



## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
**TIME:** 20.05. Zoom On-line meeting

### Attend

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

Visitors None

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- 1 **Apologies:** Ivan Lawler [IL] (SRC), Holly Fairclough [HF] (PD), Anna Gray [AG] (BC)
- 2 **Declaration of Interests:**  
No forms returned this meeting, one annual form outstanding. **Action: IC**
- 3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
Approval was held over until next meeting for changes suggested for item 5 to be incorporated. **Action: CW +TS+DL**
- 4 **Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda:**
  - a) Good Governance Processes: DL – nothing to report at this time.
  - b) South Cerney development: DL reported correspondence with the Lake Trustees confirmed the Trustees' intention to proceed with works to reduce the available open water, severely limiting the range of canoeing activities which could be undertaken. The Trustees planned works do not conform to planning conditions under the original criteria for developing the site. The possibility to apply pressure for the enforcement of these responsibilities is being investigated. If, successful this could affect the implementation of the Trustees current plans. **Action: DL**
  - c) South Cerney Sprint Racing event planned for May 2021: awaiting the Government's Covid restrictions announcement later this month before any decision is made whether the event can go ahead. In preparation for the event and future use of the lake, the supply and funding via the Canoe Foundation, for (removable) launch pontoons is being investigated. **Action: DL**
- 5 **Chair's Report:** An update from the International Panel's meeting, circulated prior to the meeting. The IP will be publishing a Statement on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February which will detail the changes the continuing Covid restrictions impose on the first two selection regattas. 17-18<sup>th</sup> April selections will be restricted to paracanoe and senior sprint Olympic events. Junior selections will move to the 5-6<sup>th</sup> June joining the planned Under23's selections, non-selection races will not be included. If the restrictions are gradually eased in the summer, the remaining Para, Senior and Junior selections planned for the July regatta will take place as part of the National Championships.



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**6 Sprint Racing Handbook:**

- a) With the information from the IP meeting, the Handbook text can now be adjusted. If the SRC agrees the book can now be sent to the printers. **AGREED:**
- b) The printer's quotes for various sets of books to be printed was reviewed. Due to the covid restrictions limiting competitions at the start of the season, it was proposed that only 100 books are printed. **AGREED: Action: CW**
- c) The handbook in a PDF version can be uploaded to the website. **Action: CW**

**7 Regatta Committee's update.** Regatta Chair's report was circulated prior to the meeting Included in the report were several points for the SRC to note:-

- a) The cancelling of the planned Official Training Day in March due to the Covid restrictions limiting travel.
- b) Damage to the HPP lake bank to the River Trent which has collapsed due to the recent flooding. This may have an impact on the April selection event.
- c) The initial preparations are in hand for the tight restrictions for the April selection event. The indications are there could be sufficient officials to run the event with the support of BC Staff.
- d) The RC aim to provide Team Leaders with a status updated around 6 weeks before the April regatta.
- e) The updated Regatta committee draft budget was presented, predicting a sizeable financial loss for the first 2 selection only regattas. (See item 11 b)
- f) The RC suggested the April and June are titled 'Selection only' and that the July Regatta is the National Championship Regatta. **AGREED**

**8 Planning – Development Plans:** Follow up from Planning session 6th Feb. Members were reminded to visit the 'jamboard' to add their thoughts in preparation for the next session. Date to be confirmed when the availability poll is completed. **Action: SRC**

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

- a) Local Racing Events (Speed Series and City Centre Racing) - in Planning session
- b) Development of Juniors: AM + PG report – within Planning Session
- c) Development of Under 23s – within Planning Session
- d) HPP Regattas and event schedule – within Planning Session
- e) Increased Participation of Girls and Women – within Planning Session

**10 Publicity and SRC's PR – Facebook/ Website/ Instagram/ Twitter/ Live streaming,**

- a) Live Streaming: MJ report, circulated prior to the meeting, noting the many benefits for 'Why to film our races' with 2 alternative routes by which to do this. Both routes would require some investment from the SRC, plus possible BC and/or outside funding (GB Sport Media Platform). Use of volunteer group a possibility. Long term planning for Live streaming is included within the Planning Sessions. **Action: SRC**
- b) Estimated costs for a 5-year plan of investment concluded the report. **Action: LC**
- c) Increasing the use of all social media methods, Twitter and particularly Instagram was raised as the main focus for 'branding' the sport.
- d) As a trial the SRC to research, advertise and seek a volunteer to produce an Instagram feed to promote coverage of the April Selection regatta. **Action: IC+MJ+KH**



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- 10 e) MJ circulated prior to the meeting a draft job description for a SRC social media officer. MJ asked for comments on the draft to be emailed to him after the meeting.

**Action: SRC**

11 **2021 Budget, Estimates for areas of development:**

- a) The Treasurer's report was circulated prior to the meeting with the beginning of a simplified long-term budget. More to be added as projects are firmed up as part of the Development Plan.
- b) LC expressed concern that the first 2 regattas, due to covid restrictions will have an increased expenditure with an extremely limited income. The predicted financial loss is extensive. LC propose the SRC approach the Performance Dept to ask them to consider assisting with the funding of the two Selection events.

**AGREED**

**Action: LC+CW**

12 **Dates for future Meetings**

- a) **SRC Open Discussion meeting** - The 1<sup>st</sup> 'Open Discussion' (Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec) meeting appeared well received. It is proposed a second meeting be held soon. The SRC to set a meeting date once more is known of the Covid restrictions being lifted and the effect on competitions. Particularly the April Selection Regatta. Possibly next meeting around mid-March onwards.
- b) **SRC committee meeting** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March - TBC
- c) **SRC informal discussion meeting** – Replaced by the Planning Sessions.

**Meeting finished at: 9.45pm**