



## 1 Attendance

### 1.1 Present

Andy Grudzinski	[6/6]	Chair	Donna Hawkins	[6/6]	Martyn Setchell	[5/6]	England
Sally Atkinson	[5/6]	Vice Chair	Mike Mitchell	[4/6]	Zac Allen	[3/3]	Athlete Rep
Colin Woodgate	[6/6]	Secretary	Jason Humphries	[4/6]	Richard Ramsdale	[4/6]	British Canoeing
Dave Spencer	[6/6]	Treasurer	Peter Curry	[6/6]	Mark Abbott	[4/6]	Wales
			Dee Lindesay	[6/6]	Stuart Pitt	[4/6]	Scotland

Also present Mark Ratcliffe British Canoeing performance department

### 1.2 Apologies

Karen Crowhurst	[5/6]	Vacant	CANI
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## 2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

## 3 Actions / Priority Items

### 3.1 Interclubs (27/11 4.3 AG)

Further discussions have been held, including options for the use of Cardington. **Action AG (27/11 4.3)**

Another option might be to have a 2023 ‘mini Interclubs’ at the Cardington 2/3/4 in September this year. Just including paddlers in divisions 2/3/4..... **Action DH**

### 3.2 Tryweryn Festival 2024

The concept of a 2024 May Bank Holiday festival on the Tryweryn. A date has been provisionally agreed in early June. The costs of hiring the venue is an issue that needs review / agreement. A proposal will be brought to the next meeting..... **Action MA/AG**

### 3.3 Managed Calendar 2024 (DL)

The clubs involved have been contacted, and most have provided some feedback..... **Action DL**

The Calendar has been expanded to show when events have submitted their risk assessments.

### 3.4 Managed Calendar Applications 2024 (DL)

A small group will review the applications and formulate a response. There were a number of discussions surrounding the running of single races with Teams / C2 / Kayak Cross on the other day. Returning the focus on those enjoying the sport not ‘racing to prem’.....**Action AG/PC/CW**

## 4 Working Groups

### 4.1 Outstanding Issues

An initial list questions has been gathered and will be circulated to the committee before going live, target mid June. .... **Action AG**

### 4.2 Working Party Membership

The list of the members of the working groups will be updated and circulated to the committee members.

### 4.3 Athlete input and support: Zac Allin

Members for the working group are being sought

The viability of an athlete recognition dinner is being identified. One of the big issues is the increased costs of venues since the last dinner. The amount people may be willing to pay needs to be reviewed. A variety of venues will be approached to enable a budget to be established. .... **Action ZF**

### 4.4 Awards: Andy Grudzinski

A note will be put on the web site to identify people eligible for National and Home Nation awards.



**4.5 Communications: Dave Spencer - Include Matt Crowhurst**

Questions are still being gathered for inclusion in the general forms.

Matt Crowhurst is reviewing the Chief Judge Form. compiling suggestions from organisers and people who have filled the form in to try and form an updated version for next season ....**Action Matt Crowhurst**

**4.6 Kayak Cross, including development, rules, entries, safety: Jason Humphries**

Some central options are being considered by British Canoeing, including discussions with John Long. Inclusion of a series into the race calendar for next year will be further discussed . Ideally with a series sponsor.

There are additional volunteers for the working group are being identified.

The cost of entry and the value for money is to be considered. Additional formats of racing should be considered, not just the international formats, including parallel courses, making it simpler to host and quicker to run.

The video equipment now acquired for Premier / Division 1 slaloms can also be used to produce some publicity for this.

**4.7 Officials, recruitment and development: Matt Crowhurst, reported by email**

Continuing to have discussions, both within the group and with officials and have started to work towards a progression model to help provide a pathway into becoming an official.

**4.8 Participation: Karen Crowhurst**

The working group has had two virtual meetings, It has concentrated on formalising questions for the paddler questionnaire. These questions have been forwarded to Andy G who is organising the questionnaire.

The working group is hoping to have an in person meeting on the Saturday of the Tees race straight after racing.

**4.9 Stand Up Paddling: Colin Woodgate**

No progress, CW has been busy with other tasks so has not convened anything. BC have appointed a SUP responsible person who will be involved in the group. There have only been a small number of entries this year to date.

**4.10 Volunteers, recruitment and development: Andy Grudzinski**

Work is ongoing.....**Action AG**

**5 Accounts**

Dave Spencer presented the current financial position. An interim set of accounts will be prepared for the next meeting.

Colin Woodgate noted there is a concern that organisers are worried about charging enhanced fees, and are relying on the slalom committee to make up any shortfall. The Slalom Rules state:

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Please note that this is for unexpected loss only. This will have to be backed up by a realistic budget for the event, and sensible accounts for the event. Events that budget for a loss are only eligible for the unpredicted part of the loss. Budgeted loss should be covered by the club, or an enhanced fee should be charged.

## 6 Other Competitions

### 6.1 August Grandtully

There have been some issues surrounding the redevelopment of the Grandtully rail yard, and parking / camping. The events will go ahead, with camping in a farmers field and parking is being arranged locally. Stuart Pitt was thanked for the work he has put in to ensure that the races go ahead.

There are challenges involved and paddlers are asked to respect the parking arrangements made, not to fill the village with cars.

### 6.2 British Open

This will be run as two full races, one on each day. The Saturday will be the Premier race, and the Sunday will be the British Open. Options for Kayak Cross have been investigated. This is not possible within the acceptable times for the volunteers and for the centre operation.

An organiser is required for the 2024 British Open the current organiser is not able to continue in this role.

## 7 Any Other Business / Actions

### 7.1 Premier / Division 1 entry fees

Without increases in costs or numbers Division 1 slaloms are going to cease being viable except as part of a Premier or on natural courses. So Shepperton, Llandysul and Tully can make it pay at £22 but everyone else needs charge to more.

In order to review the minimum fee, events charging enhanced fees will be asked to supply accounts for the races. This will be raised again when the information is available .....Action DS/PC

### 7.2 C2 Only events

C2s are being pushed at existing races rather than try to find another weekend for C2 only races.

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### 7.4 Slalom Coaching Conference (RR)

The possibility of a slalom coaching conference later in the year. A similar coaching conference was held for sprint coaches over the winter, this would be a similar conference, proposed to take place on the Sunday after the ACM. The post ACM committee meeting could be for a restricted agenda virtual meeting early in the next week.



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### 7.5 Paddlers with points suspended

There are still paddlers with suspended points as they have not yet applied for their bibs. This is a small number of people so the situation will be monitored for possible review next year.

### 7.6 Summary of Team position

Mark R gave a summary of the position of the Team and current highpoints and aims.

## 8 ACM Motions

### 8.1 Plastic Boat Event (ACM 6.5 / MA)

A possible motion will be circulated before the next meeting ..... **Action MA**

### 8.2 Rule 6.2.4 – Entry Fees (05/20-3.5 CW)

The wording of the rule will be reviewed to reduce the confusion that the quoted rates are the 2022 baseline, not the rates for the year.

### 8.3 Rule 20.2.3 – Financial (CW)

Clarification of the rules regarding application to cover a loss at a competition. Budgets and accounts should be provided.

### 8.4 Multi division races – practice (05/20-3.6 - AG)

This will be clarification of the practice to be provided for those doubling up at events with differing practice rules for different boats.

### 8.5 Help to loss making events (05/20-7.1 CW). May be superseded by discussions around 7.3.

### 8.6 SUP in Slalom (ACM 6.8 / Working Group)

The working group will produce a draft motion as part of their initial work.

## 9 Future Meetings

- Virtual meeting 10<sup>th</sup> August, using Teams.
- Face to Face 5<sup>th</sup> November at HPP at 10:00
- 25<sup>th</sup> November ACM at HPP
- Virtual meeting, with restricted agenda 27<sup>th</sup> November.