Tim asked for comments on the outline proposal. Several questions were raised for the SRC to consider when preparing the draft proposal. i) how will this proposal engage smaller clubs many of whom are not interested in the MacGregor? ii) costs for running an event, particularly for smaller club? iii) could the scoring for point include points for paddlers alongside club points?

The final question being, how will the draft proposal be circulated; it will be via the usual Team Leaders group email and on the SRC website.

12 Outline proposals for National Regatta Development 2023-26: Tim Scott

The current focus will be to increase the local sprint events ahead of most of the national regatta developments. National changes will gradually be introduced over the coming few years. The plans, once evolved will be shared with the community. The proposed strategy will be to work towards having a consistent theme for each regatta, year on year. For example, the National Championships as the last regatta of the season, along with the introduction of a couple of new national regatta formats. One of several proposals would be to hold international selections outside of a national regatta weekend. Tim asked the meeting for comments, there were no questions or comments.

13. Chair's Closing comments:

Thank you all for attending and contributing to the meeting tonight and everyone who has questions, comments or ideas after the meeting, please do email [Tim](#) or [Cathy](#) who will pass your feedback on to the committee. With a reminder to everyone that the Sprint 5000m National Championship Hooley for K1/C1, K2 and K4's will be on the 22nd October, the meeting was closed.

Annual Consultative Meeting closed at 20:35

Addendum A – List of Voting Clubs

At Meeting	Club Name	Rep	
√	Chelmsford Canoe Club	Steve Moule	
√	Gailey Canoe Club	Louise Clive	SRC member
√	Kirkcaldy Canoe Club	Margaret Chapman	SRC member
√	Lincoln Canoe Club	Robyn Smith	
√	Norwich Canoe Club	Adam Want	
√	Nottingham Kayak Club	Alice Murphy	SRC member
√	Reading Canoe Club	Erika Hutchinson	
√	Royal Canoe Club	Ryan Lark	
√	Royal Leamington Spa	Emma Miles	
√	Southampton Canoe Club	James Hinves	
	Eligible clubs = 51		
	Proxy votes = None		
	Voting Rep = 10		