



BRITISH CANOEING

Slalom Committee

Fifteenth

Annual Consultative Meeting

24th November 2018

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

Minutes



“Canoeing and Kayaking are “Assumed risk” – “contact sports” may carry attendant risks. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own action and involvement”.



1 Welcome by the Chair

1.1 Welcome and Appointment of Tellers

The Chair thanked British Canoeing for the use of the premises. He then welcomed 33 people, to the meeting; between them, holding 78 votes, representing 30 Clubs.

Apologies were received from Anna Gray: Sports Development Manager and Richard Ramsdale Head of the England Talent Programme.,

Peter Curry and David Lindesay were appointed tellers for the meeting.

1.2 Points of Order and Clarifications

It was confirmed that when voting, only a Simple Majority is needed, except for changes to Regulations where 2/3 Simple Majority required.

Some club representatives had not brought proof of National Federation membership with them. The Secretary believes they are members and the meeting approved them exercising their club votes.

The Chair clarified that there will be no voting on designation of motions to be handled under rule 5.9. Any vote would require discussion of the motion and result in longer meetings. As motions handled under this rule are introduced then immediately voted on, if there is not a large consensus the motion will move to debate anyway.

2 Minutes

2.1 14th Annual Consultative Meeting

The Minutes of the 14th Annual Meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Proteus Canoe Club and seconded by Brecon Canoe Club. This was adopted nem con

2.2 2017/2018 Committee Meetings

Minutes from the 2015 / 2016 Slalom Committee meetings were tabled for information

3 Reports

3.1 Chair's Report

A report was tabled, displayed on the wall of the room and is available on line. In the report the Chair noted:

Despite snow, drought and torrential rain we have (almost) delivered a full domestic programme for paddlers of all abilities, and all volunteers should be proud of that achievement.

Other reports to this ACM have covered the terrific year that our GB paddlers have had across all age categories, and I won't delve into further details save adding my congratulations. The excellent performances at Junior and U23 level with more boats getting to finals and coming away with medals continues to demonstrate our strength in depth with the promise of more to come. The Home Nation development programmes continue to support aspiring paddlers and their success is evident in the rising standard of paddling amongst our junior competitors with many pushing towards GB squads; U23 and Senior as well as the Junior team. The strength and breadth of our domestic competition structure, delivered by individual canoe clubs, continues to provide excellent opportunities for competitive racing for all abilities and across all ages.

In terms of participation, paddler numbers are slightly down but overall entries are stable, further reinforcing the view that paddlers, in general, compete more often. I reported last year that we had seen a steady decline in numbers entering Division 4 competitions and that trend has continued. This is of great concern as failure to attract more paddlers into the sport has the potential to impact long term viability of some lower division events which we can't afford to lose from the calendar. This issue cannot be addressed just by running more Div4 competitions and, amongst other things, we need to look closely at the structure of the calendar to support an effective entry pathway. This will be a committee priority for the forthcoming year.



Volunteers are the bedrock that supports the sport and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers for their efforts throughout the year. However, everyone experiences changing circumstances in their lives and we cannot rely on the same people being there forever and recruitment of new participants is critical in ensuring the sport thrives in the future. On that note, I would like to mention officials that are standing down this year - Penny Scaife, Tanya Gibbons and Michelle Grudzinski – thank you for your dedication and support. It is encouraging to note that calls for volunteers to support the 2019 World Cup at Lee Valley have attracted over 300 applications.

The theme of the British Canoeing Strategy is “Stronger Together” and this can be witnessed in several areas. This year the Slalom Committee have committed to actively support the development of coaches by providing funding for slalom specific training elements using the modules developed by British Canoeing. A group from HPP have been supported this year and we hope more will come forward so that we can expand the base of Slalom coaches. Another example is the Discipline Chairs Group. This is a forum that brings together the Chairs of all competition disciplines to share experiences and seek approaches to issues that are experienced across the sport.

We continue to focus on improving the procedures and processes necessary for the administration and smooth running of our sport. This is not made any easier by the seemingly constant introduction of additional rules and regulations, however these are responses to past issues and failings and we must be prepared to readily embrace change. We will seek to do this in a manner that minimises additional work on already busy volunteers. Using technology is key and we have been fortunate that volunteers continue to support tools that are now seen as commonplace; results database, online entry and website. Thanks to Duncan, Nick, Dee Alan for all their efforts.

During the year we were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Ken Trollope. Ken dedicated a great deal of time and effort to supporting Slalom through coaching, judging, committee work as well as developing and supporting Simply Slalom. He will be missed but I'm sure he will live on in fond memories.

We also witnessed how sudden extreme weather can bring destruction with the flooding at Llandysul. What has been remarkable is the Herculean effort to replace and repair what has been lost and the speedy return to a semblance of normality. There is, undoubtedly, much more that needs to be done but we can all acknowledge and admire the enormous effort from Gareth and the team and extend our best wishes as they rebuild what has been lost.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for all their efforts and dedication in supporting Canoe Slalom. We always welcome new faces and value the different viewpoints and experiences that new members bring to the table. Occasionally, someone manages to escape and this year it is Andy Koszary who is stepping down as Treasurer after many years of managing our finances. We are hugely grateful for Andy's dedication and guidance and on behalf of everyone I would simply like to say, “Thank You”.

3.2 Treasurer's Report

The accounts for the period ended 31st October 2018 were presented. They show a deficit of income against expenditure of £2,943 (2016 surplus of £6,450). Gross Levies of £40,237 were 10.6% below the budget of £45,000 and 18.7% lower than 2017. Expenditure of £26,101 was £1,551 above budget.

The Accounts are unaudited. The British Canoeing external auditors will audit them after the ACM. Following the 2017 audit, no changes were made to the accounts presented last year.

The accounts of the England Slalom Committee (ESC) currently remain within, and are overseen by, the Slalom Committee. As at 31st October 2018, the balance of funds held by the committee on behalf of ESC was £20,094. The Accounts for ESC were prepared in conjunction with the ESC Officers.

As at 31st October 2018 the combined closing reserves (of the Slalom Committee and the England Slalom Committee) stand at £90,818 (2017 £93,631). This small reduction is welcome, but still a level which is higher than required for year-to-year running of the sport. Steps will be taken (by both the Committee and the ESC) to further reduce the reserves in coming years.

A motion to accept the accounts was proposed by Shepperton Slalom Canoe Club, seconded by Llandysul Canoe club and accepted nem con.



3.3 Other Reports

3.3.1 Reports from Co-ordinators (Tabled, reviewed en bloc)

Andy Neave (Coaching), Dee Lindesay (Digital & Data Strategy), Steve Linksted (Divisional Development), Safety/Competition Management (Peter Curry), Technical / Timing (Andy Grudzinski), Volunteer / Safety Management (Hazel Ridge)

Peter Curry made a statement relating to the recent case where Weils disease was contracted by a paddler, encouraging all to observe the hygiene procedures.

3.3.2 British Canoeing and Home Nations (Tabled, reviewed en bloc)

British Canoeing (Richard Ramsdale), England (Dave Spencer), Northern Ireland (Kiran Dews), Scotland (Chris Baillie), Wales (Mark Abbott)

3.3.3 Athlete Representative (Martyn Setchell)

4 Elections

4.1 Chair

Dave Spencer has been proposed and seconded by the Slalom Committee. In the absence of any other nominations he was elected unopposed.

4.2 Treasurer

Hazel Ridge has been proposed and seconded by the Slalom Committee. In the absence of any other nominations she was elected unopposed.

4.3 Committee Members

Term Expiring 2019: Dee Lindesay (Digital / Data Strategy), Andy Grudzinski (Technical / Timing), Peter Curry (Safety / Competition Management)

Term Expiring 2018: Andy Neave (Coaching), Steve Linksted (Divisional Development), Hazel Ridge (Volunteers).

Andy Neave and Steve Linksted are nominated by the slalom committee.

Karen Crowhurst was nominated by Halifax Canoe Club and Stafford and Stone Canoe Club.

In the absence of further nominations, these were elected nem con for a two-year term.

4.4 Other Officials (normally elected 'en bloc')

With the advent of the online ranking systems the requirement for separate Ranking Compilers and Bib Officers has reduced. In most cases these are already a single person. For the 2019 season onwards, only a single position will be elected.

Managed Calendar Officer	TBA		
Ranking Status Officer	Nick Penfold	Entry Cards Officer	Susan Paterson
Ranking Officers			
Premier Men	Tracy Wells	P/1 Men's Canadian Singles	Carole McGranachan
Division 1 Men	Nick Penfold	2/3 Men's Canadian Singles	Nigel Evans
Division 2 Men	Les Saunders	Women's Canadian Singles	Mark Shaw
Division 3 Men	Karen Crowhurst	Canadian Doubles	Stuart Meakins
Division 4 Men	James Hastings	Veterans All Categories	Mike Carter
K1 Women Premier & 1	Sally Atkinson	Officials Compiler	Amanda Woodgate
K1 Women Divisions 2 & 3	Donna Hawkins		

These appointments were accepted nem con.

Stafford and Stone offered a vote of thanks to the volunteers and the committee for all the work put in during the season. This was accepted nem com.



5 Awards

5.1 Ed Ecclestone award

Nominees:

- Sarah Ford
- Andy Grudzinski
- Andy Hounslow
- John Stoner
- Dave Waine
- John Woods

The nominees were reviewed by a panel consisting of the previous winners, who selected this year's recipient. Congratulations were offered to Andy Hounslow for winning the award this year.

6 Motions

Unless specifically listed, the motions below are proposed by the committee. Wording in *Italics* are for explanation and do not form part of the motion. **Bold Underlined** text is to be added to rules; ~~Struck through~~ text is to be deleted.

6.1 Promotion Levels

At the 2017 ACM, the promotion targets were amended. Part of that motion proposed a further increase for the 2019 season. This motion reflects that proposals

Targets agreed at 2017 ACM

				2018		2019	
	Target	5 wins	% 5 Wins	Target	% 5 Wins	Target	% 5 Wins
<i>Division 1 to Prem</i>	4,750	5,000	95	4,750	95	4,750	95
<i>Division 2 to Division 1</i>	2,250	2,500	90	2,300	92	2,350	94
<i>Division 3 to Division 2</i>	1,040	1,250	83.2	1,070	85.6	1,100	88

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B4.3.2 Promotion in all other Divisions

Promotion will be gained by attaining the following points from the five best results:

Division 1 to Premier	4750
Division 2 to Division 1	2300 2350
Division 3 to Division 2	1070 1100

This was handled under article 5.9 and voted on immediately. The original motion was adopted nem con.

6.2 Paddle Up Priority

The current rules defining priority of entry for paddle ups are not ideal and suffer from a number of issues:

- Paddlers are released from the waiting list in earliest entry date order irrespective of their current divisional ranking
- Priority by earliest entry date encourages large numbers of early entries for competitions many months in advance
- Paddlers doubling up tend to get accepted in both events without regards to their divisional ranking in each event as their entries will have been submitted simultaneously.
- In the past the British Open invited the highest ranked paddlers from Div1. This is not possible under the "first come, first served" rules in place today.
- The idea that paddle up served as preparation for the next step to the higher division is diluted as priority is not given to the paddlers closest to making the transition.
- Including paddle ups ranked lower in their division may dilute the standard of the competition.

Most of the above applies to paddle up at Prem races where there is greater competition for places and where low numbers of paddle ups get a place. Lower divisions races are rarely oversubscribed.

Now that all Prem competitions are entered online and the waiting list is also openly published then any solution to address the current shortcomings will need a technology solution. Up to now the only indicator available to sort the paddle up waiting list was entry date.

The Online ranking system already calculates a "percentile" for each paddler that is recalculated whenever a new set of results are loaded. The percentile figure indicates a paddler's relative position within their divisional event and crucially it also offers a method to compare across events.



The key point is that we would be in a position to offer places based on current performance and also take into consideration the different population size of an event, which we wouldn't be able to do if we just took their ranking position. For example, if we compare the current ranking position in Division 1 across events and using paddlers with a percentile of 12% (picking a number at random) we get the following current ranking positions: K1W - 10th, K1M - 20th, C1W - 4th and C1M - 7th. If we had these 4 individuals in a waiting list sorted by percentile then they would all be grouped together, possibly further sorted by earliest entry date. This would be a reasonable grouping as they are all at the same relative position in their individual event ranking lists.

How would this work in practice? The online system will show an indicator for each paddler that shows the percentile updated with each set of results. Up to the cut off date, the waiting list will be displayed in alphabetical order. Just prior to the 4-week cut-off for paddle ups entries, the waiting list will be sorted by the current percentile value. The organiser would then release entries based on the revised order. Where there is a tie in percentile (such as two athletes with the same points total, or athletes across classes with the same relative position) all tying entries should be accepted, even if this results in a small increase in the maximum entries for the competition. Paddle up entries will be shown in alphabetical order prior to the priority entry date. In the case where a paddler has not earned any ranking points then their percentile at the start of the year will be used to determine their place in the waiting list. Those entering after the cut off date will be at the bottom of wait list in order of entry.

This would achieve:

- Paddle ups closest to promotion will get priority
- Paddlers doubling up will only get two entries if they are high enough ranked in both events
- The incentive to submit paddle ups as early as possible to guarantee a place is removed
- Prestige races (such as the British Open) would offer places based on current performance and be seen as a recognition of achievement

UK C11.2 The deadline for entries to Ranking Competitions shall be 15 days prior to the first day of the competition (the Friday two weeks prior to the competition).

The priority entry deadline (before which host paddlers get priority of entry) is the Friday four weeks prior to the competition. The competition organiser may impose a limit on numbers, either in the published calendar or at the time of planning the start list. If such a limit is applied, priority of entry shall be as follows:

- a) Up to and including the Priority Entry Deadline: Host division paddlers, in order of receipt of entries.
- b) After the Priority Entry Deadline:

If on line entries are being accepted: host paddlers in order of receipt, followed by “paddling up” in order of ~~receipt~~ **ranking percentile**. **If two or more competitors have the same percentile they must be accepted, or remain on the wait list together, even if this results in a small increase in the maximum entries.**

Ranking percentile is the current ranking position divided by the number in the division rounded to a whole percentage. E.g. if there are 70 in the division, the 16th placed athlete will be $16/70*100 = 22.85\%$, rounded to 23%. Where an athlete has not competed, the percentile will be taken from the start of year ranking.

If on line entries are not being accepted: host paddlers in order of receipt, followed by “paddling up” in order of ranking position.

If a paddler is promoted, their entry is treated as a host division entry received at the date the organiser is notified. If the Competitor has an accepted paddle up entry this will be converted to a Host division entry, otherwise they will remain on the waiting list, but with higher (*host*) priority.

Host division entry, otherwise they will remain on the waiting list, but with higher (*host*) priority.

An amendment was proposed by the committee such that the percentile will be frozen at the Priority Entry Deadline This was accepted nem con

A further amendment was proposed by committee to make explicit that anyone entering after the Priority entry deadline will be put on the bottom of the priority for paddle up entries, in order of receipt. This was accepted nem con.

An amendment was proposed by Shepperton Slalom Canoe Club and seconded by Manchester Club such that the percentile will be the best of start of year or current. This amendment was rejected with 23 votes for, 41 votes against and 14 abstentions.



A clarification was proposed by the committee, this did not affect the words of the motion, but the preamble such that 'waiting list' will be displayed in percentile order at all times accepted nem con.

Brecon Canoe Club proposed a motion to remove the paragraph starting '**If on line entries are not being accepted...**'. This was seconded by Llandysul Canoe Club and adopted nem con.

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b) After the Priority Entry Deadline:

Host paddlers in order of receipt, followed by "paddling up" in order of ~~receipt~~ **ranking percentile on the Priority Entry Deadline**. **If two or more competitors have the same percentile they must be accepted, or remain on the waiting list together, even if this results in a small increase in the maximum entries.**

Ranking percentile is the current ranking position divided by the number in the division rounded to a whole percentage. E.g. if there are 70 in the division, the 16th placed athlete will be $16/70*100 = 22.85\%$, rounded to 23%. Where an athlete has not competed, the percentile will be taken from the start of year ranking.

Paddle up entries after the Priority Deadline will be put at the bottom of the paddle up priority list, ordered by date of entry only.

c) If a paddler is promoted **into the host division**, their entry is treated as a host division entry received at the date the organiser is notified. If the Competitor has an accepted paddle up entry this will be converted to a Host division entry, otherwise they will remain on the waiting list, but with higher (*host*) priority.

The amended motion was adopted nem con.

6.3 Entry Limits

The slalom rules allow a race organiser to set an entry limit but does not define which types of entry are included in this limit. Organisers are applying this limit in different ways, with the introduction of online entries there is a clear visibility of race entry numbers and having different interpretations of "entry limit" is confusing. Page 70

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The priority entry deadline (before which host paddlers get priority of entry) is the Friday four weeks prior to the competition

The competition organiser may impose a limit on the **overall numbers of divisional and open entries**, either in the published calendar or at the time of planning the start list. If such a limit is applied, priority of entry shall be as follows:...

This was handled under article 5.9 and voted on immediately. The original motion was adopted nem con.



6.4 Course Erection

Proposed and seconded by Stafford and Stone Canoe Club.

In an attempt to make races fairer for travelling competitors in Premier and Division 1, and to reduce the temptation for parents to remove children from school early, gates will not be positioned until Friday afternoon before the race. Recognising that manpower and location may make this difficult, lines may be positioned, and gates prepared on the bank in advance.

C20.4 The course must consist of a minimum of 18 gates and a maximum of 25 gates, of which 6 must be upstream gates.

UK Where appropriate, for example at weirs where some of the course may flow in an upstream direction, the maximum number of upstream gates may be exceeded, provided that the spirit of the rule is adhered to.

UK At Premier and Division 1 competition gates will not be positioned until Friday afternoon before the race, lines may be positioned, and gates prepared on the bank in advance

An amendment was proposed by Llandysul and seconded by Stafford and Stone to change the amendment to:

UK At Premier and Division 1 races the competition course will not be available before midday the day before the race.

This amendment was adopted with 62 votes for, 6 votes against and 9 abstentions.

A further amendment was put by Shepperton Slalom Canoe Club and seconded by the Sharks:

UK At Premier and Division 1 races at least half the competition course will not be available before midday the day before the race.

This amendment failed with 7 votes for, 61 votes against and 9 abstentions.

The amended motion was adopted with 56 votes for, 13 votes against and 9 abstentions.

6.5 Extreme Slalom Rules

Aka Slalom Cross, aka Boater Cross aka Kayak Cross. As men's and women's extreme slalom are World Cup and World Championship events, and there was a British team selected in 2018 (albeit self funding), the rules for extreme slalom in the UK should be documented.

With the limited experience of these events in the UK, the ICF rules will be adapted to remove nationality restrictions and limits.

The UK Slalom Rules will be extended with Rules 68 to 87 as in the separate Extreme Slalom Rule paper available at the meeting

This was handled under article 5.9 and voted on immediately. The original motion was adopted nem com.

6.6 Bib Deposit

We haven't found a simple on-line payment option, and for the growing number of people who don't have cheque books paying a £9 deposit is difficult and this would at least mean they could just stick a £10 note in - some already do and putting £1 change in with the bib isn't very practical.

Actual cost of bibs:

- Canyon Gear nylon bibs are £6.50 each. Iron-on bib numbers cost about £1 each, so the cost price of a bib is £8.50, £10.50 or £12.50 depending on whether a one-digit, two-digit or three-digit number is required (front and back). Average about £11, plus about 50p as a share of the delivery charges.
- Lycra bibs are £15 each, plus again say 50p for delivery

It was clarified that this motion is intended to increase the bib deposit to £10, or a Bib voucher (regardless of the face value of the voucher).

This was handled under article 5.9 and voted on immediately. The original motion was adopted nem con.



6.7 Voting

This motion affects the Regulations, so requires a 2/3 majority and approval by the BC board

At the 2017 ACM, the Slalom Committee was asked to consult on voting options and bring proposals to the 2018 ACM. After some discussion, a consultation was issued on the web. There were a relatively small number of respondents (27) with a variety of responses. Taking into account these responses and feedback delivered personally to Committee members the motion below reflects the dual priorities for the sport, increasing participation, and having competitions run. It also addresses the perceived imbalance where a club can have an excessive influence.

For the avoidance of doubt, the changes proposed need adoption by the British Canoeing Board of Directors before taking effect, so voting at this ACM will not be affected.

The proposer changed the wording so that 'Ranking Slalom' became 'Ranking Competition', and to define competition in the same way it is defined for the rules.

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- 6.1 Each Voting Club will have 1 vote **and will be allocated an additional vote if it has 21 Ranked Members or more.**
- ~~6.2 Each such club will have an additional vote for each Ranking Slalom it has organised in the last full competition year, for which Administration fees have been paid.~~
- 6.2 **Each Voting Club is allocated 1 vote for each Ranking Competition it has organised in the immediately preceding 12 months. If a Ranking Competition is organised by more than one club, or a consortium of clubs, the vote relating to that Ranking Competition may be assigned to a Registered Club by notifying the Secretary of the allocation. There is no vote for any competition organised by the British Canoeing Slalom Committee, or a Home Nation Slalom Committee.**
- ~~6.3 If an event is organised by more than one club, or a consortium of clubs, the vote relating to that event may be assigned to a Registered Club by notifying the Secretary of the allocation.~~
- ~~6.4 There is no vote for any competition organised by the Slalom Committee.~~
- 6.3 Each Voting Club may have a maximum of five votes.**
- 6.4 Voting Clubs may not vote at a Consultative Meeting unless all money due to the British Canoeing Slalom Committee by them at the time has been paid by no later than 48 hours before the appointed start of the Consultative Meeting.**

An amendment was put by Holme Pierrepont to delete 6.2 and 6.3 this failed to get a second.

The motion was adopted nem con.

6.8 Terms of Reference

This motion affects the Regulations, so requires a 2/3 majority and approval by the BC board

The 'Regulations' in the year book, were an interim adaption of the 'Constitution' at the time of the federalisation of the British Canoe Union. After some consultation, within the committee and with British Canoeing, these should be replaced with 'Terms and Conditions', adapted to reflect the current structure within British Canoeing, and the Home Nations, and the way slalom is carried out in this country. Draft Terms of Reference have been circulated before this meeting.

This meeting adopts the circulated Terms of Reference for the Slalom Committee.

The motion was adopted nem con



6.9 Rule Book Restructure

The ICF congress is considering a restructure of the, rules changing the presentation of the rules and making them more consistent in terminology. The intent is to create a structure in the rule books that are consistent across the various ICF disciplines. As the bulk of section C of the rules is based on the ICF rules these should change, provided there is time before the year book is produced.

There will be three types of rule:

ICF Sport Governance Rules:

- *Common Rules across all disciplines*
- *Exactly the same wording as the first chapter of every rule book*

ICF Principle Rules

- *Principles applicable to all disciplines*
- *Rules tailor made for each discipline*
- *The principle affects all NFs to a high extent*

ICF Sport Rules

- *Competition and Field of play rules*
- *All technical aspects*

Glossary

<i>Chapter A</i>	<i>Sport Governance</i>	<i>Chapter I</i>	<i>Competition</i>
<i>Chapter B</i>	<i>Introduction</i>	<i>Chapter J</i>	<i>Post Competition</i>
<i>Chapter C</i>	<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Chapter K</i>	<i>Olympic Games</i>
<i>Chapter D</i>	<i>Programme and Formats</i>	<i>Chapter L</i>	<i>World Championships</i>
<i>Chapter E</i>	<i>Invitations and Entries</i>	<i>Chapter M</i>	<i>Junior and Under 23 World Championships</i>
<i>Chapter F</i>	<i>Competition Officials</i>	<i>Chapter N</i>	<i>World Cups</i>
<i>Chapter G</i>	<i>Field of Play</i>	<i>Chapter P</i>	<i>International Technical Officials.</i>
<i>Chapter H</i>	<i>Pre Competition</i>		

The secretary shall be empowered to revise the structure of the rulebook to reflect the changes to the ICF rule book structure.

The original motion was adopted with 71 votes for, 1 votes against and 6 abstentions.

6.10 Rule Book Tidying

There are places where the rules are inconsistent. There are also several minor rule changes introduced by the slalom committee. The minor rule changes, and the ICF imposed changes are listed in a separate document 'Rule Tidy and ICF Changes'. This is an inclusive motion to make the, hopefully, non-controversial changes.

This meeting accepts the changes listed in the document 'Rule Tidy and ICF Changes'.

This was adopted nem con.

6.11 British Team Ranking

Although some members of the British Team go to extreme levels to compete in 5 Premier races a season, this is difficult to fit in with training camps and competing internationally. Some manage to complete a couple of races, and are ranked in the middle of the division, not ideal for those they follow. Others have decided not to compete in any Premier races, to avoid demotion. This is not ideal as we would like to see the best in the country competing at Premier races.

To remove the current perceived hurdles Senior World Championship team athletes will be offered different coloured bibs for the rest of the season, allowing them to compete at premier competitions and protecting them from demotion at the end of the season. This group of paddlers will compete before or after the corresponding event as agreed with the organisers. Their runs will be ranking runs, counting for the calculation and accrual of points.

In addition, representations will be made to senior coaches and performance director to encourage team members to compete at a minimum of three competitions a year.



*C13.1.1 The organiser is responsible for the start list at Ranking Competitions. Competitors will start in the reverse bib order. Competitors without a Ranking Bib are placed at the beginning of the start order. Their position on the start order is drawn and is the responsibility of the organiser.

Paddlers in the GB Senior team, will paddle, in bib order, as a group at the end of the corresponding event.

The start order of the semi-finals will be the reverse order of the individual event heats results. The start order of the individual event final run will be the reverse order of the individual semi-final results.

An amendment was put to move the group to paddle at the start of the corresponding event. There was no second for this so failed.

The original motion failed getting 30 votes for, 34 votes against and 14 abstentions.

6.12 Late Entry Fees

Late entry fees are not uniformly enforced across the divisions. Rather than having a rule patchily enforced, the rule is being amended to reflect current practice.

UK C11.3 Late entries made after the closing deadline will only be accepted:

- (a) at the discretion of the Organiser and,
- (b) where there is space on the published timetable and the entry limit has not been reached.

A late entry fee is payable, unless the Competitor has been promoted after the closing deadline. The organising club retains the extra charge in each case and may waive the charge at their sole discretion **at Divisions 2 and 3 events**. There is no late entry charge for Division 4 events. The late entry fees are linked to inflation as in Rule UK C11.6.3.

The motion was adopted with 69 votes for, 2 votes against and 5 abstentions.

7 Approval of the Calendar for 2019

The Calendar was reviewed and accepted.

Possible changes to be resolved by the end of November

- *Bala Mill 15/16 Jun (and Pan Celtic) moves to 8/9 June replacing the Llandysul competition.*
- *Shepperton 2/3, Stone 3/4 and Dart 2/3/4/O will probably be on 26/27 October*
- *Lee Valley Division 1 2/3 November must be on the Olympic course if it is to proceed.*

Meeting completed 15:20



8 General Discussion

8.1 Behaviour (SL)

Some behaviours during the season have been inappropriate. This includes swearing on or after a run, treatment of officials, and evening behaviours at the interclubs?. What can we as a community do to ameliorate this.

8.2 Entry Level Competition (AN)

Is there an opportunity to co-ordinate and encourage competitions to be run in a reasonable proximity to provide a continuing experience for new slalomists?

Are there other steps that can be taken to encourage people to try slalom and then retain them in the divisional structure?

Discussions completed 16:30