



British Canoeing

Slalom Committee

Meeting Minutes

Sunday 22nd January 2017

Location: British Canoe Union HQ, National Water Sports Centre
Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, NG12 2LU



1 Present

1.1 In Person

Dave Spencer [2/2] Chair	Nick Taylor [2/2] Lower Divisions	Chris Baillie [2/2] Scotland
Martyn Setchell [2/2] Vice Chair Athlete Rep	Andy Grudzinski [2/2] Technical / Timing	Mark Abbott [2/2] Wales
	Peter Curry [2/2] Safety/Comp Mgmt	
Andy Koszary [2/2] Treasurer	Hazel Ridge [2/2] Volunteer	

1.2 Apologies

Colin Woodgate [1/2] Secretary	Steve Linksted [1/2] Divisional Development	Craig Morris [1/2] British Canoeing
	Jacky Stokes [1/2] Marketing & Publicity	Matthew McKnight [0/2] CANI
		Les Ford [0/2] England

Also Present

Anna Gray British Canoeing Sport Development manager

2 Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He went on to thank Anna for the work she did in facilitating the today's meeting.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

4 Chair's Report

4.1 On line Entry

The on-line system produced by Dee has been reviewed, and while there are a number of questions outstanding, the committee does not object to the system being trailed this year. Big take up so far, good feedback from competitors. DS talking to Ken T to enable csv import of entries to Simply Slalom. MA had some questions around extra fields for Pan Celtic, Welsh Champs etc. He will discuss with Dee Lindesay.

4.2 Organisers Pack

The Organisers' pack needs review for the 2017 season and any updates posted to Nick's site. DS and PC agreed to review the pack again this year. The example finance xls spreadsheet will be added to the pack PC

4.3 Four Year Planning

The working party has not produced a draft four-year plan as yet. This must be produced for discussion at the next meeting. A discussion of the outline strategy plan was facilitated by Anna Gray & a number of items added. Anna will produce a revised version incorporating additions. Plan must be signed in our meeting of 28-Oct so that it can be submitted to BC by end of their financial year. No plan = no funding!

.....**DS** / MS, NT, CDW, CM

5 Secretary's Report

5.1 ICF Cards

Thanks to Gemma Wiggs, all but one card has now been received and the remaining card should be sent to BC during January.

5.2 Athlete Rep:

Only 1 nomination has been received, therefore Martyn Setchell was duly on being re-appointed.

5.3 Promotion Certificates

Thanks to Dave S, for production of a draft welcome letter produced which links to <http://www.canoeslalom.co.uk /welcome/>. The meeting approved the draft for use in the 2017 season



5.4 Year Book Production

- Ken has been moving mountains again to get the Yearbook to printer's draft. Again the meeting expressed its thanks for all his efforts.
- We need to firm up on a day to 'do' the packing. Making sure that this time we include event organisers and advertisers in the circulation.
- CDW proposed that some time is spent at the next meeting reviewing the purpose of the yearbook, and looking at the sections in the yearbook, to review whether they should be included or not. The yearbook is getting thicker all the time, and has increasing duplication in it, making maintenance harder. Individuals on the committee should seek feedback from slalom stakeholders.
- We need to find a compiler for 2018 to replace Ken.

5.5 British Open 2018

The British Open 2017 will be a ranking points event

It was agreed that the 2018 event will be requested as a ranking points race. CDW is instructed to apply before the ICF deadline of 1st March 2017.

5.6 Entry Cards

New Entry Cards have been produced, three to a page, perforated. It was agreed that the current stocks of blue cards should continue to be used before the new cards are issued. New versions will be included with yearbook 3 each. Organisers should accept both card formats. No cards from the event shall be posted anywhere by organisers post-event.

5.7 ACM 2017 Motions

1. Race Formats – do we want to change the race formats (again) to include Czech model?
2. Statutes – action is on CDW, waiting for information from Vasi as to BC ambition to make statutes similar across disciplines.
3. Early Course erection – should we be considering limits on when courses can be erected, to reduce the magnification of home advantage in that the water is known and so is the detailed course.

6 Finance

6.1 Budgets

Co-ordinators were encouraged to produce budgets for the 2016-17 year and supply them to AK before the next meeting. Provisional budgets have been developed based on last years' expenditure. The current year income is expected to be in-line with 2016. If nothing unforeseen happens we are heading once again for a surplus.

6.2 Bank Signatories

The bank signatories (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer & Secretary [with any two from four]) were confirmed.

6.3 Audit

The external audit of the British Canoeing accounts, incorporating the Slalom Committee accounts, has recently been completed. There were no issues with our accounts arising from the audit.

6.4 Accounts

No accounts were presented to the meeting but the Treasurer reported that there had been no significant income or expenditure in the current financial year.

7 Athlete Representative

Training sessions at LV been run – hard to get volunteers (Parents). It was good to hear that LVPC seem to be renewing themselves.

8 Divisional Development

No report



9 Lower Divisions

No formal report. Fewer replies from organisers post-event than in 2017. A buddy scheme for organisers might be helpful. NT to share PC's example finance xls spreadsheet with lower divisions via the chatter bulletin board.

9.1 Welcome pack

Ongoing discussion. Carried forward to next meeting

10 Marketing & Publicity

Progress is difficult. Maybe we need to re-look at what this means to this committee. (Rob Knott new with BC in this area). Explore a regular email newsletter to club slalom contact. NT, JS

11 Safety/Comp Management

11.1 Insurance for non BC Athletes (PC/DS)

Ongoing discussion. Carried forward to next meeting

11.2 Risk Assessments

Recently the environment agency has been expressing an interest in reviewing and approving risk assessment plans. PC is in conversation and discussing the practicality of some of the requests. Leave to BC.

Two organisers have still not submitted plans for their events in 2017. PC on the case.

Not clear how to manage updated plans that are produced for the event...

Not clear how to check if plan has been adhered to...

12 Timing/Technical

Update from AG will be out soon.

12.1 Judge Education

13 Volunteer

HR compiling list of what is available in each region/county

14 Home Nations / BC

14.1 England

Update from MS: Les Ford standing in as temporary chair.

14.2 Scotland

14.2.1 *SCA Slalom Committee*

No one is prepared to be Chair of SCA slalom committee. It has been requested that all communication is sent to the secretary who will distribute. Committee members will take turns to chair the meetings.

14.2.2 *Grandtully*

It is looking hopeful that The Adventure Show will be coming to film at the Grandtully Premier event but no confirmation yet.

Hopefully all Grandtully stanchions and all the bearers will be in place for the Premier in early April following the construction work on the far bank last year.

The Scottish Champs is returning to Grandtully this year and a ceilidh will be held in the evening.

14.2.3 *Selection 2018*

It is very disappointing to see that the proposal is for selection 2018 to be on Easter weekend next year.

For Scots paddlers, the timing of the Grandtully races, whether in school holiday or not is not a big issue as all paddlers can get to Grandtully at a reasonable time leaving after work on a Friday.



This year I have received many e mails and calls from paddlers and coaches south of the border who traditionally use the week before the div 1 race at Easter to hold a training camp to say they were disappointed with the date we had chosen for the Easter div 1 race as it does not include their Easter holiday. This is not possible when the race does not coincide with the Easter holidays. The problem was that our choice of dates is limited by selection using Easter.

Easter 2018 is early March 31st/April 1st.

Trying to put in the Premier and Div 1 races at Grandtully if selection is easter next year would mean the prem being mid-March which is encroaching on the traditional Shepperton dates or later which is likely to mean fewer participants willing to travel.

Personally, I do not think tradition is the be all and end all but when we were asked to move Grandtully div 1 to accommodate selection a few years ago we were assured that this would not be permanent and it was because of getting boats and people out to Oz.

However, in this case the development opportunities for many are being sacrificed to accommodate a selection weekend which could easily be held on the early bank holiday May weekend. The first International race the selection results are needed for is in June in Europe so having a clear month should not pose a problem.

14.3 Northern Ireland

14.3.1 *Performance Documents*

CANI have invested significant time and resources into the updating and creation of all documents relating to the Performance Pathway. These are all online now on the CANI Website and will be introduced in 2017.

14.3.2 *Talent ID*

CANI carried out Stage 1 of testing on approximately 100+ 10-11 years old in several Primary Schools in the Greater Belfast Area. We hope to kick off a Talent Academy programme in April 2017

14.4 Wales Report

Paddlesport within Wales is developing well with a considerable amount of effort still taking place with the development of Sprint and slalom within schools and clubs across Wales.

Winter training groups are being finalised with Premier and Division 1 groups. Division 2 and 3 paddlers will be invited to training camps on a quarterly basis funded by the Canoe Wales Slalom Committee.

Training sessions are taking place throughout the Winter at various locations around the UK – Bala, Llandysul, Nottingham, Cardiff and Lee Valley.

At the recent committee meeting several issues were discussed including – Competition Prizes, Judging, Slalom Development, Volunteer encouragement, and Committee races.

The timing team are planning on timing the Division 1 and Premier races being held in Wales. Trials will be had at lower division races for the new timing system.

14.5 BC Performance

No update

15 Correspondence

DS will circulate an email from Steve Agar.

16 2016/2017 Meetings

- Saturday 11th March - British Canoeing HQ EIS room downstairs. Lunch provided
- Saturday 20 May - Location to be agreed
- Sat 12 August
- Saturday 28 October evening 17:30 , (not Sunday)
- Saturday 25th November Annual Consultative Meeting
- Sunday 26 November post ACM Meeting

The Chair thanked members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 15:30