



## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**TIME:** 20.00. Zoom On-line meeting

### Attending:

Committee members: Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Alice Murphy [AM], Cathy Wynne [CW], Hannah Brown [HB], Ian Wynne [IW], Louise Clive [LC], Malcolm Johnson [MJ], Paul Dimmock [PD], Philip Miles [PM], Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep & Tom Power [TP] CanW Rep.

BC Staff: Anna Gray [AG] (BC), Susan Hicks [SH] (BC Finance)

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1 **Apologies:** Ivan Lawler [IL] (SRC), Keir Worth, [KW] (BC)

2 **Declaration of Interests:** No additional interests have been received

3 **Approval of SRC Minutes for 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022:**

The minutes were circulated to members prior to the meeting, with no changes suggested or comments made. TS proposed the minutes be approved. **Agreed:**

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

4 Item 6 b) BUCS update: - AG confirmed notification received that canoe sprint has been approved as part of the University sport programme. Our status has moved on to the implementation stage; possible 1<sup>st</sup> event in the 2022/2023 academic year **ACTION: AG**

5 **Treasurer's Report: LC**

2022-25 Budget, including Planned Developments

A joint discussion between SRC & BC to agree the priorities and needs of the committee to fund and support the implementation of the development plan.

a) Sprint Development Plans for the medium and long term:

SH gave an overview of the SRC's financial position, not just for 2022 but for long term budgeting of projects, reserves, and the generation of income. Leading to lengthy discussions to establish the SRC's principles for future Sprint Racing budgets: -

i) Reserves: To retain a reasonable 'safety net' level of reserves, and any additional funds above that level, to be invested in projects with a long-term benefit for sprint racing.

ii) Projects: as identified in the Sprint Racing Development Plan, may require some funding from the Reserves as 'setting up' costs, however in general, projects moving forwards must be self-funding and ultimately able to generate an income for the SRC.

iii) Generating Income: For most canoe disciplines' the competition structure is the main income which funds their committee's activities: currently that is not the case for sprint racing. The SRC should address this situation and work towards generating an income over the long term. Suggestions to be looked at, could include an increase to the national regatta entry fees, local events levy. Plus, investigating avenues to increase commercial interest in advertising or sponsorship of events.

b) Sprint Development Plans for the short term, 2021-2022

i) It is recognised by BC that not all projects/developments could be self-funding or able to generate an income in the short term, therefore BC would continue to assist the SRC with funding to implement the Sprint Strategy over the next few years.



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b) cont'd Sprint Development Plans for the short term, 2021-2022 cont'd

- ii) The SRC Budget for 2021-22: The priorities for funding in 2022 were identified along with their costs and if funded from the budget or reserves. From that a figure of £20,000 was agreed as the maximum the SRC could afford to use to fund non-programme athletes. The criteria for the distribution of the SRC Athlete support funding has yet to be decided, more ideas on that by email after the meeting.

**ACTION: TS**

### 6 **Goal 2 – National Regattas--**

a) Regatta Committee update: PC:

- i) A written report circulated just prior to the meeting highlighting that there are ongoing issues with the NWSC Timing system. Plus other associated items from Serco which may not be in place in time for the National Regatta to function as we would expect. If all is not working as hoped some events may have to be withdrawn or cancelled during the regatta. **Noted:**
- ii) Given the current situation with the NWSC system the Regatta Committee feels it is prudent to bring forward plans for a sprint racing own regatta management IT system. A system, which could be used at other venues as well as at NWSC. To enable quotes or tenders to be obtained and for grant applications to be made for this project, a detailed specification for a fully integrated IT system would be required. The RC propose to use some of their reserve funds to commission Trevor Kirkham to produce a full specification, if the SRC approve? **Agreed:**

7 **Chair's Report: TS** Nothing to report currently.

LC asked if there were any plans for the Live Streaming this season, TS, replied more needs to be discussed on this for later in the season, but not at the April regatta.

8 **Date for future SRC Committee Meetings:**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April @ 8.00pm** confirmed as the next formal SRC meeting, with provisional future dates of **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June @ 8.00pm** and **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> July @ 8.00pm**

A second informal brainstorming meeting was suggested to discuss items raised at this meeting before the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Agreed:**

A 'Doodle poll' would be circulated to find a possible date.

**ACTION: CW**

**Meeting finished at: 21.50**