



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE



Minutes Precis

DATE: Saturday 26th November 2017

TIME: 10.30am

VENUE: Lee Valley White Water Centre.

Attended:

Committee: Alan Laws (AL), Chair, Cathy Wynne (CW) Secretary, Louise Clive (LC), Roland Lawler (RL), Ann Hoile (AH), John Hoile (H) Regatta Chair, Margaret Chapman (MC), Michael Bannister (MB) Treasurer, Phil Caisley (PC), Paul Dimmock (PD).

Visitors: Justine Wilmott (JW), Team Manager PD, Guin Batten (GB) BC.

Apologies: Nicole Williams (NW) and Imogen Collins (IC), Anna Grey (AG) BC.

Minutes of 14/10/17 meeting: were approved.

Matters Arising from Minutes

Terms of Reference: Held over to Jan 2018 meeting

Outstanding Trophy presentations: date is to be re-scheduled, as the original date is not now suitable.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the meetings he had attended since the last SRC meeting of 14th October.

These included the English Council, Three meetings of the Independent Panel [re the selection policy of GB Teams], World Class Management Committee

The Amended Draft ACM 2017 Minutes were agreed

Regatta 2015/16 Accounts.

The item raised at the ACM over the Regatta a/c's was resolved with agreement between the Regatta Treasurer, the SRC Treasurer and the BC office.

Guin Batten.

Guin introduced herself as Head of Strategy and Development having taken over from Suzy Hornby who recently retired. She spoke of her background in rowing, slalom and with the BOA. She won a rowing silver medal in Sydney and rowed across the North Atlantic in 2016 and completed the D/W race. Later worked with Sport England and the Youth Sport Trust and Head of Performance, she has worked with schools and in talent pathways with a lot of developmental experience.

She wants to understand the challenges the committee face. She acknowledged that funding is a massive challenge. Her interest is around competition development and working with Justine Wilmot to pilot the talent club partnerships.

BC Board Nomination

The SRC agreed to nominate Greg Smale who is a current Board member. Noted that the Slalom Committee also supported him.

Venues for SRC meetings.

It was agreed that Lee Valley and Bishop Stortford were both agreeable to most. Consideration would be given to other venues if found to be more suitable.

Outstanding Committee roles, posts and appointments

Outstanding roles were discussed: -
the issues surrounding the Event Safety Officer still not resolved.
Committee Welfare/ Safeguarding Representative – outstanding
Liaison for Non-Olympic event athletes- PD agreed

Development Plan – Responsibilities & appointments

Points of Contact for areas in DP:

- Increase number of Volunteers – A H
- Terms of Reference – M C/ CW
- The role of the SRC - T of R – M C/ CW
- Payment for volunteer coaches – Dependant on introduction of levy system.
- L2 flatwater coaching award – A H
- Club Coach liaison with PD – A L
- Communication / Publicity – L C

Development Plan – Priorities

The first priority was agreed to be the update and improvement of the IT systems used to run the national regattas. The project cannot be completed in just one year and will take several years to complete.

Second priority – increased club / regional regattas so progression can be brought in. A workshop will be set up to inform clubs about how to run a regatta, Q&A session etc.

Other areas to be prioritised and progress were identified.

Justine Wilmott introduction and PD update

Justine has been appointed GB Sprint Team Manager. She reported that the emphasis this year is on crew boats. 80% of Olympic teams come from crew boats who then move into K1's.

The selection policy is under consultation but will be final by the end of the year.

PD are donating a K4 to SRC with an ex squad K2 being donated for the National club medal prize.

Collaboration between clubs / committees / BC and PD is seen to be much improved.

Work still needs to be done on reducing the drop out levels among athletes

National Regatta Report – JH

The information in the handbook have been reviewed.

A medal table for National Champs is being introduced to recognise the clubs who have the medal winning paddlers. A K2 will be the prize.

Race fees will be kept at £7 per seat for 2018.

Regatta Committee End of Year Figures - LC

This report was actual end of year. A small profit was recorded for the year.

The accounts for the year are being audited by BC.

Regatta Committee recommendations from ACM discussions AM / JH

AH is to finalise the rules that will apply for the U12's noting that this will be from the May regatta and not April.

Team Leaders meeting will continue to be held on Saturday mornings.

The wording of rules / penalty points etc have been made clearer.

Demotion system: This is under development.

National Regatta Titles / Focus

April – Major team selection for crew boats.

May – Masters National Championship. First to include U12's races.

June – 'Band Together'. Races organised in banded groups as the Standards of Racing chart in the yearbook.

July – Macgregor Inter-Club Regatta.

September – Inter-Services, Senior, U23, Junior & Para National

Championships Regatta. This weekend will be a large BC event again, with Polo, Freestyle & White-water events also on site over the weekend.

Draft Event Schedules for 2018 Regattas

Each schedule, as listed above was gone through and minor changes made. Requests had been considered for both Olympic and non Olympic races.

Adjustment of Womens Standards: Still under development.

Update to rules, T&C, Penalty Points raised at the ACM

A separate sub-group of regatta officials have looked at all the points raised. Their report recommendations will be included in the updated handbook.

ITO's 2018 Nominations

A chart with events and ITO's who were eligible / available was agreed.

Treasurers Report - MB

Report had been circulated. 2017 accounts made a deficit in the Reserves

SRC Budget 2018 – MB / AL

The report had been circulated. It was discussed and questions answered.

The whole budget could not be completed as support from BC central was at present unknown.

Date of Next Meeting

Sunday 21st January at Lee Valley (tbc)

Meeting closed @ 16.45