



## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
**TIME:** 20.00. Zoom On-line meeting

### Attended:

Committee members: Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Alice Murphy [AM], Cathy Wynne [CW], Ian Wynne [IW], Ivan Lawler [IL], Louise Clive [LC], Paul Dimmock [PD], Peter Gorman [PG] Philip Miles [PM], Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep & Tom Power [TP] CanW Rep.

### Item No:

### Minutes

- 1 **Apologies:** Anna Gray [AG] BC, Mally Johnson [MJ]: Hannah Brown [HB]
- 2 **Declaration of Interests:** None declared.
- 3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for 8<sup>th</sup> November:**  
The chair proposed the minutes be approved as no comments or changes were raised.  
**Agreed**
- 4 **Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda:** None raised
- 5 **Review draft ACM 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 minutes:**  
The committee did not suggest any changes or raise any queries for the 2021 ACM draft minutes, these will now be posted on the SRC website open for the anyone to raise any queries or comments before the next 2022 ACM. **ACTION: CW:**
- 6 **Chair's Report: TS**
  - a) TS reported a review is being undertaken of the working processes of the International Panel.
  - b) BUCS have delayed they decision to accept sprint racing into their sport programme until next year (2022).
  - c) A small subgroup from the SRC combined with the International Panel, to discuss the 2022 draft selection policies and long term selection philosophy for GB teams.
  - d) The draft policies will be published shortly for general consultation. The SRC and/or the RC are welcome to present the committee's views direct to the IP.
  - e) It was noted that Andy Maddock proposed a working group from BC (AM+SH+AG) plus representatives from SRC (to inc. LC), met to clarify funding avaiability for supporting athletes without programme funding when selected for a GB team.
  - f) A draft copy of the Sprint Racing report for the British Canoeing Annual Report was circulated, prior to the meeting for comment, nothing was added. **ACTION: TS**
  - g) The SRC received three applications requests for support for candidates for the elections of two Board members to represent the English Forum. It was proposed the SRC support all three to go forward as candidates. **Agreed**  
The SRC can vote for only two candidates in the election. TS to gather members voting preferences by email before the election deadline 20<sup>th</sup> January. **ACTION:TS**
  - h) A Junior Development Squad Skills Day (Combined SRC/MRC/Talent Dept) is planned as a K4 day at Reading CC on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.



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#### Planning – Development Plans 2022-25

##### 7 Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure

###### a) Local and Regional subgroup progress report: MC

MC, as Chair of the sub group reported from the initial discussions a basic framework of requirements had been formed for the three levels of competition to establish the difference between Local club, Regional and National events. Work had been put in hand to create a club committee questionnaire asking if the club currently runs any events and if not, what are the difficulties and why not. To be circulated using both the Sprint Team Leaders and the Marathon Club/Race Organisers contact lists. Results of the questionnaire could be feedback to clubs for their use via the club's social media. With the possibility of changes to come, a note be added to the 2022 BC Sprint Competition Rules, that the Local and Regional rules will be reviewed during the coming year. Another meeting of the sub group is planned in January.

- b) The Chair informed the committee a request had been made for the Elmbridge K2 Thames Summer Series 10K on July 16<sup>th</sup> 2022, to be designated as a Sprint National Championship event. The SRC agreed in the principle of there being a Sprint National Championship K2 10K event held under BC Sprint racing rules, e.g. course with laps, event in age groups, etc. Elmbridge would be considered as the host for the event in 2022, if the date (July or November) and other logistical information for an event within the Sprint rules is proposed. TS would feedback to the Race Organiser these requirements for his consideration and comment. **ACTION: TS**

##### 8 Goal 2 – Clearly defined, competitive, exciting, well attended National Regattas

###### a) Regatta Committee update: PC:

- i) Several international competition dates changed recently affecting selection events, this and other factors have complicated and delayed the RC's usual planning process for the coming season. Working with limited information, draft details, and events for each of the four national regattas, listed in the report for discussion and agreement. It was proposed that draft event schedules with this limited information would be published in the Handbook. **Agreed ACTION: CW**
- ii) The SRC to note, the wording in the Handbook to accommodate the BC change to Club Associate member for Junior D, Mini Sprint etc has been changed. Also, the sequence of pages and sections within of the Handbook will be changed following feedback received. **ACTION: CW**
- iii) The ICF amended the Canoe Sprint rules at their Congress in November, these changes will be updated in the BC Sprint Competition rules for 2022. – the changes will be circulated to the SRC by email once they have been prepared. **ACTION: CW**
- iv) Womens' Standard for Racing Times review, the Regatta Committee had not had the opportunity to conduct a review, with the limited competitions due to covid restrictions. There is not enough evidence available to re-assess the safety aspects if the times are lowered for Band 6, 7 and 8. The SRC, was not content to leave this situation for another year. After much discussion IW proposed changing the boundaries between the Womens classes by increasing the width for the faster classes and narrowing the width of Band 6 to achieve equality without lowering the national regatta standard entry time. AM and a small group to work on this solution and feed back to the committee. **Agreed:**



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- Item **Minutes Cont'd**
- 8 a v) Following the September regatta, the RC reviewed the technical systems used in 2021 to run Covid secure events. The list of the recommended changes, and on-line processes, etc the RC propose with SRC approval to carry forward into 2022 is detailed in the report circulated prior to the meeting. **All Agreed**
- vi) The Regatta Committee recommended reducing the ITO's annual requirement to qualify for an international nomination; from 6 days to 50% of the yearly regatta days, due to the reduced number of national regattas being held. **Agreed**
- vii) Due to Covid, the numbers of regatta officials have dropped significantly in 2021, to address this situation, the RC propose to run an on-line workshop for volunteers in February. After, publishing the expectation that all clubs, who enter 10 or more paddlers provide at least one volunteer to help with the national regattas. Volunteers are of course also welcomed from smaller clubs. **Agreed**
- viii) The SRC to note; due to the untimely death of John Ball, the RC are acutely aware that we do not have the expertise to cover the technical support John provided. The RC are assisting AG to document this, and AG is arranging talks with Serco and HS Sport for their input towards solving this situation. **Action: AG + CW + PC**
- 8 b) National Regatta subgroup progress report: GW -This Item held over to next meeting
- 9 **Goal 3 – Develop Volunteers and Coaches**
- a) The British Canoeing Coaching Department has postponed the Racing Coach Forum planned for 15<sup>th</sup> January until 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
- b) **SRC selection of ITO's for 2022 International Nominations: CW**  
The ITO selections for international events were proposed and recorded on the summary list at the meeting: **Agreed: Action: CW + GW**
- 10 **Goal 4 – Increase media profile and engagement with paddling community:**
- a) SRC Website redevelopment – This item held over to another meeting
- b) Handbook production and Content:
- i) Handbook content deadline is the 7<sup>th</sup> January and will include some Marathon Committee content. The Handbook would then be ready for distribution by the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.
- ii) TS would supply a single page poster with links for access to list of Canoe Clubs near Universities & Women and Girls Racing support information **ACTION: TS**
- iii) The number of Racing Handbooks to have printed was considered, CW proposed 200 copies: **Agreed:**
- iv) The cost per book was considered, IL proposed £10 per book **Agreed:**
- 11 **Goal 6 – Develop Paddlers – over the long term:** All items held over to next meeting
- a) SRC funding support of Selected Athletes for international events
- b) SRC support to clubs to attend international club events such as Sobeka.
- 12 **Treasurer's Report: LC:** All items held over to next meeting
- a) 2021 Budget Update
- b) 2022-25 Budget bid, including Planned Developments:
- 13 **Date for future SRC Committee Meetings:** Mon 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ 8.00pm

**Meeting finished at: 22:54.**