



PADDLE UK SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

Date: Monday 18th August 2025
Time: 20:00 Google Meet online meeting

Committee members : Nick Fowler-Rimell [NF] (Chair), Louise Clive [LC] (Treasurer), Philip Miles [PM] (Secretary), Alice Murphy [AM], Adam Miles [AMi], Bev Hunter [BH], Martin Hook [MH], Roland Lawler [RL], Peter Gorman [PG], Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep

Others: James Hives [JH], James Train [JT]

Item No: **MINUTES**

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Paul Dimmock and Arthur Leech, who were both unable to attend the meeting.

2 Approval of SRC minutes from 30th June

The minutes from this meeting were circulated in advance. The Chair asked if any committee members had any comments on these. No queries were raised, so it was proposed that these be accepted. **Approved**

3 Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda

There were no matters arising regarding any previous committee business.

4 2025 Budget Update: LC

LC shared some updates to the financial position for this year. £565 has been paid for the K4 repairs undertaken in the first half of the year, and the Regatta Committee are supportive of the reports generated on the state of boats after each regatta. The £600 committee by the committee for the JDS camps has been requested, and £12,500 has gone out for the contributions to Jun/U23 athletes to competitions. In this financial year, there is currently a £4,700 overspend.

5 2025 ACM

Format of in-person meeting and agenda to be finalised

PM reported that the Falcon Boatclub are letting the SRC use the premises free of charge, and suggested that the committee might wish to make a voluntary donation as a token of our appreciation.

PM noted that there is £2,000 in the budget for committee expenses, including the ACM, and very little of this is currently spent, which can be utilised for this purpose.

We will need to ensure that the facilities are appropriate to support a hybrid meeting - those joining online will need to be able to engage and so a TV screen may be required. There is wireless internet in the boathouse.



- 5 (cont'd)** The committee was consulted as to the format of the event. Suggestions included a talk for coaches, refreshments, presentation from a keynote speaker, town hall meeting.
It was proposed that the 'talking point' for the meeting this year be a revisit of the National Regattas proposal from last year, sharing how far we have come along with some feedback that we have received throughout the year.
Action: PM to ask Ekaitz Saies to give a keynote speech and invite Regatta Committee/key stakeholders. PG to organise refreshments.
- 6 Competition - Strategic Plan**
The subcommittee have not met since the past meeting. Mark is holding an event in Bristol Harbour in October, and NF is looking at how we can support this with Ekaitz Saies.
BH asks if we can provide a framework to clubs to assist with the running of events. A standardised format may make it easier for competitors too.
NF noted that the clubs reception to running local regattas has been lukewarm, and it was asked what can the SRC provide to clubs to encourage them? Lane bouys, providing crew boats, etc.
Can regional events (when they exist) include some elements of fun like in the Paddle Games? There is a feeling that Paddle Games has a good blend of fun and competitive racing.
- 7 Coaching - Strategic Plan**
JT was present on the call and spoke briefly about the current state of coaching qualifications. He spoke about how we get people through the PUK coaching courses that are specific to racing coaches, safeguarding and first aid, a couple of practical courses and then an assessment. Scott Hynds and James have a target of two to three cohorts through within the next two years. There are other assessors within the sprint community aside from JT and SH, but there is a push for racing specific courses and how we can develop a Community of Practise.
PG suggested that JT could give a brief presentation on this area at the September ACM while everybody is already together.
There was a question about the coaching course bursaries and their current situation.
- 8 Community - Strategic Plan**
The subgroup were not able to meet since the previous meeting and so did not provide a report.
- 9 AOB**
- The committee have been asked if they wish to waive the £40 fee for a paddler who was not able to attend the regatta. The committee were made aware of this previously but had not come to a conclusion. The entire facts of the scenario were not made clear previously, and the terms of payment for regattas are quite clear in that payment is due at the deadline for receiving entries. The RC had reviewed this and previously determined that the fee would not be waived. The SRC voted to reverse this decision and waive the fee on this occasion given the exceptional circumstances but insisted that this would not be a precedent in the future.



- 9** (cont'd)
- There is a vacant position from the SRC on the Canoe Sprint Advisory Group. NF asked that committee members consider whether they would like to be considered for this.
 - RL raised a point regarding the rule changes in the handbook regarding the addition of a possible portage. It was clarified that the committee consensus at the time agreed that the rules should be relaxed to allow more flexibility, and PM drew the attention of the committee to the minutes of a previous meeting which confirmed this.

10 Dates for Future SRC Meetings

Monday 15th September @ 20:00
Saturday 27th September @ 15:00 (ACM)
Saturday 1st November f2f - time TBC

Meeting finished at 22:05

APPROVED