



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday 12th January 2021
TIME: 20.00. Zoom On-line meeting

Attended:

Committee members: Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Alice Murphy [AM], Cathy Wynne [CW], David Lawrence [DL], Ian Wynne [IW], Kevin Hipkins [KH], Louise Clive [LC], Malcolm Johnson [MJ], Paul Dimmock [PD], Peter Gorman [PG] + Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep
Visitors: Anna Gray [AG] (BC), Jim Rossiter [JR] VP

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1 **Apologies:**

Apologies received from David Joy, Ivan Lawler [IL] and Imogen Collins [IC]

2 **Declaration of Interests:**

4 More annual forms are completed ready for the Chair to sign off

Action: TS

3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for 8th December 2020:**

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting; no comments had been raised. The minutes were proposed be approved as circulated.

AGREED:

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

a) Good Governance Processes: DL reviewed the current 'Terms of Reference' along with the Declaration of Interest Form, considers they comply with the principles of general good governance. However, DL noted that several 'actions' in the 'Terms of Reference' did not specify a method to accomplish that action. For clarity, DL was requested to prepare draft policy statements for these actions. CW to assist with information for the policies.

Action: DL + CW

b) BC Board, England Forum Nomination:

CW reported the candidate the SRC nominated for the English Forum BC Board member election was unsuccessful. The English Forum members elected Clare Dallaway. The Board position will be approved at the British Canoeing AGM. This will be Clare's 2nd term as a BC board member.

5 **Women and Girls Promotion times:**

a) The disparity in the Standard for Racing times require women to be 3 seconds closer to international standards over 500m, then men to be promoted, this was highlighted at the Sept 2017 ACM. Prior to the SRC meeting AG circulated a summary of previous discussions, queries, decisions and actions taken to address this disparity. Due to safety concerns a trial using modified times, was implemented for the 2020 season. This trial is carried forward to 2021, as no competitions could be held in 2020 because of Covid-19 restrictions. The modified times fall short of full equality although closer to establishing parity. The SRC wish to progress to a fair and equitable Standards of Racing for all, with progression through the ability classes aligned similarly for male and female competitors. The SRC requests the RC make further recommendations on how to achieve equality and report back to the SRC on their preferred strategy.

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- 5 b) As an alternative to further lowering the Womens times, AM suggested increasing the Mens times to establish parity between the Mens and Womens standards. The SRC considered this could be a workable answer to achieving equality.
- 6 **Sprint Racing Handbook:**
- a) CW's report circulated prior to the meeting confirmed all the sections of the Handbook are completed. Most of which will not change because of variations to the COVID-19 restrictions. Few alternatives are available for the Championship National Regattas as 3 regattas include selection events. Selections would go head in a restricted form, unless there was a complete 'Lockdown' when regattas would be cancelled.
- b) It was proposed the Handbook would be published as a hard copy with a PDF version on the website. **AGREED:**
- c) The titles for the National Regattas, require SRC's approval. With the close link between the regatta titles and selections, it was proposed this decision be delayed until after the International Panel's meeting in early February. When it would be known if there are any adjustments to the selection events **AGREED:**
- d) The SRC's next meeting will be arranged for after the IP meeting. **Action: SRC**
- e) MC suggested including in the Handbook a brief outline of the possible COVID-19 restrictions which could be in place during a National Regatta. **AGREED: Action: CW**
- 7 **Publicity and SRC's PR**
Facebook/ Website/ Instagram/ Twitter/ Live Streaming- MJ report
- a) MJ's report was circulated prior to the meeting outlining the rationale for developing Live Streaming along with the targets for a 5-year strategy plan and an estimate for the SRC long term Budget plans.
- b) MJ suggested the SRC considers drawing up a (bullet point) priority action plan for increasing the use of social media. MJ commented that for an effective social media presence does require a continual presence, possibly even as a paid roll. MJ was asked to draft a 'job description' for this roll. **Action: MJ**
- 8 **Discussion: - Areas SRC could explore in terms of developing scope and role".**
With many individual items to explore it was suggested that before proceeding further, OUR VISION for the next 4 years should be established. **AGREED:**
AG proposed a Planning Session before the next SRC meeting to assist the SRC towards developing an overview plan and timeline for the coming 4 years. **AGREED: Action: AG + SRC**
- a) Local Racing Events (Speed Series and City Centre Racing) – within Planning Session
- b) Development of Juniors: AM + PG reports – within Planning Session
- c) Development of Under 23s - City Centre Racing) – within Planning Session
- d) HPP Regattas and event schedules – within Planning Session
- e) Increase Participation of Girls and Women – within Planning Session
- 9 **2021 Budget Estimates for areas of development**
LC displayed the beginning of the long-term draft budget with a few of the possible projects estimated costs. More to follow in the near future. **ACTION: SRC**
- 10 **Open Discussion – feedback and reflections – Held over**

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11 **Dates for future Meetings**

- a) **SRC Open Discussion meeting** – Held over to the next meeting.
- b) **SRC committee meeting** – Tuesday 9th February 2021.
- c) **SRC informal discussion meeting** – Held over to the next meeting.

NOTE: Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions the planned Sprint National Championship 5000m event due to be held in Strathclyde on the 20th March. Has been rescheduled to Saturday 23rd October. Information for this event will be on the SCA website.

Meeting finished at: 9.50pm

APPROVED