



## **British Canoe Union Slalom Committee**

**“Putting Paddlers First and Valuing Volunteers”**

# **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010**



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# **BRITISH CANOE UNION SLALOM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**At BCU Headquarters, Bingham**

## **Present**

Anne Hounslow (Chair), Jim Croft, Colin Woodgate, Paul Ramsdale, Andy Grudzinski, Jenny Walker, Ken Trollope, Tim Baillie, Andy Maddock and Emma Aldridge.

## **Ruth Holdway**

The Committee would like to express their deepest sympathy on the sad loss of Ruth Holdway. Our thoughts go out to her family.

## **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed those present.

Apologies for absence were received from Andy Koszary, Jacky Wetzig, Steve Bright, Mark Shaw, Gareth Wilson and Andy Goodsell.

## **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declaration of interest.

## **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2009 should have read that Andy Grudzinski was elected for a 2 year term and Paul Ramsdale for a 1 year term. Tim Baillie was missing from the apologies. With these amendments the minutes were accepted as a true record.

## **Matters Arising**

The event at Serpents Tail will now take place.

Colin Woodgate stated that he was told that two persons had asked to be nominate for the marketing and Publicity role but only one name was put forward at the ACM. Anne Hounslow explained that the other person had informed her that he only wished to be nominated if there were no other candidates.

## **Finance**

The BCU electronic timing upkeep fee and Tutti hire fee, will be discontinued from Premier and Division 1 events levies and be replaced with a £1 charge per paddler.

A breakdown of levy fees will be requested from Andy Koszary these fees will be reviewed during the year along with the levies payable on Pan Celtic events, input will be needed from the home nations. It was felt that an explanation as to how these levy fees were used by the Slalom committee would give the clubs more understanding of why they are necessary.

Multiclass discounts – to enable management of this a form has been produced that must be filled in by event organisers before a discount can be claimed from the levies.

The Committee agreed the Entry & Registration fees for the selection races.

A question was raised as to the reason of the increase in entry fees when the rpi/cpi index has not risen. It was explained that last year the rise was capped otherwise the fees would have been £17 for Prem/One so in fact this year is, in reality, a decrease.

A discussion followed on expenses.

*Action Anne Hounslow Andy Koszary Andy Grudzinski Mark Shaw Emma Aldridge Tim Baillie.*

## **Correspondence**

The BUCS Inter Universities Slalom Competition takes place on the Feb 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. They have requested assistance with personnel for the jury. This event offers an excellent opportunity at which to advertise slalom. Anne Hounslow will put a request for help on the website and Paul Ramsdale will run a publicity stand on the Saturday. Publicity material was discussed. A gazebo could possibly be borrowed from Canoe England.

*Action Anne Hounslow, Paul Ramsdale*

Anne Hounslow has received a letter outlining Canoe England Council changes but was unable to print it out, she will forward to committee members.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb there is a Canoe England Coaching Management committee meeting. Russ Smith has requested a Slalom representation, Anne Hounslow to contact Gareth Wilson to see if he was going.

*Action Anne Hounslow*

A Canoe England forum will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April Anne Hounslow to attend.

Jim Croft has received a letter regarding refund of entry fee for Llangollen and charge for bib replacement. A refund cheque has been sent. Ken Trollope stated that this was the only refund that was overlooked.

It was reported that we had not received a reply from Brian Chapman re the letter sent to him on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 re the European Championships – the letter should be sent again by email with a copy to Paul Owen

*Action Ken Trollope*

## **Yearbook / Organisers Pack**

The yearbook is out for printing. Ken Trollope and Jim Croft have spent a great deal of time proof reading. There will no doubt still be errors but we can now correct them as they come to light for next year. There will be a packing day as soon as we have a delivery date. There followed a discussion how many cards to include in the yearbook even if it increases postage cost. It was agreed that we will include 6 cards.

A reprint of cards will be made with the changes in status updated, it was agreed to increase the order to 30,000 cards.

**Organisers pack** - Jim Croft passed round a list of the information that will be on the CD for comment. Summary sheets will be available in Excel which will do all the calculations, a multiclass discount form must be filled in to claim a reduction in fees.

## **Veterans Consultation**

Colin Woodgate has produced a flyer to go out with veteran's bibs and will be put on the web site.  
*Action Colin Woodgate.*

## **Co-ordinators' Reports**

### **Wales**

**UKCC** - We found the final review meeting of interest. There will be a BCU Board meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> Jan to consider a report from the review group. Richard Lee has suggested a more appropriate form of coach development for slalom and this is what CW will be using. It fits in with the recommendations made back in 2003/ 4 and the work jointly undertaken with Alan Edge.

Canoe Wales await now the BCU Board Meeting at the end of January

**Assembly Inquiry on Access** - Final Evidence will be given on 19<sup>th</sup> January by Jane Davidson, Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing The Report is expected to be published some time around Easter See [http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-scrutiny-committees/bus-committees-third-sc-home/inquiries\\_sd/sc\\_3\\_-access\\_to\\_inland\\_water\\_-\\_main.htm](http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-scrutiny-committees/bus-committees-third-sc-home/inquiries_sd/sc_3_-access_to_inland_water_-_main.htm) for details

**Cardiff Bay** - Configuration towards last week in February, Cardiff Bay/ Canoe Wales looking for a date now to invite timing team for advice on configuration around the last week of February, dependant on build progress

26<sup>th</sup> March Centre Grand Opening Showcase Event

11<sup>th</sup> July Premier Race 5

27<sup>th</sup> October Invitation Event to attract use as an Olympic training site and future large scale slalom events such as the World Cup

Booking **will be** through Canoe Wales

<http://www.cardiffcanoeslalom.com/index.html> for photos and site update

## Scotland

**Grandtully Slalom Site** - David Dickson has designed a new gate/pulley system for Grandtully. Hopefully this will be in place by Easter.

**Grandtully Campsite** - Unfortunately the current cold weather has burst many pipes in the toilet block and consequently it is out of action until the weather improves and repairs can be carried out. A full campsite license has been obtained. There are plans in preparation for electrical hook ups for both caravans and campervans. Discussions are in progress to determine the booking system to be used for slalom weekends.

**Artificial White-water Course** - Progress is continuing on the planning for an artificial white-water course in Scotland.

## G.B. Canoeing

A GB Canoeing coaching conference will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March.

NWSC - Ian Bebbington has resigned.

Teesside: Andy Maddock is meeting with the developers next Tuesday – course now closed work should start in the next fortnight. A decision on the races at Tees needs to be made asap Andy Maddock to update. Alternative venue should be investigated.

Broxbourne: development is on track.

*Action Andy Maddock, Jim Croft.*

## Managed Calendar

There is a possibility that the Pan Celtic Cup will not take place at Cardiff, it will probable be added to an existing race.

Applications must be in by 1<sup>st</sup> May for Prem and Div1 events and July 1<sup>st</sup> for all other events. Soon after 1<sup>st</sup> May a VERY provisional calendar to date will be published and updated fortnightly. It is stressed this is provisional and may be subject to change.

## Volunteers

Andy Grudzinski has talked to the Canoe England volunteer co-ordinator but having trouble finding out who to contact at the SCA and CW. Emma Aldridge and Tim Baillie to liaise.

He felt a job description would be useful. It was suggested that he writes one and bring it to the committee for discussion.

At the Canoe England Volunteers Awards evening Slalom volunteers took a large percentage of the awards.

## Publicity

Paul Ramsdale has written an article for the next issue of Canoe Focus and will endeavour to produce something for every issue.

## A.O.B.

**Budget sheet** - Colin Woodgate received some feedback from the committee and these will be included in the organisers pack.

**Grading of sites** - ongoing - *Action Colin Woodgate*

**World Ranking entries** - still need clarifying. Andy Maddock to draft how world ranking affects the number of boats selected for major events. - *Action Anne Hounslow, Andy Maddock*

**Promotional pack** for new members joining BCU needs to be revised a maybe a DVD

*Action Paul Ramsdale*

**Appeal** – was heard and upheld. An explanation of the reasons for upholding the appeal are available on request. It was emphasised that request for protected status must be sent to John Woods and the granting of such status is discretionary not a right. Thanks go to the appeal panel for attending at such short notice at a very busy time of year.

**Storage** – The lack of storage at HPP still needs to be resolved Jim Croft to contact NWSC

*Action Jim Croft*

The meeting closed at 15.20.

Dates of Next Meeting –

13<sup>th</sup> March      10:00      Bingham