

MINUTES
OF
LSKC EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
Monday 8 December 2025

1	Attendance c.54 members present in person or on Zoom, including committee Apologies received from 44 members who had lodged proxy votes.
2	Welcome David welcomed members to this Extraordinary General Meeting and explained that the meeting was to decide how members wished the Club to operate in future given the latest Standards for Deployment guidance issued by Paddle Scotland (PS). He particularly thanked Gerry Mulligan who had taken a lead on discussions with PS. This guidance was disappointing given the apparently constructive meetings and discussion the committee had had with PS, but it seemed that this latest version was as good as we were going to get. It was now for members to decide on how they want their Club to operate in future. The key question was whether to continue with peer paddling using the Club's communications (which would mean disaffiliating from PS) or to leave peer paddling to members to organise privately between themselves, outwith the Club, and remain affiliated. Affiliation was important for some activities such as pool sessions as pool operators (usually councils) usually require membership of governing bodies. The Club's constitution currently provides that it will promote peer paddling and be affiliated to PS. These are incompatible under the PS Guidance on Standards for Deployment so whichever way members vote on this issue, the constitution will require to be amended and appropriate changes will be put forward at the next AGM.
3	Members speaking: The Committee had received one request to address the meeting from Rod Dalitz who was invited to speak. Rod explained that he had been a member since the 1980's and felt strongly that members gain experience by doing stuff. He was very cross about the situation created by the BCU and PS, which had led him to propose the motion to disaffiliate at the AGM. Rod suggested that Standards for Deployment could be seen as income generation by vested parties. Many members want to help others and that doesn't require paper qualifications. The Club used to require new members to demonstrate a wet exit before joining (David confirmed this is still part of the required induction) and that information about members experience used to be on the Club website pre-GDPR. Rod concluded by saying that he cannot vote against affiliation, but neither can he vote for it. No other members asked to speak.

4	Voting David explained the voting system. 44 proxy votes had been received. Those attending on Zoom can vote electronically and those in the room can vote by signing the voting sheet with their name on it. These are on desks around the room.
5	Results After counting and checking the votes, David announced that 98 votes had been received and the results, including votes in person, by Zoom and proxies received) were: • 86 in favour of Option 1 - remaining affiliated. • 7 in favour of Option 2 - disaffiliation; and • 5 abstentions. Accordingly, the Club would remain affiliated and amend its constitution to replace references to peer paddling within the Club to Collaborative paddling. An amended constitution would be put before the next AGM for approval.
6	Closing remarks David thanked everyone for participating and for giving a clear statement of the membership's wishes. Now let's get out and paddle together!
7	Other Business David highlighted that the winter talks start on 8 January at the Grange Club with our own Ritchie Diaper talking about his Heart of Scotland paddle and the all important 2026 trip planning meeting on 5 February, also at the Grange Club. An opportunity had also arisen to hire the Lost Shore surf centre for a surf kayak session. Cost would be £60/hour and he asked for an indication of interest. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 25 March.