

Belfast Kayak Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106851

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2017-12-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: 3.1 The Club's objects ("the objects") are to ensure that all people irrespective of their age, gender, disability, race, religion, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status or sexual orientation have genuinely equal opportunity to participate at all levels and in all roles in kayaking. The Club will promote the pursuit of kayaking activities by the advancement of education, the provision of kayaking facilities and the development of a training programme towards recognised canoeing qualifications throughout the community.

What the charity does: The advancement of amateur sport

How the charity works: Sport/recreation

Who the charity helps: General public, Men, Older people, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£18,112	£17,566	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ashley Hunter		
Deborah Bucknell		
Mark Magowan		
Mr Greg Miller		
Mr James Burrell		
Mr Jordan Vincent		
Mr Malcolm Vincent		
Mr Peter Mcclenaghan		
Mr Robert Montgomery		
Mrs Deirdre Burrell		
Mrs Patricia Scovell		
Oliver Mars		
Peter Kirk		
Robert Stuart		
Rory O'connor		
Sharon Mccrory		

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Member Fees	7,140	-	-	7,140	8,420
Training Income	3,841	-	-	3,841	3,671
Bangor Bay Race Income	-	-	-	-	-
Grant Income	-	3,564	-	3,564	2,805
Other Income	3,279	-	-	3,279	135
Clothing Sales	288	-	-	288	2,171
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	14,548	3,564	-	18,112	17,202
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,548	3,564	-	18,112	17,202
A3 Payments					
CANI Fees	795	-	-	795	1,301
Training Expenses	2,678	-	-	2,678	2,572
Bangor Bay Race Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	4,906	-	-	4,906	1,723
Clothing Expenses	-	-	-	-	3,606
Bank & Paypal Fees	295	-	-	295	351
Storage Expenses	1,591	-	-	1,591	1,585
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	10,265	-	-	10,265	11,138
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
New Equipment Purchase	-	7,301	-	7,301	2,134
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	7,301	-	7,301	2,134
Total payments	10,265	7,301	-	17,566	13,272
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,283	- 3,737	-	546	3,930
A5 Transfers between funds				-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,990	- 3,099	-	12,891	8,961
Cash funds this year end	20,273	- 6,836	-	13,437	12,891

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank of Ireland Account	20,273	- 6,836	-	13,437	12,891
	Paypal Account	-	-	-	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,273	- 6,836	-	13,437	12,891
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total		-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
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Section A Receipts and payments

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A1 Receipts					
Member Fees	8,420	-	-	8,420	8,440
Training Income	3,671	-	-	3,671	2,387
Bangor Bay Race Income	-	-	-	-	-
Grant Income	-	2,805	-	2,805	1,289
Other Income	135	-	-	135	-
Clothing Sales	2,171	-	-	2,171	41
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	14,397	2,805	-	17,202	12,157
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,397	2,805	-	17,202	12,157
A3 Payments					
CANI Fees	1,301	-	-	1,301	1,290
Training Expenses	2,572	-	-	2,572	1,814
Bangor Bay Race Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	1,723	-	-	1,723	414
Clothing Expenses	3,606	-	-	3,606	-
Bank & Paypal Fees	351	-	-	351	283
Storage Expenses	1,585	-	-	1,585	1,498
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	11,138	-	-	11,138	5,299
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
New Equipment Purchase	-	2,134	-	2,134	6,714
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	2,134	-	2,134	6,714
Total payments	11,138	2,134	-	13,272	12,013
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,259	671	-	3,930	144
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,731	-	3,770	8,961	8,817
Cash funds this year end	15,990	-	3,099	12,891	8,961

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank of Ireland Account	15,990	- 3,099	-	12,891	8,961
	Paypal Account	-	-	-	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,990	- 3,099	-	12,891	8,961
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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total		-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

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Chairperson's Report for Year Ending 31st Dec 2023

Activities and Developments during 2023

The membership by the end of 2023 was a total of 183 members comprising 114 existing members and 69 new members. Some of these new members were already experienced paddlers but a large majority had come through our sets of Introductory Skills Sessions. I think that this high proportion of inexperienced new members brings the club its greatest challenge as we must try to provide opportunities for them to develop their paddling skills on an on-going basis in a welcoming environment.

Olly is the first point of contact for this group and he does fantastic work in communicating with them about the Introductory Skill Sessions.

We are indebted to Rory O'C for constructing a questionnaire to help the Committee, and club in general, understand the paddling backgrounds, aspirations and assessment of the club from as many members as possible. Rory put together excellent graphics to summarise the responses from the 62 respondents. I'm just going to pick out some of the findings that seemed most pertinent to me.

What folk most sought from the club were opportunities for exercise, formal training and skill development opportunities, followed by opportunities to make new friends, About thirty per cent of respondents found it difficult to attend paddles posted at short notice. Sixty three per cent of respondents gave an 8, 9 or 10 out of ten when rating how welcome they felt in the club. Ninety seven per cent rated the welcome at 7 or above out of 10.

Sharon McC in her role as a Committee member proposed that we should have an informal Welcoming Group. This group is now up and running and comprises Sharon McC, Joy T, Rory O'C, Sinead McM, Declan C and Sean D. The group is actively trying to maintain contact with folk after they do their set of Introductory Skill Sessions to try and make them feel embedded within the club and also to learn what they would like to receive from the club.

The club ran multiple sets of four weekly introductory skill sessions in the the three disciplines, Whitewater Kayaking, Open Boating and Sea Kayaking, many paddles during the year. Our Training Officer, Malcolm will present wonderful data that gives a unique insight into all our activities.

From my perspective as a sea kayaker I'm aware that there is some concern that the number of paddles suitable for the folk who came through our introductory skill sessions was on the low side. This is especially true for the folk on the autumn series. As I was putting together this report I wondered if we should omit the autumn set of Introductory Skill Sessions to free up four days when we might post easy paddles or offer further training for the folk attending the two sets of Skill Sessions offered in May/June.

The survey and responses given recently to Sharon indicate that folk would like a structured path through the tier of BC Awards, starting with the Discover Award. There is also a real need to give time for the Development of our Coaches and Leaders. These questions are for the Committee to decide of course. To my mind we can only to our best to meet these aspirations and needs as we are a group of volunteers with multiple claims on our time.

Pool Sessions

We are indebted to Sharon McC for giving so much time to organise the sets of four weekly sessions in the Ormiston Pool. This a relatively large pool and is an ideal facility for all kinds of paddling skills.

Grants

We received 50% grant support from Ards and North Down Borough Council for four new sea boats, an HV and an LV Scorpio, another Perception Essence 16 and a Wavesport Hydra HV. We also received a 50% grant for a Venture Prospector 155 open boat and a SUP board, the latter two items will help in the delivery of the Paddlesport Safety and Rescue Course (FSRT).

Achievement of British Canoeing/BC Awards

Congratulations to the following members for achieving the following BC awards- Darren G, Nigel C, Gavin McPh and Roisin W achieved the Sea Kayak Award, Scott Templeton achieved the Paddlesport Leader Award
Simon E has become a Paddlesport Safety and Rescue Course Provider- the old FSRT and completed the Advanced Whitewater Safety and Rescue Course
Joe R achieved the Sea Kayak Coach Award
Greg has just been signed off as a Provider of the Sea Kayak Safety and Rescue Course

Three members achieved the Sea Kayak Award Leader- Alex McC, Pete C and Mark L. Willie S achieved The Advanced Sea Kayak Leader Award.

The above group of sea paddlers took every opportunity to prepare for assessment on Intermediate/Advanced club paddles, which were most often posted by Peter K and Willie S. Other less experienced paddlers also signed up on these Intermediate paddles and were able to develop their paddling skills in more challenging conditions.

Killyleagh as an additional focus for club paddling

BKC pays monthly rental for a space in the new boat park in Killyleagh which is currently securely fenced and contains several large craft. We have always felt that club kayaks and canoes should be stored inside a container in the facility but the application for grant aid for containers for ourselves and our partner in the grant application process has proved to be very problematic. If this continues to be the case we will have to look at spending the very significant cost of buying a container without grant aid.

Change in club Officers

I would like to say a very big thank-you to Carl as he retires from the role of Club Treasurer after six years- the maximum allowed in one stretch as per our Constitution. Carl is also stepping down from Committee to give someone else the opportunity to join it. Besides the exacting and relentless work of Treasurer most of us know that Carl contributes so much more to the club. He has helped and advised many new members when they are considering buying their first boat, ordered all our new equipment, kept a watchful eye on all existing club equipment, posted some of the most heavily subscribed beginners' paddles and encouraged others to post beginners' paddles.

We are very fortunate and grateful that committee member Deborah B has very kindly agreed to take on the role/ work load of Club Treasurer.

I would also like to thank John Cunningham for his tenure as one of the two Club Safeguarding Officers and report that Greg has been appointed to take John's place.

Looking Forward

It has now been confirmed that, our governing body, will phase out the recognition of EPs/Experienced paddlers approved by individual club Committees by 2026. This change means that there will be an increased need for Whitewater and Sea Kayak Leaders to meet the BC ratios, particularly on those paddles with a fairly big number attending. This in turn leads to an increased need to encourage and help existing EPs to develop their leadership and paddling skills to achieve the Paddlesport Touring Leader, Whitewater Kayak Leader or Sea Kayak Leader Award. BC Awarding Body's descriptions of the environments which these awards match are in the Document Section of our Resources section on the website.

There will be a significant cost of the above to the club as the Committee will aim to continue to support written applications for the cost of 50% of the training and 100% of the assessment of those BC awards which benefit club members- essentially the coaching and leadership awards. The individuals must have a track record in supporting club paddles and applicants must undertake in writing to develop/continue their support in line with their BC award.

We will continue to cover the cost of the two day First Aid Courses which are required by all our EPs, unfortunately almost all of these are due for renewal in May or June of this year. In line with our belief that members who give their time to coach and lead within the club should not be out of pocket the difference between the cost of Affiliate membership and the Full Governing Body membership required by all our EPs will be met by the club.

Water Safety Days

We will continue to support the Water Safety Days held in a number of the North Down ports.

MND Ireland

There is a special event pencilled in for the 20th April when the hope/plan is that multiple small teams of paddlers will circumnavigate all of Ireland on the one day. Many of us know that a very highly regarded Donegal paddler is suffering from this grim disease. BKC members have been asked to lead a total of five legs on the north east coast of Ireland.

We hope that you will want to support this very deserving charity. We hope to run our own MND Ireland paddle on another date in which more folk can paddle and raise funds.

The 'Bangor Bay' Race in aid of RNLI

The committee explored the possibility of re-instating this race but found it wasn't financially viable as a fund raiser. However, we hope to run a similar race in Strangford Lough in conjunction with the East Down Yacht Club. This is the 200th anniversary of RNLI and so we hope that members will support the event.

I hope that this report is an accurate overview of the activities and ethos of BKC in 2022-23.

Patricia Scovell
Chairperson

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Belfast Kayak Club

Year Ended 31st December 2023

I report to the members on my examination of the financial statements of Belfast Kayak Club for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the financial statements, under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

In carrying out my examination I have followed the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65 (9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

My examination included an analysis and review of accounting records, practices and procedures accompanying these records. The examination also included consideration of any unusual items in the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and can confirm I have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and have found no other matters that require drawing to your attention.

Rebecca Hutchinson

3rd December 2024

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Receipts and payments accounts

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Member Fees	7,817	-	-	7,817	6,656
Training Income	1,595	-	-	1,595	1,600
Bangor Bay Race Income	-	-	-	-	-
Grant Income	-	-	-	-	5,132
Other Income	198	-	-	198	416
Clothing Sales	436	-	-	436	8
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	10,046	-	-	10,046	13,812
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,046	-	-	10,046	13,812
A3 Payments					
CANI Fees	1,162	-	-	1,162	1,445
Training Expenses	2,880	-	-	2,880	857
Bangor Bay Race Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	401	-	-	401	612
Clothing Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Bank & Paypal Fees	246	-	-	246	208
Storage Expenses	1,193	-	-	1,193	2,166
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	5,882	-	-	5,882	5,288
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
New Equipment Purchase	2,880	2,879	-	5,759	2,451
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	2,880	2,879	-	5,759	2,451
Total payments	8,762	2,879	-	11,641	7,739
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,284	- 2,879	-	- 1,595	6,073
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,235	1,177	-	10,412	4,339
Cash funds this year end	10,519	- 1,702	-	8,817	10,412

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank of Ireland Account	10,519	- 1,702	-	8,817	10,412
	Paypal Account	-	-	-	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,519	- 1,702	-	8,817	10,412
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total		-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date of approval _____

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Chairperson's Report for Year ending 31st Dec 2021

Developments during 2021

A More Varied Use of Zoom Meetings beyond Committee and AGM meetings

- **Navigation classes via Zoom**

Greg delivered a number of blocks of on-line navigation lessons via Zoom, having gone to the trouble of posting out training maps etc. We are close to the final approval of an Ards Council Equipment Grant Application for Navigation equipment for live teaching. The grant could only be for non-essential equipment.

- **EP Group .**

An Experienced Paddler includes members with British Canoeing Coaching and or Leadership Awards and also experienced paddlers who have applied to the programme and have been given a remit to assist or lead on BKC paddles by a club sub Committee and this remit is then formally agreed by the full Committee.

The group of EPs has met several times by Zoom and Carl somehow creates a scenario where the EPs almost compete for dates in a programme of Beginner and Improver Sea Paddles.

If a club paddle doesn't have enough Experienced Paddlers to satisfy the ratios set out by BC, and therefore our Insurers, a paddle leader can ask the EP group if anyone is able to assist.

Ashley Hunter instigated and chaired two excellent zoom sessions on **Leadership** in the context of Club Paddles

Malcolm organised two paddles for the EPs when the restrictions were easing so that we could consider Covid protocols and leadership in a practical setting.

Club River trips outside Ireland

On top of the multiple river paddles during the year there was a very successful trip in November to the rivers of the Lake District with all the planning involved that entailed.

Training to achieve BC Awards

This has developed in the last couple of years after a bit of a lapse. The club coaches have been providing training for the BC paddle Sport Explore Award and Kayak Awards- very roughly equivalent to 2* and 3* awards in the old system.

The delivery of an FSRT Foundation Safety and Rescue Training course to members.

Thank-you to Caoimhe for delivering this very wet course.

Killyleagh as an additional focus for club paddling

Malcolm will bring the meeting up to date with this project in addition to delivering his report as Club Training Officer

Other Club Activities during the Year

I've looked through the Events Calendar of 2021 and even in the winter months there has been something of interest on the calendar. However from May to September 2021 there was an explosion of paddles posted- often with two, three or four paddles posted on Saturdays especially.

I would like to say that we are indebted to Malcolm, Jordan, Olly and Simon for delivering blocks of whitewater kayak training sessions and also many whitewater paddles with a range of difficulty. Thank-you also to John Cunningham, Malcolm, Jordan, Caoimhe and Mark for coaching Open Boat skills. The delivery of the blocks of Sea Skill Sessions for Beginners and Improvers requires quite a big group of EPs- thank-you also to all of those people for their time. It is important to provide paddles suitable for the on-going development of all our new folk and again our EPs are essential.

Club Finances

Carl will present his Treasurer's report for 2020 shortly. Two summary spreadsheets for the year ending 2021 have been added to the Documents folder in the Resources section of the club's website. I would like to express our appreciation for Carl's meticulous and relentless work in looking after the club funds. We wish him well for his spell coaching kayaking in the Greece. It is typical of Carl that he has arranged for an excellent substitute treasurer whilst he is away. Carl is a VIP member of the club. He is the driving force behind the programme of Beginner and Improver paddles, he liaises with prospective and new members via the club's public Facebook page and has identified second hand sea boats for sale for numerous new members.

As BKC is a registered charity we are required to have the accounts audited by an Independent Examiner. Rebecca Hutchinson has kindly taken on this role and signed off the 2020 Financial Report.

As I did at the last AGM I want to make it clear that, as a Committee, we have taken the decision that if a member is willing to give their time and expertise to leading and coaching that we don't believe he/she should be out of pocket. Coaches, Leaders and EPs are required to have Full membership of CANI and so the club offers to pay the difference between Affiliate CANI membership and Full membership. Similarly the club will financially support the training and assessment for BC Coaching and Leadership Awards. A big majority of Coaches, Leaders and EPs have needed to re-validate their Rec2 certificate in 2020,

(which has a shelf life of three years), and again the club reimbursed the expense incurred. The caveat is that we will do this only whilst the club can afford it.

Looking Forward

At the end of 2021 we had 186 members, compared to 152 at the end of 2020. The club is growing apace and it is becoming more challenging to get to know all the members. It is also challenging to put on enough Improver and above paddles whilst also offering Beginner paddles. It is a balancing act and potentially we could become a victim of our success- if success is measured in the number of members alone.

There are several small groups of friends who paddle on peer paddles. The organisers of these are developing their leadership skills and providing good paddling opportunities but please be aware that these paddles are not part of the club committee's considerable responsibility.

There is a need for more folk to apply for and be signed off by the Committee with an Experienced paddler/EP remit to assist or lead on club paddles as relatively big numbers are signing up for the Beginner and Improver paddles.

It is all a balancing act and potentially we could become a victim of our success- if success is measured in the number of members alone.

Please bring your suggestions re developing/ improving the club to the meeting or to the Committee.

Patricia Scovell

Chairperson

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Belfast Kayak Club

Year Ended 31st December 2021

I report to the members on my examination of the financial statements of Belfast Kayak Club for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the financial statements, under Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. In carrying out my examination I have followed the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65 (9)(b) of the 2008 Act.

My examination included an analysis and review of accounting records, practices and procedures accompanying these records. The examination also included consideration of any unusual items in the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and can confirm I have no concerns in respect of the matters listed above and have found no other matters that require drawing to your attention.

Rebecca Hutchinson

20th March 2023