



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday 16th November 2020
TIME: 19.30. Zoom On-line meeting

Attended:

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

Visitors: Anna Gray [AG] (BC),

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- 1 **Welcome and Introduction:** TS as the new Chair introduced himself and welcomed the new members to the committee.
- 2 **Apologies:** Malcolm Johnson [MJ],
- 3 **Declaration of Interests:** Annual declaration forms were distributed to members prior to the meeting. Four completed forms returned for the Chair to sign.
- 4 **Approval of SRC Minutes for 7th October 2020:**
The minutes, circulated prior to the meeting, were proposed as correct: **Agreed:**
- 5 **Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda:**
08/12/19 Item 19: Good Governance Processes: DL
DL agreed to review the layout of the committee governance and would prepare some draft proposals for next week. **Action: DL**
- 07/10/20
item 8a iii) **Regatta Committee report:**
The planned 2021 National Regatta dates
Recently, the RC became aware Serco had accepted a booking for a week long Training Camp from 6th to 13th July, therefore using the NWSC over the weekend of the July Selection Regatta. This would cause us difficulty, with no accommodation at the Centre, restrictions on areas for vehicle parking, setting up and testing the Start Gate system would be restricted and possibility of the system being compromised or damaged as occurred at a previous regatta. Plus, increased COVID-19 precautions would be required for the extra people using the site. When both ECA Championships moved one week earlier, this created the opportunity for the selection regatta to also move earlier by one week. The Regatta Committee, having consulted with the WC Performance and Paracanoe coaches, propose we move the July regatta from the 10-11th to the 3-4th July. **Agreed:**
- 6 **Review Draft Minutes 2019 Annual Consultative Meeting:**
Held over to the next meeting.
- 7 **Chair's report: TS**
TS highlighted the importance of the SRC working with the major stakeholders, the Clubs and British Canoeing. Utilising the knowledge, passion and expertise that exists within the community. It appears there is now an appetite to explore the new ideas coming from the Performance Sprint Strategy Review. It is important we identify early on what is the scope and strategic direction of the SRC.
- 8 **BC Board England Nomination:**
CW reported, the SRC have not yet received any application for nomination, although there's still time as the deadline is the 27th November. **Action: CW**



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9 Treasurer's Report & Budget Update: LC

- a) LC confirmed the SRC submission to British Canoeing for a grant towards this year's expenditure was successful, with a grant approximately 50% of our expected overspend. The SRC & RC 2019/20 End of Year Balance sheets were shared on screen showing each committee have used approximately £2,000 from their reserves this year. After such a difficult year, a better than predicted outcome, in part thanks to the BC grant.
- b) 2021 Budget; the initial draft includes items postponed from 2020. New incentives and ideas emerging from the Strategy Review to be included in the 2021 Budget and as part of the Sprint 4-year plan. A meeting to talk through our financial options with BC to be arranged in the coming month. **Action: LC + TS**

10 ITO 2021 Nomination Selection: CW

A summary of international events and dates, the International Technical Official's availability, and funding information was circulated with the meeting agenda. The options were considered. Selections proposed as noted on the summary. **Agreed**

11 Royal Paddle Challenge- National Championships 10K & 5K: DL

- a) DL was pleased to report the event had been a success with a good entry of over 160 competitors. The COVID-19 secure measures were well organised and implemented. Incorporating the Sprint National Championships for Seniors 10K and Juniors 5K had added an extra dimension to this historic event, appreciated by the competitors and welcomed by the Royal Canoe Club organising committee.
- b) DL asked the SRC to consider designating the Paddle Challenge as the Sprint 10K (Seniors) and 5K (Juniors) National Championships for 2021. The Sprint 5K National Championships has already been allocated to SCA, at Strathclyde in March 2021. The SRC discussed the possibility of a 10K championship for both senior and juniors without reaching a conclusion. Options to be further researched **Action: DL**

12 Joint MRC/SRC Subcommittee report: KH

As discussed at the previous SRC meeting, the Speed Series being proposed by the Subcommittee has great potential as an adaptable format for wider range of sites and available water. Assume no MRC levy as this is a joint competition, to be confirmed. Suggesting at least two events, (Reading & Norwich) to trial the Speed format in 2021. **Action: KH**

13 South Cerney Update: DL

- a) Positive progress is being made building relationship with the Trustees, recently David Joy & DL had a meeting with the Trustees' Planning Consultant, assessing the possible range and demand for canoeing on the site and assisting with long term background information. Another meeting is planned with the Trustees and BC next month, to further consider short term and long-term development including possibility extending canoeing activities into adjacent lakes.
- b) WYCC (Kevin Bowerbank) will be the local point of contact to take out canoeing user licences.
- c) The purchase of the Vanity Unit has been postponed and changed from a 'standalone' unit to one connecting to main drainage, which will be installed shortly.
- d) Canoe Foundation potential to assist with a grant for development, other sources for grants need to be explored. **Action: DL**



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14 **Committee roles, posts and representatives' appointments: CW**

- a) A chart of the standard possible roles and job were circulated prior to the meeting. Several long-standing roles were agreed, although not all.
- b) Additional roles and possible sub-groups still to be discussed and established:
Held over to next meeting.

The meeting having taken longer than planned, several members had to leave, TS proposed the remaining agenda items be held over to the next meeting. **Agreed:**

Items 15 to 17 held over to the next meeting

15 **National Rep's., plus discussion re MRC Rep and Athlete Rep:**

16 **Collaboration with clubs and feedback from clubs - regular opportunities.**

17 **Discussion: - "Areas the SRC could explore in terms of developing its scope and role".**

- a) Increased Participation of Girls and Women:
- b) Local Racing Events
- c) Development of Juniors
- d) Development of Under 23s
- e) National Regattas:

Informal 'one hour' discussion meetings were suggested to debate some items and ideas for development, in depth prior to the next SRC meeting.

Proposed 'Discussion meetings' dates Tuesday 24th November, and Tuesday 1st December, from 8.00-9.00pm

18 **Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th Dec**

On-line

Time: 19.30

Meeting finished at: 21.50pm