



SLALOM COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 29 July 2020

Via videoconference

Attendees: Dave Spencer, Chair; Peter Curry; Deborah Catty; Karen Crowhurst; Colin Woodgate; Andy Neave; Chris Baillie; Steve Linksted; Dee Lindesay; Martyn Setchell; Andy Grudzinski (AGz)

Apologies: Richard Ramsdale; Hazel Ridge; Mark Abbott; Anna Gray (AG)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

MATTERS ARISING

British Canoeing Future Leaders Scheme modules: module 4 to be circulated to committee for review **Action: AG**

Financial assistance requests form drafted ready for review

DS has been in touch with BC on updating slalom pages in canoe slalom

2020 BACK TO RACING

PC talked to his paper (attached) regarding the challenges of returning to racing. It was highlighted that BC were running webinars for clubs and running competitions, but England and the other home nations were approaching the easing of lockdown. There were continuing to be offline discussions between PC and BC regarding what could happen. The overall view was that slalom was ahead of other disciplines in working this through.

There was discussion regarding what sites may be suitable for a return to racing, being able to operate in a covid-secure way. There are a number of issues to consider, including amongst others, there should be no congregation of more than 6 individuals, there should be no results on site and there should be no prize giving. It was noted that open sites such as HPP would be more difficult to operate in a covid-secure way than sites such as Pinkston.

It was noted that at the date of the meeting, the government guidance was that from 1 August, it may be possible to hold events but there was a requirement to comply with all the rules. This included local lockdowns, quarantine and potential short notice changes. This led to further discussion that whilst races could be run, whether or not races should be run, given the current limitations, and differing ability of people to access water to train.

The BC guidance was that if an event was planned for over 100 people, this needed to be reported to BC. There was discussion regarding how prescriptive the slalom committee wanted to be in relation to what could and couldn't take place and how closely it should be

managed. It was agreed that the committee would put out a holding statement until there was further clarity.

2020 ACM

There was discussion regarding the ACM as this was being held mid-season as we are in a two year racing season.

It was agreed that the meeting would be held via zoom and agenda would include:

- Annual accounts
- Election of Treasurer and Chair, and committee members (DS/HR/KC/ AN / SL)
- Reports of the last year
- Motions
- Looking forward to 2021

It was agreed that whilst there may be rule clarifications, rule changes should not be considered. It was noted that there were practical issues that needed to be resolved such as checking membership for voting purposes. Following discussion, it was agreed that the normal approach in determining the number of votes per club would be applied.

2020/21 SEASON CLARIFICATIONS

Age categories and trophies – it was agreed that these would be as at 1 January 2021, for end of season and racing in 2021 purposes.

Demotions – further consideration required

Short season status – unchanged.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

7.00pm, 19 August 2020 via videoconference.

Appendix 1

Slalom events from 1st August - England

Extensive guidance on BC website and links to government and HSE guidance all of which is changing frequently. All must be complied with and thus will need to be checked regularly.

Absolute requirements:-

- Groups must be no more than 6 individuals and MUST still maintain social distancing unless
 from the same household.
- No more than 30 persons may be present at any one time and that includes any passing members of the public, volunteers, parents, coaches etc., unless the site can be made COVID SECURE as per Health and Safety Executive requirements. It is the view of the slalom committee that this is unlikely to be possible or be difficult to comply with properly in any site with public access for Slalom.
- ALL details of everyone present on site including spectators, including address and phone numbers must be kept and if required passed on to Track and Trace for 21 days following the event. Documented consent must be obtained from everyone for doing this.
- No results may be posted anywhere on site.
- No prize giving is allowed.
- A COVID Officer must be identified.
- A risk and mitigation plan must be produced and adhered to.
- Toilets must be regularly cleaned. Portaloos are difficult to make acceptable.
- Changing rooms should not be used except in the case of an individual emergency.
- First Aid provision should be such that it is unlikely to create any work for local emergency

services. A First Aider who has had to provide care to an unwell person may for example not be able to continue to provide cover unless using adequate PPE.

- No food provision.
- No equipment sharing unless properly cleaned between use e.g. bibs would need to be properly washed as per guidance not just rinsed.
- Touch points will need to be regularly cleaned with appropriate materials not simply rinsed down, e.g. access and egress points.
- Shared travel is not acceptable.
- If quarantining following travel or isolating because of previous contact, place of residence or member of household with a shielding person all preclude participation.

Currently there is no ability to run events in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. Further announcements are expected on the 30th July in respect of Scotland although it is not anticipated that there will be any return to events until sometime after the schools have gone back on August 11th.

There remains a possibility that Scotland will impose quarantine requirements on all arriving in Scotland from England at any time. At least one recent outbreak here has been identified as arriving from England.

Peter Curry 29th July 2020