



1 Attendance

1.1 Present

Andy Grudzinski	[1/1]	Chair	Donna Hawkins	[1/1]	Mark Abbott	[1/1]	Wales
Les Ford	[1/1]	Secretary	Karen Crowhurst	[1/1]	Stuart Pitt	[1/1]	Scotland
Dave Spencer	[1/1]	Treasurer	Mike Mitchell	[1/1]	Zac Allin	[1/1]	Athlete Rep
Sally Atkinson	[1/1]	Vice Chair	Peter Curry	[1/1]	Gareth Wilson	[1/1]	British Canoeing
			Dee Lindesay	[1/1]	Richard Ramsdale	[1/1]	British Canoeing
			Mark Haylett	[1/1]			

1.2 Apologies

Zac Allin	[1/1]	Athlete Rep	Vacant	CANI
			Vacant	England

Also present: Colin Woodgate, Matt Crowhurst, Nick Penfold (item 3 only)

1.3 Declaration of Interests

Declarations of interest were requested from all Members.

The Committee Term of Reference to be shared with all committee members as a reminder **Action CW**

2 Previous Minutes

2.1 Acceptance

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3 End of Season Promotions / Demotions

Nick Penfold joined the meeting for this item.

3.1 Demotions

It was agreed that, for this year there will be no demotions. Those who have left the sport are gone; those who are active will at least not be driven to drop out as in each next-division-down paddlers will keep the rankings they have earned, rather than slipping a few places to accommodate those demoted.

3.2 Promotions

After reviewing the ranking lists it was agreed that there would be no end of season promotions.

Introducing the suggestion for rolling points would allow us to move away from the need for discussions regarding end of year promotions, so could be looked at for future years.

Thanks were expressed to Nick Penfold for the statistics, input and his work through the year.

4 Annual Consultative Meeting

4.1 General Feedback

The general feeling was that the meeting worked well with greater engagement across the slalom community.

Future ACM preparations – a reminder of the date that motions must be submitted by needs to go out in advance. Debate should also be encouraged during the year to bring forward motions to future ACMs, and consider the potential to circulate potential motions thoughts ahead of the published agenda to assist in this discussion and shaping motions.

The managed calendar debate highlights the challenges faced by any rules or motions that seek to limit the number of events and that there is no easy solution to balance the needs of all divisions, organising clubs and paddlers.

4.2 Draft ACM Minutes

Final comments are being taken and the minutes will be sent out shortly

Action CW



4.3 Actions from the Meeting

- Updating the rules to reflect the changes in the rules **Action LF**
- Update Simply Slalom to reflect the new inquorate points and Div 4 changes **Action DS**
- Update summary sheets and create a process for clubs to be able to reclaim multi-class discounts on entry fees. **Action DS**
- Update online entry system to allow for multi-class discounts **Action DL**
- Two races are still to submit their risk assessments. These are being chased up, but those not received by the SCM will be removed from the calendar. **Action PC**
- Working groups – all need to finish pulling together information required to help frame the issues we are facing and then inform questions for a survey to gather data from the community.
- Special Consultative Meeting – finalising agenda and arrangements for this meeting (See item 5).

4.4 Confirm Entry Fees

The entry fees for 2024 are set with reference to the change in CPI from September 2022 to September this year. Levies are adjusted with the change in CPI from September 2019. As a result, next season's entry fees (and levies) will be):

	Base		Next Season	
	Std	Late	Std	Late
Premier and Division 1	£22.00	£27.50	£23.50	£29.40
Levy	£8.57		£9.14	
Division 2	£14.30	£19.80	£15.30	£21.10
Levy	£4.04		£4.31	
Division 3	£8.80	£10.20	£9.40	£10.90
Division 4	£6.60		£7.00	

5 Special Consultative Meeting

5.1 Date

The meeting requires 14 days' notice of the meeting. The date was agreed as Thursday 14th December 2023 at 19:30. This will be a virtual meeting.

5.2 Agenda

The motion and agenda for the meeting were discussed and agreed.

As the Secretary role and access to systems are mid-handover the meeting notice and agenda will be sent out by Colin Woodgate to ensure the correct notice period is given **Action CW**

6 Coaches Conference 2023

6.1 General Feedback

British Canoeing's Coaching Conference was well attended and was very well received with lots of positive feedback. A similar event is being planned to coincide with the 2024 ACM weekend.

6.2 Actions from the Meeting

There is a need to support initiatives to provide better information about how to get into coaching and look at how committee funding can support those looking to become qualified coaches, including reviewing the funding support the committee makes available to volunteer coaches.



7 Any Other Business

7.1 England Committee

There has been interest from several people to get involved in reinvigorate the England Slalom Committee. Alison Longhurst, Mark Haylett, Matt Crowhurst, Mike Mitchell, and Dave Spencer are to take this forward and form a new committee and confirm the officers.

7.2 International Nominations

An application has been received by BC for a person to be nominated to the ICF Slalom Committee, ECA Slalom Committee and ECA Board. The Committee has to recommend nominations to British Canoeing. It was agreed to support this nomination and consider any further nominations received.

7.3 Awards Evening

If we wish to hold this in 2024, we need to be looking at arranging a venue as soon as possible. Dee Lindesay has some details of a potential venue to circulate **Action DL**

7.4 Matlock CC 40th Anniversary

This is being celebrated in 2024 and will see events including a Ceilidh and a vintage slalom weekend.

7.5 Tryweryn Festival Weekend

If this event is going ahead, it needs a working group to take this forward. **Action MA**

7.6 Hard Copy of the Rules

It was agreed to do a limited print run of the 2024 rules to be available to the committee, organisers and other key people. **Action LF**

7.7 Online committee member photos

Those without online photos, and those wishing to update their photos, were encouraged to provide photos to Nick Penfold please.

8 Future Meetings

8.1 Committee meetings

- Sat 6th January - face-to-face meeting, 10am at HPP
- Meeting dates for the remainder of the year to be scheduled for the full year.
- 30th November 2024 – ACM