



# **British Canoe Union Slalom Committee**

“Putting Paddlers First and Valuing Volunteers”

# **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009**



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# **BRITISH CANOE UNION SLALOM COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

### **AT BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM**

#### **Present**

Anne Hounslow (Chair), Ken Trollope, Jim Croft, Jenny Walker, Jacky Wetzig, Steve Bright, Emma Aldridge, Mark Shaw and Andy Goodsell (part). Also present Russ Smith.

#### **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed those present, in particular she welcomed Russ Smith who has recently been appointed into the role of coaching development, short boats with particular emphasis on slalom. Apologies for absence were received from Andy Maddock, Andy Koszary, Gareth Wilson, Tim Baillie and Jim McConnachie.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no new declarations of interest.

#### **International Entries**

It was decided to bring this item forward as Andy Goodsell had to leave early.

Anne Hounslow stated that there had been confusion this year over international entries, whose entry had been accepted whose had not– and communication with the paddlers had been particularly poor. It was felt that the entry procedure should be done by 1 person, competitors should be emailed back with acceptance confirmation and notification of entry and costs if known. Previously all entries had been handled by Jim Croft whereas now he was taking names and Andy Goodsell was entering them via the ICF online entry system. The question was raised as to why he could not have access to the ICF on line entry and handle the whole process as in the past. Andy Goodsell to look into this. It was felt that World Ranking series events should have a numerical entry cut off date to enable the organisers to organise more efficiently., Andy Goodsell to pass this on to the ICF.

Following the upgrade of the Teesside course a high profile re-opening event has been requested. There is an opportunity to run a World Ranking event at Teesside next year on the 25-26 September. It would be run by the Slalom Committee and timed by the timing team. We need to have confirmation that the upgrade to the course at Teesside will be completed.

To aid logistics for the timing team and judges it was suggested that the Llandysul and Teesside P/1 events are swapped so Teesside events run on consecutive weekends, Jenny Walker to contact organisers.

It is hoped to have a World Cup event linking in with a training opportunity at Broxbourne before the Olympics.

*Action Andy Goodsell, Jenny Walker*

#### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the 8th Aug 2009 were accepted as a true record.

#### **Matters Arising**

Ken Trollope has contacted Paddy Green and the transfer of England funds is in hand.

#### **Finance**

No accounts were available as Andy Koszary could not attend the meeting.

A letter from the accounts manager Catharine Croft stating that it was very difficult to check the levy forms from event organisers for multiclass discounts as most of them fail to indicate which paddlers this applies too. A suggestion by Andy Maddock to increase multiclass discounts would only lead to an even

bigger workload and felt that she probably could not take on the task. Anne Hounslow felt that this should not be dismissed without some thought as to how the admin could be simplified

## **Coaching Development for Short boats**

Russ Smith gave an overview of his new post.

His plan is to

- Get more people into coaching.
- Have published dates for coaching courses.
- Link up with the SCA and Canoe Wales.
- Have a dedicated group of tutors.
- PDO's to deliver basic guide for parents.
- Run UKCC level 1 courses for slalom.
- Take the lead from World Class coaching.
- Progress coaches onto higher levels.

The committee were impressed with his ideas and enthusiasm towards the sport and wished him well.

## **Correspondence**

An email has been received from a paddler's father regarding a request for a re run. The committee were given reports from the Jury and judges who witnessed the incident. After a long discussion the committee decided that the Jury's decision was correct. Anne Hounslow to reply to the parent.

A letter received regarding a Jury's decision at a recent race. Whilst there can be no appeal to the committee about a Jury's decision (rule 37 UK) the committee were made aware of all the facts relating to this matter and felt that the paddlers points should be altered. Jacky Wetzig to inform paddler and notify ranking compiler.

*Action Anne Hounslow, Jacky Wetzig.*

## **Inter Clubs**

Jim Croft reported that at the event at Cardington the week before there were major power problems which resulted in calling out the Environment Agency. On investigation the E.A. said that they would no longer supply electric except for the timing equipment. A large generator had to be hired for the Inter Clubs so that the event and future events will make a loss. The Committee decided that this event must not be lost and the cost will be covered.

The event itself ran extremely well with no further problems. The team managers voted that from next year the 2 C1 (P/1 & 2-4) classes be changed to 1 C1 men (P-4) and 1 C1 women's class (P-4).

## **Managed Calendar.**

Two clubs have submitted late requests for races next year they have been informed to bring their requests to the ACM.

HPP have been contacted re parking issues. The organisers will be issued with 10 parking permits for their organising staff, Section Judges and Timing Team will also have annual passes.

## **Llangollen**

Prem / One - Unfortunately the Saturday of the first weekend is no longer available due to late decision by the fishermen. Ken Trollope will now run a Prem/One on the Sunday, timing will be tight and co-operation is requested from the paddlers who are asked to help with judging.

British Open - Jim McConnachie is hopeful that the Old Courtroom will be available for Control. Steve Bright has obtained cabling to enable a computer link to the Corn Mill balcony for results for commentary and hopefully wireless links for start and finish clocks.

Jim Croft to contact the council again re parking in the Ponsenby car park and the early opening of the toilets. (A special thanks to Eifion Roberts for all his help.)

*Action Anne Hounslow, Jim Croft.*

## **Yearbook**

Andy Gray still has all the artwork for the advertising Ken Trollope to contact again.

Jim Croft has contacted another printer to obtain a quote.

*Action Ken Trollope, Jim Croft.*

## **Co-ordinators' Reports**

### **Wales**

Emma Aldridge reported that the Cardiff site is ongoing and will try and clarify what is happening regarding cabling for timing/judging.

*Action Emma Aldridge .*

### **Scotland**

Chris Baillie reported that Work has started on the riverbank at Tully, many trees have been cleared and changes to the path are about to get underway.

Meeting re financial matters between the SCA slalom chair and treasurer and 3 SCA directors is scheduled for Saturday 3rd October.

### **England**

Regional coaches are in place. The England ACM will take place at the Hand Hotel in Llangollen on the evening of the 17th October

### **Timing**

Steve Bright reported that equipment preparation for Llangollen is underway. Next year he hopes to have the timing clocks at more events. We will have to spend some money on maintenance of the new timing system the major cost being to replace a headset box which was lost at Bala Mill.

He is very concerned that we do not have a second mobile system as a back up, by purchasing 2 more laptops then the HPP system could be used. The committee agreed to this purchase.

The secure area to store the timing equipment negotiations are ongoing.

### **A.O.B.**

C1W Points. - Ken Trollope reported that after the McConkey event it was difficult to work out the points. It was felt that in order to qualify the modified times should be compared to the K1M and must fall within the qualifying men's times. This meant that the C1W would not have qualified and therefore raced on Sunday as Div1 with Div 1 points.

Changes will have to be made to the rules and also the percentage factor probably needs adjusting.

Jim Croft reported that there has been an increase in the number of promotion certificates issued this year but a lower uptake for bibs. Jim Croft will remind div 4 organisers to check entries against the yearbook to ensure that entrants were not promoted to div3 in the previous year.

The meeting closed at 14.30.

Next Meeting – October 31st 10:00 Bingham.