



## BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022  
**TIME:** 20:00 Zoom On-line meetings

### Attending:

Committee Members (14<sup>th</sup> Nov): Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Hannah Brown [HB], Louise Clive [LC], Martin Hook [MH], Paul Dimmock [PD], Peter Gorman [PG] Philip Miles [PM], Roland Lawler [RL], Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep, Anna Gray [AG] (BC)

Committee Members (21<sup>st</sup> Nov): Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Philip Miles [PM], Roland Lawler [RL], Martin Hook [MH], Paul Dimmock [PD](until 21:45), Peter Gorman [PG], Alice Murphy [AM], Hannah Brown [HB] (from 20:30), Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep, Nick Fowler-Rimell [NF] Canoe Wales Rep

Others (14<sup>th</sup> Nov): Dee Paterson [DP] (BC President)

Item No:

### MINUTES

#### 1 Apologies:

14<sup>th</sup> Nov Apologies received from Nick Fowler-Rimell, Alice Murphy, and Ivan Lawler.

21<sup>st</sup> Nov Apologies received from Louise Clive and Anna Gray

#### 2 Declaration of Interests:

There are currently no outstanding DoI forms to be returned. TS Thanked all members for returning their forms promptly.

#### 3 Approval of the SRC 10<sup>th</sup> October meeting Minutes:

It was asked if the wording of the last sentence of Item 7 of the 10<sup>th</sup> October minutes could be changed from 'Geoff Sanders event' to 'Mini sprint series final', to remove ambiguity as the mini sprint race categories are no longer being run as a series. An error was noted in Item 8, 'selection dates' should appear where 'international dates' appears for the first time.

TS proposed that the minutes be approved given the above changes. **Agreed**

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

It was suggested at a previous meeting that Phil Caisley as Chair of the Regatta Committee would be invited to SRC meetings as per Item 5.5 of the SRC terms of reference. TS has spoken to PC, who said he took on the role of chair of the RC with the understanding that he would not have to attend all SRC meetings due to time commitments. In future PC will be invited to and receive papers for SRC meetings to satisfy the requirements of the terms of reference.



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### **5 SRC Roles and Responsibilities:**

- a) A paper was circulated detailing several roles within the SRC that need filling, including secretary, vice-chair, events safety officer, and safeguarding officer. PM had previously offered to take on the role of secretary from Cathy subject to approval of the committee. **Agreed**

HB offered to take on the role of SRC coaching representative. **Agreed**

LC offered to take on the role of safeguarding officer if nobody else comes forward.

It was suggested that the committee create a role to act as a point of contact regarding Rocket K4s. The possibility of combining this with the roles of SRC boat loan coordinator was also suggested. The list of roles will be updated to reflect these role changes, removing some of the smaller roles unable to be filled. **Action:PM**

### **6 Goal 5 – Financial Sustainability:**

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** LC

Update on end of year 2021-2022:

LC has finalised the end of year accounts for the year 21/22. Once the final instalment of the grant from BC has been transferred, the final position for the year will be a breakeven. We are waiting on BC finance to finalise the payments for the retrospective athlete subsidies. The RC are looking at around a £9000 loss as expected, which will come out of reserves.

- b) 2022/23 Budget update

The SRC will begin the next financial year with a reserve balance of approximately £58,000.

### **7 Goal 4 – Increase media profile and engagement with the community:**

PM presented a proposal for the timeline of handbooks to allow them to be delivered in time for the start of the competition season. An initial date of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December was suggested for getting the draft content of the handbooks to the printers. This will allow the printers to determine the cost of printing the handbooks, and then a price for the handbooks can be set. We are waiting for a response from the MRC to our invitation to contribute to the handbook, but if they accept then they will be looking at ordering 70 handbooks for themselves. LC has already had four advertisements confirmed for the 2023 handbook, including two new trades. **Action: PM+LC**

### **8 Goal 3 – Develop Volunteers and Coaches:**

- a) A report from Cathy Wynne was circulated prior to the meeting outlining which international events each ITO has been nominated for. The three more recently qualified ITOs have been nominated to officiate at three events each so that they can gain more experience, with the five remaining ITOs being nominated for two each. All ITOs have been nominated to their first choice of event. TS proposed that the nominations be approved. **Agreed.**

### **9 Goal 2 – Clearly defined, National Regattas:**



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### a) Regatta Committee update: PC

A report from the RC was circulated prior to the meeting. The RC requested that the SRC approved the proposed event focus for 2023 regattas. The RC has proposed the June regatta as the junior and U23 national championship event, but it was noted that this regatta usually falls in the middle of juniors' exam seasons. The proposal for the event focus of 2023 regattas was approved by a majority. **Action:PM.**

The RC have asked the SRC to reconsider their proposed tiered pricing for individual and crew boats for the 2023 season. There are questions as to whether the current online entry system would be able to charge different amounts, and so the RC are proposing a blanket increase to £10 per entry from £7.50. There are concerns as to how this will affect the numbers of entries given the current economic climate, but the current losses experienced at national regattas are not sustainable. It was recognised that clear communication with the paddling community is important in the event of changes to pricing structure. The proposed price increase was approved by a majority.

**At this point the meeting was adjourned to be reconvened on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 20:00**

The RC have asked the SRC to confirm whether the proposal to amend the LTA/LTB categories at national regattas so that any boat can be used would go ahead. It was proposed and agreed by a majority that for the 2023 season the Lightning A category would be changed to any mini kayak. It was suggested that during 2023 the SRC undertake a full review into the future of the lightning categories at our national regattas. **Action: MH**

Proposed rule changes - It was suggested that rule 28.9.1 be removed from the rules, and by extension rule 28.9.3 and 28.9.4. The proposed rule change was agreed by a majority.

It was agreed that rule 34.3 of the Sprint Racing Competition Rules be changed so that the top three finishing boats in National Championship events will be awarded medals, regardless of the number of boats in the event.

## 10 Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure:

### a) Local and Regional subgroup report:

#### MacGregor qualification system:

#### i) Review further consultation and next steps

The committee has reviewed the feedback from the community on their proposal and has decided to remove the element of qualification for the MacGregor paddle.

*TS read out the views of Louise Clive, who was unable to attend.*

#### Local Sprint Events Levy Strategy:

#### ii) Review of further consultation and next steps

The SRC believes that the levy is an important element of the proposal to retain in pursuit of financial sustainability at the level of £3 per entry and £2 for lightings.

#### Input Specifications of BC Event Entry System:

#### iii) Feedback from TS / RSC (BC) - *held over*



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b) **Increase the number and diversity of sprint racing opportunities:**

A report was circulated from Chris Nightingale, the BC representative on the Cleveland Lakes steering group. The SRC are keen to keep the option of South Cerney open as a potential venue for sprint competitions.

11 **Prospective new SRC members:**

- a) TS has spoken to Adam Miles, Beverly Hunter, and Ben Phillips, who all wish to join the SRC. Adam is keen to assist clubs in running local regattas, Beverly is able to act as a representative on the committee of smaller clubs, and Ben offers the perspective of an experienced canoe paddler. It was proposed that Adam, Beverly and Ben be co-opted to the committee. **Agreed: Action: TS**

*TS read out the views of Louise Clive, who was unable to attend*

12 **Goal 6 – Develop Paddlers:**

- a) Suggestions for retrospective subsidy categories with lower entries for 2023. PM has amended the document introduced for the 2022 season, requiring paddlers to be in the top ~60% of entrants for awards to be granted in addition to finishing in a certain position. It was suggested that the wording in the document be changed from 'entered' to 'started' to give a better reflection in relation to the field.

13 **Chair's Report: TS**

NF has put together a draft timetable for the BUCS canoe sprint event, and raised the question of whether the number of events an individual can enter should be capped. The feeling of the committee was that participants should be allowed to enter as many races as they choose.

It was suggested that that Cathy be formally thanked by the SRC for her 18 years as secretary. PM has put together a piece that can go on the website, and MH will look at sourcing an appropriate gift for Cathy. **Action: MH**

PD made the suggestion of increasing the appeal of national regattas if we are to increase the fees. It was suggested that some form of distance event at a lower price could be introduced as a unique selling point. The committee will continue to explore options to improve the appeal of the National Regatta programme.

14 **Date for future SRC Committee Meeting:**

**Agreed: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December @20:00**

**Meeting finished at:**

14th November 21:50  
21st November 22:20