



## **PADDLE UK SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Monday 1st December 2025  
**Time:** 20:00  
**Venue:** Zoom Online Meeting

Committee members : Dave Martyn [DM] (Chair), Louise Clive [LC] (Treasurer), Philip Miles [PM] (Secretary), Adam Miles [AM], Joe Fitzpatrick [JF], Peter Gorman [PG], Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep

Item No:

### **MINUTES**

#### **1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Bev Hunter and Martin Hook for the meeting.

#### **2 Approval of SRC minutes from 1st November 2025**

The committee approved the minutes from the meeting held on 1st November.

**Action:** PM to circulate via SRC website

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

Review of Actions following 1st November meeting

- Item 3 - PM to contact prizewinners following results from 2025 competition season
- Item 5 - Subgroups. PG and MC have asked to be on the coaching subgroup as they feel they have plenty of experience to offer in that area. It was asked who will lead each group; DM suggested that this is for the subgroups to arrange themselves. MH proposed to lead Competition, BH proposed to lead Coaching, LC to lead Community.
- Item 8 - JTS representative - James Train just wanted a couple of people to sound ideas against. PG and BH expressed interest
- Item 8 - K4 stewardship - DM intending to chat to Hannah Brown. She recently organised the removal of the K4s from the bay in anticipation of flooding. Suggestion of crack squad of volunteers from Nottingham Kayak Club.
- Item 9 - LC has made a proposal for dispersal of SRC funding awards for the committee to consider, to be circulated.
- Item 10 Competition - JF working on an SOP document.

#### **4 Review cycle for meeting minutes/confidentiality**

Release minutes sooner after meetings and have them approved within a couple of weeks so that they can be released to the community. Brief summaries that are more digestible also an idea.



**5 Feedback from other meetings members have attended**

• Safeguarding

There have been about 85 safeguarding incidents recorded or investigated in the past year. The PUK safeguarding team can be contacted about concerns of any level, including those not requiring an investigation.

• Safety

Safety Update: Some interesting points raised during the Safety officers meeting. Noteworthy: other water based sports making recommendation for footwear to counter Weils disease; additionally the number of attendees at regattas (including support staff and spectators) exceeds threshold for additional anti-terror consideration.

**6 Competition**

Finalise rule changes for 2026 competition season

The Regatta Committee are not planning to meet until after this SRC meeting and so have been unable to offer any comments on current suggestions. It was proposed that these be agreed at a later date, perhaps over email.

The committee have been given the draft event schedules for July and September. It looks like the number of events will have to be reduced in order to accommodate all of the classes at these events, and so it has been asked that the committee discuss this. It was suggested that a distance be dropped for Macgregor event for example the 1000m races. It was asked if this would disrupt Olympic Hopes selection. It was remarked that there would be no Inter services or Paracanoe races in July next year which will save some space in the programme.

Suggestions for the Nationals competition programme included to reduce the number of mixed races, or combine masters to be 20 year bands rather than 10 years.

It was suggested that races be held at 3 minute intervals rather than every 4 minutes, however this puts too much of a burden on the volunteers who are already quite stretched.

More information is needed in terms of the restrictions before the committee can make a firm choice.

SUP racers are happy to come to the May/June regatta instead of July, which eases the timetabling burden

**Action:** MH to report to RC

**7 External Relations**

Identification of key stakeholders and relationship owners

Held Over

**8 AOB**

No additional matters were raised

**9 Dates for Future SRC Meetings**

Monday 8th December @ 20:00 - Local Regattas discussion

Proposed: Monday 12th January 2026 @ 20:00



## **PADDLE UK SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Monday 15th December 2025  
**Time:** 20:00  
**Venue:** Zoom Online Meeting

Committee members : Dave Martyn [DM] (Chair), Louise Clive [LC] (Treasurer), Bev Hunter [BH], Adam Miles [AM], Joe Fitzpatrick [JF], Martin Hook [MH], Peter Gorman [PG], Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep

Others: James Train [PUK]

### **MINUTES**

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Phil Miles who was unable to attend.

#### **Regatta Software**

Brief conversation while people were joining. We need to get formal agreement to the proposal to go with IMAS in order to do this we need a document setting out why this is the preferred solution.

Ideally, this should be complete before the end of 2025 so the team can progress towards next year's regattas.

**Action:** Regatta Committee to produce the document for approval, either by those already involved writing it or by calling a meeting to explain (in detail) the decision and someone else can help do the writing (DM offered to help)

#### **Main topic – Local regattas.**

AM gave a summary of what has happened to date.

Much work has been done, but last year with changes to Nottingham regattas it was left and now feels a bit stale.

Hard to get the clubs to engage constructively.

Need formats that work for any venue.

Need to show a clear benefit to the clubs and athletes

Have considered different event durations eg 2 hour, 1 day, 1 weekend.

Given the congestion in the racing calendar everyone agreed that focusing on 3-4 good events in each region was better than more. To enable smaller clubs to make this happen it was suggested that while the big clubs often run events themselves, the smaller ones might be better teaming up.



We should consider who else is running events that might fit Scouts, SUP, Dragon boats, Bell boats etc. How can we create 'festival' events by working with others.

It was suggested that the Talent Clubs could be asked to run test events in 2026. This could massively help with engagement and create community events to discuss what the future looks like.

For 2026 we should plan to engage with the community to build something better for 2027. For 2026 we should encourage those clubs who have recently run events to repeat them. We will not charge a levy for local regattas in 2026.

**Action:** reach out to clubs. Propose DM does this in the first instance to explain our logic.

James Hinves / Steve Train have many ideas and lots of contacts. Use them.

Can we use a sort of 'Hasler' idea of people gaining points at local events and earning something?

Ultimate aim is local events then regional to feed into national events.

There was discussion of the 2027 plan should this be owned by the competition or community group, clearly it has elements of both. Propose that we develop the plan and then see who is most appropriate to work the different sections of it.

**Action:** DM create a straw man plan for others to edit/comment on.

The SRC can offer to take K4's or rocket K4's to events if this helps clubs.

## **9 Dates for Future SRC Meetings**

Monday 12th January @ 20:00

