



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday 12th + Thursday 22nd September 2022
TIME: 20.00. Zoom On-line meetings

Attending:

Committee Members 12th Sept: Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Alice Murphy [AM], Cathy Wynne [CW], Ian Wynne [IW]^{till 21.10}, Ivan Lawler [IL]^{from 20:40}, Louise Clive [LC], Malcolm Johnson [MJ]^{till 21.30}, Paul Dimmock [PD], Peter Gorman [PG] Philip Miles [PM], Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep & Nick Fowler CanW Rep.

Others 12th Sept: Anna Gray [AG] (BC) and Richard Ramsdale (BC)

Committee Members 22nd Sept: Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Alice Murphy [AM], Cathy Wynne [CW], Ian Wynne [IW], Hannah Brown [HB], Malcolm Johnson [MJ], Peter Gorman [PG] Philip Miles [PM], & Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep

Item No: **Minutes**
12th Sept: **Welcome: Richard Ramsdale and Nick Fowler**

1 Apologies:

12th Sept: Hannah Brown, Jon Scholfield: Keir Worth and Ashley Metcalfe

22nd Sept: Louise Clive, Malcom Johnson, Anna Gray, Richard Ramsdale and Ashley Metcalfe

2 Declaration of Interests: No further declaration received.

3 Approval of the SRC 18th and 25th July meeting Minutes:

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting, no queries or errors being raised, the Chair proposed the minutes be approved. **Agreed**

4 Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda:

6a) **New Regatta IT project:** TS asked the Regatta Committee to push on with this project as quickly as possible. **Action: Regatta Committee**

5 Goal 5 – Financial Sustainability Treasurer's Report: LC

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting which included information on both the SRC and the Regatta Committees' likely position for the end of year (31/10/22). Plus, information following LC meeting with Susan Hicks that impacts the long term budget and the SRC funding strategy. The SRC needs to create an income stream.

a) Current year update:

i) The SRC spending appears it will be a little over the budget figure (£2,000.). The new admin process for funding the non-Olympic athletes has worked well but cut off dates for application to be firmed up for 2023. This is an 'op in' system -only athletes who apply by the deadline will receive the award.

There is one area, with the retrospective grants that requires further clarification, that is when there are no B Finals because of low entries. TS asked PM to work up a format to be used for 2023 to clarify the process when competitor entries are low.

Action: PM

ii) The Regatta Committee will overspend by around £7,000 this year, mainly due to the increase cost of technical support for the HPP timing system.



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5 b) 2023-26 Budget plans:

i) The long term budget income was reviewed in line with suggestions from SH to increase income. The SRC requested the Regatta Committee to consider what increase would be required to at least break even and put together a proposal for increasing the national regatta fees for 2023. **Action: Regatta Committee**

ii) The renewal strategy for the SRC K4s were once again reviewed, for 2023 it was proposed that we purchase a top level K4 of a medium size suitable for women and girls as most of our Plastex boat are too large for them to use. **Agreed:** Generally, the consensus is for clubs to have their own K4's which could reduce the need for the SRC boats. The boats in clubs would be used more often, and clubs are able to apply for external grants (which the SRC can't) for a K4/C4. The SRC could provide help with the grant application via advice from BC staff. The issue of storage and transportation could be the downside. It was suggested the SRC ask the Regatta Committee to survey the clubs to ascertain the feasibility and willingness of clubs to own and transporting a K4s. **Action: Regatta Committee**

6 Goal 4 – Better engagement with the paddling community

a) **28th September ACM update:** CW

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting to update members on the current position and plans for the ACM. The ACM agenda and papers having been circulated to the SRC and Clubs on the 7th Sept. and on the SRC website from the 8th Sept. Further papers/reports for the meeting will be added to the website when available. **Action: CW**

7 Goal 6 – Develop Paddlers

a) **GB Junior Training Squad:** RR

Proposal from the National Association Development group:
Richard Ramsdale presented the proposal from the National Association Pathway Development Group who are seeking to develop a series of GB Junior Training Squad days. There followed a lengthy discussion on the detail and concept of the proposal, with a wide range of points raised. Primarily on how this proposal might affect the clubs training plans. Richard thanked the SRC for their feedback, which would be taken back to the other members of the home nation group for further consideration.

The meeting was then adjourned to be reconvened at a date to be arranged via a Doodle poll. **Action: LC and all SRC**

b) **Loan of SRC K4's:** Strategy to be reviewed

i) Currently there is a loan arrangement that must be signed by those borrowing the boats by which they agree that they are responsible for the cost of repairs for any damage which occurs while the boats are in their possession. If there was extensive damage the boats are insured. However, currently there is no charge for borrowing the SRC K4's/C4's. It was proposed that the SRC introduce a request for a voluntary donation for each loan. **Agreed** **Action: CW + LC**

ii) There are currently 4 separate requests for the loan of boats from:-

- Richmond CC, a C4 over winter for training
- SCA several boats numbers TBD for the Hooley 22nd October
- Worcester CC, a couple of boats for over winter training
- Peter Ilett, all the K4 Rockets for a junior K4 event 8th October

All the requests are agreed **Action: CW + AM**



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8 Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure

b) Local and Regional subgroup report:

i) MacGregor qualification system:

MC had circulated a discussion paper, which was worked through. From this TS would put an outline proposal forward at the ACM. **Action: TS**

Local Sprint Events Levy Strategy: A levy of £3 adult and £2 juniors for each paddler attending a local sprint event was proposed to be included in the outline MacGregor qualification system proposal to be presented at the ACM **Agreed:**

9 Goal 2 – Clearly defined, National Regattas

a) Regatta Committee update: PC

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting for the SRC information and detailed a few issues that the Regatta Committee had actioned. Included in the reports are the four National Regatta weekend dates for 2023, they are:-
15-16th April; 3-4 June; 1-2 July and 2-3 September.

No additional comments or questions were raised by the SRC at the meeting.

b) National Regatta Subgroup report:

i) National Regatta MacGregor date for 2023

- To allow for more local events to be run for 2023 only, it is proposed that the MacGregor Challenge will be held at the September regatta. **Agreed:**
- Clubs that do not qualify or are not a British club can enter the regatta but will not score MacGregor points. **Agreed:**
- The Mini Sprint Series and Intermediate Series will continue in 2023 to be part of each National Regatta. **Agreed:**

Chair's Report: TS

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting for the SRC's information, did mention the change of Chair for the International Panel which will be announced soon. Canoe Sprint will have the BUCS (British Universities and Colleges Sport) first event in March 2023. JDS report and Junior Crew Boat development with the proposed training dates from November through to March. No additional comments from TS or SRC members were raised at the meeting.

11 Date for future SRC Committee Meeting: Monday 10th October @ 8.00pm

Meeting finished at: 12th September at 22:10
22nd September at 21.50