



1 Attendance

1.1 Present

Andy Grudzinski	[5/5]	Chair	Donna Hawkins	[5/5]			England
Colin Woodgate	[5/5]	Secretary	Karen Crowhurst	[5/5]	Zac Allen	[2/2]	Athlete Rep
Dave Spencer	[5/5]	Treasurer	Peter Curry	[5/5]	Richard Ramsdale	[3/5]	British Canoeing
			Dee Lindsay	[5/5]	Stuart Pitt	[0/5]	Scotland

1.2 Apologies

Sally Atkinson	[4/5]	Vice Chair	Mike Mitchell	[3/5]	Mark Abbott	[3/5]	Wales
			Jason Humphries	[3/5]	Martyn Setchell	[4/5]	
					Vacant		CANI

2 Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

2.1 Working Group Feedback Form

The form will be reopened to reopening participation. A QR code will be set up and circulated with copies of Simply Slalom. **Action CW**

There have been a small number of volunteers to review the format and opportunities for the event.

3 Actions / Priority Items

3.1 Interclubs (27/11 4.3 AG)

Awaiting responses from interested clubs to run an event in 2024. The traditional weekend will be blocked in the 2024 calendar.....**Action AG (27/11 4.3)**

As agreed at the ACM a small group will be set up including those volunteering at the ACM, such as John Stoner from Breakout Canoe Club.

Other venues will be considered, such as Wagon Lane..... **Action DH**

3.2 Tryweryn Festival

The concept of a 2024 May Bank Holiday festival on the Tryweryn, was floated. This could have multi disciplines competing, including up to three separate slaloms.

The costs are significant for this, but the idea was supported, so there will be more actions to identify external sponsors and organisations.

There was sufficient support for the festival, with the intention of including other disciplines and getting support from British Canoeing Centrally.....**Action AG**

As soon as the event is confirmed, it will be publicised.

The possibility of using this as a form of Interclubs will be considered.

3.3 Data Protection/Retention review (25/1 8.6)

With the changes in the systems this becomes ongoing management rather than an action.

3.4 Managed Calendar 2024 (DL)

We currently have 10 Prem races proposed with 24 div 1 races.

At the 2022 ACM it was agreed to limit the numbers of these races to 11 for Prem and 18 for Division 1 British Open is not showing as a Prem race – if it is added as a prem race then this will impact number of Prem races too.

The organisers will be consulted on the problem to get their feedback / suggestions **Action DL**

A small group will review the current applications and apply the criteria in rule 20.1.8.d to provide recommendations. **Action AG/PC/CW**



3.5 Rule 6.2.4 – Entry Fees (CDW)

The inclusion of the reference 2022 entry fees has caused some confusion. A rule change to make this clearer will be considered. This will be put in a motion to the ACM.....Action CDW

6.2.4 Minimum Entry Fees will be increased annually by the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) according to the formula: $New\ fee = A + \{A \times [(B-C) / C]\}$, rounded to nearest 10p. Where:

A = the entry fee for 2022

B = the index for September immediately prior to the relevant ACM

C = the index for September 2021.

For reference, 2022 fees:		
Division	Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee (when accepted)
Premier & First Division	£20.00	£25.00
Division Two	£13.00	£18.00
Division Three	£8.00	£9.30
Division Four:	£6.00	£6.00

3.6 Multi Division races for 2025 (DL/KC)

The committee will consider later in the year the success of Premier Division 1 races for the ACM.

In running Prem 1 races there are issues, motions will be developed for the following rule clarifications:

- Allow free practice for Division 1 paddlers only. Those paddlers who are competing in both divisions can only have their official practice run. Anyone breaking this rule will be disqualified from both events.
- For combined Premier / division 1 races, veterans will follow the same rules as the division 1 paddlers.
- Where a double division race is being held on two different courses they should be different events

3.7 Event safety procedures during high river levels, in particular for paddle ups

Organisers are reminded that where the risk is increased by water levels this should be included in the risk assessment.

4 Working Groups

4.1 Outstanding Issues

There are still some draft terms of reference outstanding. They will be standardised and filled centrally Action All

No questions have been received by the Secretary for consolidation these were scheduled to be sent to the Secretary by end of June, with the aim of surveying July / August..... Action All

Once the list of initial questions has been gathered, software to automate the questionnaire will be investigated, with the results made anonymous before distribution.....Action AG

4.2 Athlete input and support: Zac Allin

There has been an increasing number of inqorate Canoe races, the calculation of points for inqorate race may need review.

Issues relating to calculation of qualification percentages and Olympic selection policy were also raised, for taking back to the International Panel.

Consideration will be given to the running an Athlete recognition event at the end of the 2024 seasonAction ZF

4.3 Awards: Andy Grudzinski

Award dates have been found for England and Wales. Dates have not been discovered for Scotland yet. This is to simplify the process of committee and others nominating people for awards.



4.4 Communications: Dave Spencer - Include Matt Crowhurst

British Canoeing and Home Nations Logos and Branding will be changing in October, so people are encouraged to carefully consider any investment in branded materials before that announcement.

Matt Crowhurst is reviewing the Chief Judge Form and propose a simpler version of the form and consider an online version.....**Action Matt Crowhurst**

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

Reported by email as Jason was absent.

Kayak Cross went well at Cardiff. We managed to get a time trial and everyone doing head to head races in 1hr and 59minutes. Although the event was full to capacity the percentage of slalom paddlers entered was relatively low. Was great to have Kim Woods supporting the race.

Need to work on a series. We have one coming up in Lee Valley at the British Open but we need to think about having a series and running full Kayak Cross not just the time trials. Head to head is the whole point of the event.

Thoughts for a ranking system need to be considered.

4.6 Officials, recruitment and development: Matt Crowhurst (reported via Karen)

There has been an initial meeting, with actions going forward identified.

4.7 Participation: Karen Crowhurst

There have been difficulties in setting up a meeting. Options for a virtual meeting will be explored.
.....**Action KC**

4.8 Stand Up Paddling: Colin Woodgate

No progress, only three members and CW has been busy with other tasks so has not convened anything. BC have appointed a SUP responsible person who will be consulted on the way forward.

SUP in open events (2/4 10.4 AG)

A note will be prepared regarding the inclusion of SUP in Open events. Suitable risk assessment must be undertaken.

4.9 Volunteers, recruitment and development: Andy Grudzinski

Initial meetings have been held. Canoe Wales have done some interesting sessions on volunteers. Work is ongoing.

5 Accounts

Dave Spencer presented the current financial position.

A note will be published to remind people that bib credits / vouchers expire after a period.

6 Other Competitions

6.1 British Open

As this is also Senior Team selection. There will need to be four runs for those seeking selection, with sufficient time between them. Options to include a Kayak Cross race will be considered.....**Action DS**

6.2 Washburn Division 1 Replacement

The possibility of running a replacement for the cancelled Washburn Division race on 15/16 July at Tryweryn was raised. Subject to confirmation of financial viability, and the availability of volunteers the organisers will be encouraged to stage the event.



7 Any Other Business / Actions

7.1 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**

7.2 Help to loss making events

The current rules allow for cancelled events that are making an unexpected and unpredictable loss may apply for assistance. This will be expanded to match the current practice of reviewing losses for non-cancelled events where there is an unexpected loss.

7.3 Combined veterans/masters ranking (Rick Moore email)

Rick Moore has requested release of age group banding for his private combined vet / masters league. This combined ranking was rejected at the 2022 ACM. Paddlers can opt out of being in the age bandings for masters and for veterans as noted in an earlier meeting. As such the age banding of paddlers can not be issued to other parties.

Rick will be informed of the decision..... **Action CW**

7.4 C2 Only events

There are suggestions of C2 only races at Symonds Yat this season and / or Llandysul next year. Further information is to be requested to understand the scope and background of these unranked open events.

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8 ACM Motions

8.1 Plastic Boat Event (ACM 6.5 / ???)

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

8.2 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

- Tuesday 11th July starting at 19:00
- Saturday 12th August face to face at 10.00
- Face to Face 5th November at HPP at 10:00
- 25th November ACM
- Face to Face 26th November, after the ACM