



## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
**TIME:** 20.00. Zoom On-line meeting

### Attended

Committee members: Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Alice Murphy [AM], Cathy Wynne [CW], David Lawrence [DL], Ian Wynne [IW], Ivan Lawler [IL], Louise Clive [LC], Malcolm Johnson [MJ]: Paul Dimmock [PD], Peter Gorman [PG] + Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep

Visitors Anna Gray [AG] (BC,)

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- 1 **Apologies:** Dee Paterson (BC President). Imogen Collins [IC]
- a) **Resignation from Committee:** Kevin Hipkins has resigned from the SRC due to increased work and club commitments. The SRC are sorry to see Kevin leave, TS thanked Kevin for the good work he had contributed to the committee, this was much appreciated, for which he wished to formally record his thanks to KH.
- 2 **Declaration of Interests:** No new declarations made.
- 3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for:- 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021:**  
The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting, as no comments raised at the meeting, TS proposed the minutes be approved: **Agreed**
- 4 **Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda:**
  - a) **South Cerney:**

1603/21 4b i) Due to the pandemic any plans for events are on hold until restrictions are eased. Meantime, training groups can use the site through Kevin Bowerbank.  
ii) A specification has been acquired for launch pontoons, with a design suitable for this site and canoeing activities: Estimates being sort, to be submitted to BC.  
iii) An event management/timing software is being investigated, talks are ongoing  
iv) DL is registering his interest with the local Planning Authority to monitor further planning applications made by the Lake Trustees for the site  
v) Marsport are interested in sharing the site, awaiting more information.
  - b) **Chairs' report (16<sup>th</sup> March):**

16/03/21 13 MC noted, the report commented on the BC requirement for Discipline committees to appoint a committee, Event Safety Officer. During the 16<sup>th</sup> March meeting this issue was not addressed. DL volunteered to take on this role. **Agreed**  
One of the requirements of this role is to attend a BC Event Safety Officer course. These are now available online, AG to advise DL of course dates. **ACTION: AG +DL**
  - c) **Sprint Handbook:**

16/03/21 4b: CW confirmed the pdf version of the Handbook was on the website and sales of the printed Handbook were steady.
- 16/03/21 11: **Skills days:**

TS reported, with the Covid restrictions pushing many events to later in the year, the plan is to hold one Skills Day, probably Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September.
- 16/03/21 14: **ACM virtual or actual:**

DL confirmed, if the SRC wish to hold an actual meeting, Royal CC were happy to have the ACM or a Presentation of the perpetual Trophies alongside the Royal Paddle Challenge. See item 9 c) for further discussion.



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#### 5 **Regatta Committee update – June National Regatta**

- a) Regatta Committee Chair's report detailed the proposed limitations and event schedule for a National Regatta on 5 -6 June which, if held the RC anticipates they will incur a financial loss. Team Leaders have been surveyed (closing this Friday) for estimates of paddler numbers, per age groups to assist planning the Covid mitigation measures for an event. Assuming a positive response from the clubs (around 300 attendees): and the government moves to Step 3 on 15<sup>th</sup> May. That includes the opening of overnight accommodation, the RC propose on the 10<sup>th</sup> May to confirm the event will go ahead and entries opened. If the SRC approves the RC proposals for the event. **Agreed**
- b) Regatta officials' numbers are low, additional help would be welcome, particularly as Boat Drivers, First Aiders and Marshals. **ACTION: SRC**
- c) **Promotions/Demotions:** The RC propose that with the limited training opportunities available to many, that no demotions will be implemented at the June regatta although promotions will be considered. Roland Lawler has agreed to assist whoever is taking over this role. It is proposed that PG liaise with Roland for the promotions.

**Agreed**

**ACTION: RL+PG**

#### 6 **Sprint Development Plans: AG**

- a) AG reminded members who have yet to do so, to note their priorities within the next few days to enable that section of the plan to move forward. With the priorities established, the strategy and timelines can be formed towards achieving the goals identified in the plan. Already, in one area there are clear commonalities, that is, around defining and expanding the competition structure. The next step for this goal is to set up the two work groups to cover all levels of competitions, for National Regattas, and for Local and Regional regattas
- b) DL proposed adding an 'Objective' to Goal 6 'To develop athletes' for establishing a criterion and process providing financial support for non Olympic events/non programme athletes competing at major international events. **Agreed:**
- c) TS requested members to note their areas of interest and suggestions of people from outside the SRC for the two priority sub groups as soon as possible. **ACTION: SRC**

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

- a) Speed Series – Review of the Draft Rules: The consensus established the draft rules are too complex. TS agreed, having held a trial of the format at NOR (as part of a club session). The basic principles of the format/rules, of formal, side by side sprint race of similar ability paddlers, followed by a sprint relay, finishing with a mass start LD (3.6km) race, was a workable and enjoyable balance. PG suggested WEY & ELM hold a trial to gather more feedback. TS and MC will work on simplifying the draft rules applying the points raised during the meeting. **ACTION: TS + MC**
- b) South Cerney: See agenda Item 4 a)

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

Held over.

#### 9 **Goal 3 – Develop training opportunities for Volunteers and Coaches**

- a) Plans for Coaching Forum: Lee Pooley is aiming for a Forum in the autumn.

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

- a) Live streaming April Paracanoe and Sprint Selection event:

i) The SRC wish to record their appreciation and thanks to the sprint community for assisting with the cost of the Drone by supporting the Crowd Funding appeal.



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- 10 a) ii) The streaming was provided by three cameras, one on the roof of the Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> around 350m by the lake and a fixed camera on the finish line. Plus, a drone on Saturday when the majority of the 1000m events were held. Film trailers and SRC promos were used during the downtime between races.  
Cont'd A pared down version of the sprint logo was used for the Committee promos (see Minute header for an example of the logo).  
Commentary on Saturday was from MJ with assistance from IL and Hannah Brown. Hannah also supported on Sunday.  
The main disappointment was the inadequate internet supplied by Serco; this was reflected in the feedback. However, all appreciated, trials have teething problems. The cameras provided good coverage and high quality pictures, viewers were enthusiastic (over 5K views) and complimentary of the streaming provided for the event.
- iii) Proposal; to trial a difference setup for June Regatta, at a reduced cost; a one-man production with three fixed cameras on the roof plus a Drone operator on Saturday. MJ covering commentary on Saturday with Hannah Brown. **Agreed ACTION: TS + MJ**
- b) SRC Promos: Held over
- c) Date for ACM in the autumn, virtual or actual: A virtual meeting was proposed. **Agreed**  
The Secretary to propose some midweek dates around the end of September/early October for the SRC to select date by email after the meeting. **Agreed: ACTION: CW**
- d) Open Discussion Meeting – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 provisional date: It is proposed the SRC go ahead on this date: Posters to go out next week with the Zoom link (CW); TS to prepare and circulate updated poster. **Agreed: ACTION: TS + CW**
- e) Contact with the Regions: Held over
- 11 **Goal 5 - Strengthen Financial Sustainability:** Held over
- 12 **Goal 6 – Develop Paddlers – over the long term:**
- a) SRC to discuss facilitating invites to smaller clubs: Held over
- b) Club's K4 list: For SRC records and information only.
- 13 **Treasurer's Report**
- a) **2021 Budget Estimates for areas of development:**  
LC to prepare a 'Short term Budget to present to BC for 2020/21 **Agreed ACTION: LC**  
The Sprint Development plan requires more work before a comprehensive long term budget can be established.
- 16/04/21 12b) LC reported a positive response from British Canoeing confirming they would underwrite the losses incurred from holding the April Selection Event. – The SRC thanked British Canoeing for supporting the event.
- 14 **Day Ticket – Changes for 2022:** Held over
- 15 **GB International Technical Officials Appointments:**  
For SRC records and information only.
- 16 **Dates for future SRC Committee Meetings:**  
To be arranged by google poll for 5 6 weeks' time **ACTION: CW**

Meeting finished at: 21:55