



SLALOM COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 15 July 2021

Via videoconference

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

Apologies: Anna Gray (AG); Rich Ramsdale (RR); Karen Crowhurst

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous two meetings were agreed as correct.

2. Matters arising

The new rules regarding promotion had been published and feedback was positive. There had been requested clarification of new rule regarding div 4s. Following discussion it was decided to retain the original wording.

3. Return to racing

PC circulated a guidance paper for organisers regarding key points and areas of concern (attached). He then outlined the expected changes to lockdown rules in England from 19 July. Whilst covid cases were likely to continue rising throughout August, there would be no consequence for people if they didn't isolate, even when asked to do so. Within Scotland, the position was that face masks and social distancing were still expected though that could change on 9 August. Wales had not outlined their position.

Action: guidance to be circulated to race organisers

It was noted that because of the changes in requirements within each of the home nations, the committee could provide guidance for the rest of the season, rather than requirements. It was however agreed that a covid plan would remain a requirement for the remainder of the season. **Action: DC to communicate this requirement to clubs**

The impact of the changes on future racing was discussed. Key points in relation to events were:

- There is racing planned for three consecutive weekends in Tully. The village had expressed concerns and so organisers were being asked to limit entries to 150, with camping numbers limited. There will be no use of the camping toilets for athletes and no catering unless it is in the marquee.
- Wales can have 200 spectators at an event and no need to socially distance. Wales will open up from 7 August

- Persley div 2/3 – PC will go and support on site as it is a site that hasn't been used for some time
- Hexham and Wark has been cancelled
- Bala Mill is ready to go
- There are still some issues to resolve in relation to spectators at Pinkston
- Plans for senior selection are in progress

It was noted that senior selection was not on the calendar on the website. Action: DL to speak to Nick Penfold

4. Requested changes to the calendar

- 19 August, div 4 at Aberfeldy has just been requested by Breadalbane
- 11/12 September Div 1 at Chapel Falls. CR Cats who already had a race planned at Alva for this date would like to accommodate this
- Sunday 26 September Div 3/4 single at Alva to replace 11/12 September event (see point above)
- 2/3 October, Div 3/4 at Alva (run by a different club to the above race)
- 25/26 September Div 4 double at Aberfeldy, organised by Breadalbane. DL to ask Breadalbane* to speak to CR Cats due to the potential conflict.

*Update: Breadalbane is now running a single event at Aberfeldy on 25 September.

There are discussions underway regarding the possibility of running a prem and extreme slalom event at Cardiff in November. The extreme slalom would be on 6 November, with the prem on 7 November.

Pan-celtic: discussions have been ongoing between the team managers, and it has been agreed to aim for the pan-celtic event taking place at Tees. This would be aimed at paddlers who are already attending; and there would be no teams runs.

Interclubs: there will be no interclubs in 2021. The venue for future interclubs was discussed as the current organiser would like to move it to Llandysul.

Action: MA to speak to Gareth to discuss whether an event at Llandysul would be viable.

Action: to be discussed at ACM

5. Future calendar

There was discussion regarding how best to manage the calendar, and whether or not prem and div 1 events should have priority. The preference was for prem and div 1 to have priority but it was agreed that it should go to ACM for a decision. **Action: DS and DL to write proposal for ACM.**

6. Future meetings

It was agreed that the next slalom meeting would be via zoom, with future meetings held via a mix of zoom and in person.

It was agreed that the ACM should be set up so that it could either be in person or via zoom.

7. Status updates

Participation: a meeting is being held at Tully during the race weekend to discuss further.

Bib application system: the bib application system is almost complete, with a few final issues being worked through. The next stage will be to develop a comms and implementation plan for discussion at the next meeting. **Action: DS to bring report to next meeting**

Vets championship: the vets are keen to hold a championship. The preferred option is for it to take place the same weekend as the British Open, using the legacy loop on the Saturday, and then the top boats competing on the Olympic course on the Sunday.

8. AOB

DC will be standing down as secretary at the ACM, and so nominations will be sought for the role. **Action: DC to highlight on the website.**

Roles within the committee need reviewing. **Action: DC to add committee structure to the next agenda**

As part of the BC 4 year planning process, slalom needs to put together a plan. AG will help facilitate.

MS highlighted that the opportunity for the junior team to be able to attend the Euros was looking more positive.

The committee extended their congratulations to the U23 team for their performance at the Worlds.

There is a spare set of weighing scales available if required for events.

The committee extends its thanks to Mark Shaw for looking after C1W bibs for many years,

It was agreed to keep an eye out for paddlers who may be eligible for promotion via the new rule

9. Date and time of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is **Wednesday 1 September @ 7.45pm** via zoom