



BRITISH CANOEING SPRINT RACING COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday 11th September 2023
TIME: 20:00 Zoom On-line meeting

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

Others Ashley Metcalfe [AM] (CEO), Keir Worth, [KW] (BC) Charlie Barwis [CB]

Item No:

MINUTES

1 Apologies

Apologies were given by Roland Lawler.

2 Approval of SRC minutes from 22nd May

No questions or concerns were raised regarding the minutes of 22nd May. TS proposed that they be approved. **Agreed**

3 Matters arising from SRC Minutes not on the agenda

LC has managed to trace the money ring fenced for the welfare block at South Cerney to the accounts of Wiltshire Youth CC. She has requested that Wiltshire Youth return the funds to the SRC accounts.

BH gave a brief update of the preparations for the BC stand at the Southampton Boat Show. BH asked for clarification of whether the Rocket K4s being used for the event would be insured during transit.

It was noted that a meeting of a subgroup designated to deal with strategy had not been arranged for earlier in the season as was planned. TS suggested that a meeting be fixed, and PM proposed Monday 9th October for a meeting. **Agreed.**

4 Goal 5 - Financial Stability

2023 Budget update: LC

- £15,000 out of the £21,000 grant from BC has been received with the understanding that the balance would be given if it has been spent. The cost to the SRC of sending non-funded athletes to competitions this year has been £22,500, slightly more than the £21,000 that was estimated.
- TS invited feedback for the funding policy which was amended since last year to include a specified performance standard. Responses were generally positive and members agreed that the funding level was appropriate.
- Full payment from MRC for Handbooks has been received at £10 each.
- ITO costs have come under budget
- LC noted that we have not received many hire fees for K4 loans that have been made over the year. Fees are currently paid on a voluntary basis and the question was raised of whether we wish to charge for the use. Several other ideas were raised, including using a deposit scheme for boats which are returned damaged, or even selling some of our stock to clubs resulting in the boats being used more. TS suggested that the strategy sub-committee pick up this subject going forward, and LC has offered to gauge an opinion from the Regatta Committee.



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- In the first year of the local sprint event levy, £381 of income from race levies has been received from local events.
 - Overall, there is a projected overspend of around £4,000 for the SRC and a £7,000 overspend for the Regatta Committee. It was questioned whether regattas consistently run at a loss, and LC noted that the RC's costs have increased from previous years and takings from this year have remained relatively steady even though entry fees increased for 2023. PM requested if the SRC could view paddler entry data so that they can be analysed. LC to ask RC for paddler and entry data for regattas. **Action: LC**

5 Goal 4 - Engagement with the Paddling Community

2023 ACM Update: PM

Having taken the decision earlier in the year to postpone the ACM by three weeks, preparations are now underway for the ACM. 11 nominations have been received for 7 open positions, including the the offices of chair and treasurer. PM is going to put together an agenda and open the nominations for voting representatives. He also noted that in previous years, there have not been many attendees of voting members at the ACM. It was suggested that publicity be generated surrounding the elections.

Action: PM.

The point was raised that at previous ACMs there has usually been a 'discussion point' to engage with the community. It was suggested that as this has been the first year of the local sprint strategy, AMi give a brief report on this. **Action: PM+AMi**

6 Goal 1 - Expand the Competition Structure

a) Sub-group Report: Review of U12 Sprint Classes

A written proposal was circulated prior to the meeting following a review into the U12 sprint classes. This was commissioned last year when this issue was a discussion point within the committee. The proposal is that the U12 mini-sprint category be changed so that paddlers can use any boat. It was also suggested within the proposal that the ideal mode for paddlers who would be racing Lightnings or in the Intermediate class would be at local events. There was a large amount of confusion during the meeting around the specifics of the proposal, and it became apparent that the proposal was being driven by individual(s) and not from the working group as a whole.

MH noted that there have been safety concerns raised by the Regatta Committee regarding pushing U12s into boats that they are not competent to race in. This is problematic as the RC would not be prepared to implement this proposed change. It was raised that safety is the responsibility of all, including club coaches and team leaders, but the ones with the ultimate liability are the officers of the regatta committee. TS requested that an amended proposal, whereby the only change would be to allow any boat to be used in the LTA category, be put to a vote. However, as it was thought that due to lack of clarity regarding the proposal's implications, the committee could not move forwards and agree to the proposal.

MH suggested that a larger meeting between the SRC and RC be arranged to avoid the back and forth that has taken place over the past year.



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6 (cont') b) 2023 Local Sprint Events Strategy Report: AMi
5 events have been held so far. Worcester and Southampton have unfortunately had to cancel. Richmond who had shown interest initially did not hold an event, and did not indicate that they were not going to run an event under the auspices of the SRC. If the two events still planned go ahead then we will achieve 7 local events. TS stated that hiccups are to be expected in the first year of the strategy. It was suggested that this could be a discussion point for the strategy subgroup to visit.

7 Goal 2 - Clearly Defined National Regattas

a) HPP National Regattas Review

All team leaders have been asked for feedback on the changes put in place for the September regatta. Positive responses have already been received as well as some constructive criticism. The Regatta Committee will collate responses and offer them in condensed format at a later date.

TS reminded the committee of an incident regarding the use of SRC K4s at the September regatta which ended up in two crews withdrawing from the race. It was noted that there was a lack of awareness regarding the rule concerning Plaster K4s only being available to paddlers in A categories. It was suggested that the SRC may want to review the competition rules currently in place.

PM noted that he went to speak to representatives of Banbury who were involved in order to understand their point of view and ensure that they were listened to.

b) British Canoeing Sprint Event Advisory Sub-committee

Rich Stacey-Chapman has set up this group in order to strategise the development of Sprint events. TS invited interested members to put themselves forwards.

AM noted that there was a review document for National Competitions created by a working group around a year ago, and asked if the document could be revisited.

Action: PM

8 Junior Advisory Group to IP - Members Required

We are seeking up to 4 members of the SRC to sit on an advisory group to the IP to shape junior selection policy for a 12 month period. Trevor Hunter and Gabor Szeltner were nominated, in addition with HB. NF suggested looking for somebody from the wider community for the fourth member.

9 Chair's Report: TS

A written report was circulated prior to the meeting. LC offered her thanks on behalf of the committee for TS' work as chair over the past three year. Ashley Metcalfe and Kier Worth both offered thanks on behalf of the Board and wider BC organisation.

10 AOB

MC noted that a Competition Jury is required for the Hooley 5k, and the chair needs to be an elected member of the SRC. PG has offered to chair the jury's he will be at the event.

11 Date for future SRC Committee Meeting

To be agreed via a doodle poll.

Meeting finished at: 22:10