

## ST FRANCIS PADDLING CLUB

### AGM MINUTES

23 MARCH 2022

THE QUAYS, ST FRANCIS BAY

#### ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Peter Mitchley	Jen Vallance	Christelle van Wyk
Mandy McGregor	Charlie Jonsson	Koos van Wyk
Gail Brooker	Phillip Smith	Wendy Royal
Marie Louw	Ken McGregor	Mike Royal
Pete King	Bruce Brooker	Jaco Prins
Frank Dabrowski	Richard Arderne	Janine Prins
Anita Dabrowski	Denys Rothero	Pete Maskew
Cath Mitchley	Andrew Bowren	Sheryl Maskew
Steph Arndt	Andrew Barton	Joan Pratt
Nevil Hulett	Byron Andrews	Margaret Sylvester
Penny Hulett		

#### APOLOGIES

Magda Boshoff	Nina & JEF Forrer	Brian Wells
Clinton Hempel	Karl Schaberg	Madelaine Barry
Ron Sams	Maddy Sams	Neill Armstrong
Dave Louw	Middleton family	Dappie Prinsloo
Dirk Harding	Ingrid & John Falconer	Chris Rabie
Henri Alers	Dean Black	Ana Marie Hay
Micky Sadler	Pete Hoffman	Frank & Trish Baker
Johan Viljoen	Eric & Nicole Stewart	Tim Briscoe
Marc Schwitter	JEF & Nina Forrer	Phil Honey

#### WELCOME

Pete Mitchley welcomed all, thanked those present for their support and the committee for all they had done.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2021 AGM

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Marie Louw.

#### MATTERS ARISING

Nil

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Pete Mitchley)**

Pete presented a comprehensive set of statistics compiled by Marie Louw detailing the club's activities including time trials held, attendance, membership growth, rack creation and races held.

Richard Arderne presented Phil Smith with his 250 time trial t-shirt.

Pete reminded members that the club's tenure at the current venue was not secure. Should the property be sold the committee had been looking at other options such as a return to the Small Boat Harbour. He warned the new committee to bear this possibility in mind for future planning.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT (Gail Brooker)**

Gail presented the bank summary (See attached) for the past season explaining that the R50,000 in the bank provided options for additional racks, development expenditure, club house construction and any unexpected needs.

When no sponsor was forthcoming to send the development paddlers to SA Marathon Champs the club had decided to provide the funding rather than let the time and effort of the youngsters and Dave Louw go to waste.

Club funds have remained the same for seasons but a 10% increase had been decided upon that will result in an expected profit of R50,000. Together with the current amount in the bank this will give the club a decent amount to be able to deal with any eventualities. Registration will open online via the club website from this Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March.

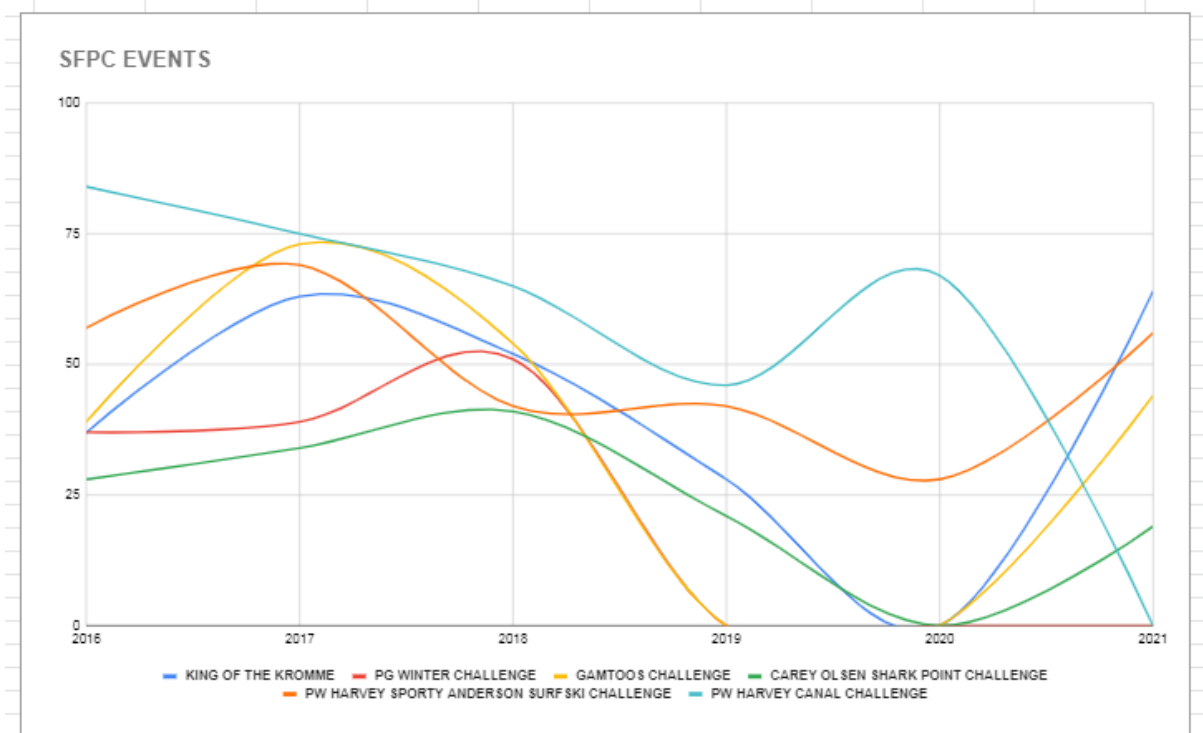
- Senior – R320
- Junior & Student (fulltime, younger than 25) – R115
- Family (having a snr member already registered) – R205
- Country (already registered with another club) – R205.
- CSA fees (R625 for snr competitor, R260 for juniors & guppies, R295 for students, R130 for social members) must also be paid online via the club website. Remember fees cannot be paid early but must be paid at the same time they were paid last season.
- Rack fees (R800) together with membership must have been paid to obtain a rack. The pressure for racks has meant that racks will only be allocated to members who paddle regularly (socially or competitively) and have paid both club and CSA fees.

### **RACE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT (Marie Louw)**

Lorraine Maree had had to step down from the portfolio on being elected ward councillor but had been a big help with the initial obtaining of event authorisations.

COVID-19 had a huge impact on our races during 2019 to 2021, hopefully all will be back to normal soon.

Currently we are using the online CSA entry system, reducing time to make sure all paddlers are river and sea proficient. As we are using the CSA indemnity policy for events, we can only allow CSA registered paddlers to enter.



### **KING OF THE KROMME**

64 Paddlers entered the 2021 event (average per event +/-45 paddlers) with Phil Smith as our “King of the Kromme”. Next event will be held on the 16th April 2022.



2021 PHIL SMITH

### **PAM GOLDING WINTER CHALLENGE**

With an average of 42 entries, we hope this 15th annual event will become more popular, especially with the famous Pam Golding red wine prizes.

### **GAMTOOS CHALLENGE**

This event has been sponsored by Dirk Ellis Motors and SFPC. With 55 entries during the 2021 season, this scenic event along the Gamtoos river will always be on the race calendar.

### **CAREY OLSEN SHARK POINT SURF SKI CHALLENGE**



Brandon van der Walt and Phil Smith took the trophy. The first ladies doubles was Tracey van Greunen and partner Candice Murray.

### **PW HARVEY & CO SPORTY ANDERSON SURFSKI CHALLENGE & CANAL EVENT**

The first series started in 2006 and 16 years later PW Harvey & Co is still involved with these 2 events. During 2020 a virtual event was held on the canals with 28 paddlers taking part. The 2021 Sporty Anderson challenge started and finished at Bruce's with 56 entries.



**SURF SKI SERIES**  
**St Francis Bay**  
*south africa*

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**RACE NO. 1**  
 Wed 27 Dec 06  
**Small Boat Harbour Canals**  
**10 km**  
 Registration: 3:30pm  
 Race Starts: 4:30pm

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**RACE NO. 2**  
 Sat 30 Dec 06  
**Main Beach Car Park**  
**15 km**  
 Registration: 8:00am  
 Race Starts: 9:00am

**Bonavanti Ski Race**  
 in Memory of  
**Keith Anderson**

No Entry Fee  
 All Welcome  
 Plenty of Prizes  
 Join Up Afterwards for Some Refreshments  
 R15 000 In Prize Money

Enquires:  
**Gavin:** 082 655 1600  
**Mike:** 083 234 4301

## ECCU MARATHONS

SFPC hosted the 2018, 2019 and 2021 marathon here on the canals with the portage at the cove. The 2021 marathon included board entries as well. The 2022 ECCU marathon will be hosted by the KOWIE CC.



## **DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Dave Louw)**

### **CSA REPORTS**

Registration of new juniors including a swim proficiency report as well as renewing the licenses of existing juniors were submitted to CSA. SFPC paid the R25 registration fee per paddler.

A progress report, attendance register as well as a 2km monthly time test were all part of the monthly submission.

### **TRAINING**

Unfortunately the Misgund group dissolved with Josie moving back to Cape Town. No other coach has come forward to take over the group.

Currently we have 9 juniors registered for this upcoming season with training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. An occasional weekend long distance session is also part of their training.

Due to our generous sponsors, 4 juniors joined the local Gym in Seavista during 2021.

This is the first year (2022) not starting with a new group (20 beginners) due to transport difficulties.

### **NATIONAL & PROVINCIAL EVENTS**

COVID-19 had a huge impact on races as well as on training sessions, especially in St Francis where transport of the juniors was a problem due to the COVID regulations.

No juniors took part in SA School Sprints (Shongweni dam), but 4 entered the SA Marathon Championship (Peninsula CC). This was made possible with CSA funding the entry fee and accommodation. The club sponsored the transport and daily food allowances. This was a life changing experience for them.

Pre-budget as well as race reports were submitted to CSA.

### **LOCAL EVENTS**

They took part in only 2 local events during 2021, the King of the Kromme and the Gamtoos Canoe Marathon race. Unfortunately there were no other flat water events for the rest of the year.

First event this year was the Amanzi Paddling Challenge where all the juniors made podium.



## **SURFSKI PADDLING**

With the assistance of Peter Mitchley they will be introduced to surfski paddling. As CSA approved life jackets are compulsory, we are still looking for sponsors.

## **SPONSORS**

A big thank you to the various “pizza fund” and equipment sponsors and a special mention of Carey Olsen and PW Harvey & Co., always assisting and sponsoring our development program.

Penny Hulett offered to provide contact details for a taxi that could provide a transport solution.

Swimmers are using the hoses to wash down on a Fri after their TT. The development paddlers are too polite to ask them to let them use the hoses to wash their craft so that they are not late for their lift home.

## **EQUIPMENT & RACK REPORT (Marie Louw)**

### **EVENTS**

Currently in use -

- 6 flyers/feathers with the SFPC logo
- 1 New megaphone (replacement of the broken PA system)

It would be ideal to have a branded gazebo and small folding table to be used at the Registration and timekeeping area.

## **RACKS**

The season began with 8 wooden racks, fitting 12 boats per rack. The steel racks were changed during January 2022 to wooden racks as well - a total of 120 boats are stored at the moment.

There are 28 names on the waiting list. For the next season only active fully paid up members will be allocated racks. Current non active members, who would like to keep their racks, will be added to the waiting list for the season.

It is still the responsibility of the paddler to secure his boat and prevent unauthorized use.

Fitting 2 boats per rack is only permitted if there is no damage or access problem for neighbouring racks.

Parking in front of the racks or at the launching area is becoming a problem.

## **TRAILER**

Dave still needs to be contacted if any member would like to use the trailer. The license will expire during June 2022.

## **CLUB BOATS**

Due to members using the club boats and leaving them in a poor condition it has been decided that it is not feasible to keep and maintain these craft. Peter Mitchley is currently busy fixing the surfskis. Three racks have been allocated to store the club boats.

## **AED**

A new battery was bought but it could do with a checkup.

Members are asked not to park in front of the racks and to stop anyone else from doing so.

Mandy asked for a step to be positioned between the new levels where craft are launched to assist the older members and those with knee problems carrying a craft.

## **CAPTAINS' REPORT**

Men -Pete King reported that things were going along as usual.

Ladies – Steph Arndt reported that the ladies thoroughly enjoy their paddling but the vast majority were not in it to compete. The Tues morning group, currently meeting at 07:30, consisted of about 15 regulars.

She was glad to see the kit being used and enjoyed.

She noted the club's status was being raised as the Royals, Prinses and a King were all in attendance tonight!



## **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

CHAIRMAN	Charlie Jonsson	082 6025705
VICE CHAIRMAN		
SECRETARY	Jen Vallence	061 440 8067
TREASURER	Andrew Barton	083 508 5818
WEBSITE ADMIN	Marie Louw	076 751 4718
RACE CO-ORDINATOR	Magda Boshoff	083 234 7310
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	Dave Louw	082 722 2345
EQUIPMENT & RACKS	Jen Vallence	061 440 8067
SURF SKI REPRESENTATIVE	Clinton Hempel	076 412 6091
SAFETY OFFICER	Pete Mitchley	067 255 5305
CLUB CAPTAIN	Peter King	082 492 7048
LADIES CAPTAIN	Steph Arndt	071 392 5530

## **GENERAL**

1. Pete brought to the meeting's attention that the memorial service and tea for Marianna Poole was being held at the United Church and the Links on Sunday 27th at 11:00.
2. Pete proposed bestowing Life Membership on club stalwarts, Dave and Marie Louw. This was unanimously approved. It was noted that their contribution to the club's functioning was unparalleled and greatly appreciated by all.
3. Mandy informed members of the ongoing search for a timing system appropriate to the club's activities. She appealed to anyone with contacts or skills in this field. She also asked for the donation of a light under the bridge to facilitate identification of paddlers in the winter months.
4. Ken McGregor suggested adding a block for donations to the Development fund on the membership form. Marie will investigate whether this is possible.
5. Charlie introduced and presented the "Stirrer" trophy, for keeping club matters constantly on the go, to Richard Arderne.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

19:42 Meeting ended



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