



BRITISH CANOEING

# Slalom Committee

## Sixteenth

*Annual Consultative Meeting*

30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**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 71 (of which 5 Proxies held by chair) votes, representing 29 (of which 4 proxies held by chair) Clubs. Voting arrangements for Strathallan, Lee Valley, Stourbridge and Holme Pierrepont were agreed in spite of lack of registration of the club and association membership of the representative.

Apologies were received from Colin Woodgate: Outgoing Secretary, Chris Baillie: Scottish representative and John Stoner: Breakout

In the absence of the outgoing secretary, Peter Curry took the minutes.

Dee Lindsay and Duncan Berriman were appointed tellers for the meeting.

### **1.2 Clarifications**

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

The Chair clarified that there will be no voting on designation of motions to be handled under rule 8.8. 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.

### **1.3 Points of Order**

Motion 6.1 affects the annual ranking prizes. It should be considered immediately after the elections.

The Committee believe that motion 6.2 will lead to a large amount of discussion. In order to be most efficient, the proposal is that this motion is put immediately before lunch and debated for a short period. Debate can then continue over lunch with motion being put to the vote after lunch. Accordingly, the Chair will introduce this motion at an appropriate point, even if not in the strict agenda order.

## **2 Minutes**

### **2.1 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Consultative Meeting**

The Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Halifax Canoe Club and seconded by Llandysul Canoe Club. They were adopted nem con

### **2.2 2018/2019 Committee Meetings**

Minutes from the 2018 / 2019 Slalom Committee meetings were tabled for information

## **3 Reports**

### **3.1 Chair's Report**

Once again, we have (almost) delivered a full domestic programme of racing for paddlers of all abilities. The changeable weather still creates problems with rain either falling in buckets or not at all, and consequently we have lost several races yet again this year. Overall 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.

Other reports to this ACM have covered the solid year that our GB paddlers have had across all age categories. The Home Nation, Podium Potential and Podium development programmes continue to support aspiring paddlers and their success is evident in the GB Selection series where many paddlers achieved performance standards as evidence by the depth of reserves across all events. Rising standard of paddling amongst our junior competitors have many pushing towards GB squads; U23 and Senior as well as the Junior team. I won't delve into any further details save adding my congratulations to everyone for their commitment and achievement.



Participation numbers are a cause for concern. The numbers entering Division 4 competitions continue to decline with a drop over the last decade of over 40% and that is also reflected in depressed Division 3 numbers. This is of great concern as failure to attract more paddlers into the sport has the potential to impact long term viability of races with the danger that some may disappear from the calendar altogether. This issue cannot be addressed just by running more Division 4 competitions and, amongst other things, we need to look closely at the structure of the calendar to support an effective entry pathway, the growing participation of paddlers at European junior races and the overall impact that Home Nation development programme have on the ranking system. Detailed understanding of this complex landscape should be a key area to focus on during the forthcoming year.

Slalom Committee and Home Nation Slalom Committee funding for the Slalom specific coaching modules has supported a significant number of aspirant coaches during the year. It is hoped that this incentive will help to establish more club coaches to encourage Slalom participation and financial support will continue during 2020.

Volunteers are the bedrock of 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 moving into the future. The turnout for the World Cup earlier this year was impressive with many Slalom stalwarts volunteering to help to create a showcase for the sport. Many have already signed up for the European Championships in 2020 and I am sure that we will all play our part in providing an equally spectacular event.

We continue to play an active role in various British Canoeing committees to ensure that issues that are important to Slalom are debated. Many of the subjects that we are concerned about are also prevalent within other disciplines and through discussion and common understanding the case for change can be made even stronger. Clearly an example of “Stronger Together”!

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 are fortunate to have an able and enthusiastic team and this year we welcome Deborah Catty to the role of Secretary, and I am sure we all wish her all the best in her new role.

## **3.2 Treasurer’s Report**

### *3.2.1 Financial Position*

The Accounts are unaudited. The British Canoeing external auditors will audit them after the ACM. Following the 2018 audit, no changes were made to the accounts presented last year.

These accounts cover the year ended 31 October 2019 and show a deficit of £6,760 (compared to a deficit of £2,943 in the year ending 2018). Gross Levies of £38,259 were received in the financial year compared with £40,237 in 2018. This reduction in the main is due to the cancellation of several events due to adverse weather conditions. An expenditure of £28,240 was recorded, an increase of just over £2,000 on 2018, the increase in part due to the agreed repatriation of trophies and sundry costs relating to divisional award certificates along with increases in yearbook costs and associated distribution charges.

### *3.2.2 England Slalom Committee (ESC)*

The Accounts of the ESC currently remain within, and are overseen by, the Slalom Committee. At 31 October 2019, the balance of funds held by the Committee on behalf of the ESC was £16,329 as shown in note 10.

### *3.2.3 Reserves*

At 31st October 2019, the combined closing reserves (of the Slalom Committee and the England Slalom Committee) stand at £ 80,293 compared to £90,818 in 2018. The small reduction in funds in 2018 was welcomed and in recognition of the committee’s commitment to reduce the level of reserves, the losses in 2019 continue in this vein

A motion to accept the accounts was proposed by Sheffield Canoe Club, seconded by Proteus Canoe Club and accepted nem con.



### 3.3 Other Reports

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

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

#### 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 Vice Chair

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

### 4.2 Secretary

Debbie Catty 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 2020:** Andy Neave (Coaching), Steve Linksted (Divisional Development), Hazel Ridge (Volunteers), Karen Crowhurst (Participation), David Spencer (Chair).

Dee Lindesay, Andy Grudzinski and Peter Curry are nominated by the slalom committee. Andy Grudzinski noted that while he will continue to work in the timing / scoring function he will not be seeking re-election to the slalom committee in 2021.

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

### 4.4 Other Officials (normally elected 'en bloc')

Managed Calendar Officer	Donna Hawkins		
Ranking Status Officer	Nick Penfold	Entry Cards Officer	Les Ford
<b>Ranking Officers</b>			
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	Craig Douglas	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	Annual Prize Co-ordination	Alison Setchell

The Chair noted all our thanks to Susan Paterson for her long standing toil as Entry Cards Officer.

Les Ford offered to take over as Entry Cards officer accepting that the role is rapidly becoming obsolete but agreed that there was some value in continuing for the moment.

Donna Hawkins volunteered to take on responsibility for the Calendar. This was welcomed.

It was noted that Craig Douglas has agreed to take over Division 2 K1Men. The meeting expressed thanks in the usual way to Les Saunders for his many years of service.

Proposed Proteus seconded Kingston. These appointments were confirmed nem con.



## 5 Awards

### 5.1 Ed Ecclestone award

Nominees:

- *Les Ford*
- *Andy Grudzinski*
- *Mike Mitchell*

The nominees were reviewed by a panel consisting of the previous winners, who selected this year's recipient. Congratulations were offered along with the presentation to Andy Grudzinski for winning the award this year. He took the opportunity to note his thanks to the judging and timing teams without which the sport could not function.

### 5.2 National Ranking Prizes

The National Prizes were presented and all congratulated on their performances.

## 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.

To save space, where an amendment to a motion is adopted, the eroding of the moition is only shown after the amendment.

### 6.1 Veterans Trophies

*We have two veterans' trophies from the time when there were two veterans' divisions. Last year we agreed a single division, with a result that only one of the two prizes could be awarded. This motion seeks to clarify the point of the trophies to allow overall performance and performance at Division 1 /Prem to be acknowledged. The split is thought to be in line with the original purpose of the trophies..... Page 70*

2.6	.....	
Veterans	<b><u>Points from Division 2/3</u></b> .....	<b><u>The Alan Harwood Trophy</u></b>
	<b><u>Points from Prem/Division 1</u></b> .....	The Rasdex Trophy

There was an amendment proposed that the trophies should remain but both trophies should not be awarded to the same person.

It was suggested that the history of the trophies should be collected and be passed on with the trophies. The committee will take this forward.

There was discussion around whether competing at Division 1/Prem should preclude winning the Division 2/3 trophy. There was no sense that this should be so.

Noted the intention that this should be applied equally to the other classes of Veterans.

An amendment was proposed that should not both go to same person proposed by Proteus seconded Wyedean. The substantive motion then read:

2.6	.....	
Veterans	<b><u>Points from Division 2/3</u></b> .....	<b><u>The Alan Harwood Trophy</u></b>
	<b><u>Points from Prem/Division 1</u></b> .....	The Rasdex Trophy
<b><u>Both trophies cannot be awarded to the same person.</u></b>		

This amendment was adopted Nem Con.

An amendment was that these trophies should only apply to K1 Men was proposed by Stafford & Stone, and seconded by Holme Pierrepont. This was rejected.

The motion was finally withdrawn on the basis that it will be considered by the committee and brought back to the ACM next year including equity across gender and events.



## 6.2 Entry Fees

There are reports from several clubs, at all divisions, that when running a competition, it is very difficult to make a profit. Many competitions are only viable because of catering and other activities separate from the actual competition. The levies will be retained at the current level, adjusted for inflation, with all the increase being passed to the club. The intent is that entry fees should be £20 for Premier and Division 1 competitions, £15 for Division 2 competitions and £10 for Division 3 and £8 Division 4 competitions. .... Page 84

**UK 6.2.6.c** Minimum Entry Fees will be increased annually by the lower of the increase in Retail Price Index (RPI) or the Consumer Price Index (CPI) according to the formula:  
 New fee = A+ {A x [(B-C) /C]}, rounded to nearest 10p. Where  
 A = the entry fee for 201820  
 B = the index for September immediately prior to the relevant ACM  
 C = the index for September 20179.

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**19.7.9** Send the completed summary sheets, **and** a copy of the results **and the appropriate percentage of minimum entry fee,** to

- The Slalom Treasurer (address in directory).
- The protest deposits not refunded should be returned to the Slalom Treasurer for credit to the Judging Fund. For Premier and Division 1 the contribution to the Judging Fund of £1 per individual entry and the contribution to the Timing Fund of £1 per individual entry is payable in addition.
- ~~The percentage is calculated on the number of starters but excluding officials.~~

**19.7.10** The percentages for each type of Competition will be:-

- Premier and Division 1, 45%.
- Division 2, 40%.
- Divisions 3 and 4, nil.

**19.7.10** Send the appropriate levy to the Slalom Treasurer (address in directory). The levy is payable on every starter and will be increased annually by the lower of the increase in Retail Price Index (RPI) or the Consumer Price Index (CPI) according to the formula:

New fee = A+ {A x [(B-C) /C]}, rounded to nearest 1p. Where

A = for Premier and Division 1 £7.51 for Division 2 £3.54 and for Division 3 and 4 £0.00

B = the index for September immediately prior to the relevant ACM

C = the index for September 2019.

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Amend the table as follows:

Division & Category	Standard Fee		Late Entry Fee (when accepted)	
	Single	Double	Single	Double
Premier & First Division <i>(all ages)</i>	<del>£16.40</del> <u>£20.00</u>	<del>£32.80</del>	<del>£21.40</del> <u>£25.00</u>	<del>£42.80</del>
Division Two: <i>(all ages)</i>	<del>£8.70</del> <u>£15.00</u>	<del>£17.40</del>	<del>£13.70</del> <u>£20.00</u>	<del>£27.40</del>
Division Three: <i>(all ages)</i>	<del>£6.60</del> <u>£10.00</u>	<del>£13.20</del>	<del>£7.90</del> <u>£11.30</u>	<del>£15.80</del>
Division Four: <i>(all ages)</i>	<del>£5.10</del> <u>£8.00</u>	<del>£10.20</del>	<del>N/A</del> <u>£8.00</u>	<del>N/A</del>

There was considerable discussion about the merits or otherwise of an increase in the entry fees over the current rate of inflation and many issues explored.

An amendment was proposed to phase in the entry fees increases over a period of years but increasing for 2020 to Division 4 £6.00, Division 3 £8.00, Division 2 £10.00 and Prem / Division 1 £18.00 with matching increases in late fees and for the committee to propose further increases as appropriate to the ACM next year with the intent of increasing the fees over a period of years. Proposed by Proteus and seconded by Cheltenham. The amendment was adopted with 60 Votes for, 4 Votes against and 2 abstentions.



An amendment to reduce the proposed entry fee for Division 2 to £12.00 and late entry to £17.00 was proposed by Stafford and Stone, seconded by Green Star. The amendment fell in respect of the success of the previous amendment.

The amended motion then read

Division & Category	Standard Fee		Late Entry Fee (when accepted)	
	Single	Double	Single	Double
Premier & First Division <i>(all ages)</i>	£16.40 - £18.00	£32.80	£21.40 - £23.00	£42.80
Division Two: <i>(all ages)</i>	£8.70 - £10.00	£17.40	£13.70 - £15.00	£27.40
Division Three: <i>(all ages)</i>	£6.60 - £8.00	£13.20	£7.90 - £9.30	£15.80
Division Four: <i>(all ages)</i>	£5.10 - £6.00	£10.20	N/A	N/A

This amended motion was adopted with 61 Votes for, 3 Votes against and 7 abstentions.

### 6.3 Entry Card Retention

(75/25)

*There is duplication in the rulebook that refers to the treatment of entry cards after a race. These have become different over time. This option seeks to remove the rules where possible, and where rules remain, they should be in agreement that cards do not need to be retained for significant time after the end of the competition. .... Page 115*

- 19.4.4** ~~Entry Cards can be obtained from the Entry Card Officer address in the directory by sending an adequate sized s.a.e 9in x 4in, 11cm x 22cm, DL or larger, a first class stamp will get you approx 15 cards.~~
- 19.7.7** ~~Except as provided below, send the cards of promoted Division 4 athletes to the appropriate Division 3 ranking list compiler. Where a national timing team is managing the scoring office and entry cards are not used to record results there is no requirement for entry cards to be sent to Ranking List Compilers.~~
- 19.7.8** Send one copy of the results to the Officials Ranking Officer. Ensure athletes gender, event and division are listed. ~~Keep Officials cards until the end of the year.~~

The motion was adopted nem con.

### 6.4 Equipment Control

75/25

*This is a cleaning up to make explicit that any boat can be used at division 2 to 4, but that having a suitably robust boat is a safety issue. If accepted, motion 6.5 will be amended to reflect this change before adoption. .... Page 75*

- 3.3.3** ~~At divisions 2 to 4 competitions, all white water boat types may compete without regard to Rule 3.3.1 (boat minimum length and width) boat specifications provided the boat meets all applicable safety requirements as defined in Rule 3.3.4 and 3.4~~

The motion was adopted nem con.

### 6.5 Junior Equipment

Jointly proposed by Manvers Waterfront Boat Club / Manchester Canoe Club / Kingston Kayak Club

*Young paddlers should be able to develop their techniques in appropriately sized boats, regardless of their division. With the increase of younger paddlers coming into the sport and the potential for their progression, the following rule change should be made:..... Page 75*

- 3.3.3** ~~At divisions 2 to 4 competitions, and for J12 paddlers in all divisions, all white water boat types may compete without to regard to Rule 3.3.1 (boat minimum length and width).~~

The motion was rejected 26 Votes for, 38 Votes against and 6 abstentions.



## 6.6 C2 Discount with Enhanced Fee

*There is a confusion about C2 entries. The intent of the 2017 motion is that there is a discount of 50% of the standard entry fee. Where a competition has an enhanced entry fee this rule has been incorrectly interpreted either as a C2 always paying 50% of any entry fee, or paying the full enhanced fee. The C2 discount does not change when an enhanced fee is changed. Page 136*

Amend the table as follows:

Division	Standard Fee		Late Entry Fee (when accepted)	
	Entry Fee	C2 Discount	Entry Fee	C2 Discount
Premier & First Division	£18.00	<b>£9.00</b>	£23.00	<b>£9.00</b>
Division Two:	£10.00	<b>£5.00</b>	£15.00	<b>£5.00</b>
Division Three:	£8.00	<b>£4.00</b>	£10.00	<b>£4.00</b>
Division Four:	£6.00	<b>£3.00</b>	N/A	<b>N/A</b>

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**19.7.10** If the change above (6.2) reflecting increased entry fees is not adopted 19.7.10 will be amended appropriately, to reflect reduced levy for C2 entries.

An amendment was proposed by Halifax and seconded by Kingston so that where there is an enhanced fee charged there will be no discount for C2's.

The amendment was adopted with 62 Votes for, 0 Votes against and 4 abstentions. Clarification to this effect will be added to the yearbook.

## 6.7 Organiser Discretion on Accepting Paddle Ups

*Allow organisers to specify that they do not want to accept paddle up entries for safety reasons, or capacity, such as at selection races or competitions with limited water time. The default will be to accept paddle ups at all races. .... Page 82*

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

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

**The organiser may elect for reasons of capacity or safety not to accept any paddle up entries. Such decision to be clearly marked on the managed calendar return and published in the Calendar.**

The competition organiser may impose a limit on overall number 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...

An amendment was proposed Kingston seconded by Mold to allow organisers discretion to not allow any paddle ups. Effectively removing the requirement to specify reasons of capacity or safety.

The amendment was adopted with 48 Votes for, 17 Votes against and 5 abstentions.

An amendment was proposed that if paddle ups are excluded on the grounds of safety it must also exclude judges from the lower division taking a judge's run. Proposed by Green Star and seconded by Halifax.

The amendment was rejected with 19 Votes for, 32 Votes against and 18 abstentions.

The amended motion then read:

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

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

**The organiser may at their discretion elect not to accept any paddle up entries. Such decision to be clearly marked on the managed calendar return and published in the Calendar.**

The competition organiser may impose a limit on overall number 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...

The motion was adopted with 47 Votes for, 17 Votes against and 7 abstentions.

*Organisers are asked to indicate before, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, if they will not be accepting paddle up entries in 2020*



## 6.8 Open Entry Fees 75/25

*Currently Open entry fees are set at £6 for a single and 8.50 for a double. This does not reflect the charging method for ranking entries, nor the amounts charged. .... Page 136*

**Open Entry Fees ~~At ranking competitions (except Division 4) the entry fee will be £6.00 for a single and £8.50 for a double.~~ Fees at ~~a division 4~~ Open events are at the Organisers Discretion.**

The motion was adopted nem con.

## 6.9 Short Notice Division 4 Rules 75/25

*Short Notice Division 4 races are included in the handbook and the guidance, but no allowance is made in the rules. The rules will be extended to make this clearer. .... Page 113*

### 19.1.5 Alterations or additions

**19.1.5.a Except where listed below** the Slalom Committee has no authority to add new competitions or change the divisional ranking of a competition after the date of the Annual Consultative Meeting

**19.1.5.b** Where, through force of circumstance, a Premier or Division 1 competition has been cancelled; ~~they may add~~ a substitute competition **may be added** to the calendar.

**19.1.5.c** Competitions may be added at Division 2 and ~~3 below~~ in exceptional circumstances (such as new or reopened venues). Application for such competitions to be made to the Slalom Committee at least three months in advance. ~~In either case this is subject to agreement of the other organising clubs on that date.~~

**19.1.5.d Short Notice Division 4 competitions may be added. Applications for such competitions to be made to the Slalom Committee in advance.**

**19.1.5.e . In either all cases approval ~~this~~ is subject to agreement of ~~the all~~ other organising clubs on that date.**

The motion was adopted nem con.

## 6.10 Postponement of Races

*The rules allow races to be cancelled, they do not currently allow races to be postponed. So if a race is affected by high water, it cannot currently be rearranged to a later weekend and the race is permanently lost*

*This motion seeks to allow the current process where races can be postponed and rearranged, subject to agreement. A new rule 19.1.6 is proposed, with the following rule renumbered..... Page 113*

**19.1.6 Postponement: Where a competition cannot be held when scheduled for reasons outside of the club's control, they may apply to postpone the competition. Application for such postponement to be made to the Slalom Committee with proposals for the new date. Approval for a new date is subject to approval by all other races planned for that weekend.**

### 19.1.78 Ranking Status

Ranking status is ...

An amendment was proposed by Kingston seconded by Wyedean, that if a race is postponed the paddler may elect to be refunded as if the race was cancelled and must do this within two weeks of notification of the proposed postponement details. The changes to the rules to be arranged by the committee at their discretion.

The amendment and original proposal were adopted nem con.

# 7 Approval of the Calendar for 2020

The Calendar was reviewed, and some changes arranged and to be confirmed.

The meeting resolved to give the clubs that have not yet supplied a safety plan to have two weeks grace to produce these.

Calendar proposed by Holme Pierrepont and seconded by Llandysul was approved unopposed by the meeting.

The 2020 Annual Consultancy meeting will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

The business of the meeting completed 16:35



## 8 General Discussion

### 8.1 Season Length

(Led by Dave Spencer)

The slalom season is continuously extending. In 2020 it is planned to start in February and end in November. Is this a good thing for the sport.

This may include a discussion of managing the Calendar, relating to the number of the races in each division in a period, the number of races at a single venue.

Discussion – Is the season too long? Average is 34 weeks and in 2020 it is two weeks longer. Do we have too many races? e.g. 20 Division 1s, 51 Division 2s and 77 Division 3s in 2019. Animation of the changing divisional pyramid.

Maps of races and paddlers post code.

Should we be making it harder to escape from Division 4, should we be making Division 4 much more significant?

Much further discussion is needed.

### 8.2 Veterans Points

(Led by Andy Neave)

There are discussions relating to the ranking of Veterans and various methods of calculating the points and ranking paddlers across the divisions. This is intended to start discussion with the aim of a Committee (or club) motion to the 2020 ACM.

Andy Neave took us through a comprehensive review of alternative points allocation for veterans that improved the recognition of those that compete at higher division events. Obviously as some will benefit others will lose with the proposed alternative as those competing at higher divisions may be better rewarded.

The meeting resolved that the proposals should be applied to the results as a test over the coming season and to be reviewed at the 2020 ACM.

### 8.3 Pan Celtic/Veteran & Junior/Interclubs Championships (Led by Martyn Setchell)

These events are outside the ranking races. How should they fit in with the calendar, and should they run in parallel with ranking races?

There were a lot of ideas floated and discussed, there seemed to be some consensus that the Pan Celtic needs to be run as a single event and run separately from a Divisional Race. There was considerable thought that the Pan Celtic should perhaps be a single race per year rotated between the countries starting in 2021.

Discussion about the ongoing viability of the Interclubs. Noted that only 15 clubs participated in 2019. The meeting resolved that we should continue to support and have an Interclubs.

Some discussion of the Veteran and Junior Champs noted that these continue to need to run alongside a divisional event.

The chair thanked everyone for turning up and commended them for surviving to the end.

Discussions completed 18:14