



## Present

Dave Spencer [4/4] Chair	Les Ford [4/4] Coaching	Martyn Setchell [4/4] England
Vacant Treasurer	Mike Mitchell [4/4] Development	Mark Abbott [4/4] Wales
Colin Woodgate [4/4] Secretary	Karen Crowhurst [4/4] Participation	Sally Atkinson [1/1] Athlete Rep
Andy Grudzinski [3/4] Vice Chair	Peter Curry [4/4] Safety/Comp Mgmt.	
	Jason Humphries [4/4] Volunteering	

## Apologies

Dee Lindsay [3/3] Digital Strategy/Data	Vacant	CANI
	Richard Ramsdale [2/3]	British Canoeing
	Andrew Thompson [3/4]	Scotland

## 1 Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Peter Curry offered his apologies, he was travelling so did not have stable connection.

Sally Atkinson was welcomed as the new athlete representative and Martyn Setchell as England Chair.

## 2 Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

### 2.1 Matters Arising

#### 2.1.1 Yearbook on the web

- Low Level Calendar has been produced They will be sent with division 3 bibs and offered to division 3/4 organisers.
- Introductory Judging Guide (JH 5-21/12) in progress.
- A variety of diversity and equality statement is still being considered. The British Canoeing statement is available on <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/about/equality-diversity-and-inclusion> the Welsh statement is available on <https://www.canoewales.com/equality-and-diversity> ..... (MS 5-21/12)
- When information is published on the BC (or National Association) web site a link will be provided rather than republishing..... (AG 5-21/12) in progress

#### 2.1.2 Sensing Poles

No further feedback has been received from the suppliers, so this will be dropped.

## 3 Current Year Situation

### 3.1 Fairnilee/Pinkston

It is proposed that Fairnilee race will be relocated to a div 2/3/4 at Pinkston on 6/7. This is proposed to be organised by Chris Harmer of Royal Navy Paddlesports Association - both new to organising competitions but with support from Stewart Pitt and Jim Wallis.

There are some issues to be resolved around registration of the club, and the bank accounts to be used. Peter Curry will act as a liaison to assist in the process..... **Action PC**

### 3.2 Matlock/Hatfield

There is a possibility of running the cancelled Matlock race on 1st/2nd October. If this goes ahead then the Hatfield slalom will need to move (or be cancelled). Subject to agreement of the Hatfield organisers, this will be approved



### 3.3 General

The numbers of athletes competing is down on the previous year, with some athletes competing in more races

The review of the structure of slalom compared to other BC disciplines and slalom in other countries has not been started yet..... **Action CW**

## 4 Bib Application System Update

### 4.1 Statistics

Paddler Count		No of Bibs Issued		Payment Distribution (See Note)					
Div	Paddlers	Div	Count	Div	Event	Posted	DE	DP	Total
P	140	P	163	P	79	75	3	6	163
1	97	1	109	1	46	56	4	3	109
2	148	2	168	2	10	135	6	17	168
3	242	3	264	3	25	104	17	118	264
C2	21	C2	24	C2	1	14		9	24
V	73	V	74	V	17	46	2	9	74
Total	620	Total	802	Total	178	430	32	162	802

Note:

- E = Bib Delivered at Event
- P = Bib Posted
- DE = Deposit Paid & Delivered at Event
- DP = Deposit Paid & Bib Posted

Summary:

- 210 Bibs Delivered to Event
- 592 Bibs Posted

### 4.2 Development

Additional teething issues are been identified and being resolved. These include the process for applying for a bib after promotion.

The Bib Officers have been asked to define the end of season functions needed, such as to record in bulk the bibs collected at end of season races.

British Canoeing are hosting the system and the head of compliance has been be asked to consider undertaking a data protection audit to confirm that the data retention practices matches BC policies..... **Action DS**

Bib officers have been reminded that now BAS is live, personal data should not be kept

## 5 The English Question

Martyn Setchell has agreed to take the role of England Chair as we work towards getting England Slalom Committee up and running.

Longer term decisions on how the Chair and committee are appointed but in the meantime Martyn will be able to provide the focus needed to represent England. The other members of the interim committee are Les Ford, Mike Mitchell, Dave Royle and Richard Ramsdale. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Martyn Setchell.



## **6 Finance Support**

The officers are exploring moving the day to day accounting from the volunteer Treasurer to BC Accounts. This will reduce the range and complexity of the tasks to be done by the Treasurer from day to day processing to a Financial management role.

It will require the committee to make changes, to fit in with BC skill sets, e.g. they understand accounting but not the details of how slalom runs. It will also give access to easier reclaiming of VAT, less audit interaction and more protection for data protection.

The intent would be to move to a more online system, reducing the financial information being exchanged by email, and making the systems more secure. This may require entry of data that is currently held in a manual spreadsheet.

The Committee was in favour of continuing to investigate this option, and authorised the Officers to make any decisions needed to implement any changes.

The Vice Chair will be added as signatory to the accounts.

## **7 Other Competitions**

### **7.1 BUCS**

The organisation of the 2023 race will be offered to other organisers. BC and BUCS are co-ordinating invitations with help from those involved this year.

### **7.2 Worlds ‘Test Event’**

The test event for the 2023 will be run on 17/18 September 2022. There has been little action since the previous meeting

### **7.3 British Open**

The event will be in a championship format but will only be open to British paddlers and will not be an ICF ranking race. Consideration will be given to a Sunday run for those not qualifying for the Sunday final. An extreme slalom may be considered for the Sunday. AG will investigate the possibilities for the schedule, this could be open to non-slalom athletes.

### **7.4 2023 World Championships**

The 2023 World Championship organising committee are now meeting regularly and investigating ways to make the event even more successful than the last Championships held in the UK.

### **7.5 Junior / Vets Championships**

This is planned to be run alongside Tees this year. Previous organisers will be consulted to understand the additional tasks..... **Action LF**

## **8 2022 Possible Rule Changes**

Possible changes from the previous minutes have been logged and include

- BC Membership
- ‘Yearbook’ references
- Clarification of rules for lost protest fee
- Organisers pack

## **9 Other Business**

### **9.1 Yearbook**

As an item at the next meeting, the possibility of producing a yearbook, and what should be the minimum contents..... **Action CDW**



## 9.2 Volunteers

There was a discussion about the lack of volunteers this year and how we can increase volunteers in general. This has been a particular issue this year. A working party will be convened  
..... **Action SA**

## 9.3 2023 Calendar

This will be a main agenda item at the next meeting. Aspects to be considered include:

- The compression of the September competitions caused by the World Championships;
- If an Interclubs race can / should be run next year. Clubs that took part in the previous race will be consulted on the viability and future for the race ..... **Action AG;**
- Balancing the numbers of event across the season and geographically particular in Division 2
- Duncan will be asked to produce some comparison figures for entries to races from before the pandemic to this season..... **Action DS**
- If Extreme competitions can be included in more races.

## 10 Future Meetings

The next meeting will be online on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm. The following meetings will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October to discuss ACM business.

There will a face-to- face committee meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November the day after the ACM.