



Present

Dave Spencer [5/5] Chair	Les Ford [5/5] Coaching	Mark Abbott [5/5] Wales
Vacant Treasurer	Mike Mitchell [5/5] Development	Sally Atkinson [2/2] Athlete Rep
Colin Woodgate [5/5] Secretary	Dee Lindsay [4/5] Digital Strategy/Data	Richard Ramsdale [3/5] British Canoeing
Andy Grudzinski [4/5] Vice Chair	Karen Crowhurst [5/5] Participation	
	Peter Curry [5/5] Safety/Comp Mgmt.	
	Jason Humphries [5/5] Volunteering	

1.1 Apologies

Dee Lindsay [3/5] Digital Strategy/Data	Vacant	CANI
	Martyn Setchell [4/5]	England
	Andrew Thompson [4/5]	Scotland

2 Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3 Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3.1 Matters Arising

3.1.1 Yearbook on the web

- Introductory Judging Guide (JH 5-21/12) in progress.
- A variety of diversity and equality statements are 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.canowales.com/equality-and-diversity> (MS 5-21/12)
- When information is published on the BC (or National Association) web site it is a link

3.2 Review of other ranking systems (CDW 3.3-18/05)

No action

3.3 Volunteer Working Party (SA-18/05)

No Action

4 Current Year Situation

4.1 Fairnilee/Pinkston

The August Fairnilee race will be relocated to a div 2/3/4 at Pinkston on 6/7 August. To be organised by Chris Harmer of Royal Navy Paddlesports Association with support from Stewart Pitt and Jim Wallis.

Entries are still low, and there is still a possibility of cancellation. It is felt that people are entering later as events are not filling up so far in advance. The price of fuel, the general economic situation, and the risks of catching Covid all have an effect.

4.2 Washburn in September

There is insufficient water in the reservoirs to allow this race to take place. There are other sites that may be affected by the low water levels. Organisers are encouraged to review their situation.

4.3 Acceptance of paddle up entries

There will be an item on the next agenda to discuss the automation of acceptance of paddle up entries at closing date.

5 2023 Calendar

There is a compression of competitions in September partially due the Worlds weekend, and to events trying schedule later.



To make the calendar viable and manageable for the 2023 year, more double division races. E.g., rather than a double division 1 race and a double premier race at one location on separate weekends, run a double div 1/premier race on a single weekend. The same for division 1 and division 2, on the same weekend.

At combined premier/division 1 races there will be no free practice, division 1 paddlers will be allowed a single organised practice run.

There will be no Interclubs event next year. Clubs that took part in the race previously will be consulted on the viability and future for the race.....Action AG

A discussion points at the ACM will surround the number of races at each level. For example, we have 14 premier races this year, traditionally we would only have 9 races to avoid a tie with two individuals getting maximum points

A comparison of race entries before the pandemic to this seasonAction DS

There is a desire to include some form of Extreme competition in more races. The intention is to run an extreme competition at the British Open this year.

Running extreme slalom at lower division races might need a variation of some of the rules. This will be reviewed, and guidance produced. Greg Hitchin is withing the Performance department is responsible for the development of guidelines for Extreme. He will be offered assistance from the voluntary sector.

BC will be asked if the BC Extreme Slalom gates can be borrowed by a club wanting to run an Extreme Slalom race.....Action RR

6 Yearbook

As an item at the next meeting, the possibility of producing a yearbook, and what should be the minimum contents. (CDW-18-05)

7 Bib Application System Update

7.1 Statistics

Paddler Count		No of Bibs Issued		Payment Distribution (See Note)					
Div.	Paddlers	Div.	Count	Div.	Event	Posted	DE	DP	Total
P	142	P	170	P	80	78	5	7	170
1	107	1	123	1	48	67	4	4	123
2	186	2	211	2	14	163	8	26	211
3	298	3	336	3	27	114	22	173	336
C2	25	C2	29	C2	1	16		12	29
V	79	V	80	V	17	48	2	13	80
Total	692	Total	949	Total	187	486	39	235	949

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

7.2 Development

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

8 Finance Support Update

A further meeting has been held with BC Finance. They are going to mock up possible online expense forms for evaluation. If there is a change over, it will not happen until after the end of this financial year.

CDW reported his impression that the meeting concentrated on the expense form, rather than the processes needed to support slalom finances. Another meeting has been scheduled hopefully to reassure all and make progress.



9 Other Competitions

9.1 Worlds ‘Test Event’

The test event for the 2023 will be run on 17/18 September 2022. This will be a joint British Canoeing Events and slalom committee event, so will need support from all the volunteers available. There was a co-ordination meeting last week. Volunteer information will be made available this week, it is expected that BCs Canoe Crew will be involved.

9.2 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.

9.3 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.

9.4 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**

10 2022 Possible Rule Changes

10.1 Canoe Slalom England Talent Programme proposals:

A paper proposing some rule changes to support development in the Canoe classes. Replies to these items have been requested from committee members

1. Athletes competing in a different event to which they are ranked must compete in the division below or can apply to be ranked in any division. *Supported*
2. Modify the multiplication factor used to calculate points for inquorate Women’s C1. *Supported*
3. Remove the concept of inquorate races and always allocate maximum points. *This was not supported by the slalom committee.*
4. If an inquorate race is run over the same course as a quorate race from a race from the division above allocate full points to any athlete beating more than a set percentage of those in the division above. *More consideration is needed for this item.*
5. Allow a free div 3 C1 entry after promotion from division 4 K1. *Not supported by the slalom committee.* Other proposals to encourage participation may be considered.

10.2 Possible changes from the previous minutes have been logged and include

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



11 Other Business

11.1 Llandysul Team Complaint

A complaint has been received about the name of a team at Llandysul event. The team's name was that of an illness, and this upset someone else. This became an issue on the event WhatsApp group. No paddler names were recorded for the team, just the team's name. Paddlers and organisers are reminded that care must be taken in naming of teams, and that if there is a complaint during a competition the team should consider changing the name.

Organisers are also reminded that Event WhatsApp groups should be locked and limited only to a small number of administrators, as in the organisers pack.

Organisers should ensure that the team details are correctly recorded so the members of a team can be identified if required.

11.2 Copyright

Peter Keane wants to scan and upload a 1980s booklet. The opening passage of the book notes that copyright rests with the BCU Slalom Committee. The committee approved the scanning of the book and republishing on his website.

11.3 Video Judging Equipment

A successful grant application to UK sport means that for the next season there will be the capability to provide video review functionality premier races.

11.4 2023 ITO Nomination

There was a discussion of the criteria used for people to be nominated as Officials internationally. It was agreed to vary the requirements to include the BUCS race in supporting slalom in the UK.

12 Future Meetings

The next meeting will be online Wednesday 14th September followed by a continuation on 21st September. The final meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 26th October principally to discuss ACM business.

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