



Linlithgow Kayak Racing SCIO

Annual General Meeting

21st November, 2024

1. Welcome & Apologies

Andy McGowan welcomed all attendees, guests and families.

Members in attendance were:

Akira Nagda; Alastair Davie; Andy McGowan; Anne Feist; Anne Moar; Clare Gibb; Ellie Young; Fiona MacBeth; Gabriella Bednarska; Gilbert Speirs; Jackie MacKenzie; Jude Young; Katherine Burnett; Lana Turnbull; Linda Szabo; Lisa Davie; Lorraine Speirs; Marshall Davie; Morag Patterson; Nate Patterson; Phil Dean; Phil Young; Sam Patterson; Sandra Pirie; Shaun Stevenson; Sheetal Shah; Simran Nagda; Sue McHugh; Szymon Sroka; Tom Patterson

Apologies were received from: Kevin Bonfield; Niall Borthwick; Donald Gardner; Derek Marshall; Nan Marshall; Cecile Redmond; Neil Redmond

2. Minutes from AGM 2023

The minutes for the AGM held on 23rd November 2023 had been circulated to all members ahead of the meeting. There were no corrections requested. Alastair Davie proposed the adoption of the minutes, seconded by Sue McHugh.

3. Interim Chair's Report

Andy McGowan presented a brief summary of the year's activities and key achievements.

4. Financial Report

The accounts for 2023 had been circulated to all members ahead of the AGM showing a year end cash position of £18,912. Andy McGowan presented a detailed breakdown of the main categories of income and expenditure through the year. Given the stable financial position, it was proposed that all categories of membership fee remain the same for the 2025 financial year. Katharine Burnett proposed the acceptance of the accounts, seconded by Gilly MacWhirter and there were no objections.

5. Election of SCIO Trustees

Due to the retiral of Cecile Redmond and Judith Young after many years of valued contribution, two new trustees were required. Morag Paterson and Gilbert Speirs had been nominated and were unanimously elected on a show of hands.

6. Election of Committee Members & Other Club Roles

In a phenomenal show of support and willingness to assist, a total of 16 different people had been nominated for the various positions on the committee and the wider



club activities. After a voting process very well organised by Gilbert Speirs, the following were appointed:

Chair: Andy McGowan

Treasurer: Shaun Stevenson

Secretary: Vacant

Safeguarding Lead: Morag Patterson

Safeguarding Officer: Sheetal Shah

Safety Lead: Gilbert Speirs

Safety Officer: Phil Dean

Membership Secretary: Lorraine Speirs

Committee Members: Sue McHugh; Sandra Pirie; Rob Pretorius; Linda Szabo; Ellie Young; Lana Turnbull

7. Any Other Business

A vote of thanks was made for the team at the Park Bistro both for hosting the AGM and also their great support throughout the year.

The meeting moved on to award prizes to top paddlers over the season and some social events.

Special Commendations: Alastair Davie for his volunteering support for the Club across a range of activities; Sandra Pirie for her work supporting coaching of the young paddlers

Further Commendations to LKR Event Organisers: Gilly MacWhirter; Sheetal Shah; Andy McGowan; Phil Dean; Donald Gardner; Derek Marshall

Summer Series Winners:

- 10km Female - Linda Szabo (LKR)
- 10km Male - Alan Tordoff
- 6km Female - Lana Turnbull (LKR)
- 6km Male - Marshall Davie (LKR)
- 2km Female - Simran Nagda (LKR)
- 2km Male - Nate Patterson (LKR)

Under-12's: Simran Nagda; Special Mention for Nate Patterson for U10 200m Winner at the Scottish Sprint Championship

Junior Competition Paddlers Commendations: Szymon Sroka for selection to Olympic Hopes Regatta; Sam Patterson for reaching B finals at U18 UK Sprint Regatta; Tom Patterson for selection to Olympic Hopes Regatta and coming 23rd overall.



Senior Competition Paddlers Commendations: Kristina Armstrong for astonishing performances becoming double U23 European Champion at the Spring European Junior & U23 Championships in Bratislava with victory in both K1 500m and K2 500m and 6th in K1 and 8th in K2 at the Sprint Junior & U23 World Championships in Bulgaria; Phil Dean for winning bronze in the mens canoe double team sprint at the Wild Water World Championships in Spain; Ellie Young and Shaun Stevenson for significant promotions up the marathon rankings over the year

Most Improved Paddler: Lana Turnbull for continual improvement in times over the year and regular support for club sessions and competitions

Paddle Scotland Sprint & Marathon Discipline Development Groups Most Improved Paddler: Ellie Young