



## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
**TIME:** 20.00. Zoom On-line meeting

### Attended:

Committee members: Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Alice Murphy [AM], Cathy Wynne [CW] (Secretary), Ian Wynne [IW], Ivan Lawler [IL], Louise Clive [LC] (Treasurer), Paul Dimmock [PD], Peter Gorman [PG] Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep & Tom Power [TP] CanW Rep.  
Visitors: Richard Ramsdale [RR] (BC Talent), Dee. Patterson [DP] BC President,

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The Chair welcomed Richard Ramsdale, BC Head of Talent programme and Dee Paterson, BC President to the meeting. Also confirmed that Tom Power is joining the SRC as the Canoe Wales Representative.

1 **Apologies:** David Lawrence [DL], Malcolm Johnson [MJ], Keir Worth [KW] (BC) and Anna Gray [AG] (BC)

2 **Declaration of Interests:** No new declarations made.

3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for:**

a) Ratify the approved (via email) 26<sup>th</sup> April Minutes.

**Agreed:**

b) 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Minutes:

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting, as no comments were raised, TS proposed the minutes be approved.

**Agreed:**

4 **Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda:** None reported

5 **Chair's Report: TS**

a) A written report was circulated prior to the meeting, TS highlighted that the joint SRC/MRC and Talent Programme, Skills Day which had taken place yesterday (18<sup>th</sup> Sept), was successfully held at Wey Kayak Club. Any income raised will be split 50% to the club holding the event and 50% towards financing further Skills Days.

b) TS wished to record congratulations to the Paracanoe and Sprint Team on their significant achievements at this year's World Championships in Copenhagen.

6 **Treasurer's Report: LC**

a) 2021 Budget Update:

With the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October, LC currently estimates the SRC will be using £20,000 from the reserves. Mainly from funding the live streaming at 4 events. The final figures for the SRC support to the Non-Programme athletes/Non-Olympic events is still unknown. Until those figures are firmed up the overspend may change. It is noted, the additional £10,000 with which BC are supporting the athletes attending the Olympic Hopes Regatta is in addition to the SRC's original grant of £25,000.

b) 2022-25 Budget Estimates, including Planned Developments:

Budget figures for several items were discussed at length with figures added for supporting athletes attending international events and the production costs to live stream the 4 National regattas. Start-up costs, for regional regattas, to decrease year on year over the 4 years of the budget, will be added after researching hire costs (single day) of suitable/possible venues.

**ACTION: LC+CW**



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### 7 **Planning – Development Plans 2022-25**

#### a) Proposal for SRC meetings:

TS proposed the SRC meet monthly for an hour to 1½ hours on-line, at a set time/day each month. In general, the idea was greeted favourably by members, at least as a trial for the winter months, date to be confirmed via a doodle poll for each meeting. The 1st to be in October, followed by monthly meetings in November and December. A longer gap to start the new year, followed by the next couple of months. The schedule to be reviewed in the spring.

**Agreed:**

#### b) Start Forming Sub committees:

Competition Structure- Local, Regional Regattas – A draft Terms of Reference shared by AG was considered plus the process of forming a subgroup with a range of interests from the wider community. Committee members suggested several possible candidates, who will be canvassed by TS to confirm they would be able to take part in the subgroup. Also, enquiry via Facebook for people with the skill sets to assist this group. After which the SRC will select the subgroup, with the first meeting before December.

**Agreed: ACTION: TS**

#### c) Expand Competition structure: - BUCS update: RR

An initial proposal submitted by BC has been favourably received by British University and College Sports to include canoe sprint within their programme of events. Following feedback, of the proposal successfully completing the first round, with one annual sprint event, hosted by a club; further details have been added for the second round which will go out to all Universities for their comments. There will be advantages for Canoe Sprint athletes at college or university if Sprint becomes part of the BUCS programme, Slalom, White Water and Polo are already included.

### 8 **Goal 4 – Increase, media profile and engagement with paddling community**

#### a) Live streaming review and update: TS

The question was asked did the committee support continuing with live streaming of the national regattas, the practical details of how, to be discussed over winter? **Agreed:** Research into improved hardware/camera installation at HPP, is actively being followed up. Funding of which could be a British Canoe capital expenditure that would have multiple uses and users as well as for the live streaming.

#### b) SRC Promos: - Are not possible on the current streaming platform, a change of platform is planned for next year when this item can be revisited.

#### c) ACM 29<sup>th</sup> September Update:

Copies of the ACM agenda and other relevant papers had been circulated to the SRC as they became available. CW clarified the general arrangements and that there would be a ballot for the elections for new committee members. The appointment of Tellers for the evening was discussed, AG and Mark Pearce [MP] were suggested to be proposed at the meeting. AG to contact MP for him to familiarise himself with the voting system spreadsheet prior to the meeting. **Agreed: ACTION: AG**

#### d) Sprint Awards announcements of and/ or presentations:

A report from CW was circulated prior to the meeting detailing the results of awards which will be announced at the on-line ACM. A suggestion was put to the meeting that the trophies be presented to the winning athletes at their clubs over the next couple of months. Photos from the presentations to be published on social media. Agreed:



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- 8 e) Contact with the Regions: x 2 reports PD+PG & CW:  
Held over while the status of Regional Development Teams are being reviewed by BC.
- f) Proposal for Sprint Racing Committee Website Development:  
TS circulated a proposal prior to the meeting, Boris Mavra (RIC) who has a background in website development had offered to review and research all interested stakeholders before reporting to the SRC on the development of the SRC website: **Agreed:**
- 9 **Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure**
- a) Speed Series – edit by MC: Held Over
- b) Day Ticket – Changes for 2022: Held Over
- c) Loan of K4's
- i) National Championship 5K Strathclyde Park 28<sup>th</sup> October – Request to borrow the Commodores K4's **Agreed: ACTION: CW +MC**
- ii) Devizes Canoe Club – Request to borrow one Rocket K4 for winter training from October 2021 till March 2022 (dates of collection and return to be confirmed). **Agreed: ACTION: CW**
- 10 **Goal 2 – Clearly defined, competitive, exciting, well attended National Regattas.**
- a) The newly formed National Regatta subgroup first meeting was on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.
- b) Equality in racing update – request proposal from the RC following 2021 assessment of safety for the slower classes – Held over to a future meeting.
- c) Handbook – Standards of Racing Table: -Held over to a future meeting.
- 11 **Goal 3 – Develop training opportunities for Volunteers and Coaches**
- a) Plans for Coaching Forum: - Date – Held over
- b) Racing Skills Group – Terms of Reference: CB – Held Over
- c) British Canoeing Strategy Consultation for 2022 – 2025: - Discipline/National Teams Consultation Meeting: MC - Held over
- 12 **Goal 6 – Develop Paddlers – over the long term:**
- a) Club connections:  
Discuss, SRC support of and to publicise, inter club coach and training opportunities - Held Over
- b) SRC Selected Athletes funding support for international events  
Discussion around establishing when the SRC, in 2022 can sensibly support athletes selected for international events. - Held over to the next meeting.
- 13 **Date for future SRC Committee Meetings:**  
To be decided via a doodle poll following the meeting. **ACTION: CW**

**Meeting finished at: 21.45**