

SCOTTISH CANOE ASSOCIATION LIMITED - COMPANY No.SC207488**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 19 DECEMBER 2024**

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Canoe Association trading as Paddle Scotland ("the Company") was held on Thursday 19 December 2024 via online video conferencing at 19:00. The meeting started at 19:05 to allow time for those that had registered to join the call.

ORDINARY BUSINESS**1. Welcome**

Paddle Scotland Interim Chair Allan McKay welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He would act as the Chair of the meeting and confirmed that as per Article 30.2, the quorum of 25 for General Meetings had been achieved so the meeting could commence. There were no apologies.

2. Meeting Format and Appointment of Tellers

The Chair noted CEO Stuart Smith would be moving on to pastures new and wished him well for the future.

The Chair introduced David Mear, the director leading on finance, who would speak about the Annual Accounts, and new **sportscotland** partnership manager, Kevin Ferguson, who was joining as an observer.

The Chair explained that voting would be managed by Marcin Zdrojewski from the Scottish Sports Association (SSA), an independent organisation. He confirmed that the total votes for each item of Ordinary Business would comprise those cast by Voting Members in the meeting as well as valid proxies, which had been submitted and verified by the SSA in advance. If someone submitted an advance proxy and also joined the meeting, their proxy was cancelled and they would vote in person in the meeting. He invited questions. There were none.

Access to the meeting was closed in order to ensure the accuracy of live voting.

The Chair outlined the agenda for the meeting including the six items of Ordinary Business to be voted on.

3. To approve the minutes of the 2023 AGM

The draft minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) were published with no comments or feedback received.

Only those who had attended the 2023 AGM were eligible to vote.

Once the votes had been counted and verified, the results were announced as follows:

	In meeting	Proxies Received	Total	%
For	19	66	85	100.0%
Against	0	0	0	0.0%
Abstentions	32	293	325	
Total	51	359	410	100.0%

The meeting approved the minutes of the 2022 AGM which would now be published as a final version of the minutes.

4. To approve the minutes of the GM held on 27 November 2024

The draft minutes of the General Meeting held on 27 November 2024 in which new Company Articles of Association were approved were published with no comments or feedback received. Only those who had attended the General Meeting were eligible to vote.

Once the votes had been counted and verified, the results were announced as follows:

	In meeting	Proxies Received	Total	%
For	19	52	71	100.0%
Against	0	0	0	0.0%
Abstentions	32	306	338	
Total	51	358	409	100.0%

The meeting approved the minutes of the 27 November 2024 GM which would now be published as a final version of the minutes.

5. To receive the Company's annual report for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Chair passed over to CEO Stuart Smith to go over some highlights of the 2023-2024 Annual Report.

- Stuart highlighted many positive statistics, including the organisation's significant growth in membership post-covid (22% increase over 5 years) which has been sustained at a time when many SGBs have seen a reduction in membership.
- More than 60% of 2023-2024 members are coaches or leaders delivering paddlesport.
- There was a 31% increase in competition participants in the reporting year.
- Paddle Scotland secured over £1m of external funding and completed the significant redevelopment at Grandtully Station Park to create an accessible hub for sport and recreation including classrooms/meetings rooms/drying room.

Questions were invited. There were none.

The Chair invited everyone to vote to receive the Annual Report for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Once the votes had been counted and verified, the results were announced as follows:

	In meeting	Proxies Received	Total	%
For	43	168	211	98.1%
Against	0	4	4	1.9%
Abstentions	8	187	195	
Total	51	359	410	100.0%

The meeting voted to receive the Annual Report 2023-2024.

6. To receive the Company's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Chair passed over to Director David Mear to go over the 2023-2024 accounts.

Questions were invited. Craig Douglas asked why there was a drop in the cash in bank and in hand compared to the previous financial year. It was answered that grants had been received in advance then were spent on the Grandtully Station Park redevelopment project. No further questions were received.

The Chair invited everyone to vote to receive the accounts for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Once the votes had been counted and verified, the results were announced as follows:

	In meeting	Proxies Received	Total	%
For	41	159	200	96.6%
Against	1	6	7	3.4%
Abstentions	9	194	203	
Total	51	359	410	100.0%

The meeting voted to receive the 2023-2024 accounts.

7. To vote on the election of Stewart Pitt as President

The Chair reminded everyone that Stewart's candidate profile was published with the calling notice and should have been read in advance. He invited everyone to vote.

Once the votes had been counted and verified, the results were announced as follows:

	In meeting	Proxies Received	Total	%
For	28	174	202	63.7%
Against	18	97	115	36.3%
Abstentions	5	88	93	
Total	51	359	410	100.0%

The meeting voted to elect Stewart Pitt as the new President.

8. To vote on the election of four Elected Directors

The Chair reminded everyone that the directors were being elected in line with the new Articles of Association, which were adopted following their approval at the General Meeting on 27 November 2024 and increased the number of elected directors on the Board, amongst other minor changes.

Everyone was invited to vote on a choice of 9 candidates. The profiles of each had been widely publicised to members over the last 2 weeks. Members would be allowed to select up to 4 candidates and did not have to vote for all 4. It was explained that if anyone votes for more than 4 candidates their vote would be invalidated.

Once the votes had been counted and verified, the results were announced as follows:

	In meeting	Proxies Received	Total	%
Alison Byers	27	215	242	18.1%
Kenneth Nicol	31	205	236	17.7%

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Niamh Lee	26	173	199	14.9%
Mark Mulrain	17	172	189	14.2%
Jocelyn Mercedes Wallace	14	109	123	9.2%
Nick Main	6	92	98	7.3%
Dr Shahriar Nabili	17	73	90	6.7%
Tony Leaver	21	67	88	6.6%
Owen Inglis Humphrey	18	51	69	5.2%
Total	177	1157	1334	100.0%

The Chair confirmed that Alison Byers, Kenneth Nicol, Niamh Lee and Mark Mulrain had been elected as new directors on the Paddle Scotland Board.

End of formal business.

9. Closing Remarks:

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and ended the meeting.

The AGM ended at 19:57.