



## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

**DATE: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**TIME: 13.10**

**VENUE: Meeting Room  
British Canoeing Offices  
Lee Valley White Water Centre**

### Attending :

Committee members: Alan Laws (Chair), Edward McKeever, Cathy Wynne, John Hoile, Michael Bannister, Phil Caisley, Roland Lawler.  
Visitors: Richard Ramsdale (Head of Talent )

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### Minutes

- 1 **Welcome and Introduce Richard Ramsdale – Head of Talent: AL**
  - 2 **Apologies:** Apologies received from committee members Margaret Chapman, Louise Clive, Imogen Collins, also from Anna Grey (BC).
  - 3 **Declaration of Interests:** Further declarations were returned for signing.  
**Action:** Remaining 2 outstanding to be completed.
  - 4 **Approval of SRC Minutes for 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
No comments or adjustments were raised on the Minutes as circulated. JH proposed and MB seconded that the minutes be approved. **Agreed unanimously**
  - 5 **Matters arising from Minutes not on the agenda**
- 25/11/18 **Draft Minutes 2018 Annual Consultative Meeting:** an addendum to record the
- a) Trophies presentation which followed the ACM to be added:  
**Action:** AL held over to next meeting
  - b) **SRC Terms of Reference:** Were approved by the Board in December. T of Ref to be included on the next meeting's agenda. **Action:** AL+CW+AG
  - c) **Roland Lawler Proposal to the Board:**  
R. Lawler introduced his motion, which the SRC by a majority vote rejected. The veracity of some of RL statements were questioned by the Chairman as was the actual operation of the outcome of the motion. The proposal stemmed from RL dissatisfaction with the outcome of the Performance Department's selection processes and the selection policy for GB Sprint teams. The SRC agreed to defer further discussion of some points raised by RL to the next meeting when the Chairman of the IP and a representative from the PD could be present. **Action:** AL +PR+PD
  - d) **ITO Seminar to be held in the UK end of March: CW**  
The ICF has announced the Seminar and Exam, deadline for nominations by the end of January. We hope to be allowed to put forward 4 candidates. **Action:** CW
  - e) **International Technical Official selections for 2019 nominations:**  
BC have submitted to ECA and ICF the nominations selected by the SRC.
  - f) **2019 ACM date and venue:** Reading Canoe Club have agreed to host the ACM on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019. A letter of thanks to be sent. **Action:** CW



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- g) **2019 Handbooks:** The MRC have confirmed they are not adding any content to the Handbook for 2019. The print order to be reduced to 150 books and the cost of the book also reduced to £5. – **Agreed** . **Action:** CW  
The SRC will review the situation for 2020. **Action:** CW+AL
- 06/07/18 Item 13: SRC K4 Loan Strategy: **Action:** JH+CW+IC to meet – held over
- 6 **Richard Ramsdale – Head of Talent - England**  
Richard gave an overview of his role as the Head of the Talent programme, Sprint & Slalom for England. The Talent Pathway is separate from the WC Performance Department (which includes all 4 home nations). The Talent Pathway is being remodelled, starting with Richard's appointment 2 months ago followed by a Sprint Talent Club Partnership Manager – Charlie Barwis, starting shortly, who will be meeting sprint clubs as a priority. The talent pathway will now include paracanoe plus support for clubs to expand this class. Richard will be attending some of our meetings splitting his attendance between the Slalom & Sprint.
- 7 **Chairman's report: AL**  
The Chair had nothing further to add to previously circulated emails before the meeting, other than to raise a question about the funding support for the Race Coach courses for Club's in the Talent Club Partnership scheme. **Action: AL**
- 8 **Treasurer's Report: MB**
- a) MB illustrated the areas of the budget covered by the SRC grant from BC. That is £2,000 for SRC admin/ACM, £6500 for support of Non Olympic Athletes/events, £1,500 for support of the Race Coach courses, £8000 for the Start Gates at the National Regattas and £1,500 for Admin of the Sprint Competition Review Group.
- b) The SRC had commitment to match the MRC support for the Race Coach, which for 2019 is £3,000, with the BC grant being £1,500. The SRC considered the options of either limiting our support to the amount of the grant or again using our reserves to make up the total to £3,000 for this project in 2019. **Agreed** to use our reserves up to £1,500.
- c) Automated results from the Live Result, £5,000 and the inclusion of Long Distance results, £750, projects included in the budget to go ahead from reserve funds. **Agreed**.
- d) Provision of providing replacement & / or more K4's for regattas, funded from reserves. **Agreed**. - Request already in hand to the Performance Dept asking if they have any surplus second hand K4's we might be able to acquire. **Action: JH**
- e) Support for facilities at the Cotswolds Lake agreed previously, implementation delayed.
- f) Further items from reserves to be considered at a later meeting.
- 9 **Start update of Development plan:**
- a) AL had circulated the development plan prior to the meeting, progress is being made in several areas. The main points of the Development Plan can be identified/allocated to individual members. AL will establish a matrix to identify members 'their' area to update. **Action: AL**
- b) EMc suggested our meeting agenda items be linked to the Development Plan to assist identify the progress of DP points. **Agreed** **Action: CW + AL**



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**10 Media Strategy: CW**

- a) Following the suggestion put to the committee at the last meeting, Malcom Johnson was asked and is happy to help the SRC form a Media Strategy. CW proposed the SRC co-opted Mally to the committee for the remainder of this year. **Agreed unanimously.**
- b) Mally has emailed CW an outline of possible ideas for the SRC to consider. CW will forward this to the SRC for their comments after the meeting. **Action: CW + All**
- c) Volunteers interested in using social media will be needed to implement parts of any media strategy. CW asked if this might be a suitable project for the 'Future Leaders' group as per AG email 13 Dec. **Agreed** to sound this out **Action: RR+ CW + AG**

**11 Regattas' Chairman report: JH**

JH report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Regatta Committee ask the SRC to reconsider a decision from the last meeting. The RC recommend that the LD races held at the April Regatta not be Championship events. **Agreed** with recommendation. The SRC also agreed the proposed provisional dates for regattas at HPP for 2020 for Andy Maddocks to start discussion with Serco. SUP's will have a limited number of paddlers and events during 2 of our Regattas, March and 1-2 June for the first SUP Sprint National Championships, (different board types).

**12 Next Meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Venue: BC Offices, HPP, Nottingham Time: 12.00**

**Meeting finished at: 3.50**