



## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> + 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
**TIME:** 20.00. Zoom On-line meeting

### Attending

Committee members: 18<sup>th</sup> July Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Alice Murphy [AM], Cathy Wynne [CW] (Secretary), Hannah Brown [HB], Ivan Lawler [IL], Louise Clive [LC] (Treasurer), Malcom Johnson [MJ], Paul Dimmock [PD], Peter Gorman [PG] Philip Miles [PM], Margaret Chapman [MC]

25<sup>th</sup> July Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Alice Murphy [AM], Cathy Wynne [CW] (Secretary), Ivan Lawler [IL], Louise Clive [LC] (Treasurer), Peter Gorman [PG] Philip Miles [PM], Margaret Chapman [MC]

Visitors: 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July Anna Gray [AG] BC Sport Development Manager  
Ashley Metcalfe [AM] British Canoeing CEO,  
Gemma Wiggs [GW] BC Head of Events and International Affairs – Chair of the National Regatta subgroup  
Phil Caisley [PC] Regatta Committee Chair

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#### 1 Apologies:

18<sup>th</sup> July: Richard Stacy-Chapman [RS-C] (BC) Local and Regional Sub working group: Ian Wynne [IW], Thomas Power [TP] (CWales Rep).

25<sup>th</sup> July: Malcom Johnson [MJ], Hannah Brown [HB], Ian Wynne [IW], Paul Dimmock [PD], Thomas Power [TP] (CWales Rep)

#### 2 Declaration of Interests:

18<sup>th</sup> July: No further declarations received

25<sup>th</sup> July: An annual declaration form has been received and signed off by the Chair.

#### 18<sup>th</sup> July items 3 to 6

##### 3 Approval of the last SRC Minutes: 15<sup>th</sup> June Minutes.

A comment regarding a possible missing 'Action' was raised, however, on checking the notes no SRC Action is required. No errors were raised, the Chair proposed the minutes be approved. **Agreed:**

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

6 b) SRC Awards: Following the July Championship regatta there are a further four trophies for the SRC to award. The details and results will be circulated by email after the meeting for the committee to nominate the awards. **Action: CW +SRC**

As noted in the 15<sup>th</sup> June minutes the awards will be presented on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

7b) The ACM Preparations: The preliminary notice with the date and time of the meeting was in the July National Regatta programme and posted on the website:  
The deadline for nominations and items for discussion is midnight 16<sup>th</sup> August.

##### 5 Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure

The SRC had formed two working groups to discuss and develop proposals for the Canoe Sprint competition structure. One focusing on local and regional event strategy the other, National competition programme. Both working groups presented written reports for this meeting.

a) Local and Regional subgroup report: MC + RS-C: Notes and outline proposals. Focused on a potential pathway of sprint events, firstly an entry level event, that provided informal and flexible side by side racing that encourages and engages a wider range of paddlers into sprint racing. Along with what resources and support would be required to initiate the growth in entry level sprint events which clubs could organise.



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- 5 a) Plus, a 2<sup>nd</sup> level of events, which eventually would be networked across the country of 'progression level' sprint events. Focussing on paddler experience and learning with an introduction into formal sprint racing while retaining flexibility to allow for the variety of venues available.

To introduce a qualification scheme to participate in the National MacGregor Inter-club competition. Acknowledging both the clubs that hold events and those competing at local sprint events. - Several ideas for a workable criteria were raised for further discussion at the next meeting. **Action: SRC**

To introduce in 2023 a Sprint Levy system for local and regional sprint events, with 50% of the income being fed back to support the expansion of local/regional sprint events. The remaining 50% to support the National Regattas. - Several ideas for workable criteria were raised for further discussion at the next meeting. **Action: SRC**

### 6 Goal 2 – Clearly defined, competitive, exciting, well attended National Regattas

- a) National Regatta Subgroup report: GW, Notes and outline proposals  
Focus, the National Regatta structure and programmes. The number of regattas and providing proposals for an annual format for each regatta to be implemented over the coming years. The growth of the Local and Regional sprint events is fundamental to providing and integrated UK wide domestic calendar for sprint racing.
- National regattas are aimed at top tier of paddlers, who have achieved eligibility/qualified to compete at a National regatta via the Local/Regional sprint events.
  - Recommend one pre-season 5km UK National Championships followed by four sprint National Regatta each with a define focus and date which is constant year on year.
  - Proposed, that in the long term, to work towards holding four National Regattas. To introduce, for the start of the season, 1) an English Championship, followed by 2) Multi Format National Regatta, then 3) the MacGregor inter-club and 4) to conclude the season with the 4) UK National Championships.
  - To separate Selections events from the National Regattas. However, when the dates for selections fit in with a national regatta, for the Selections to be held on the preceding or following day(s).

The aim being for the National Regatta to provide a greater variety of racing including crew boat opportunities for all paddlers while integrating the needs of the elite paddlers. Promoting the UK National Championships as the highlight event of the year.

The committee, held a long discussion on the report and while welcoming the principle of many of the proposals, did raised doubts over the separation of the Selection events. The SRC will consider this issue and all the proposals further in future meetings while planning the 2023 National Regattas in the autumn. **Action: SRC**

TS thanked both working groups members for the reports which had presented many interesting ideas and all their work on these proposals over the last few months

- b) Regatta Committee update: PC proposed the event shedule for September National Regatta. The variety and number of events were discussed before approval was given. **Agreed: Action: CW +PC**



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The meeting was then adjourned to be reconvened next week

### 25<sup>th</sup> July items 7 to 9:

#### 7 Treasurer's Report:

- a) Update report: LC confirmed that 50% of the BC grant is now in the SRC account. The remaining 50% is conditional on the SRC having expenditure in the 2021/22 financial year of that value. However, some of the 2021/22 budgeted items, such as support for local sprint events are still in the planning stage so need to be moved to the long-term budget. Therefore, LC asked the committee to consider bringing forward a few items into this year's expenditure. After much debate, four items will be added to this year's planned expenditure: -

**Agreed:**

- The SRC to pay for the social event tickets on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October for the winners (x6) of the Best Performance and Junior Canoeist of the Year trophies
- SRC will fund the unexpected costs of additional IT upgrade for the Regatta Committee result systems. Following the loss of John Ball, that led to the employment of HS Sport to operate the NWSC Timing system.
- Remedial works to the SRC K4's, replacement of missing fittings plus additional rudder extenders (if possible) and repairs to the storage trailer.
- RYA training courses (up to x 4 applicant) Boat drivers for the national regattas. TS request PC +CW to prepare a 'condition of excepting RYA funded courses' for potential candidates.

**Action: PC+CW**

Athlete Support: The support for the non-programme athletes is within the budget figure after the European Championships. The Junior and Under 23 World Championship costs and the 'retrospective awards' have yet to come. It's looks as if the SRC are likely to be within budget on this expenditure.

**Action: LC**

The introduction of the SRC application form for support, has worked well this year.

However, in the future, it is proposed that an application deadline is set.

**Agreed:**

#### b) Update 2022/23 and onward Budgets

As noted above some items were transferred from the 2022 into the 2023 budget and adjustments to other items made to the budgets. Live Streaming of one National Regatta, included in the budget 2022/2023

**Agreed:**

Support for local and regional (Level 1 and 2) sprint events – subgroup to be formed to work up a realistic estimate for the budget of the likely support required: **Action: SRC**  
Policy review of the K4's - future K4 strategy to be developed. **Action: SRC**

#### 8 **Chair's Report:** TS for discussion raised several issues which others from the community had raised with him

- 1) Change the lightning class to 'any sprint boat': - currently at national regattas anyone under 14 has the choice to race in a lightning boat as part of the Mini Sprint Series or in the Intermediate class in a sprint boat.  
- Moving forward with the growth of the Local events a review of the lightnings will be included in the overall planning of these events. **Action: SRC**
- 2) National Championship races – to introduce awarding medals irrespective of the number of entries. – the consensus was to be generous with medals in the future and to award irrespective of entry numbers.
- 3) Dropping out on the last lap of 5K, although an international rule should it be adopted. – the consensus was not to adopt this rule.



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- 4) Late entries to regattas to be allowed up until Tuesday midnight before the regatta, as the evening of the Team leaders meeting. – administratively this is impractical under the current situation. TS asked PC that, if possible, the new IT RMS could be designed to facilitate late entries. **Action: PC**
- 5) Regatta Schedules are produced in the Autumn to give an opportunity for community feedback and more consultation. – to provide regatta schedules when selection events are part of the regattas are reliant on the International Panel providing when and what selections are required for each regatta. TS would feed that back to the IP. **Action: TS**
- 6) 5K Open – to be open to all. – this is a complex issue. TS asked PC, if possible, the new IT RMS could be designed to facilitate 5K's to which anyone can enter **Action: PC**

9 **Date for future SRC Committee Meeting: Monday 12 September @ 8.00pm**

**Meeting finished at:** 18<sup>th</sup> July at 21.55  
25<sup>th</sup> July at 22.35

APPROVED