



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Sunday 2nd February 2020
TIME: 13.00
VENUE: Meeting Room
British Canoeing Offices
Lee Valley White Water Centre

Attending:

Committee members: Alan Laws [AL] (Chair), Cathy Wynne [CW], David Lawrence [DL], Imogen Collins [IC], Ian Wynne [IW], Louise Clive [LC], Margaret Chapman [MC], Roland Lawler [RL], Mally Johnson [MJ], Kevin Hipkins [KH] and Margaret Chapman via conference call
Visitors: #1Anna Gray [AG] (BC), #2Holly Fairclough [HF] (PD), Jim Rossiter [JR] Vice President

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Minutes

- 1 **Apologies:** SRC Member, Paul Dimmock [PD]
 - 2 **Declaration of Interests:** A further 4 of the annual updated forms were completed and signed off. **Action: PD +IC +DL**
 - 3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for 8th December 2019:**
The version 2 of the Minutes circulated on 31st Jan with item 16 . 3 the amended wording was read and proposed as correct. **Agreed:**
 - 4 **Matters arising from SRC 8th Dec 19 Minutes not on the agenda:**
- Item 7 b) Review of the new processes implemented for the 2019 ACM – Held over
- Item 11 **Review of T of Ref wording:** The amendments agreed by the committee in December have been approved on behalf of the Board, in time for the updated version to be included in the 2020 Canoe Sprint & Marathon Handbook. **Action: CW**
- Item 15 **Selection Policy & Process for Non-Olympic World Championship:**
- The Non-Olympic World Championships selection process was added to the 2020 Senior Selection Policy before publication.
 - The SRC funding grant from BC for this event is still open for discussion until the likely size of the team becomes clearer at the March regatta.
 - The Performance Dept. will be providing limited personnel support for this event with the SRC also providing some team staff.
- 5 **Agree Draft Minutes 2019 Annual Consultative Meeting:**
No amendments or additions were suggested for the draft ACM minutes as circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed the draft minutes be posted on the website for clubs' comments before the minutes are presented for approval at the 2020 ACM. **Agreed: Action: CW**
 - 6 **Any other Matters arising from ACM Draft Minutes not on the agenda: None**



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7 ACM 2020 Arrangements:

- a) Following LC contact with clubs who had offered to host the Sprint Racing ACM, the SRC after considering the possible dates, travel and size of the venue; it was proposed that the 2020 be held at Royal Canoe Club on Saturday 17th October in the afternoon following the Royal Paddling Challenge. **Agreed:**
- b) DL will liaise with Royal Canoe Club and lead the SRC arrangements for the Award Presentations, speakers and meal. LC will assist with the SRC formal invitations and John Hoile with the Trophies. **Action: DL (plus LC+JH)**
- c) LC to send the SRC thanks to the other potential 2020 hosts. **Action: LC**
- d) As the ACM date is not in the Handbook flatwater calendar, publication of the date will be via social media, website and regatta programmes. **Action: MJ + CW**
- e) LC suggested she put a call out for ACM 2021 hosts soon **Agreed: Action: LC**

8 Committee roles, posts and representatives' appointments':

A summary of the various SRC roles and responsibilities agreed at the last meeting was circulated and confirmed correct. Further assignments were made during the meeting: -

- a) ACM preparations: See Item 7 b)
- b) SRC Coaching courses funding support: See item 11 a)
- c) Local/Regional regattas promotion scheme: See item 13 - R2

#1AG joined the meeting

- 9 Chairman's report:** AL had nothing to add to his reports emailed prior to the meeting other than to answer questions on the progress at the Cotswold Lakes. The Welfare Unit the SRC agreed to fund will be required in the future once the hard-standing area is in place. There are plans to hold a local small sprint event this year. A meeting with the trustees is to be arranged **Action: AL+DL**

10 Treasurer's Report & Budget Update:

The Treasurer's report for the SRC and Regatta Committee's was circulated before the meeting although at this time of year there is little movement of funds in either account. The notification of the change of Treasurer and payment authorisation for the SRC bank account is outstanding. **Action: M. Bannister +LC**

The British Canoeing annual grant to the SRC is currently on hold until more information is known regarding the team funding for the ICF Non-Olympic Canoe Sprint World Championships. **Action: AL + S Hicks**

11 Process for Funding Support for the Coaching Courses:

- a) After the December meeting, IC excepted the role of SRC liaison and lead officer for the SRC funding of coaching courses.
- b) IC gave a brief outline of possible changes for the SRC to continue its support. The SRC agreed to review the current process which has been running for the last 2 years. IC, after consulting with Scott Hynds (MRC) and BC coaching representatives will present a revised proposal for the SRC to consider at the April meeting. **Action: IC**
- c) The SRC has received 1 application for support under the current system. As the course had taken place, it was proposed this application be paid assuming the SRC grant will continue to include funding for this project. **Agreed: Action: LC+CW**



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- d) **Further agreed**, the MRC to be informed there will be a hold on any further courses being supported by the SRC until after the SRC has completed its review. **Action: AL**
- 12 **Sprint Competition Review Group report - SRC position on some of recommendation**
With reference to AG summary of the results from the consultation survey conducted after the ACM. The SRC discussed and came to a consensus on some of the recommendations questioned during the on line consultation, they were:-
- R1 **Reduction of national regattas to 3 or 4** - Support a move toward 4 regattas
- R3 **National Regattas moving to 3 or 4 day events** – Support a move towards holding one 3 day event per year (possibly over a Bank holiday weekend).
- R6 **Progression as ICF (heats, semi & finals)** – Support a move towards this system for age group only events.
- R7 & 8 **Staying at Nottingham and improvement at HPP** – Currently there isn't a viable or comparable alternative to HPP. The Regatta Committee are continually pressing for improvements at HPP; the response is minimal.
- 13 **SRC actions taken to implement items recommended in the Sprint Competition Review Group Report and supported via the on-line consultation:**
- R9 **More crew boat opportunities:** - Apart from the March regatta, more crew boat events have been added to this year's schedules (including more mixed crew events) with single events reduced: The Regatta Committee will be monitoring the uptake of the extra crew boat events and the feedback over the season. **Action: R C'tee**
- R2 **More local and regional regattas:** AL's and PD's reports circulated prior to the meeting For many years the SRC have encouraged clubs to hold local sprint events but the number of local events remain small, mainly in or around London/South East and Essex. There was much discussion over how to achieve the aim to have sprint events in all regions. This included the ideas tabled by AL or PD around what support the SRC could put forward. Possibly with financial assistance and to develop an event format with clear objectives and incentives for clubs to engage with, whether running an event or competing locally. A proposal was made for a sub-committee of AL+PD+RL to work up a local sprint event format to include all regions. **Agreed: Action: AL + PD+ RL**
- 14 **Event presentation – making more of an Event alongside the competitions:**
- R4 The review report suggested a separate Event group be formed alongside the Regatta Committee to concentrate on 'Event' presentation. For this, volunteers will need to be found who have the specialist skills to help with presentations, add social activities and promote social media interest in the regattas. Finding the volunteers and growing the 'event presentation' will be a long-term objective for the SRC. **Action: SRC**
- a) However, in the very short-term, with BC staff being available to help for the first 2 regattas, gives us the opportunity to trial several ways to enhancing the regattas' social engagement and social media presence. In addition, MJ hopes to engage those at HPP to support the selection events and medal presentation with sport presentation style commentating, including interviews of competitors and supporters. Additional Volunteers will need to be found to support this. In addition, MJ proposes trialling videoing with streaming via You Tube/Facebook etc. the selection races. This project will add an increase to the planned expenditure of the Regatta Budget. **Agreed: Action: MJ + CW + R C'tee +R Stacey Chapman-BC**



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- b) The SRC supported the idea to build on the trial videoing at the March/April Regatta to investigate the options and consider a draft Financial Plan for the future introduction of live streaming at National Regattas. **Action: MJ**

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Meeting for the Sprint Community to be consulted on the Review Group's report.
A request was made to the SRC at the Sprint Racing's Annual Consultation Meeting for a meeting when the sprint community could have the opportunity to discuss the Sprint Competition Review Group's recommendations. British Canoeing agreed to the SRC holding a workshop open to all sprint racing clubs to attend, led by IW on behalf of the SRC in the afternoon following the BC AGM on the 14th March. **Action: IW**

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Handbook Update & Distribution:

A report from CW circulated prior to the meeting with update information on the increased income from adverts in the handbook, printer costs and the distribution to date. Further Handbooks can be ordered from CW. **Action: CW**

#2 HF joined the meeting

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National Regattas' Chair' report: circulated prior to the meeting.

Generally the feedback arising from the planned changes for the coming season have been favourably received, although there is some dissatisfaction for the SRC to note : -

- a) The original proposers for changing the Women's Standard times are disappointed the times being trialled this year do not completely achieve their objective.
- b) SCA have expressed disappointment the Junior Championships are not in September.
- c) Some Scottish clubs requested the Under 12's age group be added in the Junior National Championships. - The Under 12's were included as part of the 2-year trial of the U12's sprint boat class; this class is not continuing in that format now the trials are concluded. MC supported this request from the Scottish clubs and asked the SRC to reconsider and add the U12's to this year's Junior Championships. The SRC did not agree with MC request.
- d) The repairs to the boat weighting scales are progressing well, the likely costs may be less than first expected.
- e) The Regatta Committee wishes to formally record their appreciation to the Performance Dept for the Plastex K4 which has been donated to the SRC for use at the Regattas. **Action: CW**

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Development Plan – Link shared

Members confirmed the link to the shared 2019 Development plan is now working. Some areas for 2019 require updated. The SRC can then start to document the SRC strategy for the next 5 years, including some of the recommendations from the Sprint Competition Review Group's report, the High-Performance Strategy 2020-25 Plan and principles from the BC upcoming 2020-25 Strategy Plan. **Action: All SRC**

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Good Governance: DL – held over to next meeting

Action: DL

Next Meeting: Saturday 4th April

Venue: Reading Canoe Club

Action: IC

Time: mid/late afternoon, time to be confirmed.

Action: CW + AL

Meeting finished at: 16 05