



PADDLE UK SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

Paddle UK Sprint Racing Section Annual Consultative Meeting

Saturday 27th September 2025 at 15:00

Oxford Falcon Canoe Club, Meadow Lane, Oxford, OX4 4BJ (Also via Zoom)

All documents referred to in the minutes can be found on the [SRC website, or by clicking this link](#).

Minutes

Attending: a total of 23 people joined the meeting in person or online

SRC: Nick Fowler-Rimell, Philip Miles, Louise Clive, Alice Murphy, Peter Gorman, Adam Miles, Roland Lawler, David Martyn, Paul Dimmock, Bev Hunter

RC: Martin Hook

PUK: James Train, James Hinves, Ekaitz Saies, Kier Worth **Non-voting attendees:** Nick Adnitt, Cathy Wynne, Nerys Hall

Voting Representatives: A roll call confirmed that 12 voting representatives, including four SRC members, were present at the meeting.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Ashley Metcalfe.

2 Appointment of Tellers

Alice Murphy and James Train were proposed by the Secretary to act as tellers at the meeting for matters that would be put to a vote of the voting representatives.

Approved by a majority

3 Approval of previous ACM minutes

The minutes of last year's meeting held on 26th September 2024 were circulated on the SRC website in advance of the meeting. The chair asked if anybody present had any comments to make on these minutes, none were received.

Approved by a majority

4 Matters arising not covered by the agenda

There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.

5 Chair's Report

A written chair's report was circulated in advance of the meeting and is available on the SRC website. In his report, Nick Fowler-Rimell thanked those in the community who had made contributions towards local and national competitions in the past year, and also drew attention to the notable international successes achieved by the Junior, U23, Senior, and Paracanoe squads in 2025.



Nick noted the staffing changes that have happened across the performance pathway and the positive changes that result from this. He confirmed that the committee's goal in the future is to make canoe sprint more accessible, competitive and enjoyable for all who take part. No comments were raised by meeting attendees.

6 Treasurer's reports

Sprint Racing Committee and Regatta Committee Treasurer's Reports were circulated with the agenda and are available on the SRC website. In addition to this, Louise provided a report with some commentary on key points in each of these documents.

The Chair requested two show of hands votes to approve both the Sprint Racing Committee accounts for the year ending 31/10/2024 and the Regatta Committee accounts for the year ending 31/10/2024.

Approved by a majority on both counts

7 Election of Committee Chair - for a three-year term with two candidates

Pen portraits of each candidate were circulated in advance of the meeting. Votes were cast using an online ballot and the tellers confirmed that David Martyn was elected as Chair of the Committee with 11 votes, to 8 votes received by Nick Fowler-Rimell. Nick wished Dave every success in his tenure as chair of the committee.

At this point, Dave Martyn assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Dave thanked those present for entrusting him with the office of Chair, and reiterated his commitment to working with all in the community to make the sport enjoyable for all paddlers and volunteers.

8 Election of Committee Members - for a three year term, with three candidates for four available positions.

Pen portraits of the candidates were circulated in advance of the meeting. Voting representatives were asked to cast their votes for each candidate separately using a show of hands. Bev Hunter and Martin were both re-elected to the SRC.

Approved by a majority

N.B. Dave Martyn was rendered ineligible for this ballot following his election to the committee as chairperson.

9 Regatta Committee 2025 report

Martin Hook, Chair of the Regatta Committee, shared his report which can also be found online. Martin thanked Alice Murphy, Hannah Brown, and Mags Dilai for their tireless work to design and implement their vision for our national competition structure this year.

Martin highlighted some of these changes, which included the introduction of a £40 flat fee to participate in as many races as possible, the amalgamation of some categories to increase the numbers in each race. He also shared that the Sprint Racing Committee has been seeking feedback following each competition and has been working with the Regatta Committee to review and incorporate this for the next season.

Martin closed by thanking all the volunteers who give up their time to run our national event programme, without whom our sport would not function.

10 Presentation of National Sprint Competitions Results and Awards

At this point, the recipients of some of perpetual trophies following the end of the 2025 racing season. A full list of these awards can be found on the website.

11 National Regattas Future Strategy - one year on: review and reflections

Alice Murphy gave a brief presentation sharing some of the feedback that has been received regarding changes to the national competition structure in 2025. This follows the presentation at the 2024 SRC ACM where this vision was first shared with the wider community.

The overwhelming majority of comments that have been received were positive, and negative feedback has been constructive too.

There were questions raised concerning a single day entry fee for the regattas in the case that some competitors may wish to only race on one day of the event. AM said that under our current entry system, only one fee can currently be facilitated. It was also queried whether the way that Macgregor points are determined could be reviewed, as it is difficult for many smaller clubs to get K4s together to score points.

12 Chair's Closing Comments

Dave Martyn thanked all for their attendance at the meeting today. He invited all present to stay and listen to a presentation by Ekaitz Saies, Performance Director of Paddle UK's Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe world class programmes.

Meeting closed at 16:15

**Appendix A: Full list of Voting Clubs in Attendance**

Representative	Club	Present at meeting	
Doug Pemble	Addlestone	X	
Graham Warland	Banbury	X	
Rich Winstanley	Bishops Stortford	X	
	Cardiff Bay Kayak Club		Proxy submitted
	Chelmsford		Proxy submitted
	Devizes		Proxy submitted
Martin Hook	Ealing	X	<i>SRC member</i>
Roland Lawler	Elmbridge	X	<i>SRC member</i>
	Exeter		Proxy submitted
Simon Eskriett	Gailey	X	
Margaret Chapman	Kirkcaldy Canoe Club		
Derek Marshall	Linlithgow Kayak Racers	X	
Tim Scott	Norwich	X	
Jo Bates	Oxford Falcon	X	
	Richmond		Proxy submitted
	Royal Air Force		Proxy submitted
Adam Miles	Royal leamington Spa	X	<i>SRC member</i>
	Southampton		Proxy submitted
Paul Dimmock	Wey Kayak Club	X	<i>SRC member</i>
Steve Green	Worcester	X	

42 clubs were eligible to vote at the 2025 ACM

12 representatives were present, with 7 proxy votes submitted in advance of the meeting.