



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday 16th March 2021
TIME: 20.00. Zoom 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], 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:** Kevin Hipkins [KH] and Mally Johnson [MJ].
- 2 **Declaration of Interests:** All annual forms now completed and signed off.
- 3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for:-**
 - a) **12th January 2021** –No comments were raised on the circulated revised 12th January minutes. The Chair proposed the minutes be approved **Agreed**
 - b) **9th February 2021-** No comments were raised on the circulated 9th February minutes. The Chair proposed the minutes be approved **Agreed**
- 4 **Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda:**
 - a) Good Governance Processes: DL recommends no further actions are required
 - b) South Cerney:
 - i) The planned 1-2nd May event is cancelled due to the Covid-19 restrictions.
 - ii) Talks on the overall development of the site are on-going with several possibilities under discussion. To increase access points to the lake, a source for obtaining previously used, removable launch pontoons is being investigated **Action: DL**
 - c) Sprint Racing Handbook: The Sprint Handbook has been printed with orders being posted out. A pdf version will be uploaded to the SRC website. **Action: CW**
 - d) Regatta Committee's update – The April Paracanoe and Sprint Selection Event will be held under the government's exemption for Elite Sport'. The BC Events Team are working closely with Nottingham Health Dept to ensure we have in place all the necessary precautions for a covid secure event. The numbers of people on site will be restricted with the athletes allowed only one person/coach to support them. The entries open on 19th and close on the 28th March. The RC are confident they have sufficient officials willing to attend to manage the technical side of the event. The BC staff and coaches will cover the Marshalling and the Entry protocols for the event. TS, on behalf of the SRC, thanked all concerned for the extensive work involved to make the event possible.
- 5 **Planning – Development Plan: AG**
 - a) The points and notes have been 'tidied' on the shared file following the Planning meeting on 6th March. Having identified six goals and 60 actions noted. The actions will require to be prioritised along with a defined timeline. AG will formulate a method for this and circulate when ready for members to complete. **ACTION: AG +SRC**
 - b) TS requested members to share with him, in the next couple of weeks, which of the Gaol or Action subcommittees, that will shortly be formed, they'd prefer to be part off. **ACTION: SRC**



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AG to identify goals/actions where BC staff could offer support.

ACTION: AG

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6 **Goal 1 – Expand the Competition Structure:**

- a) Speed Series: draft rules from James Smythe (Joint MRC/SRC subcommittee). Concerns were voiced that some areas are unnecessarily complex. Members to identify those concerns or other comments to TS. **ACTION: TS +SRC**
- b) Ludum, are interested in developing a canoeing race management software as a trial. Potentially the Speed Series could be a suitable event for this. With the data from all events in the series being retained as part of a paddler database archive. I
- c) It was commented that allowance should also be given for flexibility within local and regional events to provide a variety of formats that will better suit some clubs or venues.

7 **Goal 2 – Define and increased “Event” development for National Regattas to ‘show case’ sprint racing: – Held over**

8 **Goal 3 – Develop training opportunities for Volunteers and Coaches: – Held over**

9 **Goal 4 – Increase, media profile and engagement with paddling community:**

Live Streaming for the April Selection Event: Interest is strong to trial Live Streaming for the April event, as it is a closed event, attendance will be strictly restricted with no spectators allowed. No external funding available to stream this event. Proposal made that the SRC fund this as a one off due to the exceptional restrictions in place for the April Selection event. With a Budget of £7,000. **AGREED: ACTION: TS**

10 **Goal 5 - Strengthen Financial Sustainability: – Held over**

11 **Goal 6 – Paddle development opportunities and records:**

Terms of Reference for the Skills Days, were circulated prior to the meeting: AM reported a steering Skills Days subgroup (MRC/SRC/English Talent coaches) had met. Annually the aim would be for four ‘Skills Days’ with MRC, SRC and Talent Dept, taking ownership of the content of the skills day they are heading up. However, the general structure and focus to be similar across all 4 dates. The Steering Skills sub group, to agree commonalities, dates for the ‘Skill Days’, registration, information database, shared a communication group and photos etc. Due to the covid restrictions in place, for 2021 the aim is to hold at least one this year as a trial, date yet to be confirmed.

ACTION:AM+TS

12 **2021 Budget Estimates for areas of development:**

- a) £7000.00 added to the Budget for the April Live Streaming.
- b) The Treasurer reported, following the SRC email to the Performance Dept with our request for them to assist financially with the cost of holding the April Selection Event. An offer has been received today from the Performance Dept, which we do not accept. LC to reply rejecting the PD offer, stating the SRC would fund the streaming but they expect PD/BC to underwrite, in full, the running costs for the event. **ACTION: LC**



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13 Chair's report:

The Chair reported attending a 'Discipline Chairs meeting, TS's written report circulated prior to the SRC meeting, highlights the BC's planned changes to the Day ticket system, which could affect plans for local and regional events. **ACTION: SRC**

14 Date for ACM in October and virtual or actual:

Discussion to be held over to next meeting. Prior to which, the SRC were asked to consider the options and benefits of both styles of meetings. Also, if an actual meeting, do we retain presenting the national perpetual trophies after ACM or revert to their presentation with the Championship medals at the National Championship Regatta? Or alternately, for the perpetual Trophies to be presented at a separate occasion, such as the Royal Paddle Challenge? **ACTION: DL**

15 Dates for future Meetings:

- a) **SRC Open Discussion meeting** – Friday 7th May
- b) **SRC committee meeting** – TBC – via a poll to establish date following the meeting

AOB PG asked that the SRC contact with the regions be added to next SRC meeting agenda. **AGREED**

ACTION: CW

Meeting finished at 21.56