



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

SPRINT RACING ANNUAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING

DATE: Saturday 13th October 2018

TIME: Meeting Commenced at 15:10

VENUE: Wey Kayak Club, Guildford, GU1 1LW

Minutes

Attended:

SRC: Alan Laws (Chair), Cathy Wynne (Secretary), Ann Hoile, John Hoile (Regatta Chair), Louise Clive (Regatta Treasurer), Roland Lawler, Michael Bannister (SRC Treasurer), Philip Caisley. Paul Dimmock
BC: Anna Gray, Justine Willmott, Rene Olsen

An 'Attendance signature list' was circulated by the Secretary. In total 26 people signed in. 12 out of a possible 55 sprint clubs had a voting representative present.

A presentation was made to Ann Hoile as she is leaving the SRC after 12 years on the committee and to Cathy Wynne for her ongoing work both for the committee and as Chief Official at the Regattas. Anna Gray's work for the committee was also recognised.

1. Notification of Absence:

David Joy, Craig Hill.

2. Approval of Minutes from the ACM, 2nd September 2017:

The Minutes had been made available on the SRC website

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by W. Dodson and seconded by J. Hoile, all agreed.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Chairman's Report (Alan Laws)

The report had been available on the website, Alan had no further comments to make other than to: Thank all volunteers including behind the scenes people. He also thanked BC staff in the offices and club coaches for their support. Alan also asked that people speak to the committee if they had concerns or ideas as we need everyone's feedback

5. Election of Chairman

J Hoile took over from AL for this item and thanked Alan for his work this year.

JH informed the meeting that there had only been one nomination and that was Alan Laws.

All present were in favour. Alan Laws was voted as Chairman for 2018-19.

6. Election of Committee Members:

There were 4 nominations for 5 places on the committee.

Michael Bannister, Margaret Chapman, Roland Lawler and Ed McKeever were elected onto the committee.

7. Treasurer's Report:

a) SRC Treasurer: (Michael Bannister)

The report, to Oct 2017, had been circulated via the website beforehand.

Last year the SRC set a budget with a deficit of £14,000, due to the BC grant being cut from £13,000 to £2,000. A knock-on effect was that SRC did not give a grant to the Regatta Committee for the year. Plus, some expenditures planned did not go ahead within this financial year.

This resulted in a far smaller deficit at the end of year. Reserves now stand at £91, 988.39.

There were no questions on the accounts for 2017.



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MB also spoke about the budget for 2018. Projected expenditure of £43,000 was included with large projects for IT live results and draws and K4 replacements. The site at South Cerney is being developed as a possible regatta venue and SRC are committed to help financially.

As far as possible the SRC are also committed to helping non-funded athletes selected to compete for GB Teams in International events.

BC are expecting the SRC to use their own reserves on some of these projects. The SRC projected 3 year budget shows that without any BC support the reserves will be totally used up and a possible shortfall of £75,000 to complete on all projects. The committee have agreed that Reserves are intended for single expense items and not those recurring annually. SRC have presented BC with a budget and supporting arguments for central support for the projects laid out in the Development Plan.

In 2018 the grant from BC was £10,000, this was £2,000 for 'admin' plus a total of £8,000, with an estimated £4000 to help with the non-funded athletes to compete internationally and £4,000 for the RC towards the cost of the Start Gates. On the understanding that if more was required to support the Athletes, this would reduce the amount to the Regatta Committee for the Gates. With £5,700 being paid to support GB Team Athletes who did not receive any assistance from elsewhere. The remainder (aprox £2000) was granted to the Regatta Committee to decrease their deficit for 2018.

Questions were asked about the difference between what is paid by SRC or by the RC. Also, would the amounts not spent be carried over to next year? It was made clear that many of the amounts were deferred, not saved.

b) **Regatta Committee Treasurer: (Louise Clive)**

The reports had been circulated beforehand and had been audited by BC.

The accounts for 2017 were explained. No grant was received from SRC for the year. Nearly £29,000 was paid to Serco to use Nottingham facilities. The IT is being supported and updated which is an ongoing cost. The regatta budget finished with a small profit of £1009.

A few questions were asked and answered, including the cost of start gates and what SRC helps with. Who owns the boats etc.

There was concern that it is costing £29,000+ to use HPP for 5 weekends a year and there seem to be continual problems in certain areas at each regatta. Members questioned exactly what was being hired and any extra services and what areas had exclusive use, which open to the public. C Wynne explained the breakdown of a lot of the costs have to be agreed. No further savings can be made there and there's a fear that the cost will rise even further before long.

Dorney is not an option due to its hire costs. The development at South Cerney is hoped to be able to give an alternative for the future. Kevin Bowerbank explained the development, the stage it's at and hopeful plans for it. SRC have already committed £5,000, probably for a welfare building. The site could be used for 360 days per year and the Trust who own the land are very supportive so far but it is very early days yet. BC are backing the development.

2018 accounts were spoken about, they were close to becoming final. It's looking as if it will be better than originally expected, in part the support coming from SRC and due to the merchandise being sold this year which has proved successful and will be continued and expanded next year. The budget would be in deficit with reserves having to be used but hopefully not a massive amount.

However, looking ahead to setting a budget for 2019 with realistic figures following the trends of recent years. Some regattas have had a lot lower attendance and so this has been taken into account. IT investment is still a large expense for RC but is a necessary one with live draws and support. Again, it has been assumed there will be no or little support from SRC and until it is known otherwise, the RC has budgeted for paying all of the £8000 cost for the start gates. It is projected that next year there will be a deficit of around £12,000 which will mean that the reserves, currently



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around £44,000, could be used up within the next few years unless there is extra income or SRC have the funding to support the RC.

A discussion took place about any changes that might be made, ways to increase income etc and problems that had to be overcome at the regattas.

A question was asked about the London regatta. It did not take place this year due to a clash of dates and the lack of attendance/support from some clubs and enough people to run it.

Clubs voted to accept both sets of 2016/7 accounts.

8. Regatta Committee Report: (John Hoile)

JH thanked the volunteers who work long days at regattas and also the Regatta Committee who do so much work behind the scenes. He spoke of all the jobs that need to be filled to run a regatta weekend. Some are specialist, but others are very general. More volunteers are needed each year. There is about to be a review of the 2018 regattas and JH with CW will be meeting with Serco and BC to plan 2019.

Under 12 racing was tried out and is growing each regatta, so it will be continued for another year before any further changes are considered.

The Band Together was trialled and was less formal, it was hoped that more clubs would see that there are lots of ways to run a regatta and consider holding their own club or regional one. The format of Band Together had many favourable but also a few negative comments.

Long distance racing was included in this weekend.

Awarding points to officials toward the MacGregor paddle was also trialled (with mixed responses).

Demotions will be reviewed for next year.

IT is improving but still in its development.

Merchandise has been a success and will be further developed next year to increase income.

The new Sprint Competition Review Group was asked about and Alison Nightingale (Co-Chair) explained a basic timeline of the group and its basic remit. They have yet to have their 1st meeting which is due next month. Consultation and communication will be a priority when objectives are narrowed down. Previous data is being looked at in order to assist the group.

9. Performance – Canoe Sprint: (Justine Wilmot / Rene Olsen)

Justine presented her report which had been on the website. The whole programme has been restructured. There have been eleven new appointments in staff. A few well known staff had also left BC this year. She wanted to congratulate every athlete who had represented GB this year and noted the fact that if it wasn't for SRC financial support a number of athletes wouldn't have been able to compete. There were successes in both Sprint squads and the Para squads. The results for some others were disappointing, the crew boat strategy was new and would be further developed. The draft 2019 selection policy changes were being consulted on now. The Tokyo qualifying system has finally been announced by the ICF. The National Regatta conditions have been particularly favourable this year and she thanked the Regatta Committee for their help, especially with the extra regatta for selections.

There was a culture health-check last year and BC are trying to be more transparent and communicate etc. Mental health is important, and BC are giving this a high priority.

A question was raised, whether multi-discipline is being looked at as other countries seem to do more than GB.

Rene Olsen spoke about the crew boat strategy and the development of the K4's. This year the Starts and the 1st section of the race was good, but the overall performance wasn't as hoped. Work required on other parts of the race plan is ongoing in order to complete all phases of a race.



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10 **Sprint Competition Review – Innovations piloted in 2018**

A discussion took place of ideas that could be considered for next year, including mixed crew boats and different race groupings such as in the Band Together weekend. The majority were in favour for one regatta of the year.

Volunteer points being included in the MacGregor Paddle was also commented on. Some felt that it should be a separate competition to the one on the water. Other offered other ideas.

The racing standards were considered by some to be unfair in a couple of areas, this was already being considered by the SRC and RC following a proposal put forward at the 2017 ACM.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution to the discussions and the feedback of ideas and comments for the committee to consider.

The official business of the meeting closed at 4.40pm

The 2018 Trophy Presentations would start after a short break at 5.00 with an introduction by Richard Ward followed by keynote speakers Ivan Lawler and Tim Lodge, with the trophy presentations being made in between the talks.

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Trophy Presentations following the ACM 13th October 2018

| Trophy Name | Event | 2018 Winners | Clubs | Presented By |
|--|--|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| The Sam Rippington Trophy | Womens, C1 200m at National Championships | Chloe Bracewell | Independent | Ivan Lawler |
| The Unwin Bowl | Mens A K1 500m at National Championships | Tom Lusty | Solihull | Ivan Lawler |
| The Boulogne Cup | Womens A K4 500m at National Championships | Hannah Brown | Wiltshire Youth | David Green |
| | | Emily Lewis | Worcester | |
| | | Emma Russell * | Chelmsford | |
| | | Amy Turner* | Banbury | |
| The James Cup | Masters National Championships winning K4 | James Butler * | Nottingham | David Green |
| | | Nicky Cresser | Nottingham | |
| | | Matthew Enoch* | Nottingham | |
| | | Nigel Jones* | Nottingham | |
| The Sidney Rowe Cup | Mens C1 1,000m at National Championships | Nerijus Budrikis | Worcester | Rene Olsen |
| The Farnham Cup | Mens A, K1 1,000m at National Championships | Tom Lusty | Solihull | Rene Olsen |
| The Phillips Plate | Under 18 Girl, K1 200m at National Championships | Enya Dale | Falcon Oxford | Liam Heath |
| The Rhodes Trophy | Under 18 Boy, K1 500m at National Championships | Philip Miles | Royal Leamington Spa | Liam Heath |
| The Barry Murray Trophy | Under 18 Boy, K1 1,000m at National Championships | Philip Miles | Royal Leamington Spa | Justine Willmott |
| The Marsport Trophy | Mini Sprint Series, Top Scoring Club | Wiltshire Youth Canoe Club | | Liam Heath |
| The MacGregor Paddle | Inter Club Challenge July Regatta | Norwich Canoe Club | | Ivan Lawler |
| The Dexter Trophy | Best Performance, Mens B at National Championships | Nicky Cresser | Nottingham | Tim Lodge |
| The Adjutants Cup | Best Performance Junior Boy C1 at National Championships, | Thomas Lambert | Lee Valley | Tim Lodge |
| The Skinner Salver | Best Performance, Junior Girl aC1 t the National Championships - awarded jointly in 2018 | Alix Aitchison and Charlotte Carey | Independent | Tim Lodge |
| Prize, a K2 donated by the Performance Dept. | National Regattas Inter-Club Medal Competition | Norwich Canoe Club | Independent | Rene Olsen |

*Denotes was not present.

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Trophies not presented at ACM 13.10.18

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| Ken and Eileen Phillips Memorial Trophy | Mens A, K1 200m at National Championships | Lewis Fletcher | Linlithgow |
| The Bruce Lucas Cup | Womens A, K1 500m at National Championships | Rachel Cawthorn | Wey |
| The Lendenkamp Trophy | Womens A, K1 200m at National Championships | Rachel Cawthorn | Wey |
| The Doug Saxby Memorial Trophy | Mens, C1 500m at National Championships | George Caines | Nottingham |
| The Dewar Cup | Mens, C1 200m at National Championships | Iain Weir | Banbury |
| The Lee and Joan Davies Trophy | Best Performance, Womens B at National Championships | Melissa Johnson | Chelmsford |
| The Femina Trophy | Womens A, Meritorious Performance at National Championships | Rachel Cawthorn | Wey |
| The Henry Thelen | Under 18 Boy, K1 200m at National Championships | Ben Gallacher | Forth |
| The Dennis Smith Trophy | Under 18 Girl, K1 500m at National Championships | Emma Russell * | Chelmsford |
| The Jones Cup | Junior Racing Canoeist of the Year Voted for by The Junior GB Team Athletes | Emma Russell * | Chelmsford |