



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday 16th January 2023
TIME: 20:00 Zoom On-line meeting

Committee members: Tim Scott [TS] (Chair), Philip Miles [PM] (Secretary), Louise Clive [LC] (Treasurer), Alice Murphy [AM], Hannah Brown [HB], Martin Hook [MH], Paul Dimmock [PD], Peter Gorman [PG], Beverley Hunter [BH], Ben Phillips [BP], Roland Lawler [RL], Adam Miles [AMi], Margaret Chapman [MC] SCA Rep & Nick Fowler-Rimell [NF] CanW Rep.

Others: Ashley Metcalfe [AM] (CEO), Kier Worth [KW] (BC), Anna Gray [AG], James Hives [JH] (BC)

Item No:

MINUTES

TS has been in contact with Ivan Lawler, who has come to the decision to resign from his position on the Committee. The SRC are grateful to Ivan for his service as a member of the committee.

1 Apologies - No apologies were received in advance of the meeting.

2 Approval of SRC minutes from 12th December
No comments were raised. TS proposed that the minutes be approved. **Agreed**

3 Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda
MC raised a query on the strategic review being planned under Item 7b) at the last meeting - a Doodle poll will be circulated in the following week to find a date for this meeting. **Action: PM**

4 Goal 5 - Financial Stability
LC circulated a document detailing the predicted budget for 2023. There was a suggestion raised of holding some regattas without the use of starting gates, in an effort to cut back on costs. This possibility could be explored in the future. It has been suggested that the SRC might wish to contribute financially to the upcoming inaugural BUCS sprint competition. Several members agreed with this suggestion, but BC have already agreed to underwrite the event financially. LC is due to meet with Susan Hicks from BC finance to outline the committee's spending priorities for 2023. TS thanked LC for her work on the budget.

5 Goal 2 - Clearly defined, National Regattas
A report from the regatta committee was circulated prior to the meeting. In response to the proposal under Item 8 of the last meeting, the RC said that due to safety concerns it would not be prepared to accept paddlers in the LTA category to use any boat. TS asked for the input of Scott Hynds, the chair of the BC flatwater technical committee, which was also circulated as a document prior to the meeting. The committee remains committed to its proposal, however, and will review the safety implications of this change over the coming year with a view to implementation in 2024. For the 2023 competition season, the LTA category will be changed to allow paddlers to use mini kayaks in addition to Lightnings. PG, BH, HB, and JH each offered to be part of a review group to keep this situation under review for the 2024 season.



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- 6 Goal 4 - Increase media profile and engagement within the community**
The sprint racing competition rules were circulated prior to the meeting. MC raised one comment around rule 1.3.5 and rule 8 about the length of time that a competitor needs to have been a member of BC for in order to compete in national regattas. TS will query this with GW. As no objections were raised, the finalised rules will be dispatched to the editor for including in the handbook. **Action: PM**
- 7 Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure**
- a) Local Sprint Events Strategy press release: AMi
A draft press release was circulated prior to the meeting. It was suggested that a small pot of money be set aside to underwrite local events in the case that clubs incur large costs running events which they aren't able to cover. Several others felt that this is a sensible idea. The document still needs to be proofread before being published. AMi has contacted 24 clubs so far offering support for local events.
- b) The question was raised around possible use of the BC entry system at local events. This system would only accept card payments. It was felt by the committee that this could be looked into further.
- 8 Goal 6 - Develop Paddlers**
BP has proposed an amendment to the SRC's strategy for funding athletes to international competitions. This change would mean that competitors racing in Olympic disciplines in men's canoe would be funded in line with support for the U23 athletes from last year. The committee unanimously accepted the proposal.
- 9 Review SRC Strategic Document**
The SRC's strategy document was circulated prior to the meeting, particularly for the benefit of members who have recently joined the committee. It was asked that all review this document before the upcoming strategy review meeting.
- 10 Chair's Report: TS**
No report was circulated prior to the meeting, but TS asked JH to attend, who is the Club Support Manager for BC. He raised the question of how BC delivery partners would get involved in sprint racing competitions, as they are not currently covered by insurance. Individual club affiliation, which includes insurance, comes at an additional cost to the fee for being a delivery partner. TS suggested that the SRC may recognise the delivery partners as clubs for this purpose, so that they can avoid paying for insurance twice. TS asked JH if he could make a detailed proposal for the SRC to consider at a future date.
- 11 Date for future SRC Committee Meeting**

Monday 27th February 2023 @ 20:00

Meeting finished at 21:55