



British Canoeing

Slalom Committee

Meeting Minutes

Saturday 11th March 2017

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



1 Present

1.1 In Person

Andy Koszary [3/3] Treasurer	Steve Linksted [2/3] Divisional Development	Chris Baillie [3/3] Scotland
Colin Woodgate [2/3] Secretary	Peter Curry [3/3] Safety/Comp Mgmt	Mark Abbott [3/3] Wales
Martyn Setchell [2/3] Vice Chair Athlete Rep	Hazel Ridge [3/3] Volunteer	Les Ford [1/3] England

1.2 Apologies

Dave Spencer [2/3] Chair	Andy Grudzinski [2/3] Technical / Timing	Craig Morris [1/3] British Canoeing
	Nick Taylor [2/3] Lower Divisions	Matt McKnight [0/3] CANI
	Jacky Stokes [1/3] Marketing & Publicity	

Also offering Apologies

Anna Gray British Canoeing Sport Development manager

2 Welcome

In the absence of Chair, the Vice Chair chaired the meeting. He welcomed all participants and noted the apologies

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4 Chair's Report

4.1 Four Year Planning

MS has met with people in BC to get information to get feedback on the draft. .DS / MS, NT, CDW, CM

4.2 British Canoeing Staffing

It is understood that there are a number of changes in coaching staff under way, with staff gaining promotion, and changing location. The situation is expected to stabilise in the next month. Congratulations to all those promoted, and newly promoted.

4.3 British Open 2018

The British Open 2018 has been provisionally booked for September 14 / 15 2018, but this clashes with the current date for the World Championships so may need to be adjusted.

4.4 Selection 2018

The initial booking proposals for 2018 selection request holding Senior, Junior and Under 23 selection at the same time, (Easter Weekend) at Lee Valley. MS informed the committee that this has not been agreed at the International Panel.

The committee discussed the timing, and having a single location for all three selection levels. The understanding is that Junior / Under 23 selection location and timing is still to be discussed based upon suggestions from the Home Nations. Selection of venue based on the proposed international races has obvious attractions.

Having selection at different locations assists in supporting the venues. Having all selection at one venue boosts the income for that centre (from training time) to the detriment of other sites.

An approach of running Senior / U23 selection at the end of the season, with Junior selection at two Premier races at the start of the season was discussed, and broadly supported.

MS will take this suggestion and other issues raised to the next International Panel meeting.



4.5 Equality Monitoring

British Canoeing is again carrying out the annual whole organisation equality monitoring. British Canoeing currently holds the Intermediate Standard for Equality for Sport and is working towards achieving the Advanced Standard and equality monitoring is a large part of this.

Officials, Organisers, Coaches, and Bib Officers and through this [link](#) by 23rd March 2017.

4.6 Annual Coaching Networking Meeting

Andy Neave continues to represent Slalom in attending these meetings, he was thanked for his work in this. It was confirmed that feedback to Andy for these meetings and from the meetings should go through the Vice Chair. Consideration should be given for next season to allocating this role to a co-ordinator.

The dual nature of the meeting requires feedback for the ECMC and Les is liaising with Andy for this purpose.

5 Secretary's report

5.1 Year Book Production

- The year books were packed ready for sending in around 90 minutes. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped get the books packed in a record time.
- Some time was spent reviewing the purpose of the yearbook, and looking at the sections in the yearbook, to review whether they should be included or not. The yearbook is getting thicker all the time, and has increasing duplication in it, making maintenance harder. Individuals on the committee should seek feedback from slalom stakeholders..... **All**

5.2 Next Meeting

British Canoeing Offices are not available for the next meeting. It was agreed that the secretary should book a meeting room in a hotel near East Midlands airport.

5.3 Possible ACM 2017 Motions

1. Statutes – action is on CDW, waiting for information from Vasi as to BC ambition to make statutes similar across disciplines.
2. Division 1 Practice and course erection. MA will bring a draft motion to the next meeting, circulating it in advance if possible.
3. Division 2 veterans paddle up, the rules as they stand do not allow for division 2 veterans to paddle up at a division 1 event. The committee will not change this during the season, but are open to a motion from others. This is different to the case of division 2/3 C2s, which are eligible to paddle up one division as part of the ranking system.
4. Boat Control for Premier/1 Veterans: It was confirmed that the equipment rules apply to all events at Division 1 and Premier races.
5. Shepperton Canoe Club has proposed a motion for the ACM proposing the reintroduction of division 1 / 2 races. This could be seen as at odds with the motion passed at the previous ACM introducing Portable Points.



6 Finance

6.1 Budgets

The Treasurer reported that there had been little activity since the financial year-end of 31 October 2016. Expenditure since then has included the purchase of 40,000 entry cards and the replacement of 32 premier bibs. The invoice for the production of the 2017 Year Book will be settled in March.

No changes have been requested to the draft Budget for 2016/17. The budget forecasts gross income of £51,900. Expenditure is budgeted at £28,500 and the shares of levies to Home Nations is £26,400. A deficit of £3,000 is therefore forecast.

Full accounts for the period to April 2017 will be presented to the May meeting.

7 Athlete Representative

7.1 British Canoeing Staffing

It is understood that there are changes in coaching staff under way, with staff gaining promotion, and changing location. The situation is expected to stabilise in the next month. Congratulations to all those promoted, and newly promoted.

8 Divisional Development

An analysis of historic division 2 events, and the organising clubs is under way.

9 Lower Divisions

There is little activity at the lower divisions at this stage of the season.

10 Marketing & Publicity

No report

11 Safety/Comp Management

11.1 Insurance for non BC Athletes (PC/DS)

Non-BC athletes are not covered under BC insurance. Many will be covered by their own federation, but if not will be personally liable for any accidents.

11.2 Risk Assessments

There are two safety plans outstanding for this year, Ironbridge in July and West Tanfield in September. Organisers will be reminded that without approved Risk Assessments the events cannot be run under BC, so will have to be de-ranked.

Discussions are ongoing regarding Breadalbane division 2/3 and 3/4 races.

11.3 International Travel

Paddlers are to be encouraged to thoroughly wash their boats and equipment before and after leaving the country.

11.4 Event Safety Courses

These events will now be run on demand, when requested by regions or discipline committees. SL will feed this back to the BC board as it is their request that people attend these courses. Scheduled courses are a requirement.

12 Timing/Technical

12.1 Judge Education

Carried Forward



13 Volunteer

13.1 Volunteering

Hoping to publish a spreadsheet shortly with contact lists re county/ borough volunteer groups for all clubs to access. Compilation ongoing and HR distributing information from counties to relevant clubs as information comes back in. Massive variations of what is available county to county. Some boroughs have no volunteer group records to call upon nor any volunteer award programs.

Re Gate judge training in Wales: we have met and agreed with Richard to arrange training alongside camp weekends. Hazel and Mark Abbott to action. Live training arranged for race weekends on control room training.

13.2 Welfare:

Having spoken further to Kimberley Walsh, she has advised that English and Welsh committee members should do the online Safeguarding training course (if someone has completed a higher level of training then they would not need to do the online one). **All**

A DBS check and additional training is not necessary unless undertaking an active in a training / safeguarding role, in which case the guidelines for suitable training as listed on the BC website should be applied. Kimberley did say that presently the Sports Coach UK Safeguarding and Protecting Children course and then Time to Listen Training course are not run that frequently in Wales, although they do run in England (again links on BC website are being updated, but do not work currently). A note will be sent to clubs to ensure they apply / check promptly now at season start to ensure compliances. **HR**

14 Home Nations / BC

14.1 England

14.1.1 *Committee*

A new committee is in place with some gaps. There will be an open meeting at the Grandtully Premier race to gather information about what direction should be taken.

14.1.2 *Constitution*

The constitution will need to be updated to reflect the British Canoeing / British Canoeing Slalom Committee constitutions when amended.

14.1.3 *Coaching*

The Lee Valley session have been very productive and well attended. Thanks to the organisers. The two groups have been developing well, and gaining information from one another.

14.2 Scotland

14.2.1 *Grandtully*

The work on the Hydro Scheme is complete and has been signed off by site engineers.

Work at Grandtully to construct new steps from control to main road and on the near bank from around the middle point up to the bridge is due to be undertaken this month. A pipe will be installed on the near bank, beyond control, on the track up to start where it regularly floods.

14.2.2 *Grandtully Campsite Refurbishment Works 22/2-30/3*

Work is currently underway to repair and replace the floor and ceiling in the Grandtully Campsite building. First the gents and then the ladies changing rooms and shower/toilets area will be refurbished. Work is due to be complete by 30th March - prior to the Easter slalom events



14.2.3 *Online entry*

CB sought the view of Rob McPherson the organiser for the Grandtully Premier race on how he had found online entry, he responded with a number of positive points, with handling Pan Celtic entries being the only issue.

MS Noted that the system does not count or restrict official's entries. This will be taken up with Dee, as some events need to restrict officials numbers.

14.3 Northern Ireland

14.3.1 *Irish Intersivity's*

At the beginning of February CANI helped University of Ulster successfully host the 2017 Irish Intersivity's. This 3-daylong event took in the disciplines of Canoe Slalom, Freestyle, Canoe Polo, White Water and Long Distance. On Friday, they ran a Slalom Race at Shaw's Bridge with approximately 100 competitors in attendance. During this race, they trialled the use of the Cloud Timer App.

14.3.2 *Shaw's Bridge Slalom Race*

Following on from the Irish Intersivity's CANI helped local club Newry and Mourne Sea Kayaking and Canoe Club run a slalom race at Shaw's Bridge, this event was held on the same weekend as the intersivity's and managed to attract another 50-60 competitors.

14.3.3 *Nottingham Camp*

Over the February Mid-Term break CANI hosted a 3-day training camp at the National White Water Centre in Nottingham. Over the course of the three days Matt McKnight worked with 8 athletes to provide some consistent coaching on a quality white water venue.

14.3.4 *Talent ID*

CANI recently carried out Stage 2 of testing on approximately 20+ 10-11 years old in several Primary Schools in the Greater Belfast Area. We hope to kick off a Talent Academy programme in April 2017

14.4 Wales

Winter training continuing with regular sessions around the country

A coaching development meeting has been held, with interest from several new clubs in starting slalom.

A laptop timing system has been developed with a graphical interface and result screen. This will be trialled at Plas y Brenin shortly.

14.5 BC Performance

The transition to a new Olympic cycle is always a busy and exciting one and this has been no exception. Upon consultation with my colleagues we will be in a better position to provide a detailed strategic update regarding our Slalom programmes moving into the Tokyo cycle for the next meeting and hence Craig proposes to produce a detailed report for that occasion.

15 Other Business

15.1 Drone Filming

There are strict rules regarding the use of drones near people and venues. This will preclude most non-commercial operators from getting usable footage from a slalom.

It is understood that commercial operators will need permission from all participants (including spectators), and there are strict rules relating to licences and permissions.

Subject to these conditions all being met, the use of drones not being specifically banned by the site, and the organiser and Chief Judge being satisfied that the drone will not interfere with the competition, the committee has no objection to drone filming.

15.2 Helmets / Buoyancy Aids

Competitors are reminded of rule C19.2, which states that the structure, shape or composition of the buoyancy aid / helmet must not be modified in any way.



15.3 Quorum

The amended constitution should clarify this when a draft is available from BC Compliance. In the meantime, it was agreed that any meeting where 50% of the voting members offer their apologies in advance will be rescheduled.

15.4 Volunteer for selection

There is a shortage of volunteers for selection, MS will contact Jeff Toser for the circulation list for volunteers and the Lee Valley volunteer face book page.

16 2016/2017 Meetings

- Saturday 20 May at East Midlands Airport
- Sat 12 August
- Sunday 28 October, evening
- Saturday 25th November Annual Consultative Meeting
- Sunday 26 November post ACM Meeting

The Vice Chair thanked members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 13:00 p.m.