



#### Present

Dave Spencer	[6/6]	Chair	Les Ford	[6/6]	Coaching	Mark Abbott	[6/6]	Wales
Vacant		Treasurer	Mike Mitchell	[6/6]	Development	Sally Atkinson	[2/3]	Athlete Rep
Colin Woodgate	[6/6]	Secretary	Karen Crowhurst	[6/6]	Participation	Richard Ramsdale	[3/6]	British Canoeing
Andy Grudzinski	[4/6]	Vice Chair	Peter Curry	[6/6]	Safety/Comp Mgmt.	Martyn Setchell	[5/6]	England
			Jason Humphries	[6/6]	Volunteering			

#### 1.1 Apologies

Dee Lindsay	[4/6]	Digital Strategy/Data	Vacant	CANI
			Andrew Thompson	[4/6] Scotland

## 2 Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A one minute silence was held in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

## 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.
- The BC Web site has changed and been improved. The Slalom Committee will adopt this as a standard <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/about/equality-diversity-and-inclusion>. This is driven by a group within British Canoeing who will keep it up to date.

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

No action

### 3.3 Volunteer Working Party (SA-18/05)

In progress

### 3.4 Borrowing of BC Extreme Slalom Gates by a club (RR 2 – 20/7)

This being reviewed as part of a performance / Slalom Committee. HPP were able to borrow the gates for their race.

Martyn Setchell has some experiences from running the race and is willing to share these.

## 4 Slalom Support during National Mourning

The committee will support the loses of any slalom that feels it needs to be cancel events during National mourning. Organisers are reminded to minimise the losses as well as possible, including considering force majeure clauses in contracts where appropriate.

## 5 Participation

### 5.1 Working Party

All home nations participants reported

- The sport seems to be focussed on developing children
- There is a lot of focus on moving through the divisions as fast as possible
- There is little for adults who participate for enjoyment and this also brings some large hurdles for adult beginners.
- Junior and Under 23 selection being held at races across the Home Nations was widely supported.

A fuller report will be developed and circulated.

Race entries are being made later and later, with competitions looking to have very low entries and making a loss until very close to the race. The late surge in entries has resulted in races that were being considered to be cancelled getting enough entries to be viable.



The availability of team races at lower division races was widely accepted and should be encouraged.

## 5.2 Entry analysis for the last few years.

2022 is partially complete as the season is still in progress and an update will be produced at year end and include earlier years - the ranking database has data from 2015/16. These figures are total entries for all slaloms across the year. Average number of entries per event will need to be included later, and possibly the number of races.

### Premier

Location	2018	2019-2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
Grandtully	329	322		226	877
Holme Pierrepont	502	502	151		1,155
Cardiff Bay	163	163		121	447
HPP_McConkey	211	201			412
Lee_Valley	322	260			582
Tryweryn	299	143			442
Tees Barrage	161	165	163		489
Lee Valley		188	301		489
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>4,893</b>

### Division 2

Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
Grandtully	679	628		369	132	1,808
Shepperton					87	87
Llandysul	684	624	269	250	197	2,024
Holme Pierrepont	283	261		84		628
Pinkston	190	236				426
HPP_McConkey	149	141				290
Tryweryn Chapel Falls	304			193		497
Washburn		124				124
Tryweryn		244				244
Tees Barrage	148	140		89		377
Lee Valley			206		144	350
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,437</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>6,855</b>

### Division 3

Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
Grandtully	120	87		111		318
Shepperton	114	120	52	85	68	439
Llandysul	274	123		250	117	764
Symonds Yat	164	45		130	128	467
Holme Pierrepont	58	55				113
Hexham	91					91
Matlock	224	184				408
Pinkston	80	111		21	78	290
Fairnilee	311	297				608
Cardington	256	257		138		651
Bala Mill	237	95		119		451
Ironbridge	110	132				242
Washburn	122	215				337
Howsham Weir	82	51				133
Wark	99	179				278
Nene	107			112		219
Dart Country Park	43	20				63
Persley		65		52		117
Lee Valley	59	84		135		278
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>6,267</b>

### Division 4

Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Grand Total
Shepperton	104	92		94		290



Llandysul	123	81		267	56	527
Symonds Yat	40	31		80	145	296
Plas_Y_Brenin	21					21
Hexham	34					34
Aberfeldy	27	24			59	110
Marple	120	118		85	77	400
Oughtibridge	144	144		83	83	454
Alva	152	185		94	86	517
Pinkston	34	33		15	50	132
Wagon Lane Bingley	58	54		46	92	250
Stone	220	187	135	274	141	957
Fairnilee	142	170				312
Ogmore	41					41
Cardington	226	288		111		625
Langham Farm Frome	71	72		174		317
Bala Mill	97	47		68		212
Ironbridge		62				62
Orton Mere	58	117				175
Howsham Weir	54	38				92
Harefield	36					36
Wark	38	66				104
Nene	62			53		115
Seaton Park	29	25				54
Dart Country Park	28	20				48
Persley		20		30		50
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>6,231</b>

There was a discussion of some of the opportunities in terms of calendar and the increased costs for some of the courses. One artificial course quoting £30,000 for a site for a weekend. The uncertainty over electricity costs is creating uncertainty in quotes for pumped courses.

## 6 2023 Calendar

### 6.1 Prem / Div. 1 doubles

This was aimed to reduce the amount of travel needed for an athlete. It would also need a review of the number of races in each division. MM/JH/MA will produce a working paper.

### 6.2 Interclubs viability (AG 5-20/7)

Various consultations have taken place. As yet there are no volunteers to organise a 2023 race so one will not take place. A paper will be produced.

## 7 Yearbook

As an item at the next meeting, the possibility of producing a yearbook, and what should be the minimum contents. Three groups have been identified:

New entrants, for example the lower division calendar. A leaflet may be produced as now

Organisers and officials focussing on rule books. Rules could be a self-published small book

Existing paddlers who want a memento of the year, consider making a yearbook available to purchase

This has been carried forward..... CDW 18-05



## 8 Bib Application System Update (DS)

### 8.1 Statistics

Paddler Count		No of Bibs Issued		Payment Distribution (See Note)					
Div.	Paddlers	Div.	Count	Div.	Event	Posted	DE	DP	Total
P	145	P	171	P	81	80	3	7	171
1	122	1	139	1	48	79	4	8	139
2	200	2	231	2	19	174	8	30	231
3	330	3	376	3	28	115	28	205	376
C2	26	C2	30	C2	1	16		13	30
V	82	V	83	V	17	49	2	15	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>1,030</b>

238 Bibs Delivered to Event  
791 Bibs Posted

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

There are some maintenance issues which will be addressed through the winter.

### 8.2 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. c/f.....**Action DS**

## 9 Finance Support Update

A further meeting has been held with BC Finance. We are closer to being in a position to pass the book keeping to British Canoeing Finance. A key part of this is the online submission of expenses with appropriate approval.

## 10 Other Competitions

### 10.1 '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. A temporary ramp has been built for Extreme Slalom, and will be in place for the British Open.

As of 6<sup>th</sup> September there were 29 nations entered, 58 MC1, 46 WC1, 78 MK1, 64 WK1, 78 MX1 and 64 WX1. 217 athlete entries were received at that time.

There will be some long days to get all these athletes runs completed, and British Canoeing has expressed it thanks to the Slalom Committee and to all the volunteers involved.

### 10.2 British Open

The event will be in a championship format but will not be an ICF ranking race. Currently there about 90 entries. The new operators (and Lee Valley) are being more strict on the risk management and documentation of these.

Consideration will be given to a Sunday run for those not qualifying for the Sunday final or 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.

### 10.3 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. Focus for the group is on the ranking race (10.1).

### 10.4 Junior/Vet Championships

This is planned to be run alongside Tees this year. This is in hand now. Those wanting to be considered as part of the championships MUST enter the competition, not as an official.



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## 11 2022 ACM

The motions to be proposed by the committee were outlined, and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

1. If an in-quorate 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. Some worked examples will be produced for the ACM meeting. (RR 10.1 – 20/7)
2. Elections:
  - Chair / Treasurer. (Possible Vice Chair and Secretary for 1 year)
  - Co-Ordinators: Les Ford, Karen Crowhurst, Mike Mitchell, full term
  - Coordinators: 1 year left: Dee Lindesay, Peter Curry, Jason Humphries

## 12 Any Other Business

### 12.1 British Canoeing Environmental Sustainability Strategy Focus Groups

JH will represent the committee at the meeting on Thursday

### 12.2 Invitations to be nominated as ITOs at World Cups in 2023

Nomination forms will be sent out shortly. The form will be circulated to those qualified who meet the British Canoeing Slalom criteria. The resultant list will be reviewed with British Canoeing management before submission to the ICF for consideration.

### 12.3 Winter non-programme Lee Valley training

Priority to selected, qualifying paddlers who are not on squads. These will be open to all Home Nations. The aim is for the slots to be self-funding, but the Slalom Committee will underwrite the sessions to a maximum amount.

## 13 Future Meetings

The final meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October principally to discuss ACM business.

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