



British Canoe Slalom Committee
Sunday 1st December 2019
British Canoeing Headquarters



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Meeting Minutes

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Stronger Together

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



1 Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1 Present

1.1.1 *In Person*

Dave Spencer [1/1] Chair	Andy Neave [1/1] Coaching	Dave Spencer [1/1] England
Hazel Ridge [1/1] Treasurer	Dee Lindsay [1/1] Digital Strategy/Data	Fraser Glasgow [1/1] Scotland
Martyn Setchell [1/1] Athlete Rep	Karen Crowhurst [1/1] Participation	
Deborah Catty [1/1] Secretary	Peter Curry [1/1] Safety/Comp Mgmt.	
	Andy Grudzinski [1/1] Technical/Timing	

Also Present:

Nick Penfold Slalom Ranking Officer (to the end of item 5)

Matt Crowhurst,

1.1.2 *Apologies*

Colin Woodgate [0/1] Vice Chair	Steve Linksted [0/1] Strategy	Kiran Dews [0/1] CANI
		Chris Baillie [0/1] Scotland
		Mark Abbott [0/1] Wales
		Richard Ramsdale [0/1] British Canoeing

1.1.3 *Minutes of Previous Meeting*

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. All matters arising are covered in the Agenda

1.1.4 *Declaration of interest*

Completed by all attendees

2 Promotion / Demotion Levels for end of season

Consideration given to demotion levels, with discussion about moving demotion to below 2500 points from 2000 for prem paddlers.

Following discussion, it was agreed demotion levels would remain the same for 2020. However, it will be widely communicated that the level was discussed at length this year, and likely to be changed next year.

For this year, demotion levels will be the same for all events in a division.

Premier to Division 1 1,999 points or less

Division 1 to Division 2 999 points or less

Division 2 to Division 3 199 points or less

Action: NP to publish on website about likely change for next year.

Definition of short season revisited.

Action: committee to consider and take to ACM (2020) if any change proposed.

3 Applications for Frozen Status

Protected bib status discussed. Six applications received, five agreed and one declined.

One request for reinstatement to prem agreed.

4 Coordinator Role Confirmation

Areas of slalom that require focus were discussed, with coordinators appointed for each area. The outcome is reflected at the top of these minutes.

Action: upcoming vacant posts to be promoted widely from August 2020



5 Outstanding Actions from the ACM 2019

5.1 Veterans trophies:

It was agreed both trophies not to go to same person (for info).

Veterans (including trophies and revised points system) is an area where there is a lot of interest.

Action: Andy Neave with support from Martyn Setchell to take the lead on reviewing all issues relating to vets to discuss with interested parties and bring back to committee. John McLeod also interested in being involved.

Action: Information about the trophies to be passed on to recipients (MS)

5.2 Entry fees

Remove “double fee” from year book.

Para 6.2.6 - stands but only applies in any years when the phased increase of fees under discussion doesn't occur.

Action: Para. 19.7.10: PC to come back with proposal re fee increase

C2 discount needs to be reflected in rule book. **Action: DS**

Amendment required regarding the postponement of races **Action: DL, CW, AG, PC .**

5.3 Paddle ups:

Discussion regarding the percentile calculation which determines who will be offered a PU place. Does the calculation work? and does it achieve what it is intended to achieve.

Action: DS to take it away and look at percentile calculation.

5.4 Calendar:

To be updated in line with the date changes. **Action: DL**

5.5 Season length:

Discussion regarding the extension of the season to 36 weeks this year and the need for a greater focus on managing the calendar. Discussed the option of developing guidelines for 2021 but these need to be agreed by May 2020.

Action: DS to speak to Donna Hawkins and bring proposal back to committee

5.6 Pan Celtic, Vet and Junior Champs:

Discussion regarding using HPP div 2 for vet and junior champs

Action: FG and PC to contact Llandysul to remind them to send risk assessment to PC for inter-clubs.

Action: MS to take forward actions for pan-celtic and champs with relevant individuals.

6 Priority Items

6.1 Financial Assistance requests

Several requests for Financial assistance had been received in recent weeks. These were reviewed and approved outside the meeting.



6.2 Unaccompanied minors

Not discussed. Action AG (191103/5.1)

6.3 Division 3 and 4 Strategy

6.3.1 Talent Squad Impacts

Not discussed. Action DS / MS (190518/3.3)

As the ACM was the previous day, there were no additional reports, there was a review of outstanding and new actions only

7 Chairs Actions

7.1 BC Board nominees

The committee supported nominations of two people for BC Board. There will then be the opportunity for the committee to vote on preferred candidate from pool of all nominees from various committees.

Action: DS to share names with committee. Small group of AG, DC, DS to see full detail and vote on behalf of the committee.

7.2 Year book

Action: HR to removed addresses of individuals unless explicit agreement has been received

Action: proof reading to be completed by end of third week of December.

7.3 Contingency Planning

Not discussed. **On going Action DS**

7.4 Insurance at entry level competitions

There has been discussion within British Canoeing and Chris Earle is responsible for progressing the requirements and offering in England. Progress will be tracked, and outcomes influenced where possible. In the meantime, the existing system will continue. Potential to use the Go Paddle route has been suggested.

Action DS (190202/11.2)

8 Secretary Actions

8.1 Automated Bib Application system

Automated Bib Allocation on promotion to Division 3 allows paddlers to enter online more rapidly, but severely impacts bib officers at div 3 level including potential loss of control regarding bib numbers and verification, including membership status.

Action: AG to look at the system and make recommendations as independent observer. Decision to be made and communicated by end of December; and reported on at 1 Feb meeting.

Some basic pages have been developed, with the possibility of a phased implementation through the season. The system will be demonstrated to the ranking officers for approval and agreement before implementation.

Ongoing action MA (180804/5.6)

8.2 2020 Boater X proposals

Not discussed

8.3 ACM Dates

The date for the 2020 ACM has been circulated within BC, and relevant staff informed of the dates. This is an effort to prevent a clash between meetings as happened this year.



9 Treasurers Actions

9.1 Current position

Not discussed

9.2 Division 1/Premier Timing/Technical costs for all Home Nations

Not discussed

10 Co-Ordinator Actions

10.1 Coaching

10.1.1 *Coach Training Funding*

Funding support for further year agreed but difficult to get feedback about how well the coaching has been utilised.

Action: MA to check that Wales will continue to match funding alongside Canoe Slalom

10.2 Digital Strategy / Data

10.2.1 *Calendar Opening*

There will be a test of the system prior to going live in January to test a number of alterations.

10.2.2 *Automated Chief Judge reminders*

Not discussed

Action DL / AG (190804/7.2.4)

10.3 Participation

10.3.1 *Clarification of coordinator role*

Discussion regarding the overlap of roles on the committee in relation to participation. Clarification that Dee will provide data on request. Potential for time to be allocated to participation at the next committee meeting discussed but no decision taken.

10.4 Strategy

10.4.1 *Rules vs Organisers Handbook*

Not discussed.

Action SL (190202/3.3)

10.5 Technical / Timing

10.5.1 *Slalom E learning (190330 7.6.4/AG)*

Not discussed

Action AG

11 Other Actions

11.1.1 **PU's and officials at LV div 1 race in relation to div 2 paddlers.**

After some discussion it was agreed that the organiser can take the decision.

12 Future Meetings

Meeting dates for the forthcoming year. Unless otherwise noted, starting at 9:30 and to be held at BC Headquarters.

- Saturday 1st February
- tbc - potential to meet in the evening remotely during week.
- Sunday 7 June
- Saturday 8th August
- Sunday 25th October
- Saturday 28th November (ACM)



- Sunday 29th November

Action: AG to explore technology solutions for remote meetings.

Action: DC to check with Natasha Devonshire date of ACM date and coaching conference for 2020.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 16.20