



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday 22nd May 2023
TIME: 20:00 Zoom On-line meeting

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

Copies to Ashley Metcalfe [AM] (CEO), Charmaine Collins (BC), Keir Worth, [KW] (BC), Gemma Wiggs (BC), Chris Furber (PD), Justine Lucas (PD), Alex McKeown (PD), Richard Ramsdale (BC), Charlie Barwis (BC) & RDT

Item No:

MINUTES

The Chair welcomed Charlie Barwis, who is taking over from Anna Gray in the short term as British Canoeing's main point of liaison with the SRC.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Alice Murphy, Martin Hook and Ashley Metcalfe.

2 Approval of SRC minutes from 10th April

No comments were received concerning the 10th April minutes. TS proposed that the minutes be taken as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

3 Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda

PM stated that he had spoken with MH regarding the review of racing in the U12 age category that he had offered to undertake. MH will be away for the following week, but will be in touch with others who had offered to be in the steering group on his return.

4 Goal 5 - Financial Stability

2023 Budget update: LC

Following suggestions at the last meeting, LC has updated the long term budget to take account of inflation for the following years. She suggested budgeting for inflation more routinely in other areas of the budget. The £1,000 contribution to GB JTS has also been added.

The SRC have received £15,000 of the £21,000 BC grant for the year, with the remaining amount contingent on spending the expected amount on sending non-programme athletes to international competitions.

In September 2020, £2,500 that had been ring-fenced for a welfare unit at South Cerney was transferred from the SRC accounts to a ring fenced account held by Wiltshire Youth CC. LC has messaged asking for the money back so that it can be spent on its intended purchase, but has had no response. HB offered to use her connections to assist retrieval of funds. **Action: HB**



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5 Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure

- a) Specification and Requirements for New Regatta Entry System: Trevor Kirkham has put together a comprehensive specification for the new results and entries system, circulated prior to the meeting. This was done so that from the SRC perspective, we can be sure that it fulfils all of our requirements. There are several aspects that we feel strongly need to be included such as the ability to accept late entries. It was also noted that any investment in a timing system needs to be made with the input of all stakeholder such as BC and the PD, in addition to SERCO who own the facilities currently used for National Regattas. **Actions: PM and CB**
- b) Local Regattas update: AMi: At the moment, there are 10 local events scheduled for 2023 of which 3 have now happened. Unfortunately Gloucester have had to cancel their event, but Bishops Stortford have since come on board. Currently we have had levies paid from Chelmsford and Glanford and Scunthorpe, and are in the process of obtaining the levy from Elmbridge. Elmbridge and Worcester have been using the BC system to take entries and process the results for their events. It was suggested that the formats for local events be standardised to some extent, TS said that this should be discussed at a later meeting.
- c) South Cerney facilities - opportunities to develop flatwater racing. Craig Hill has sourced access pontoons for the water, and would like to purchase a welfare unit for men and women using the £5000 ring fenced by the SRC. It was raised whether an old set of lane boys from HPP or Dorney Lake can be sourced. There are currently restrictions in place due to the site being in a nature reserve, such as a requirement for motorboats to be electric and no dogs permitted due to nesting birds. Craig has suggested that he would seek to charge £100 for exclusive use of the venue. BH clarified that Craig is seeking to run the site as a non-profit canoeing facility. It was suggested that a charitable trust be set up to run the facility. In order to capitalise momentum, it was proposed that we establish a timeline for hosting a local/regional competition at South Cerney. TS is due to meet Ashley Metcalfe at South Cerney in June and invited members of the SRC to attend. NF has offered to head up a working group to run an event at South Cerney. **Action: NF**

6 Goal 4 - Increase Engagement with the Paddling Community

- a) Southampton Boat Show: British Marine who organise Southampton Boat Show have offered to market tickets for the boat show to BC members, but BH needs permission from the BC marketing and communications team to share details of BC members. CB said that Robert Knott would be the person required to give that authority. BH is going to do a site visit to establish what boats can be used on the demonstration lake.
- b) 2023 Handbook - MRC contributions towards handbook costs: LC invoiced the MRC as usual for their part of the handbook order for 2023, but Graham Warland has requested that the MRC only pay cost price (£6.95) instead of the retail price (£10) that was billed. The MRC have always paid full price for the handbook, and no discount for this year had been previously arranged. The MRC felt that as they contributed material to the handbook, they should receive it at the same wholesale price as the SRC. However, LC stated that regatta officials and members of the Regatta Committee still pay full price for the handbook despite contributing a large quantity of content to the handbook. **Action: LC**



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c) Administration of SRC Facebook page: There have been some post requests containing fake streaming links for international competitions from spam accounts on the SRC facebook page. One of these requests was inadvertently accepted by an administrator, and PM subsequently deleted the offending post. There was a question of whether the administration of the page should be brought back wholly under the SRC, and an offer to other SRC members who may wish to become administrators of the page. PM offered to draw up a brief set of guidelines for the use of the BC SRC Facebook page. **Action: PM**

7 **Chair's Report: TS**

There has been a request that we film the finishes of the events at the HPP National Regattas. LC offered to ask on the facebook page to see if anyone is willing to do this. Volunteers are required for the presentation of medals at the National Championship regattas. TS requested that members ask around at their clubs for any volunteers to present medals and take photos of the medallists.

Now that there are portages in the 5k events at ICF events, TS raised the question of whether we want to include portages in our National 5k events to reflect this. The current feeling of the SRC is that we don't want to include portages. Several people have voiced dissatisfaction with the way ICF are running these events and the question was raised over whether as an NGB we wish to coordinate a response to this recent change by the ICF.

The SRC have been asked to nominate up to three representatives to sit on an advisory group to write junior selection policies for next year. TS asked for anybody who would be interested to put themselves forwards.

Competition Jury for the June National Championship Event: The SRC need to form a competition jury for the upcoming National Championship Events. For the duration of the event, any protests regarding National Championship Races would be decided by the jurors. RL, PG, TS, LC, & Trevor Hunter were all put forwards. **Agreed - Action:PM**

8 **AOB**

TS noted that those who offered to sit on the strategy subcommittee have not yet met together. PM offered to find a suitable date now that Anna Gray, who had offered to chair the group, was no longer working for BC. **Action: PM**

PG noted that there have been some difficulties regarding crew boat combinations for juniors, and suggested that the Junior Development Squad in conjunction with the SRC might have a role in educating paddlers and coaches/parents in this area.

9 **Date for future SRC Committee Meeting**

To be agreed via a doodle poll.

Meeting finished at: 21:55