



## **SLALOM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Saturday 28 November 2020**

**Via videoconference**

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

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

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct

### **Declaration of interest**

DC to circulate the form for completion by committee members.

### **ACM reflections and matters arising**

It was felt that the meeting had worked well via zoom, but it was recognised that if contentious issues had been discussed, it may have been more difficult. Learning points for next time were managing the chat function, and how to manage people speaking without waiting for their turn.

#### **a) Risk assessments:**

- LF will follow up on outstanding risk assessments for Hexham. Hatfield, Wagon Lane and Matlock
- MM will follow up on outstanding risk assessments for Taunton
- Andy Guest had agreed during the ACM to follow up with Marple
- It was confirmed that a risk assessment for Lee Valley Legacy had been received

#### **b) Vice Chair**

It was noted that the position of Vice Chair was vacant. It was proposed that AGz be considered for this position. PC formally nominated AGz and CW seconded. It was noted that over the course of this year there will be a transition of responsibilities, with Matt Crowhurst having expressed interest in supporting with the coordination of race timing.

#### **c) Coordinator roles**

It was agreed that LF would take over the coordination of coaching and also sit on the coaching technical group; and MM would take on the coordination of development. All other coordinator roles will remain unchanged. DS will provide the role description for the

coaching coordinator to LF. It was noted that there was not currently a role description for the development role, and so MM will develop this. It was noted that RR may be able to support with this.

## **2021 events**

### a) Support for organisers

There was discussion regarding the best way to provide support to event organisers given the ongoing uncertainty caused by COVID-19. It was agreed that, because written guidance can quickly become out of date, monthly meetings with race organisers would be set up. The meetings would be aimed at organisers holding races during the following two months, and organisers who have held races to share their learnings. ~~The first of these meetings will be held on 20 January 2021 at 8pm, led by PC and AGz plus other committee members who are available. The meeting will be aimed at organisers who are holding races in February and March.~~ **Deleted following the slalom committee meeting on 7 January.**

It was agreed that these meetings would be supplemented by written guidance on practical matters. AGz will do a note covering key elements, such as the role of COVID officers, BC information and webinars which DC will circulate to event organisers. There would also be an addendum added to the event organisers handbook. **Action: AGz / DC**

It was noted that the event organisers handbook needs updating. This will take place during 2021, with a view to relaunch in 2022. **Action: DS / AGz**

### b) Entry fees

It was noted that entry fees are fixed at the point that a competition is open to entries. It was agreed that the monthly race organisers meeting could be used to agree enhanced entries prior to it going live on the online entry system. For organisers who cant attend the meeting, applications for enhanced fees should be made via email.

### c) Financial impact

The impact of COVID-19 on the financial viability of races was discussed. It was understood that BC may provide financial support for selection races only. If races are unable to run, what is the position in relation to refunds? It was agreed that this remained at the discretion of the organisers and would be discussed at the organisers meeting.

## **Ranking status for 2022**

It was agreed that a statement would be put out at the beginning of 2021 that if paddlers are unable to race, the committee would look sympathetically at freezing their ranking status, where the reason is COVID-related. This would be widely interpreted. A further similar statement will be sent out towards the end of the season. **Action: DC**

## **AOB**

DL asked the new committee members to send a photo to Nick Penfold for posting on the website. **Action: LF / MM/ FG**

It was agreed to keep length of season as a running item on the agenda.

## **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 7 January at 8pm via zoom  
The following meeting will be held on 9 February at 7pm via zoom

Future meetings will be agreed at each meeting