



## **SLALOM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday 7 January 2021**

**Via videoconference**

**Attendees:** Dave Spencer, Chair; Peter Curry; Deborah Catty; Karen Crowhurst; Colin Woodgate; Dee Lindsay; Martyn Setchell; Andy Grudzinski (AGz); Mark Abbott; Les Ford; Mike Mitchell

**Apologies:** Richard Ramsdale; Anna Gray (AG); Fraser Glasgow;

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct

### **Matters arising**

Committee members were reminded to complete the declaration of interest form and return it to DC. Action: all

A statement regarding demotions at the end of the season still to be drafted and published. Action: DC

Races risk assessments are still coming in. It was noted that these are now late, but it was agreed that the emphasis should be to encourage racing, rather than act as a barrier to racing

FG and DC to send photos to Nick Penfold for the website.

### **Treasurer's report**

BC have pulled together the draft end of year accounts for 2020 but there remains some area which require further investigation. Overall, there was a c£8,000 spend from reserves in 2020. Outstanding payments have now been made, though CW is still waiting for full access to the bank account.

It was agreed that the committee would continue to support the slalom website as in previous years.

It was agreed that training grants would continue during 2021.

### **2021 calendar**

#### Current position

- It was noted that significant restrictions were likely to continue until the end of March at least, with possible limitations to travel and overnight stays beyond that. This is likely to

continue to cause disruption to national racing. It was noted that regional racing could be easier to manage.

- Following considerable discussion, it was agreed that ranking races in February and March should be cancelled. The position regarding racing from April onwards would be reviewed in the February committee meeting. It was discussed that national ranking races should only go ahead when all home nations had the ability to attend; and there should be the opportunity for some training before racing resumed.
- It was noted that senior selection is due to take place at the end of March. An IP meeting will be taking place during January following which some clarification is expected.
- It was agreed that DC would communicate with race organisers who were due to hold races in February and March letting them know the position, following which a statement would be published informing the slalom community that ranking races in February and March were cancelled.
- PC, AGz and DS continue to be available to (and welcome contact from) race organisers to provide support

#### Training provision

It was highlighted that the training provision varies significantly between home nations, with no training permitted within Wales, but elite athletes able to train within England and Scotland. It was noted that the definition of elite varies between England and Scotland which also impacts on access to training facilities.

#### Pan-Celtic races

It was agreed that it was possible that the pan-Celtic competition may be able to go ahead and that the pan-Celtic managers would sort this between themselves.

#### Potential move of Pinkston div 2/3

It was agreed that the dates of the Pinkston div 2/3 could be moved to August, subject to confirmed availability of the course.

#### **Length of season**

It was agreed that this would be discussed as the first item at the February committee meeting

#### **Award of coaching grants**

It was agreed that coaching grants would continue. In addition, LF will carry out a review of the current approach and options for consideration later in the year.

#### **AOB**

The bib application system continues to be developed. It is now on the BC server and work is taking place with Duncan on the interface with the results system. There are still practical details to work through, but it is anticipated that there will be the opportunity for people to look at the system within the next few weeks. DS will put together a budget for the system (printers, envelopes, stamps etc) and pass to CW for review.

DL will be taking down the canoe slalom entries system to do some updating. If it will be down for longer than 24 hours, she will post a message on the website to make people aware.

**Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 9 February at **8pm** via zoom