



# BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

## Annual Consultative Meeting

**DATE:** Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016  
**TIME:** Meeting Commenced at 20:15  
**VENUE:** NWSC, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham

### Minutes

#### Attended:

Alan Laws (Chair), Cathy Wynne (Secretary), Louise Clive, Ann Hoile, John Hoile (Regatta Chair), Roland Lawler, Alan Williams (ITM), Michael Bannister, Trevor Kirkham, Margaret Chapman, (SRC members) David Joy (CEO), 3 Regatta Officials, 3 Performance Department personal and sprint club members.

An 'Attendance signature list' was circulated, a total of 29 people signed the sheet, 16 out of a possible 64 sprint clubs had a voting member present.

#### 1. Notification of Absences:

Tom Daniels.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes from the ACM, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015:

The Minutes, copies were on hand at the meeting and available on the website prior to the meeting

The Minutes were approved; proposed by R Lawler, Seconded by J Clive, All agreed.

#### 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes not covered in the meeting.

#### 4. Chairman's Report: (Alan Laws)

- The report had been circulated beforehand. AL spoke about how wonderful it was to see the GB team results from Rio. He thanked everyone who had a part to play in the athlete's success, from grass roots at home and clubs through to the Performance Department.
- Last year's ACM brought up the relationship between clubs and the PD, this year AL had worked between the two parties. The PD had welcomed help to find ways to solve the problems and there is goodwill on both sides.
- David Joy who will speak later, is also working hard to solve the problems that have been highlighted.
- There is a 5yr Development Plan being created by the SRC. with emphasis on increasing the numbers of local sprint events and Regional Regattas. More support from clubs is required for these new regattas to grow.
- AL wanted to give a note of thanks to Cathy Wynne for her hard work, both as Secretary of SRC but also on the Regatta Committee. (He presented her with flowers) CW expressed her thanks.
- One problem at regattas is the computer system, an online entries system is being developed over this Winter. Club and Regional regattas should make a pathway to the National Regattas.
- The costs of facilities at Nottingham are rising rapidly. It is an expensive weekend for all and so the committee will try to keep costs down where they can. National Regattas have run well this year thanks to John Hoile and his Regatta team. Alan also thanked the Committee members and clubs who work hard to develop the athletes.

#### 5. Secretary's Report: (Cathy Wynne)

The report had been circulated beforehand. This was a factual report which gives numbers of meetings and the focus of SRC meetings through the year.

Meetings are mainly out of season now and never more than 4hrs.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report:

##### a) Regatta Committee Treasurer: (Jane Turner)

The RC Treasurer's report had been circulated beforehand. Regatta entry fees had decreased this year and figures are now lower than in 2014. C Wynne explained that this had been a planned decrease due to competitor numbers increasing over recent years to the point where the required races had become more than could fit into the available hours and for the officials' workload. Expenditure has increased mainly due to the facilities costs but not as much as was first thought.



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The figures are not final as this weekend's Regatta wasn't included. IT expenditure is ongoing. Jane will do a comparison year on year. New Officials' Kit had been purchased but there was income from sales as well.

**b) SRC Treasurer: (Michael Bannister)**

The report had been circulated beforehand. It was based on activity ending in October 2015. There are not many transactions. All budgeted expenditures are agreed at the start of the year. There had been some areas where expenditure was less than budgeted for. The planned improvements to the IT system and costs of the centre next year would eat into the reserves.

**7. International Team Manager's Report: (Alan Williams)**

The presentation had been circulated beforehand. It highlighted the events for various teams throughout the year. The highlight was Liam Heath's medal at Rio. GB Canoeing ranked 4<sup>th</sup> on the Canoe medal table. Liam and Jonny had worked hard and it worked for them at Rio.

2016 was an exceptionally good year. Alan also spoke about the successes at the World University Games, Juniors and U23's European and World Championships event. He thanked the coaches who had been working with the teams.

**8. Election of Chairman**

J Hoile (Vice Chair) took over from AL for this item and was thanked for his work this year.

JH informed members that there had only been one nomination and that was Alan Laws. All present were in favour. A Law was voted as Chairperson for 2016/17

**9. Election of Committee Members:**

There were only the existing 5 members nominated for 5 places on the committee.

Michael Bannister, Margaret Chapman, Ann Hoile, Trevor Kirkham and Roland Lawler were voted back onto the committee.

**10. Announcement of Annual Sprint Awards:**

The winners of this year's awards were announced and the majority of prizes would be presented during a pause in the racing tomorrow. The full list of winners would be added to the website.

**11 BC and Canoe Sprint, moving forward – David Joy.**

- David Joy spoke to the meeting about how he is continually learning. He thanked the SRC and all who work in sprint canoeing at all levels. He has attended the Regattas most months this year and is amazed by the organisation and quality of the events. He spoke about the team around the athletes taking part at Rio, again from home and clubs onwards.
- The Board is mostly elected but it is the SRC and various committees that run sprinting, not the Board. The Board look after the strategy, which is being developed now. It should be finalised in December. From 2017-2021 there will be 11 'ambitions' to be worked on. He stressed that it is all about working together. He further explained the different aims: membership, participation, facilities, access etc., are some of the areas.
- The Senior Team are moving to a new base at Nottingham by 2017. This may give more leverage to the future of sprint at HPP.
- It is important to start considering raising our own income instead of only relying on grants.
- BC staff roles have been adjusted to increase their effectiveness.
- The coaching awards are being reviewed.

**11 BC and Canoe Sprint, moving forward – David Joy Cont'd**

- Chairs of discipline committees have worked with David Joy to look at improving future development of our sport. The structure of the discipline committees will also be looked at.
- Creating one website is an aim instead of all the various ones that are currently used.

**12. Chairman's Closing remarks:**

The Chairman thanked David Joy for his interesting presentation and everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at **21. 15**