



British Canoeing

Slalom Committee

Meeting Minutes

Saturday 23rd April 2016

Location: British Canoe Union HQ, National Water Sports Centre
Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, NG12 2LU



1 Present

1.1 In Person

Dave Spencer [3/3] Chair	Jacky Brookes [2/3] Competition	Chris Baillie [3/3] Scotland
Martyn Setchell [3/3] Vice Chair	Nick Taylor [2/3] Lower Divisions	Mark Abbott [3/3] Wales
	Hazel Ridge [3/3] Volunteer	

1.2 Apologies

Colin Woodgate [2/3] Secretary	Jacky Stokes [2/3] Marketing & Publicity	Craig Morris [0/3] British Canoeing
Andy Kozary [2/3] Treasurer	Peter Curry [2/3] Safety/Comp Management	Matt McKnight [0/3] CANI
	Andy Grudzinski [1/3] Timing/Technical	Dave Royal [2/3] England

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

3 Chairman's Report

Discussion on look of kit for Nations & GB Team. To be taken to consultative meetings. Perception. Promotion of mixed discipline event.

Discussion on local people at an event being available to help.

Alex Ridge + helper agreed to organise Oscars evening. 26th Nov Nottingham.

3.1 Federation Memberships

British Canoeing have a reward scheme of £5 for signing each new member, which is available to clubs. Details have been requested and will be circulated and included in the organiser pack.

Clarification of day membership scheme for England is being sought.-ongoing.....**DS**

3.2 Slalom Coaching Review

Report from Andy Neave who attended the coaching conference:**DS**

At the meeting were representatives for Sprint, Marathon and Freestyle.

There need for slalom to be represented at National Forums, however attendance at the English Coaching Management Committee meetings would be of greatest benefit:

- Andy Maxted, who chairs this committee, would be keen for a slalom presence.
- Sprint and Marathon already attend.

David Joy made a presentation which gave an insight into the way he sees the sport moving forward:

- 2016 as a year to prepare for the next two Olympic cycles.
- Although much of British Canoeing is not involved in the two Olympic disciplines, because funding does tie in with these cycles, it makes sense for the whole sport to also align.
- The 2017-2021 Strategic Plan is of great importance and completion of the current survey by as many members as possible is very important.

Reference was made to the High Performance Competition Group (HPCG) and how World Class coaching is cascaded down to lower levels in the sport.

- No significant evidence of this in slalom based at S&SCC.
- Is it happening anywhere away from the two performance centres?

Mike Devlin gave an update on the Club Activity Assistant Programme which is currently being developed and piloted at 4 clubs.

- This programme sounds quite promising as a way to involve club volunteers in assistant roles.
- Each club would have a trained Coordinator who would determine appropriate club specific roles and then oversee the training and signing off of the volunteers.



- The intention is to start the roll out of the programme this year with a target of 50 clubs.
- Clubs already holding Clubmark status would receive priority.
- One negative aspect of the proposal is the need for Club Activity Assistants to hold full British Canoeing membership although it was pointed out that many clubs would cover this cost.

3.3 BC Board representative

The committee has been asked to offer support for the English Council representative to the British Canoeing Board. An email discussion identified the individuals that were supported. Those who have membership in other federations abstained from any discussion.

4 Secretary's Report/Actions

Annual prize giving

4.1 Perpetual Prizes / Keepsakes

Ongoing in slow research for keepsakes that are memorable, reproducible year on year and around £10 each, including engraving.

A list of possible additions to perpetual prizes will be produced for the next meeting.

4.2 Annual Prize Giving

The Perpetual prizes will presented at the British Open and end of season prizes will be awarded at the. bi-annual dinner (Oscars).

4.3 Ian Drummond Trophy

At the last meeting this was taken by Martyn to investigate whether the HPP club wanted to use it as a perpetual prize for an HPP slalom. HPP Canoe Club will present the prize at the September HPP Race..

4.4 Interclubs Rules

This will be carried forward as Andy Grudzinski will not be present. Unless he responds in a written report.

4.5 ACM Motions

4.5.1 Section A

Agreed, to be put in the public domain before the meeting.

4.5.2 Inquorate Events

Dave Spencer to report back

4.5.3 Rule B4.2.2

This rule specifies the factors used to find the 'modified score' for all inquorate events. The problem is that for C2s the calculation is given for Prem/1 and Division 2/3. But the modified score is also used in deciding promotion from division 4 (B4.3.1). We should change the last line of the table to read:

Canadian Doubles 2/3 **and 4** 1.20

4.5.4 UKC19.8

Two aspects to consider in this rule

UK C19.8 After their run a Competitor **MUST** stay in their boat within sight of the finisher, or (*if defined*) within a clearly indicated distance from the finish, until the next, and next but one Competitor has finished, in case they are called upon to act as rescue boat, **UNLESS** the Organiser, having made other rescue arrangements, has specifically indicated that this is not required or the paddler has arranged an alternate to provide this safety cover. This regulation applies equally to team events. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from that run (DSQ-R).

- a) Is the Competitor required to stay in the sight of the finisher, or where the Competitor can see the finisher? Very different prospects
- b) Should we extend the rule to include any paddler behaviours that are included in the safety plan? E.g. at Grandtully the suggestion was that three paddlers should stay at the finish, despite the rules. At Lee Valley we may decide that staying by the finisher is not required, but staying above the lake bridge is sufficient. Similarly if the safety plan excludes access from an area, or requires behaviour above start, there is currently no sanction, short of complete disqualification from the competition, and using that rule requires interpretation.



Propose changing the rule to read:

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5 Finance

5.1 Report

British Canoeing are considering reducing / cutting the grant to the committee. One proposal is to withhold the part of the grant for development of slalom in England. The monies paid away last year were less than in previous years as there were fewer un-funded English paddlers on the team in 2015.

Some initiatives are being developed this year that will reduce the balances being held by both the UK committee and the England committee.

6 Co-ordinators' Actions

6.1 Athlete Representative

6.1.1 *Water time at artificial courses*

MS will investigate the possibility of organising slots, on behalf of the committee, for non-program athletes to be able to book. The position currently is that a nation only can book slots through British Canoeing
MS

6.2 Competition

6.2.1 *ICF Judging Cards*

Andy Goodsell confirmed that all renewals that had been agreed by Jacky and Colin had been processed, and that he had been copied into an email from Jean-Michel Prono asking ICF HQ to process these cards.

6.3 Competition Management

6.3.1 *Risk Assessments 2017*

It was confirmed that applications for inclusion in the 2017 calendar must be accompanied by a risk assessment or they will not be accepted.

6.3.2 *Risk Assessments 2016*

There are still Risk Assessments outstanding. Competitions will have ranking status removed if the assessment has not been received and approved before the competition.

The committee is aware of a competition where the safety officer has not been able to attend an event safety course due to the cancellation of a course. The issue is with BC event safety officer to resolve.

6.3.3 *Risk assessment when there is a local authority requirement (DS)*

There are circumstances where an organiser has to supply risk assessments to the local site, Slalom Committee, and National federation. It is understood that discussions are under way within the paid staff to agree if this can be simplified.DS

If the safety officer is not there on the day who accesses the water level etc on the day DS.

6.4 Managed Calendar

Applications to hold a Premier competition and two division 1 events at Llandysul have been received for next year. There was a discussion of the suitability of the lower site to host a Premier event, and the advisability of another site holding such a large proportion of events.

6.5 Lower Divisions Feed Back

Communication & complexity for low level events.

New Organisers Training NT

Positive feedback from the committee towards organisers.



6.6 Marketing & Publicity

6.6.1 *Division 4 cards (DS)*

Use of the information on division 4 entry cards is to be confirmed, it is believed that the information can not be used to send out yearbooks unless specific permission is granted. A sign up slip may be developed to allow yearbooks to be requested..... Carried Forward

6.6.2 *Go Fast Go Clean*

Carried forward is the action of working on publication poster to be co-operate and clubs/schools.....**DS**

6.7 Strategy & Planning

6.7.1 *Paddle Up Proposals*

Applications for competitions next year will need to include applications both if portable points are not introduced and if they are. If paddle up is accepted, divisions will be stand-alone Premier, stand-alone 1, stand-alone 2, stand-alone 3, stand-alone 4, combined 2/3, combined 3/4.....**DS/AG**

6.7.1 *Online Entry System*

Some discussions are underway to understand the current offerings, their issues, the scope and the risks involved. Linkage of the systems to other available resources will also be considered.

6.8 Technical Support

6.8.1 *TUTTI Replacement*

Sample test kit is being made sought to try run in parallel with the existing kit before purchase.**AG**

6.8.2 *Portable Score Board*

The availability of portable scoreboard, compatible with the replacement TUTTI system and the Premier timing will be investigated. This will not be progressed until after the TUTTI replacement is finalised. **AG**

6.9 Volunteers

Approaches to publicise the volunteer nature of competitions and encourage people to volunteer will be considered. Lyn Barker of British Canoeing will be approached for advice and assistance..... **HR**

Lyn Barker has a list of non-slalomists that have volunteered at other events (e.g. 2012 games makers, World Cup / World Championship). These are available for higher-level races.

Volunteers are still an issue at lower level competitions. Information will be published on the Canoe Slalom Web site to encourage volunteers and offering advice on how to get involved,..... **HR**

Hazel has been talking to recognised paddlers to rally round and support volunteering

Nominations are required for Volunteers.

7 Home Nations

7.1 *Pan Celtic*

Richard Lee has circulated some proposals amongst the Home Nations committees. It is understood that some questions have been raised. It is hoped that these issues can be resolved outside the UK Committee and consolidated proposals submitted for approval. To be picked up at Cardiff.

7.2 *CANI*

No Report available

7.3 *England*

Committee meeting held at Lee Valley 09 April 2016

A number of grants were agreed and a new development grant application window to be launched very shortly aimed at supporting capital or coaching development projects within clubs. Window will close mid-June 2016.

Following U23 and Junior Selection, we are very pleased to see a large number of English Athletes being selected to race at Krakow and Solkan. Funding will be available to those athletes and they have been informed. Details to be finalised.



Two small subcommittees are being formed. One to focus on coaching, the other to focus on club development.

7.4 Scotland

7.4.1 *Grandtully Slaloms*

Despite the Hydro Electric construction works and a rapidly rising river on Prem Saturday, the Grandtully Easter slaloms passed relatively successfully. The TV production company filming for the BBC 2 Scotland programme the Adventure Show are pleased with the footage they captured

7.4.2 *SCA Performance Programme 2016-2017*

Once again the athletes are being asked to pay £2000 to join the programme.

7.4.3 *SCA support for 2016 GB Team members*

In addition to the Scottish paddlers on the senior team 2016 who are already funded, 5 Scottish paddlers were selected for the GB U23 and J18 teams. In contrast to last year the SCA immediately contacted the paddlers to give information about their funding. Amber Maslen, Sophie Ogilvie and Angus Gibson will be funded 100% for the U23 and J18 Worlds, and they along with Isla Kelly and Maddy Jennings will receive 50% funding for their contribution to the cost of The U23 and J18 Euros.

7.4.4 *Seaton Park*

It was reported that there were problems with the Seaton Park site that may result in a request to change the date of the slalom:

- Following the winter storms an undercut tree is 'hung' (i.e. resting on a tree on the opposite bank) and hence advised as dangerous. The tree is substantial in subsiding ground and overhangs the water, so subject to significant HSE requirements.
- The Council have recently commenced some engineering work in the Park (including upgrade and extension of paths and drainage, landscaping of wet lands to reclaim pitches and establish a water feature). These works are within the area we run the slalom and hence there are open excavations, soil spoil heaps along with construction materials and plant stored adjacent to the slalom site.

It was agreed that if the club felt it necessary, the possible re-scheduling from 21-22 May to 10-11 September would, subject to agreement from the Organisers of the Interclubs' and Wark slaloms, be approved.

7.5 Wales

No Report available

7.6 British Canoeing

7.6.1 *Programme*

Our Olympic Team are currently in Rio undertaking camp 3 of 5 in preparation for this summer's games. The team continue their focussed preparation for the Olympics and are amid a busy schedule of Rio camps and race preparation at the Senior Europeans in May.

The 2016 Senior Team are currently in Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia taking part in a training and race camp ahead of next month's European Championships.

7.6.2 *Events - Update from Andy Maddock*

LV events – there is an ongoing productive dialogue with the LV Leisure trust around water usage. Progress is positive and the key remaining detail is predominantly around ensuring appropriate wording on events that ensures transparency on pricing and affordability for events on both the Olympic course and the legacy channel for lower divisions.

Holme Pierrepont - Again we are looking at renewing our pricing agreement through to 2021 and in early discussions on the detail around this. Hopefully after the recent concerns on HPP pricing people will be more reassured that an affordable solution is in place and I believe that British Canoeing centrally managing bookings on behalf of disciplines to ensure one contact for the HPP staff will avoid issues with pricing.



British Open - The multi-discipline nature of the September weekend at Lee Valley is a great opportunity to look at a more sustainable cost model for events there (and potentially at other venues) and I am hopeful that this will set another benchmark in the way we run our events without requiring additional volunteer time and potentially even reducing costs (or the need for subsidy). We hope that not only will there be 2 slalom events on over the weekend but also an opportunity to recognise our Olympic Team athletes post Rio.

7.6.3 *Recognition*

BC would like to record our thanks for the high level delivery of the Lee Valley selection event on 9/10 April. A big thanks to everyone who made it happen. There is a strong Junior & U23 team with the biggest Junior Worlds Team for some years indicating the progression being made and the success of the Home Nation programmes.

We would also like to acknowledge the huge effort that went in to U23/U18 selection from all the Home Nations athletes, staff and parents/guardians and the excellent results across the board.

Following Junior and U23 selection some of our UK Programme athletes attended the World Ranking race in Ivrea, Italy. It is great to see athletes committing to independent trips to key venues in the Tokyo cycle and congratulations to both Sam Ibbotson and Tom Quinn who both came away with podium finishes. We wish all British athletes competing in Slovakia, Spain and France over the coming two weeks all the very best.

7.6.4 *Senior Leadership Team - Tokyo Funding*

The SLT have been very focused on Tokyo funding submissions for UK sport which went in in mid-March. An early indication of funding will be given in late May subject to achieving our Rio medal targets with final confirmation in late December. English talent funding submissions are ongoing with Sport England with deadlines awaiting confirmation from Sport England but final announcement likely to fit with the UKS late December timeline.

8 AOB / Correspondence

8.1 **Discipline Safeguarding Representatives**

All discipline committees are required to have a Safeguarding Representative. The aim of the Safeguarding Representative is to be the main point of contact for British Canoeing regarding Safeguarding related information; making sure relevant information is passed onto the committee and Safeguarding is considered across all committee functions. Martyn Setchell volunteered for this role.

Post meeting, after discussions with British Canoeing, Martyn may be too close to the paddlers to undertake this role, and another appointee will be sought.

9 Future Meeting Dates

All meetings at 9:30, at BCU HQ in Nottingham, unless otherwise noted.

Saturday 9th July

Saturday 29th October

Saturday 26th November Annual Consultative Meeting

Sunday 27th November post ACM.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 3:30 p.m.