



1 Attendance

1.1 Present

Andy Grudzinski [7/7]	Chair	Donna Hawkins [7/7]	Mark Abbott [5/7]	Wales
Sally Atkinson [6/7]	Vice Chair	Jason Humphries [5/7]	Stuart Pitt [5/7]	Scotland
Colin Woodgate [7/7]	Secretary	Karen Crowhurst [6/7]	Zac Allen [3/4]	Athlete Rep
Dave Spencer [7/7]	Treasurer	Dee Lindesay [7/7]		
		Mike Mitchell [5/7]		

Also present Mark Ratcliffe British Canoeing performance department

1.2 Apologies

Peter Curry [6/7]	Vacant	CANI
	Martyn Setchell [5/7]	England
	Richard Ramsdale [4/7]	British Canoeing

2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

3 Actions / Priority Items

3.1 Interclubs (27/11 4.3 AG)

Thanks to a lot of work by Donna there will be a ‘mini Interclubs’ in September at Cardington. The event will have sponsorship from Peak PS who are providing prizes.

Longer term, there is an interest in running a fuller version of the Interclubs at Llandysul after the River Festival during the second weekend of August (10/11).

3.2 Tryweryn Festival 2024

The concept of a 2024 May Bank Holiday festival on the Tryweryn. A date has been provisionally agreed in early June. The costs of hiring the venue is an issue that needs review / agreement. A proposal will be brought to the next meeting..... **Action MA/AG**

3.3 Managed Calendar 2024 (DL)

The clubs involved have been contacted, and most have provided some feedback..... **Action DL**

3.4 Managed Calendar Applications 2024 (DL)

A small group will review the applications for Division 1 slaloms next year and formulate a response. **Action AG/PC/CW**

3.5 August Grandtully

There were some unauthorised structures built in the riverbed without consultation with the Landowner (Pitcastle estates), SCA or the slalom Committee. This has caused the estate managers to declare the SCA lease breached and invalidated. All slalom poles, lines and stanchions must be removed from the riverbank, and there is no longer access to the river bank or the timing hut. The river can only be accessed under the Scottish right to roam legislation.

The division 2 race has had to be cancelled. The division 1 race will be transferred to Pinkston athletes that do not want to transfer their entries can cancel with a full refund before 17th August.

There are ongoing negotiations to try to reinstate access to the site, and preserve the legacy of slalom competition and training at this historic site.

4 Working Groups

4.1 Outstanding Issues

An initial list questions has been gathered and will be circulated **Action AG**



4.2 Athlete input and support: Zac Allin

Some additional volunteers have come forward to be part of this group.

The viability of an athlete recognition dinner is being identified. One of the big issues is the increased costs of venues since the last dinner. The number of people may be willing to pay needs to be reviewed. A variety of venues will be approached to enable a budget to be established.**Action ZF**

North of England: Mike Brennan is doing some work with Tees to get regular sessions running and encourage the regrowth of the sport in that area.

4.3 Awards: Andy Grudzinski

4.3.1 BC / Home Nations awards

A note will be put on the web site to identify people eligible for National and Home Nation awards.

4.4 Communications: Dave Spencer

Work is ongoing.....**Action DS**

4.5 Kayak Cross, including development, rules, entries, safety: Jason Humphries

Some central options are being considered by British Canoeing, including discussions with John Long. Inclusion of a series into the race calendar for next year will be further discussed . Ideally with a series sponsor.

There are additional volunteers for the working group are being identified.

The cost of entry and the value for money is to be considered. Additional formats of racing should be considered, not just the international formats, including parallel courses, making it simpler to host and quicker to run.

The video equipment now acquired for Premier / Division 1 slaloms can also be used to produce some publicity for this.

There will be Kayak Cross held at the same weekend as the Premier race. There were only a 24 places available (12 women and 12 men) these were taken up within hours. There was also a list that athletes have to be over 15 to be included. The basis for the selection of entries and for the small number of competitors will be explored.....**AG**

4.6 Officials, recruitment and development: Matt Crowhurst

Matt Crowhurst is reviewing the Chief Judge Form. compiling suggestions from organisers and people who have filled the form in to try and form an updated version for next season**Action Matt Crowhurst**

Continuing to have discussions, both within the group and with officials and have started to work towards a progression model to help provide a pathway into becoming an official.

4.7 Participation: Karen Crowhurst

The working group has had two virtual meetings, the working group is hoping to have an in person meeting on the Saturday of the Tees race straight after racing.

4.8 Stand Up Paddling: Colin Woodgate

No progress there have only been a small number of entries this year to date.

4.9 Volunteers, recruitment and development: Andy Grudzinski

Work is ongoing.....**Action AG**

Any possible Legacy will be investigated. Any remaining uniform etc will be gathered to distribute further round the country not just in the London zone.

5 Accounts

5.1 Accounts

Dave Spencer has a meeting with BC finance this weekend and will distribute draft accounts in next month.



5.2 Premier / Division 1 entry fees

Without increases in costs or numbers Division 1 slaloms are going to cease being viable except as part of a Premier or on natural courses. So Shepperton, Llandysul and Tully can make it pay at £22 but everyone else needs charge to more.

In order to review the minimum fee, events charging enhanced fees will be asked to supply accounts for the races. This will be raised again when the information is available**Action DS/PC**

6 Other Competitions

6.1 British Open

The organisation for this year is progressing almost to plan. It was emphasised that the Saturday is a ranking Premier race, and the Sunday is the British Open Slalom Championships.

7 Any Other Business / Actions

7.1 Regionalisation of ranking proposals

The prospect of a wholesale review of the ranking system, formally regionalising the lower divisions has been mooted again on Facebook.

There was a good discussion of the issues raised and possible approaches, including definition of regions. This would be a large change. It was agreed that it would be worth exploring further, particularly in the participation group, the authors will be asked to join the group to forward the ideas.

7.2 Masters

Next year there is the ICF World Masters Championships in Krakow. Entries to this event will be co-ordinated through Sally Atkinson before entry into the ICF systems.

7.3 Pan Celtic

There is a maximum number of races that can be counted for the Pan Celtic competition. There will be consultation between the Team Leaders to confirm the rules applied. **Action JH/MM**

7.4 Junior British Championships

Options for a 2023 Junior Championships will be explored.

8 ACM Motions

8.1 Motions

Reminder that ACM Motion must be received by the Secretary by **PUT IN DATE**

8.2 Plastic Boat Event (ACM 6.5 / MA)

A possible motion will be circulated before the next meeting **Action MA**

8.3 Rule 6.2.4 – Entry Fees (05/20-3.5 CW)

The wording of the rule will be reviewed to reduce the confusion that the quoted rates are the 2022 baseline, not the rates for the year.

8.4 Rule 20.2.3 – Financial (CW)

Clarification of the rules regarding application to cover a loss at a competition. Budgets and accounts should be provided.

8.5 Multi division races – practice (05/20-3.6 - AG)

This will be clarification of the practice to be provided for those doubling up at events with differing practice rules for different boats.

8.6 SUP in Slalom (ACM 6.8 / Working Group)

The working group will produce a draft motion as part of their initial work.



9 Future Meetings

- The possibility of another meeting preferably face to face will be considered. AG/CW will put together a pol to identify possible dates
- Face to Face 5th November at HPP at 10:00
- 25th November ACM at HPP
- Virtual meeting, with restricted agenda 29th November.