



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday 12th December 2022
TIME: 20:00 Zoom Online meeting

To:

Committee members: Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Roland Lawler [RL], Peter Gorman [PG], Phil Miles [PM], Beverley Hunter [BH], Adam Miles [AMi], Ben Phillips [BP], Martin Hook [MH], Margaret Chapman [MC]

Copies to Ashley Metcalfe [AM] (CEO), Charmaine Gawler (BC), Keir Worth, [KW] (BC) Anna Gray [AG] (BC), Gemma Wiggs (BC), Chris Furber (PD), Alex McKeown (PD), Richard Ramsdale (BC) & RDT

Item No:

MINUTES

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Paul Dimmock, Louise Clive, Anna Gray, Nick Fowler-Rimell, and Hannah Brown.

2 Welcome and Introduction

TS welcomed the new co-opted members to the committee, and thanked those who had already returned their Declaration of Interest forms.

3 Approval of SRC minutes from 14th & 21st November

PM noted that at the last meeting under Item 9 it was agreed that medals would be awarded to the top three paddlers in National Championship events regardless of the number of entries, but this was not reflected in the minutes. TS proposed that the minutes be approved provided this amendment is made. **Agreed**

4 Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda

Athlete Refugee Status - correspondence from BC competition and events team said that BC are likely to cover BC membership day ticket and membership fees in the event of an athlete being granted refugee status in the UK, so that they would be able to race in regattas run by British Canoeing. TS asked MC to clarify this position with GW. **Action:TS+MC**

5 SRC Roles and Responsibilities

Filling of vacant roles: Event Safety Officer, Safeguarding Officer, Vice Chair. LC has the required courses for safeguarding officer, and has previously indicated that she could take on this role unless anybody else was willing. **Action:PM**
Other members were suggested for certain roles but no other roles were filled.

6 Goal 5 - Financial Stability

- a) A set of updated year end accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. LC was not able to attend, but no questions were raised on the accounts from committee members. TS asked that thanks to Louise be recorded for her work in producing the accounts over the past year.



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7 Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure

a) Local Sprint Events Strategy

- i) Finalise proposal for 2023
- ii) Forward planning for Local Events: AMi

AMi has been individually contacting the race organisers of different clubs who have expressed an interest in running their own local sprint events. The SRC is keen to offer their assistance to as many clubs as possible in order to meet their target of 10 local sprint regattas being held in 2023. TS suggested that a press release with details of the local sprint events strategy be put together to send out to clubs. **Action:AMi**

There is consensus within the committee that the distances offered at local events do not have to be prescribed, and also that timing systems are not a necessary requirement. It was also suggested that the SRC offer help with risk assessments for local events as this could put off clubs running their own events.

b) Agree date for strategic review with Susan Hicks

AG and Susan Hicks (BC finance) have offered to meet with the SRC for a review of their strategic plan at some point in either January or February. A doodle poll will be circulated to agree a date for this meeting. It was also suggested that a range of start times be included in the poll. **Action:TS&PM**

8 Goal 2 – Clearly defined, National Regattas

The Regatta Committee have reviewed the SRC's proposed rule changes and have provided their feedback in a report circulated prior to the meeting. The RC are asking for confirmation on a number of changes from the SRC so that the rules can be amended to go in the 2023 sprint racing handbook.

Changes to the Lightning A category - the SRC are accepting of the rule changes, but after another discussion, would like competitors to be able to use any full size K1, in addition to any Mini K1 or Lightning. It is viewed that the change to allowing Mini Kayaks could be counterproductive and act as a barrier to further change. **Agreed**

Intermediate events - the RC have proposed changes to the intermediate category to give them the same number of events as the Mini sprint series. **Approved**

Changes to Sprint Racing Competition rules - the SRC are happy to accept the changes to the rules provided that there is clarification regarding Rule 8.1.2 regarding the status of athletes with UN Refugee status within the UK. **Approved**

The draft event schedules for 2023 have been put together for inclusion in the handbook. **Approved**

The SRC are still keen to find ways of adding value to the event programmes at national regattas given the price increase that will come into effect in 2023. PM suggested that PD's proposal for a distance event be implemented at the September regatta as the MacGregor event is usually more well attended.

9 Chair's Report: TS

Held Over

10 Date for future SRC Committee Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday 16th January 2023 @ 20:00

Meeting finished at 22:00