



## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**TIME:** 18.00

**VENUE:** on -line virtual meetings

### Attending:

Committee members: Alan Laws [AL] (Chair), Cathy Wynne [CW], David Lawrence [DL], <sup>13<sup>th</sup> July only</sup> Imogen Collins [IM], Ian Wynne [IW], Louise Clive [LC], Margaret Chapman [MC], Paul Dimmock [PD], <sup>13<sup>th</sup> July only</sup> Roland Lawler [RL], Mally Johnson [MJ], Kevin Hipkins [KH].

Visitors  
13<sup>th</sup> July: Anna Gray [AG] (BC) Jim Rossiter [JR] (VP)  
27<sup>th</sup> July: Gemma Wiggs [GW] (BC) Richard Stacey -Chapman [RS-C] (BC) and Jim Rossiter [JR] (VP)

Item No:

### MINUTES

1 **Apologies:**

13<sup>th</sup> July: None

27<sup>th</sup> July: Anna Gray (BC), Imogen Collins, Roland Lawler

2 **Declaration of Interests:** No new declarations made

3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Proposed approve as circulated:

**Agreed (13 July)**

4 **Matters arising from Minutes not on the agenda**

Item19: Good Governance Processes: DL – Held over again

### 08/06/20 Event Presentation: Videoing for Social Media: MJ:

- a) MJ circulated prior to the SRC meeting a report following meeting with BC Events Team to gain an insight of the new media sports platform rolled out this year. BC are one of 26 sports signed up to this venture. The Sport Platform plan to film the 2021 National Sprint April Regatta, which will have Olympic Canoeing & Paracanoe selections as part of the programme.
- b) MJ proposes a “soft launch” as a trial with filming a regatta if that is possible this September, in preparation for the planned filming the national regattas in 2021.
- c) The cost (£2,500) for the trial to be added to the SRC 2020 Budget. **Agreed: (13 July)**
- <sup>27<sup>th</sup> July</sup> d) MJ and Wave Filming (Sept 2020) will met at HPP on 11<sup>th</sup> Aug (item 8, RC also on site) to firm up arrangement for the Sept 2020 regatta trial filming. **ACTION: MJ (27 July)**

5 **Chairman's report**

- a) AL confirmed the date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the committee meeting will be: 27<sup>th</sup> July -Item 15
- b) South Cerney: see Item 6
- c) AL had reported by email prior to 27<sup>th</sup> July an on-line, attending a meeting with an Ad Hoc community group. One of the ideas posed by the group is an additional ‘Racing Committee’ to integrate the Racing Competitions. AL suggested we would all benefit from collaboration between SRC & MRC via a Subcommittee, to confer to explore common ground with an integrate annual racing competition calendar. To discuss this further a meeting between Stan Missen [SM], AL and David Joy [DJ] will be arranged.

**ACTION: AL (13July)**



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- 27th July Following discussion between AL, SM & DJ, AG, last week who supported some collaboration between the committees, AL believes this is a positive move. Therefore, AL now proposes to the SRC, that in the next few weeks a Subcommittee with 2 people appointed by each committee (MRC + SRC) be established to liaise on matters of mutual interest, including the formation of the yearly flatwater racing calendar, including the possibility of some combined club events. **Agreed (27 July)**
- d) AL confirm no further replies received from clubs offering to hold sprint event in 2021, possibly there would be movement on this when the Covid-19 restriction are relaxed.
- 6 South Cerney proposed Local Sprint Event – 1-2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**
- a) Graham Warland (Flatwater Calendar Compiler MRC) has confirmed the availability of the date of 1-2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021, the date KB suggests for a sprint event on the lake.
- b) DL on behalf of the SRC to arrange a meeting with Kevin Bowerbank [KB] and South Cerney Lake Trustees **ACTION: DL (13 July)**
- c) KB requested SRC support with the event both practical and funding: DL to work up a draft budget with KB for possible SRC funding support. **ACTION: DL (13 July)**
- 27th July d) DL reported the Trustee require a test canoeing event to assess the impact on the wildlife. Care is required not to overuse the site at this stage and endanger the long-term use of the site for canoeing. KB holds a licence on behalf of WYCC for the site.
- e) KB is investigating 20<sup>th</sup> September as a possible test sprint event. The current Covid-19 restrictions impose an additional complication, working with RS-C on this. The event would be only part of a day (10am-4pm) with a strict limit on numbers competing due to the restricted launching access. **ACTION: KB (27 July)**
- f) DL is focusing on the long-term aspirations, progress in the past has been slow but steady, now that we have limited access for canoeing, we should be careful to tread lightly in the short term to allow us to benefit from the full potential of the site in the long term for sprint racing. **ACTION: DL (27 July)**
- 7 Treasurer's Update: LC – report + x 2 revised Budgets circulated prior to the meeting.**
- a) Several budget items cannot proceed or are not required due to the pandemic. These have been removed or transferred into 2021budget. Reducing the SRC Budget significantly. Further items being investigated for adjustment. **ACTION: LC (13 July)**
- b) The cost of £2500, for the trial of Filming for streaming in September 2020, **AGREED**, see item 4) to be added to the Budget. **ACTION: LC (13 July)**
- c) Similarly, a few items have been adjusted in the Regatta Budget, additional items will need further investigation before making further adjustments. **ACTION: LC (13 July)**
- d) The Regatta Committee will have an overspend due to expenditure on storage, upkeep, and maintenance etc, items still required without receiving any income with most of the regattas cancelled.
- e) The Regatta overspend will increase steeply if a national regatta is held in September. The costs of implementing the Government Covid-19 requirements for an event will be significant and the entry level will be limited due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- f) AL asked whether the RC had received the projected cost for this year's contribution for the Start Gate system. – LC replied, not yet, assume that will depend on whether we use the system or not – will investigate **ACTION:LC (13 July)**
- 27 July N.B LC confirmed if the Start gates are not used the RC would not be asked to contribute towards the Start Gates in 2020.
- 27 July g) LC has made further adjustments to SRC & RC 2020 budgets. The Covid -19 will have a big impact on the Regatta Committee funds: AL suggested with the improvement to



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BC financial position, the SRC submit a bid for financial assistance to assist with this unplanned expenditure due to the pandemic. **ACTION: LC (27 July)**

### 8 National Regattas' Chair' update report: RC Chair's

- a) Regatta Chair's report circulated prior to the meeting. The report, with a number of proposals for the SRC to consider was written before the government statement on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, relaxing some of the Lockdown' precautions. The SRC agreed to hold over any decisions until the 2<sup>nd</sup> part 2 of the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July. This will allow BC and RC time to digest the new requirements which could affect some of the RC proposals. **ACTION: Regatta Committee (13 July)**
- 27th July
- b) An Updated Regatta Committee (RC) Chair's report had been circulated prior to the 27<sup>th</sup> July SRC meeting, which asked the SRC to note. If a sprint event is held in September, there will be a significant financial loss due to the Corvid- 19 restrictions. **NOTED:**
- c) The RC proposed, postponing the 5-6 Sep regatta until the 26-27<sup>th</sup> September, for which work is underway to establish if a regatta will be viable. **AGREED: (27 July)**
- d) If an event is held, the RC do not recommend a National Championships regatta, due to the variations in Corvid-19 restrictions implemented in the 4 Home Nation/ Also they estimate the numbers of events will have to be limited to around 50%.of a usually regatta. Junior and U23 events will be prioritised over other events. A sprint regatta in age groups but not as a Championship event was proposed, if it proves viable to hold the event. **AGREED: (27 July)**
- e) A number of sprint racing rules will have to be adjusted due to the social distancing requirement, for example, Team leaders meeting before the event (will be on-line), no Late Entries allowed. The RC asked the SRC to agree to the relaxing of any the rules which cannot be complied with due to the pandemic. **AGREED (27 July)**
- f) The RC would prefer to hold a 2 day event but could run a single day, RC ask that the SRC confirm their preference. **Held over till more information is available from the RC on what would be plan for either option.**
- g) The RC suggest the following schedule for making decisions.
- i) Following this meeting the RC will inform the Sprint Club Team Leaders of the possible dates in Sept for a regatta.
  - ii) The RC will seek feedback from the clubs on the likely attendance for any proposed event.
  - iii) The RC on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug will make the decision to either cancel the 26-27 Sept or proceed with further investigations and a site visit on the 11<sup>th</sup> Aug, plus start on the setting up process for a regatta.
  - iv) The RC will assess if the event will be practical or not by 15<sup>th</sup> Aug following the site visit on the 11<sup>th</sup> Aug, Inform the SRC of the RC decision.
  - v) An announcement made to clubs as soon as possible after that, if going ahead to paddlers approx. 6 weeks training before the event.

### 9 ACM Update: DL

With the continuing relaxation of the pandemic restrictions, it's believed that with the use of the whole site and waterfrontage plus extensive car parking there should be sufficient space for social distancing to be maintained for both the Paddle Challenge and the ACM. Although preparations will continue to allow for all contingences. A draft ACM Budget of SRC expenses was requested **ACTION: DL (13 July)**  
The draft Timeline for the ACM start time of 2.00pm was questioned. DL to review and



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discuss either moving earlier (1pm) or delaying till after the 10K, (4.00pm) with RCC  
then to come back to the SRC

**ACTION: DL (13 July)**

### 10 **ACM Administration preparation.**

a) Election Terms and membership of committee held over to next meeting

b) ACM Notices to Clubs, Timeline for these and the admin process and paperwork:

.1) Preliminary Notice to clubs of the date, venue and deadlines for nominations:

Draft Preliminary announcement, circulated prior to meeting, was adjusted to remove some detail. No other changes suggested, it was agreed the notice would go out as soon as possible.

**ACTION: CW (13 July)**

2) Without any National regattas' clubs have not had the opportunity to qualify to vote at the ACM. The suggestion is for 2020 ACM, to use the 2019 list of eligible clubs. AG has spoken with the BC Governance team who agree that a 'common sense' solution is such as this is acceptable. With the caveat that this fact is made known to clubs. AG asked if any new clubs had register since the last ACM as this might cause an issue. LC & CW to check this.

**ACTION: LC + CW (13 July)**

27 July N.B The check confirmed no new clubs had registered since the 2019 ACM

3) ACM paperwork review held over.

### 11 **Sprint Performance Strategy Groups Update: IW – Held over to 27<sup>th</sup> July**

27th July The first draft of the Strategy plan has now gone out for consultation, feedback can be via a survey form, and on-line meetings for clubs. Plus, an on-line meeting for the committees, SRC, RC and MRC to discuss the draft and comment.

### 12 **SCA Proposed National Championship 5000m Event – March 2021:MC – Held over to 27<sup>th</sup> July**

27th July A written proposal circulated prior to the meeting gave background information of a proposal from the SCA to hold a 5000m British National Sprint Racing Championship event at Strathclyde Park on 26<sup>th</sup> March before the 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Racing Regatta.

**AGREED: (27 July)**

### 13 **Coaching Courses funding Support Process: IC**

IC reported that currently no progress can be made to re-start the coaching courses and the new SRC support package. Clarification regarding the BC Coaching support, in the future coaching course could be supported by inhouse tutor deliverers and meeting rooms/facilities, thereby reducing the overall cost of the courses.

### 14 **Development Plan: AG + AL** Held over until 27<sup>th</sup> July

27th July GW outlined the draft Roadmap which suggests the SRC make allowance for the BC Strategy plan being delayed by approx. a year due to the Corvid -19 situation. Plus, with the current Sprint Performance Strategy Review underway, the outcome of which could affect the direction of the SRC Development plan as parts of the new Sprint Performance Strategy would be incorporated into the plan. This will not be available till later in the year.

15 **Next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> August. Venue: on-line Time: 19.00**

13<sup>th</sup> July adjourned at 19.25, to be resume Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July

27<sup>th</sup> July meeting closed at 19.15pm.