



PADDLE UK SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

Date: Monday 12th January 2026
Time: 20:00
Venue: Zoom Online Meeting

To:

Committee members : Dave Martyn [DM] (Chair), Philip Miles [PM] (Secretary), Adam Miles [AMi], Joe Fitzpatrick [JF], Paul Dimmock [PD] (until 21:15), Peter Gorman [PG], Martin Hook [MH], Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep

Others James Train

Item No:

MINUTES

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Louise Clive, Ashley Metcalfe and Kier Worth. Margaret Chapman sent apologies for the first half of the meeting.

2 Approval of SRC minutes from 1st and 15th December 2025

No comments or corrections were raised concerning these meetings' minutes. It was proposed that they be accepted.

Action: PM to circulate minutes via website

3 Matters arising/review of action from SRC Minutes not on the agenda

- Cathy has started to draft timetables for 2026 regattas. The only query has arisen from the selection events at April regatta. Usually separate selection and category A races are not run at selection events. Clarification was sought concerning which events would hold para races, but generally this doesn't have a huge implication in timetabling.
- There is a need to run 1000m selection races at McGregor in July to facilitate Olympic Hopes selection. It was previously proposed that events over one of three distances be cut to make room in the event schedule. For September championship regatta, there are currently 134 events in the schedule, and the RC is seeking to reduce this to 100. The RC have proposed to take out senior K2 events to meet this goal. It was noted that crew boats were one of the benefits of Nottingham regattas and to take 200m K1 events out may be a better solution as these are not reflected in the Olympic programme anymore.

Action: MH to review options with RC

- Entry fees - it was asked if the committee wanted to change pricing structure, for example charging a single day fee, as it was felt that some individuals in this situation were discouraged from competing last year. The feeling was that the committee would like to offer this if possible, with the single day rate being set at £25. Paddleability competitors were not charged last year, but they wish to pay this year.



4 Review local regatta plan for 2027

Now it is already 2026, the committee is looking towards 2027 and beyond to determine the direction of local regattas.

DM has shared a list of priorities for local events for feedback from the committee, including a timeline for various action points.

- Local events should be run in parallel to the national competition programme, rather than necessarily feeding into it.
- Communication - could we get a mailing list? Or is social media the right method of engagement?
- Ask for some outside views, from those in other sports. Mark Heeley has already offered to share thoughts.
- How to develop some exciting events, and what other sports/activities could we combine with. For example, a series/event format that creates club on club rivalry, like a team sports match/championship.
- How do we engage the community, as this is vital also for the reason that the volunteers who will run these events will come from the community.
- We want to have something to present to the community as soon as possible, providing regular updates as we progress our vision, to get as many people on board as possible.

5 Propose committee action for JDS Rep

It was proposed that Nerys Hall be co-opted on the the committee for the remainder of the year, and she would be able to hold this role. Agreed by those present.

6 National Competitions

Operation of regattas at HPP will move to the IMAS timing system from September 2026. IMAS is widespread in canoeing and is run by individuals familiar with the sport. We will be bringing it in in September to give us a head start on next year. It is proposed that we have the IMAS team on site for the first event to iron out any wrinkles. There will be some changes, for example the current scoreboard system will not be compatible. DM asked that anybody with appropriate IT skills who would be willing to offer assistance to speak to Phil Caisley, as he could do with some extra hands.

7 Coaching

Empowering Club Coaches

Standards of deployment are being rolled out to clubs and their coaches. It is felt by some that these are a bit restrictive. How can the committee give club coaches authority and autonomy without putting handcuffs on them. JT and Scott Hynds are trying to cut through some red tape and get people qualified in a course relevant to sprint coaching.

8 AOB

- Regatta Committee are hosting an event at Wey Kayak Club on 8th March, and would like to encourage as many members of the SRC to attend as possible. It is a workshop where they will run through steps that the RC go through, discuss the plan for the coming year.



- 8** • There was recently some informal discussion of loaning out SRC crew boats
(cont'd) over the winter to other clubs. It was proposed that we do this in a more structured manner, so that any club who could have use for a boat could express their interest in taking on loaned boats.

9 Dates for Future SRC Meetings

Proposed: Monday 23rd February @ 20:00
Monday 30th March @ 20:00

Meeting finished at 21:45

APPROVED