

County Antrim Paddle Sports Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107297

Details

Known as	CAPS Club
Status	Overdue
Registered	2019-04-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The aims and objectives of the Club are to: promote and provide amateur canoeing facilities in County Antrim, by providing coaching and competitive or recreational opportunities whilst ensuring a duty of care to all members of the club.

What the charity does: The advancement of amateur sport

How the charity works: Sport/recreation

Who the charity helps: Adult training,Children (5-13 year olds),Men,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£1,028	£2,565	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Declan Mccann		
Mr Martin Hoy		
Mrs Pauline O'kane		

Accounts

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Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2024

Income & Expenditure Oct 2023 - Sept 2024

Opening Balance Cash	£4,791.05		
Income	£1,028.00	Expenditure	£2,565.30
Membership Fees	£460.00	Pool Sessions	£288.00
Pool Sessions	£168.00	Admin - Google Domain	£11.00
Other Income	£400.00	Web Collect	£1.30
		Heather Birrell - Equipment	£2,000.00
		Marion First Aid	£65.00
		Thomas Monahan -Refund	£200.00
		Closing Balance Cash in Hand	£3,253.75

Accounts

County Antrim Paddle Sports (CAPS) Club

Income & Expenditure Oct 2022 - Sept 2023

1st Oct 2022	Opening Balance Cash in Hand	£2,411.02
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Income	£3,188.89
Membership Fees	£515.00
CANI	£30.00
Pool Subs Feb 2023	£213.89
Pool Subs Oct 2023	£30.00
Grant	£2,000.00
Donation	£250.00
M Hoy - Other	£150.00

Expenditure	£808.86
CANI	£55.00
Pool Sessions Feb 2023	£288.00
Pool Sessions Oct 2023	0
Admin - Google Domain	£11.00
Safeguarding Training	£250.00
Cash Withdrawal	£150.00
Photobox	£44.58
SUP Fin Screws	£10.28

30 Sept 2023	Closing Balance Cash in Hand	£4,791.05
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Annual report

Co Antrim Paddle Sports (CAPS) Chairperson's Report 2023

Introduction

It is with great pride that I present the Chairperson's report for Co Antrim Paddle Sports (CAPS) for the year 2023. Our club is governed by a dedicated voluntary Committee, supported by a Board of Trustees who have guided the development plans, policies, and financial procedures of CAPS. As an affiliate of the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland (CANI), we remain committed to upholding their rules and regulations.

The primary aim of our club continues to be providing accessible opportunities for participation in paddle sports, alongside the development of skilled coaches and leaders.

2023 in Review

February

Our year commenced with a series of well-attended pool sessions at Antrim Forum, beginning in February. These sessions were invaluable in enhancing members' rescue skills within a controlled environment. Additionally, a coach refresher course was organized at Moira Lakes on February 19th, ensuring our coaches remained up-to-date with best practices.

This month also saw a focus on leader development, with regular trips along the lower Six Mile River. We celebrated a significant milestone with three of our members—Aidan, Kieran, and Martin—successfully attaining their Paddle Sport Touring Leader awards. A fantastic achievement for all involved.

March

In March, the club was struck by the sudden and tragic loss of our esteemed chairperson, James Birrell. James was not only passionate about our club, but he had recently achieved his White Water Canoe Award. His absence is deeply felt, and his contributions will be long remembered by all who knew him.

Despite this loss, there were reasons to celebrate, as we congratulate Sarah on achieving her Paddle Sport Instructor award during the same month.

April

Following James Birrell's passing, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held on April 19th. This meeting was essential in appointing key committee members to ensure the club's continued strength and stability.

May – June

Our club paddles carried on through May and June, with various outings to locations including Newferry, Antrim Lough Shore, Moira Lakes, and the lower Six Mile River. Unfortunately, the arrival of a blue-green algae bloom had a severe impact on our activities, and we were advised by the relevant authorities to avoid the water for safety reasons.

As a result, our flagship event, the Big Bann Canoe Challenge, had to be canceled—a difficult decision, but one made in the interest of public safety.

August

In August, we managed to hold a few paddle sessions at Waterfoot Beach, but logistical challenges and shorter daylight hours made these sessions unsustainable. Nevertheless, we were fortunate to be hosted by Moira Lakes for a Family & Friends Weekend, where our members were invited to use their facilities free of charge. We extend our sincere thanks to Moira Lakes for their continued support.

October

October was a productive month, with four additional pool sessions providing our members with further opportunities to develop their skills. On October 18th, we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at ASDA in Antrim, where key officers were elected. Our gratitude goes to ASDA for offering a suitable venue for this important meeting.

November

November was marked by further achievements, with seven members successfully completing their Paddle Sport Safety & Rescue Training at Moira Lakes. This training is critical in maintaining high standards of safety within our club, and we commend those who took part.

December

As we closed out the year in December, it was a pleasure to recognize the accomplishments of Annie, Emma, and Mark, who earned their SUP Sheltered Awards. Congratulations to each of them on this well-deserved recognition.

Conclusion

2023 has been a year of both triumph and challenge for Co Antrim Paddle Sports. We have made considerable progress in developing our coaching and leadership capacity, with numerous members attaining important qualifications. Our collective efforts have positioned us for continued growth in 2024.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all members, volunteers, and partner organizations—particularly Moira Lakes—for their unwavering support throughout the year. Together, we have strengthened our club and are well-prepared to face the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Let us look forward to another successful year in 2024.

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Co Antrim Paddle Sports (CAPS)

I report on the accounts of Co Antrim Paddle Sports (CAPS) for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland). It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(7)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions provided by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you, as trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section **63 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008**; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and the regulations made under that Act; have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Conclusion

Based on the information provided and the records examined, I am satisfied that the financial statements of Co Antrim Paddle Sports (CAPS) give a true and fair view of the charity's financial position as of 31st December 2023 and comply with the legal requirements set out by the Charities Act (Northern Ireland).

Sarah Hillis

20 August 2024