

## **England Canoe Slalom Committee Report**

ECSC held an open meeting at Grandtully providing updates on a range of issues, including development and funding, Pan Celtic races & teams, coaching, and how we raise the profile of the committee and its role within the slalom community. We still have gaps to fill in our regional reps (for South, London & SE) so we would welcome volunteers from these regions.

Congratulations to all English athletes selected for the coming season. Hopefully the sessions that we supported and ran at Lee Valley contributed to performances at selection. We are currently working on confirming the support to unfunded athletes that have been selected to team.

The committee was pleased to support 12 English athletes to attend European and World Junior and Under 23 championships and World Cup races over the summer. All athletes performed well at the Championships and international races that they attended.

Additionally a significant number of athletes from the English talent programmes have attended various teen cup races, producing some excellent results and gaining valuable exposure to international competition at an early age.

England enjoyed success throughout the Pan Celtic races this season and winning the overall competition. Thanks to our new Team Manager Rob Softley for organising teams and arranging our team kit and branding. After much searching we have now tracked down both the English leg trophy and the Pan Celtic Cup itself. Unfortunately this was too late to get them to the final leg at Tees, but at least we know where they are and will have them for next year!

Plans are in place for various winter training slots at Lee Valley to support English Athletes preparing for 2018 selection races. Thanks to Nick Maingay for organising, taking applications and managing these sessions.

Unfortunately, as I suspected when I took on the role of Chair last year, with my other commitments I am struggling to find time to do this role so I will be standing down at the ACM.

Les Ford  
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