



## SLALOM COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 23 March 2021

Via videoconference

**Attendees:** Dave Spencer, Chair; Peter Curry; Deborah Catty; Karen Crowhurst; Dee Lindsay; Martyn Setchell; Andy Grudzinski (AGz); Mark Abbott; Les Ford; Mike Mitchell; Colin Woodgate;

**Apologies:** Richard Ramsdale; Anna Gray (AG); Fraser Glasgow;

### 1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct

### 2. Matters arising

FG and DC to send photos to Nick Penfold for the website.

The position in relation to insurance for events still needs to be clarified. **Action: DS**

### 3. Extreme slalom

BC are currently leading on extreme slalom, and are looking to run a mini series at Lee Valley to get this kicked off. It was noted that any BC extreme slalom events this year were likely to attract prize money but this would not set a precedent for other organisers.

It was agreed that from 2022, the slalom committee needs to be influencing the extreme slalom racing calendar, with organisers encouraged to run races alongside standard events. It was suggested that the Lee Valley series be brought to the attention of race organisers so they could get insight into what would be required.

There was discussion regarding potentially suitable venues, with Cardington, Tees and Cardiff all identified as possibilities. It was noted that the start could be from an eddy.

Practicalities of running races was discussed. It was agreed that a stopwatch may be sufficient for timing, and the equipment requirements were low key to encourage participation. Any boat on the ICF list is considered suitable.

It was noted that at present CW is the only non-paid person on the BC extreme slalom group. It was agreed that CW would continue to feed back.

### 4. Requests to arrange or rearrange slaloms

There was extensive discussion on the approach that should be taken for the remainder of the season in relation to arranging or rearranging ranking events. It was agreed that the

committee had the authority to waive the rule 19.1.5 and agree additions and amendments to the calendar for 2021. The following approach was agreed:

- Current events have priority over late requests
- New requests will be published on the canoe slalom website for 2 weeks before being confirmed by the committee (in order to ensure that all organisers have visibility of new requests). Requests should be sent to the slalom secretary ([slalom.secretary@vol.britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:slalom.secretary@vol.britishcanoeing.org.uk)) who will then arrange for them to be published
- Organisers making late requests will be responsible for securing agreement to the race from other event organisers running events that weekend
- The slalom committee will then confirm if an event has been accepted.

**Action: DC to draft and circulate a statement to this effect.**

It was agreed to amend Scottish div 1 events as follows:

- August 21st/22nd - Grandtully Div 1 Central Squads (relocated from April)
- August 28th/29th - Grandtully Div 1 Forth Canoe Club (relocated from 21/22 August)

#### **5. Event camping facilities:**

It was noted that camping at events was likely to continue to be limited in light of covid restrictions. Organisers need to consider the financial viability of races in light of this.

#### **6. Slalom welfare officer**

It was noted Deborah Catty is currently the committee welfare officer, replacing Hazel Ridge.

#### **7. AOB**

It was noted that a small number of organisers have not submitted the details for their events. It was agreed to chase them up. If however details were not provided by mid-April, they would no longer get priority if requests were made to run events the same weekend.

**Date and time of next meeting:** April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm via zoom