



**PROPOSED CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ICF PARACANOE COMMITTEE  
ENDORSED BY THE PADDLE UK BOARD**

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<b>Name of position the individual is seeking nomination from:</b>	Member of the Paracanoe Committee
<b>Canoeing background/experience</b>	
<p>I have run the 4As canoeing club for Young People with Impairments for almost 35 years. I was awarded an MBE in the King's new year's honours list for my work with young people with impairments and for founding the 4As.</p> <p>Paddlers have been competing in National Sprint regattas, in the Paddle-Ability category, and also in Hasler Marathon events, since 1997.</p> <p>My first experience of major disability competition was at the CP world games held in Nottingham in 1997, where one of my paddlers won 3 gold medals (sadly, CP sport did not choose to include canoeing again).</p> <p>Before the dawn of Paracanoe, I was part of the support team that went to two European Paddle-Ability events in Milan, 1999 and 2001, and another that happened at HPP in 1998.</p> <p>Paddlers from 4As went to the 2009 and 2010 Paracanoe championships, where Jono Broome won GBs first Paracanoe medal in the KL1 category.</p> <p>The 4As club was given the award for its Impact on Equality and Diversity by British Canoeing in 2019. I think this was partly because the club reached the Hasler finals in that year.</p> <p>Personally, I'm a level 2 coach, I have 3 star kayak and 2 star canoe.</p> <p>Way back in the mists of time, the most exciting things I've done for myself were a 3 day canoe trip on the Zambezi, and the Liffey Descent.</p>	
<b>Relevant career background, skills and experience</b>	
<p>I have been a Paediatric Physio working in the NHS for 35 years giving me a wide knowledge of different types of Impairments.</p> <p>I have been classifying athletes since attending the first Classification workshop in 2009.</p> <p>I have been Head of Classification for British Canoeing/Paddle UK.</p> <p>I was given the British Canoeing volunteer award for Outstanding Contribution to Sport in 2008.</p> <p>I'm on the Role of Honour for both Newark and Sherwood and Nottinghamshire for Outstanding Contribution to Sport</p> <p>Last year I completely revamped the Paddle-Ability rules and timebands to bring them up to date with current time standards, and to help provide a start to the Development Pathway for Paracanoeists as well as those paddlers who don't fit into the narrow Para parameters.</p>	



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**Relevant international canoeing background/positions/experience**

I have been a member of the Paracanoe committee since 2010, and also the Paracanoe Classification subcommittee. I was ICF Paracanoe Head of Classification from 2010 to 2016. I have developed the Provisional Upper Limb Classification which has come into play this year.

I am an International Medical Classifier for the ICF, IVF and IDBF.

I am part of the Para committees for both the IVF and the IDBF.

**Aims and objectives if successful in appointment to the role**

I am passionate about keeping abreast of the latest developments in Paracanoe.

I wish to be part of the discussion and decision making process to changes in Paracanoe for the benefit of the whole sport.

I would like to make sure that the information from committee meetings is reported back to Paddle UK, and to the athletes where appropriate.