



## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
**TIME:** 20.00. Zoom On-line meeting

**Attended by:**

Committee members: Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Alice Murphy [AM], Cathy Wynne [CW] (Secretary), David Lawrence [DL], Ian Wynne [IW], Ivan Lawler [IL], Louise Clive [LC] (Treasurer), Paul Dimmock [PD], Peter Gorman [PG] + Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep  
Visitors: Dee. Patterson [DP] BC President, Tom Power [TP] (CanW Interim Performance Manager) Anna Gray [AG] (BC).

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The committee Chair welcomed Tom Power who has recently joined Canoe Wales as Head Coach and Interim Performance Manager, the role covers Slalom and Sprint. Personally, Tom has a long-time involvement with Slalom, but Sprint is a relatively new experience, of which he would like to learn more.

- 1 **Apologies:** Malcolm Johnson [MJ],
- a) **Resignation from the Committee:** TS informed the meeting that sadly Imogen Collins has resigned from the SRC as she has become aware of instances, recently when her role as a national coach had been compromised by her position on the SRC. Imogen has been a valued member of the committee for four years. her practical approach and close contact with paddlers, coaches and clubs has contributed immeasurably to the SRC work and will be much missed. TS expressed the hope that at some point in the future Imogen will feel able to re-join the committee.
- 2 **Declaration of Interests:** No new declarations made.
- 3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for: - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021:**  
Held over; to be agreed via email before the next meeting.
- 4 **Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda:**  
16/03/21 4b South Cerney: A possible date late Sept/ early October is being investigated by DL for holding a trial small-scale event on the lake.
- 5 **Chair's Report:**
  - a) To reach out to other groups, TS proposed an Open Discussion meeting inviting Team Leaders to attend with the SRC, hosted by the Regatta Committee. **Agreed:** Date for the meeting to be firmed up with the RC and SRC. **ACTION: TC+CW**
  - b) TS encouraged SRC members to volunteer for a session at the National Regattas. Due to the Covid restrictions, currently only outdoor roles are an option. Training for the indoor roles hopefully will become available next year. CW to email to the SRC a description of the roles, requirements, and possible length of sessions. **ACTION: CW**
- 6 **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a) **2021/25 Estimated Budget for Planned Development:** LC circulated prior to the meeting; a draft long term estimated budget. Some items, such as IT development, have been brought forward from earlier years. This budget will require more details prior to liaising with BC. Before proceeding further with the long-term budget expenditure items, the Development plan Goals require further defining with costs added.



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- 6 b The Treasurer propose she prepares a short-term budget for a 2020/21 grant. To include estimates for SRC support for non-programme athletes and/or non-Olympic events, support for the National Regattas and SRC admin expenses. This Budget to be submitted to British Canoeing after the July selection event when the numbers for the GB teams should be known. **Agreed:** **ACTION: LC**
- 7 **Regatta Committee update:** The Regatta Chair report was circulated prior to the meeting  
A strict Covid restricted National Sprint Regatta was successfully delivered 5-6<sup>th</sup> June, with 75 + events for around approximately 230 paddlers. With separate groups racing on different days, to minimise the numbers on site and overnight accommodation. With the expected further relaxation of restrictions, the number of events and competitors on site may be double for July. The RC propose the Andrew Bonham Memorial C4 to be held over to the next regatta and that the 3-4<sup>th</sup> July National Regatta will include a reduced Championship programme (schedule circulated) for all ages plus selection events. **Agreed:**  
Due to the low entries, plus additional costs for covid mitigation measures both June and July regattas will incur a loss, but necessary to re-start Sprint regattas. **Agreed:**  
The current shortage of volunteers willing or able to work at the July regatta (see also item 5b) could impact the Championship Medal presentations. Help from the SRC and BC staff would be welcomed to assist with organising the presentations over the weekend and preparations before the event. **ACTION: ALL**
- 8 **Planning 2021-25**
- a) Priority Actions: SRC to agree a process for forming the planning subgroups. Proposal: AG to share a spreadsheet with the goal or actions for a sub working group. SRC members to populate the list with suggestions of those with the experience or skills to assist with that goal's working group. The SRC to review the proposed candidates from which the SRC forms the group. **Agreed:** **ACTION: ALL**
- b) Form Subgroups: the two priority groups are focused on competitions, i) National Regattas and ii) Local/regional events. Within the next 14 days members will complete their suggestions for the 1<sup>st</sup> working group 'National Regattas' when the SRC will meet at 8.00pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June to form the group. **Agreed** **Action: All**  
**# See addendum**  
A simple Terms of Reference for each working group to be drafted. **ACTION: AG+GW**
- 9 **Goal 4 – Increase, media profile and engagement with paddling community**
- a) Live streaming review and update: The live streaming for the June Regatta was again well received, although the production and the costs were much reduced (1 person) from the team of people used for the April Selection Event, supplied at approximately a quarter of the cost.  
For the next regatta (July) TS proposed the SRC again fund the streaming using the one person set up plus investigate the addition of a drone. **Agreed** **ACTION: TS+MJ**
- b) SRC Promos: Held over to another meeting
- c) Date for ACM 29<sup>th</sup> September – online – announcement of date and preliminary information for making nominations or submitting 'discussion items' will be included in the July National Championship Regatta results and uploaded on SRC website. **ACTION: CW**



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- 9 d) **Open Discussion Meeting – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021:**  
An Open Discussion meeting with the sprint community was held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, the discussions were positive and mainly focused on the re-starting of limited sprint national regattas in June and the support for continuing the live streaming.
- e) **Contact with the Regions: PD+PG + CW reports: Held over to another meeting**
- 10 **Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure**
- a) **Speed Series – edit by MC - Held over to another meeting**
- 11 **Goal 3 – Develop training opportunities for Volunteers and Coaches**
- a) **GB International Technical Appointments Update:**  
An updated report was circulated noting the cancellation and postponements of some international events and that covid travel restriction affected some of the appointments.
- b) **Plans for Coaching Forum: - Date TBC**
- c) **Racing Skills Group – Terms of Reference: CB – Held over to another meeting**
- 12 **Goal 6 – Develop Paddlers – over the long term:**
- a) **SRC to discuss facilitating invites to smaller clubs: Held over to another meeting**
- b) **Club's K4 list:**
- 15 **Date for future SRC Committee Meeting: TBC**

**Note:** The website for the 5k National Championships 23<sup>rd</sup> October is now live.

**Meeting finished at: 21.50**

### # Addendum – meeting 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

See Item 8b) As proposed, the membership of the 1<sup>st</sup> working group for the 2021-25 Development Plan, to review 'National Regattas' was agreed at the meeting. AG to inform the working group chair, Gemma Wiggs [GW]

**ACTION: AG**