



## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**TIME:** 18.05

**VENUE:** on-line meeting

### Attending:

Committee members: Alan Laws [AL] (Chair), Cathy Wynne [CW], David Lawrence [DL], Imogen Collins [IC], #3Ian Wynne [IW], Louise Clive [LC], Margaret Chapman [MC], Paul Dimmock [PD], #1Roland Lawler [RL]. #2Mally Johnson [MJ], Kevin Hipkins [KH]

Visitors Anna Gray [AG] (BC), #4David Joy [DJ] (CEO), #5Paul Ratcliffe [PR] (WC)

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1 **Apologies:** None

2 **Declaration of Interests:** No declarations of interest where made. There are still annual forms outstanding. **Action: CW+DL+IC**

3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for 10<sup>th</sup> + 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020**  
AL proposed the minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, are an accurate record of the meetings. **Agreed unanimously**

4 **Matters arising from Minutes not on the agenda**  
.8/12/19 Item 7b): Review of the new processes implemented for the 2019 ACM- Held over again  
Item19: Good Governance Processes: DL – Held over again

10/05/20 **Event Presentation: Videoing for Social Media:**  
MJ confirmed talks are continuing with 2 media companies. The copyright would be the ours, (SRC/BC) for general social media and sport promotional purposes. If we intend to use the film for commercial purposes, copyright issues would need to be negotiated separately. The SRC confirmed they wished to proceed with filming at the next available national regatta. **Action: MJ**  
AL asked if Brian Chapman had any insights to add. MJ confirmed he had emailed Brian, currently awaiting a reply. **Action: MJ**  
DJ suggested MJ contact Gemma Wiggs regarding the new media sport platform 'Team GB TV' which British Canoeing had recently signed up as a partner. **Action: MJ**

### Chairman's report:

AL email dated 4<sup>th</sup> June and supplementary documents circulated prior to the meeting. A draft proposal had been circulated regarding British Canoeing teams non participation at 2020 International competitions due to the pandemic. DJ confirmed that after all discipline committees and IP's had been consulted and agreed a draft, a proposal would be put to the Board's next meeting the end of June.  
DJ explained the rationale for making a decision now and issuing a statement that all British Canoeing disciplines' international teams will not compete internationally in 2020. This decision is based on the overriding principle to prioritise the long-term safety and wellbeing of athletes. Making a statement, would provide clarity for our athletes in these unprecedented and stressful times. Although one SRC member spoke against the proposal, the majority of the committee, supported the rationale for and approved the principles of the draft proposal. The general view was the statement should be announced as soon as it is practical to do so. **Agreed:**



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5 cont'd The Sprint IP met yesterday and confirmed their agreement with the draft proposal.

### 6 Sprint Performance Strategy Group Update: PR + IW

- a) PR explained the Independent Situational Analysis report was commissioned jointly by BC and UK Sport at the end of last year. Following the publication of the report BC have set up the Sprint Performance Strategy Review Group, as part of a 'Next Steps' project to produce a long-term plan. This includes various task and finish groups to be established who will feed back to the Sprint Performance Strategy Review Group who report directly to the Board. The project's timeline is short term, the aim is to finalise the outcome in the autumn. One SRC member stated, 'we need to do this differently', this will split and separate our sport rather than be in keeping with the British Canoeing 'Stronger Together' philosophy. Several SRC members raised concerns over the process of setting up of the project and Task groups. DJ commented this issue has now been recognised and measures are being put in place to improve engagement. Communication will be improved and widen to engage more groups who have an interest in Sprint Racing. #1 RL left the meeting

PR comments that as information is gathered and outline plans emerge (in August) theses will be circulated to consult with and reach out to the wider community including the MRC, SRC & RC. Having heard the background for the project and with the wider engagement being planned, the majority of the committee is now satisfied that all views points will be considered moving forward.

- b) IW gave a brief overview of the 7 task groups plus Chairs group. Each task group has a defined focus, they are:- 1) Coach Development, 2) Clubs & Talent Athlete Development, 3) What It Takes To Win, 4) World Class Programme and Performance Athlete Development, 5) Facilities, 6) Finance, and 7) Competition. There are 4 members of the SRC involved in the Competition group. Including himself as Chair, other SRC members are AL + IC + CW along with 10 others. Including representatives from several clubs, the talent pathway programme and performance coaches. The first meeting was yesterday. IW gave a brief outline of the responsibility of the Competition Task Group. Noting how beneficial the work already completed last year by the Sprint Competition Work Group Review will be for the Competition Task group. #4 DJ left the meeting

### 7 National Regattas' Chair' update: PC Chair's report circulated prior to the meeting

- a) British Canoeing have made a statement continuing the ban on events, the Regatta Committee propose a formal announcement cancelling the July Regatta. **Agreed**
- b) Serco confirmed they will not charge us for cancelling for the July event. **SRC to note.**
- c) If restrictions are relaxed the Regatta Committee would require at least a 4-week preparation period before holding a National Regatta. **SRC to note.**  
#2 MJ left the meeting
- d) Prospect of 4-5<sup>th</sup> September regatta: awaiting an answer from Serco on the availability of the venue for possible alternative dates to hold a National Regatta this September. If restrictions allow an event this year, there will be an increase in the running costs to cover the additional provisions required. **SRC to note**
- e) SRC members expressed a strong desire for a domestic competition and hope this will be possible but understand the restriction on 'gathering' will govern whether a regatta can take place this season. **RC to note**
- f) If we can hold a regatta, whether it is a National Championship event or not, has been debated, within both committees, with widely differing opinions. **Decision held over**



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- g) Proposed dates for 2021 National Regatta: The rationale for these dates was detailed in the report. As are the concerns over providing officials for 3 extra Mondays, as possible contingency dates which may be firm up in the selection polices. The SRC raised no additional questions and approved the weekend dates to be booked with Serco as:  
17-18<sup>th</sup> April: 5-6<sup>th</sup> June: 10-11<sup>th</sup> July: 4-5<sup>th</sup> Sept **Agreed**
- h) Third RC Pub quiz is on the 20<sup>th</sup> June – SRC, Team Leaders and Officials are invited  
#3 IW +#5 PR left the meeting
- 8 **ACM Update: DL** report tabled for the meeting
- a) Following a meeting with the committees (Royal CC & Tamasis Sailing Club) DL presented a draft timeline for the SRC to consider. This incorporate the start times for the Paddle Challenge 5k and 10k races, ACM, Presentation of trophy, Speaker, BBQ and Disco. It was proposed the formal part of the ACM would start at 14.00. **Agreed**  
One speaker has been booked for the Award Presentations. Two others have not yet been approached due to the uncertainty of whether there will be any National Championship trophies to present. **Possible Action: DL**
- b) With the uncertainty regarding having a 2020 National Championship regatta this year DL propose that the Paddle Challenge 5k age group races and the 10k open races become National Championship events. As several members had, had to leave the meeting, AL requested that DL put his suggestion electronically for the SRC to consider and vote on via email. **Action DL+AL**
- 9 **Request for the Loan of K4's in 2021: CW**  
CW report circulated prior to the meeting and as mentioned in the AL Chair's report: The SRC have received a request for the use of some of the SRC's Commander and Rocket K4's. at a possible 5K event being planned on the River Trent, April or May 2021. Full details of the event are not available at this stage. Providing the event date does not clash with a National Regatta and our standard loan terms and conditions are complied with, the SRC approved the request in principle. **Agreed: Action: LC+CW**
- 10 **Coaching Courses SRC Funding Support Process: IC-** update on progress.  
IC reported a date has been arranged for a meeting with BC coaching staff to discuss co-ordinating the booking process and the SRC application form. **Action: IC**
- 11 **Local Club Regattas update: AL** – as noted in the Chair's report, AL plans to send out a reminder letter soon, as no other clubs have responded to the invitation to hold a local sprint event **Action: AL**
- 12 **Sprint Development Plan: AG**  
The current focus is to draw up an outline plan to present for discussion at the Annual Consultative Meeting in October. To be further development after consulting with the clubs and the Sprint Performance Strategy Review is completed.
- 13 **Next Meeting: Monday 13 July - Venue: On-Line Time: 18.00**  
**Meeting finished at: 19.35**