



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday 27th February 2023
TIME: 20:00 Zoom On-line meeting

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

Others in attendance: Anna Gray [AG] (until 20:45)

Item No:

MINUTES

1 Apologies

Apologies in advance of the meeting were received from Louise Clive.

2 Approval of SRC minutes from 16th January

AG was erroneously omitted from the attendees list at the January meeting. TS proposed that the minutes be approved subject to this change. **Approved**

3 Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda

There were no further matters arising from previous meetings' minutes not covered on the agenda

4 Appoint Strategy subcommittee: AG

Following on from the SRC's strategy review meeting earlier in the month attended by numbers of BC staff, AG has proposed that the SRC designate a smaller group to review, develop and update the strategy going forwards. The SRC were in support of this proposal, and LC, PG, AMi and MC all expressed an interest in being part of this committee, to be chaired by AG. As a subcommittee of the SRC, proposals from meetings of the strategy subcommittee will be presented at future meetings of the whole SRC. **Action: AG**

5 Goal 5 - Financial Stability

An updated budget was circulated earlier in the month following the SRC's strategy review meeting. Since then, BC have offered to the SRC a grant of up to £21,000 in two instalments as an initial payment to support non-Olympic and non-programme athletes to international competitions.

6 Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure

AMi reported to the committee that ~30 clubs have now been contacted with a view to them holding local events this year, and of those, 15 have expressed an interest in hosting events. At the moment, 5 clubs have already set a date for their regatta, with 5 more currently planning their events. It looks likely that the SRC's target for 10 local regattas in 2023 will be met. There are still some clubs who have historically organised their own sprint events who are reticent to implement the levy. Several suggestions were raised as to what the SRC could offer so that clubs get on board with the levy, or what measures could be taken to ensure that smaller clubs running local events for the first time should not make a loss. The suggestions included:



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- Only imposing the levy once a specific number of entries have been met
- Having a more flexible approach, where the levy will not be imposed past a club's breakeven point (i.e. so that they do not make a loss on account of the levy).
- Guaranteeing that no other 'competing' regattas under the SRC umbrella will be arranged for the same date as some of the larger clubs' regattas.

None of these measures were formally approved. However, it is the feeling that as this is the first year of the levy, the SRC would like to support clubs as much as possible to get this initiative off the ground.

7 Goal 4 - Increase Media Profile

As it is an Olympic selection year, the suggestion was raised over what measures the committee can take to boost our media profile and more successfully promote ourselves. It was felt that a promotional video filmed at a national event would be a more cost effective alternative to live-streaming the national competitions. It was also suggested that we make use of the @canoesprintuk instagram account, and PM has asked Mally Johnson for the login credentials. It was suggested that the SRC have some presence at the Southampton Boat show, a major event that takes place in September every year. Other suggestions were raised over other methods of improving publicity including inviting elite athletes to attend local events, or to other events where we try to publicise the sport. **Action: PM**

8 2023 National Championship events

As for the past two years, the SCA have asked to host the 5k National Championships on behalf of the SRC at the Hooley 5k in October. It was unanimously agreed that the proposal would be accepted.

9 Chair's Report: TS

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting. TS recently met with KW, CF, AG and CB from BC, and one of the things that was discussed was financial contributions from the PD towards running the selection races. It was made clear that if the SRC passed on these costs to the PD, then as a result the money that the PD is able to contribute towards sending athletes to international competitions would reduce. There is a Discipline Chairs' meeting on Tuesday 14th March at HPP which TS is unable to attend. LC has offered to represent the SRC at this meeting. **Action: TS&LC**

10 AOB

RL noted that there is currently not a vice chair of the SRC, a role that has been unfilled since the last ACM. A few members had expressed interest but were concerned about the level of commitment. This will be covered at the next meeting to try and fill the role. **Action: PM**

11 Date for future SRC Committee Meeting

Agreed: Monday 10th April 2023 @ 20:00

Meeting finished at: 21:35