

BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Saturday 14th October 2017

TIME: 13.20

**VENUE: Council Chamber
Bishop Stortford Town Council
The Old Monastery, Windhill,
Bishop Stortford, CM23 2ND**



Attended by

Committee members: Alan Laws (AL), Cathy Wynne (CW), Imogen Collins (IC), John Hoile (JH), Margaret Chapman (MC), Nicole Williams (NW), Phil Caisley (PC), Roland Lawler (RL).

Visitors: Anna Gray (AG) British Canoeing

Item No:

Minutes

- 1 **Apologies:** Michael Bannister (MB), Louise Clive (LC), Paul Dimmock (PD), Ann Hoile (AH) & Jim Rossiter (JR), SE Regional Sprint Rep.
- 2 **Declaration of Interests:**
9 Members returned their annual D of I form for the Chairman's signature.
- 3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for: 2nd September 2017**
Approved minutes as circulated: Proposed by JH, seconded by RL:
- 4 **Matters arising, 2nd Sept and 9th July Minutes not on the agenda:**
9/7-4 Update on Schools project – held over to November meeting
9/7-4 Term of Reference – held over to meeting early 2018.
- 5 **Agree Draft 2017 Annual Consultative Meeting Minutes:**
Agreed in the main, with an additional comment to be added to Item 16:
Action: PC to provide additional wording to CW.
- 6 **Matters arising from the ACM minutes not covered in the agenda:**
6 a) Question raised regarding SRC grant to RC in 2015/16 accounts. With neither Treasurers available this meeting, held over to the next meeting.
- 7 **Committee roles, posts and representatives' appointments:**
 - a) Suggested roles/posts circulated prior to the meeting, all agreed for those members present.
 - b) Outstanding positions include Safeguarding Rep and Event Safety plus ideas for any new roles to be consider at the next meeting.
 - c) Responsibilities of the Event Safety Officer where queried, SRC wish to have the criteria clarified before any SRC appointment is made. **Action:** AG to check British Canoeing's Committee Event Safety Officer responsibilities
- 8 **Chairman's report: AL**
 - 1) Chairman recently attended an IP meeting, following which an early draft of the Canoe Sprint 2018 Selection Policy was circulated to the SRC just prior to meeting. AL requested members to address their comments on the sprint policy direct to the IP. **Action: All**

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- 2) South Cerney: Having attended a very positive meeting with South Cerney Trustees and BC staff. AL was pleased that a canoe training group are already using the lake, with portable facilities (toilets etc) planned to come on site once earth works completed. Further use (Regional Regattas) and long-term development is planned for the site.
- 3) With the Head Coach planning emphasis on crew boat racing, it would be prudent to review the current SRC K4 fleet.
Referring to comments and responses on LC report of the September Discipline Chairman's meeting, (circulated to SRC in September). AL asked members to forward their ideas or suggestion on Item 2, Olympic Overview to CW by end of November. **Action: All**

9 2017 ACM Issues to follow up:

A summary of the issues raised at the ACM had been circulated prior to the meeting for members to consider, after discussion it was agreed: -

- A) & B) Under 12 events & inclusion in National Championships: **Action:** Regatta Committee (RC) to prepare a detailed proposal for the next SRC meeting
- C) 5km races: **Action:** RC when practicable to consider including 5km events.
- D) MacGregor Paddle: **Action:** RC to prepare revised draft rules for Nov.
- E) Team Leaders Meeting: **Action:** Regatta Committee to confirm time.
- F) Womens classes standard race times: After much discussion, decision held over for enquires to be made for an alternative promotion method.
Action: JH, to make enquires at PD meeting 20th Nov & report back to SRC
- G) Demotions: Agreed, to trial a system, involving Club Team Leaders/coaches in the demoting of paddlers flagged in the 'Demotion zone' via the Paddler Database. **Action:** PC to work up requirements for Paddle Database system
- H) Remove Womens Masters except for at National Champs: Maintain status quo
- I) Terms of Reference: The already established SRC sub group will prepare a provisional draft, early in 2018 for SRC to consider.
- J) Womens Masters Discrimination: Covered with (F) Womens Standards.
- K) Penalty Points: **Action:** Referred to the RC working group already set up to review and update the Handbook national regatta rules/conditions text.
- L) MacGregor Paddle inclusivity: **Action:** RC to clarify info where possible
- M) Appeal Costs: Maintain status quo.
- N) The SRC confirmed that Seniors & Juniors cannot take part in Masters events.
- O) Transparency: Agreed, to publish precis and/or minutes of meetings speedily.

10 SRC Perpetual Trophies – Award, Best Performance at National Championship Regatta: CW

- a) After careful consideration of the September regatta results, the 5 Best Performance trophies were awarded. **Action:** CW to notify winning athletes and publish an announcement of the 5 awards on the SRC website
- b) Trophies to be presented at the first event of the year, Profiling 3rd March.
- c) Presentation of Perpetual Trophies: A proposal to discontinue presenting trophies during the national regattas and move to presenting awards at an end of season social event was discussed. **Action:** NW to investigate option

Note: T of R (ACM): Currently, the ACM date is fixed as the last national regatta of the season. Propose, when the SRC's T of R's are formed, to consider moving the ACM to the same day as the social event, say October Profiling weekend. **Actions:** MC & CW

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- 11 **National Regatta Report: JH**
No questions raised on the report circulated prior to the meeting; JH asked the SRC for ideas to thank officials. **Action:** AG & JH
- a) **IT – continuing planned improvements: PC**
The development of the online entry system & the live results service has progressed well, request we continue further development of both. Agreed
Also explained the long-term plan for an independent Finishing System.
- b) **Regatta Committee Draft Budget: LC**
The regattas' income covered the costs, primarily due to a few volunteers, temporarily taking on more of the workload. Agreed, future budgets to allow a cost for specialists to strengthen expertise in some areas. **Action:** LC/JH
- c) **MacGregor Paddle Competition – changes to the format: CW**
A paper outlining 2 different emphasis, for the MacGregor competition was discussed. Agreed to continue as now with a participation competition for the national racing standard classes, with revised rules.
- d) **AH report:** circulated prior to the meeting as AH unable to attend.
i) Included questions to the SRC on outline ideas for next year's open U12 racing, for comments to feedback to RC meeting next week. **Action JH**
ii) AH Commented on the 'new' Level 2 Coaching courses and the selection process of Flatwater Tutors candidates submitted to BC for interview. MC commented SCA is also progressing with their selection for Flatwater Tutors and that she is a candidate.
- 12 **South Cerney Lakes Development – see Chairmen's report**
- 13 **Treasurer's report:** MB report circulated prior to the meeting.
As MB is unable to attend the meeting, AL will try to answer any questions.
- a) **2017/18 Budget Planning:**
Amounts added to next year's budget for:
i) Further development; On-line entry system and the Results Service.
ii) Start of a rolling programme for K4's replacements
iii) Support of Non-Olympic athletes and/or events
iv) Promotion of Regional Regattas & London Sprint regatta
v) South Cerney Lakes support for sprint development
Amounts added for our long-term budgets, 2018/19 & 2020
i) Ownership of a comprehensive independent Event Finishing system.
ii) South Cerney ongoing development – regional regattas
iii) Live streaming for national regattas
iv) Continue with rolling programme for K4 replacements
- b) **Draft for End of Year (2016-17) Accounts:**
All as expected; the final figures will include funds taken from our reserves.
- 14 **Development Plan:**
a) Members areas of overview/reporting to be considered at the next meeting.
b) AG commented that Guin Batten who has recently jointed BC would like to attend our next meeting to better understand our Development Plan priorities
- 15 **Next meetings:** Date 26th November 2017, Time: 11.00 Venue: BSTC - TBC
Meeting closed 17.15