

## **PaddleUK MRC Annual Consultative Meeting 2024**

### **Appendix C**

#### **Candidates for Election**

The following have volunteered to stand for election to the MRC at the ACM.

We have 6 retiring members who have served their 2 year term (Stan Missen, Dave Sackman, Mick Nadal, Bryn Price, Roland Lawler, Scott Hynds).

5 (Stan Missen, Dave Sackman, Mick Nadal, Bryn Price, Roland Lawler) are standing for re-election and 1 is not (Scott Hynds).

We have one unfilled seat and would warmly invite anyone interested to get in touch at [marathon.secretary@vol.paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:marathon.secretary@vol.paddleuk.org.uk), particularly if you have an interest in helping with: Coaching, Senior Athlete Development & Safeguarding. The committee can co-opt a member to the committee at any time for a specific project(s)/purpose(s).

#### **CHAIR - One Candidate.**

##### **Stan Missen, Bradford on Avon CC**

Proposer: Mick Nadal. Seconder: Graham Warland

I believe that our sport needs openness and clarity, and I have tried to bring that during my past few years as Chairman of the MRC. Having been involved in Marathon for many years and being from one of the smaller regional clubs myself, I have also tried to ensure that everyone's concerns and opinions are brought to, and are shown equal importance, in the work of the MRC. I am willing to stand for another term if required. I would encourage others involved with our sport to consider joining the MRC and contribute to the running of marathon racing.

#### **MEMBERS – Six candidates for six positions:**

- Dave Sackman (WOK)
- Mick Nadal (NOT)
- Bryn Price (MAI)
- Roland Lawler (ELM)
- Sally Hartland (BAN)
- Lee Bennett (WOR)

##### **David Sackman, Wokingham Canoe Club**

Proposer: Graham Warland. Seconder: Elizabeth Raciborska

I have been involved in paddle sport for around 40 years starting as a Scout in slalom/bumpy water before moving into racing boats.

I have raced in both canoe and kayak for at least 35 years competing all over the UK and abroad on occasion.

I hold coaching qualifications in both canoe and kayak and continue to coach intermittently. Over the years I have held most committee positions at club level at clubs I have been a member of and regularly helped organise events at local, regional and national levels.

I started working with the MRC in 2012 when I started helping drive the team bus and trailer to international events. In 2016 I increased my role to become more involved with the organisation of MRC trips, becoming the main organiser for all the travel and accommodation, as well as continuing to drive and acting as Team Leader on some events. Organising international events has become more complex since covid and Brexit and has expanded the role somewhat. The inclusion on Para events over the past two years has also made the team bigger, with more complex requirements. I also work as a casual driver for PaddleUK taking and/or collecting the Sprint and Para Sprint boats all over Europe.

**Mick Nadal, Nottingham Kayak Club.**

Proposer: Stan Missen. Seconder: David Enoch.

I have enjoyed an ongoing involvement with marathon paddling since 1971, maintaining a broad personal interest in all aspects of the discipline. I took part in Long Distance Racing before Divisional racing emerged and have done DW, Watersides, some of the classic descent races, including Sella, Cares Deva and other Spanish events. I have taken part regularly in Hasler series racing in most regions since it came into being and after demotion from Div 2, then 3 in 1985 maintained a ranking of Div 4 kayak for about 30 years. For 12 years from 1973 to 1985, my wife Kath, was a National Marathon Team member and together we now mostly race in "sit & switch" C2. However, in the earlier years, I entered a variety of national events in "high kneeling" C1, while still continuing with kayak.

In the past I've been involved in the organisation of both National Marathon Championships & the Hasler Final and served as an official at the first World Marathon Championships.

During the past 19 years, in addition to competing, I have served in a support role as Midlands Region Marathon Advisor. As a member of the Marathon Racing Committee since 2010, I've had responsibility for Regional Liaison and since then added Safety & the maintenance of the racing rules to my tasks. If elected, my main interest on the MRC would remain to be to support domestic marathon events such as the Hasler series including helping club officials adapt to recent and ongoing developments.

**Bryn Price, Maidstone Canoe Club**

Proposer: Robert Molnar. Seconder: Rachel Dennis.

I am a committed marathon Racer who competes regularly both locally and at the European and World Masters Championships.

On the committee I have the portfolio of Masters Paddlers as well as working with the Rules and Regulations group. Over the years I have coordinated the Masters Teams as well as played a part in working on the DW committee and help at various national events.

**Roland Lawler, Elmbridge**

Proposer: Scott Hynds. Secorder: Ivan Lawler..

I started canoeing in 1959 at Richmond Canoe Club, at time when there were no racing coaches in British clubs at all. From this I developed an interest in coaching and so attended a series of top level European sprint events, observed technique, and had discussions with coaches from the leading countries. I took this knowledge and applied it to my club paddlers, and became involved with the formation of British teams through the paddlers I coached.

My first Olympic Games was Munich 1972 as a coach/manager, and my last was Atlanta 1996 as a coach. Over this period I worked with most of Olympic teams. As well as my Olympic involvement, I have coached racing canoeing at all levels, working with numerous National Sprint and Marathon Teams and in canoe clubs for over 60 years. I am chief coach at Elmbridge Canoe Club which I co-founded in 1982 as a club with a total focus on kayak racing. After 30 years in existence the club can now boast 43 World Championship Medals with 19 athletes (men, women, boys and girls), and three athletes having been awarded an MBE. My achievements as a coach have been officially recognised by both British Canoeing and Sports Coach UK.

**Sally Hartland, Banbury**

Proposer: Evan Shepherd. Secorder: Holly Mobbs.

Whilst paddling has only been in my life for coming up to three years, it definitely seems to have taken over. Learning to paddle only because my then 10 year old son had completed the beginner course at Banbury Canoe Club, I was not going to race, purely support my youngest. After being with the club for just a year, I was not only racing but also took over as Marathon Team Leader and joined the committee. We are both now regularly racing and have encouraged my daughter on to the water too. I am also running regular strength and conditioning sessions for our juniors using my personal training background.

I love encouraging everyone to get involved with our sport, whether it is our young GS paddlers, those coming into the sport later in life like myself along with parents and grandparents who enjoy our sport from the bank and are invaluable in supporting paddlers.

Attention to detail and good communication skills have seen me take over the communications for our club and see me organising projects and events for the club. I am a team player with a "get it done" attitude.

I would like to get more involved in the sport in addition to my current club commitments and joining the Marathon Racing Committee seems an ideal opportunity that fits my skills, capabilities, and interests.

**Lee Bennett, Worcester**

Proposer: Evan Shepherd. Secorder: Kevin Smith.

I have been involved in water-based activities for most of my life, and very much enjoy kayaking, sailing and surfing.

Over the past eight years, I have been hugely involved with my two boys' progression in canoeing, starting with lightning racing through to marathon and sprint. I very much enjoy the social aspect and helping other people and children get the most out of their canoeing experience.

As an active Committee member at Worcester Canoe Club for the past two years, I feel that I have brought a lot of practical help and enthusiasm to the club. I am very much a doer!

As a qualified RYA Day Skipper, I am also able to help with driving and supporting coaching launches for training and events.

This year, I was actively involved in arranging the February half term training camp at Reading and Dorney with Imogen for 31 athletes.

I am very keen to be involved with the Marathon Racing Committee to bring my passion, enthusiasm and practical and organisational skills.

(I am known as Barney, my surname is Barnett, but I am not called Barney Barnett. My actual name is Lee Barnett!)