



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday 10th April 2023
TIME: 20:00 Zoom On-line meeting

To:

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

Item No:

MINUTES

1 Apologies

Apologies were received in advance from Louise Clive and Ashley Metcalfe.

2 Approval of SRC minutes

No comments were raised regarding the minutes from 27th February, and TS proposed that they be approved. **Agreed**

3 Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda

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

4 SRC Roles and Responsibilities

The SRC role of vice chair has been vacant since the ACM in September 2022. HB and AM had previously both expressed an interest in the position of vice chair but had concerns over the level of commitment required should the chair be incapacitated for a prolonged period. Under the stipulation that the position of chair go to reelection should the above occur, it was proposed by TS that HB and AM take up the vice chair in a shared capacity. **Agreed unanimously**

5 Goal 5 - Financial Stability

LC was unable to attend the meeting but provided an updated copy of the budget through to 2025 in advance of the meeting. It was raised that due to ongoing inflationary pressures, the cost of sending athletes to compete at international competitions could increase in the coming years. TS proposed that we increase the figure in the budget for 2024 and 2025 by 10%. **Agreed.**

In email correspondence before the meeting, LC questioned why the subheading for local and regional regattas was included twice. It was suggested at the meeting that the duplicated heading be removed.

6 Goal 3 - Develop Volunteers and Coaches

Cathy Wynne provided a report to the SRC summarising the ITO appointments to ICF and ECA competitions for 2023 prior to the meeting. We have 8 appointments for this year's international competitions. Additionally, there is an ITO training course taking place this year but no national officials from the UK have been nominated. The pecuniary implications of these appointments can now be factored into the budget, as the SRC cover some of the costs incurred by officials who travel to international competitions.



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7 Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure

A total of 8 local regattas have now been scheduled for this year, with at least 6 more still being planned. Chelmsford were the first club to host a local regatta on 26th March, but a combination of factors meant that only a surplus of £10 was made after taking into account costs. Owen Shephard-Wyatt, who organised the event, proposed that instead of paying the levy resulting in a loss for Chelmsford, they instead pay the £10 surplus. The committee accepted this proposal.

AMi highlighted the need to drive attendance at the local competitions, and it was suggested that the upcoming April national regatta be used to publicise the upcoming events.

PM offered to publicise local regattas within the WCP, so that the presence of elite athletes can attract more competitors. MC suggested that the results of local regattas be published in a central location, in order to recognise the events and keep a record of them. MH indicated that he was willing to upload results from local regattas to the SRC website as he has administrator permissions. **Action: PM&MH**

8 Goal 4 - Increase Media Profile

a) Southampton Boat Show

BH met recently with one of the organisers of the Southampton Boat Show, who has offered a stand for us at no cost for their show in 2023. Space is normally charged at £129 per square metre, so this represents a very large saving. We have been offered free rein as to what we choose to put on our stand, and also the option to use the marina for a display. They would require the stand to be manned for the duration of the event, which is 10 days. Suggestions to what we could do involve bringing racing boats to try, a daily ergo challenge, a demonstration from some of our elite athletes in the marina, a Q&A session with WCP athletes. We are currently awaiting a response from BC who have been asked whether they wish to be involved as a wider organisation. **Action: BH**

b) Offer of promotional video filmed at April Regatta from Mark Harvey

Mark Harvey had previously offered to film a promotional video at the April Regatta to showcase sprint canoeing, but has since rescinded the offer as he is now unavailable.

9 2023 SRC Annual Consultative Meeting

A date for the 2023 SRC Annual Consultative Meeting needs to be agreed. This has traditionally taken place at the end of the competition season in September and in recent years has taken place online, being held over Zoom. PM proposed that the ACM take place on Wednesday 27th September at 19:30, to be held online via Zoom. **Agreed**



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10 Chair's Report: TS

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The GB Junior Training Squad steering committee has suggested that the SRC give a grant to assist with the running of JTS events. HB proposed that the SRC contribute £1000. **Agreed**

BC have been approached by Race Gorilla, who have developed a mobile timing system that operates using a mobile phone application. They have offered to give a demonstration and the committee members were given the option to attend. MC, AMi, and MH were all interested. **Action: TS**

Transgender Competition Policy - A document containing details of BC's transgender competition policy currently under development was circulated prior to the meeting, inviting a response from the committee concerning which policy level would be applied at which competitions in the event calendar. The committee feels that to allow competition under self identification in the current sprint competition format would put biological women at a disadvantage and would deter their participation, having a detrimental impact on womens' sport. Therefore the committee would not be comfortable in applying either of the policy levels as outlined in the transgender competition policy document as they currently stand. The committee believe that in order to allow competition under self identification, a new 'open' category would need to be added to the competition structure. The committee also suggest that the document be reworded to be made slightly clearer, as there were several interpretations of the current document. The above comments notwithstanding, the competitions at which the domestic competition policy would be applied would be the national competitions run at HPP. **Action: TS**

TS thanked LC for attending the discipline chairs meeting and for providing a report. On behalf of the committee TS wished to thank Anna Gray for the support she has given to the SRC over the past six years, as she will be leaving BC next month.

11 AOB

MC asked that the SRC formally thank Norwich Canoe Club for their work in organising the inaugural BUCS canoe sprint event. TS said he would relay the vote of thanks to the club later in the week.

It was asked as to what progress has been made since the committee's discussions late last year regarding the future of the U12 competition category. MH had previously offered to act as a lead on this and asked which committee members would be interested in collaborating as part of a smaller focus group to work on this - BH, PG, and MC all indicated their willingness. **Action: MH**

12 Date for future SRC Committee Meeting

A date for future meetings will be determined by a doodle poll, to be circulated in due course.

Meeting finished at 21:55