

Minutes of Freestyle Committee Meeting 24th Jan 2009

Red Lyon pub, nr Hurley

Attendees

Tim Ward (TW), Fiona Jarvie (FJ), Bev Chrimes (BC), Peter Meares (PM), Tim Rowland (TR), Pete Harmar (PH), Terry Best (TB), Andy Goodsell (AG), Chris

Apologies

Claire O'Hara, Jim Evans, Lee Pyke

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting - approved

Rules

- TR has unofficially been sent some provisional rules. The IFC are awaiting a board meeting in order to finalise the appendix rules, but the main body of the rules should stand as this went through congress in November.
- Issues for selection – team sizes, if the final rules have not been published (which is now meant to be happening in March) we will need to publish these as 'rules to be used for selection' and no.s for the team will have to be finalised after the event. The ICF are sending a book (from congress) through on the 9th Feb, so we will publish details on the 15th Feb.
- James Reeves expressed concerns via email regarding squirt rules.
- In order for us to have ICF judges they will need to be nominated and examined. This can happen on request by committee, though committee will have to pay for examiner (this can probably be done through Jutta).
- OC1 boaters need to be aware that they need to have their own boats and this will be the same for selection. **(FJ to make paddlers aware through selection communications)**

Selection

- **FJ to contact the EA to confirm weir-bridge access.**
- **TR to look into providing computer system.** This will need to be tested by 15th Feb in order to ensure it is up and running by the event. It was thought that paper and calculator methods may be easiest and just input data onto the computer.
- **TW to contact Jacko to see if we can use his connections to ask to use the SAS hut** (and SAS access if possible).
- Judges: Sneaky is head judge. **FJ to send out email asking for other judges.**
- Squirt: Ben W is organising squirt, he'll need help. **TR to contact Ben to ask what help he requires.**
- **Claire O needs to sort out H & S (find people to do safety on the water).** Possibly talk to Jacko to ask to use some of his 'trainees' to assist.
- **BC to collect entries.** Entries to be in on 1st March to give cheaper price.

- **FJ to find entry form and email provisional form to committee to confirm.**

Website

- Discussions over whether a forum was needed. It was decided that we would use a 'Q and A/ask the committee' and the committee can then put it onto the website publicly if relevant for others to look at. If we decide later a forum is needed it can be put on at a later date, but at the moment it is rarely used and it is time-consuming to police.
- **TW to circulate ideas of what is needed on the website** (including: 'what the committee is and what we do', 'what is freestyle and how do you get into it'). **Chris needs this information to help him design the pages.**
- All of the committee should be able to update the website as necessary. **Committee members to email TR if you don't know your user name/password.**
- Chris has got a design but needs to liaise with TR regarding code. **TR to contact Chris to give him code and access to website (by end of this week).**
- BC suggested users could register with the website to enable them to be informed when an update has been posted.
- **PM to find results info to put on website and update this years' known dates for events (FJ to look at too).**
- **TW to ask Ross if he would like to be publicity officer to (amongst other roles) chase people to put articles on the website and help write articles.**

Safeguarding Children

- New documentation from the BCU requires Welfare Officers at all events.
- The Event Welfare Officer (ideally a club Welfare Officer could be used – if we have club members attending an event) will need to undertake 2 courses: 'Safeguarding and Protection', or equivalent and 'Time to Listen', or equivalent.
- **BC to co-ordinate welfare.**
- AG informed committee that anyone in direct unsupervised contact with children at events will need to be CRB checked. Anyone with direct contact with children whilst at international events need to be CRB checked (i.e coaches and team management).
- CRB checks need to be done through the BCU, **forms are needed from the BCU.** Dianne Ward can sign off the relevant documents (e.g birth certificates etc). CRB checks for volunteers (not paid coaches) are free.

Thun

- TB has been looking into accommodation options for us, as the 'athlete village' is no longer an option. He is currently waiting on an email from Simon and will give it 2 weeks before we need to decide whether to try to reserve campsite accommodation. **TB to get back to us by 7th Feb.**
- Other alternatives that Simon suggested are B&Bs/Hotels in town or guest families – none of which would accommodate the whole team.
- **TW to contact Simon to ensure we will not have to send judges and that they will have enough judges.**
- There was some discussion as to whether we should fund the whole team or just a percentage (as they do in Holland). No conclusions about funding (including for

accommodation) can be reached until we know how much money we have this year (see below).

Budget

- We are awaiting our money for this year. AG informed us the delay is because the BCU is waiting for Sport England funding.

Team Training

- **TW to confirm what responsibilities Dave N is able to take on this year with regards to the 'Team Manager contract'. FJ to forward team manager 'job spec' to TW**
- **TW to ask Dave to confirm with Pete C what he is able to do.**
- Dennis (Kayakjacko) has contacted Flea/Tim as he would like to help the team organise their own training programmes.

Selections for 2010

- We did not have time to fully discuss this so it **needs to be at the top of the agenda for the next meeting.**
- TR suggested selecting a squad from a number of events and then selecting a team for a specific event.
- Jon Best had previously sent an email round detailing proposals for selecting a team from a number of events.
- We don't know where we are selecting for yet.

AOB:

Eurocups 2009

- Nobody knows about these, there have been no bids. TB asked if we could bid, but as yet we don't know what features are going to be available at Nottingham.
- TR asked who we contacted regarding events – AG said we can contact Lluís informally, but if we wanted to organise an event it would need to go through AG.
- A question was asked about the IFC – AG stated the info of who is on the committee is on the ICF website.
- Jim has previously volunteered to help run events so he could be approached if we wanted to bid for a European event.

Course changes

- TB asked about HPP course changes and Richard Chrimes gave an overview of what he knew about progress. (it is likely to be run at a higher level than previously which should mean the muncher and plughole will be able to be used again, the inlet gate may not be in use on a day to day basis without lowering the course level).

British Champs

- Providing appropriate features at Nottingham are available Jim will run the British Champs alongside the Alpkite event at Nottingham. Dates are yet to be confirmed. PM suggested this is put on the website now.

Accounts

- **BC to email accounts to PM.**

Anti-doping

- AG commented that there are new anti-doping rules (which will be available on the BCU website). The main change is that athletes who use an inhaler will need a full medical examination to prove that they need to use (this could be done post drug-test but if the medical examination doesn't show asthma the athlete would be banned). There are cost implications with taking a full medical examination.

Booking of HPP

- AG stated as the course is now being run by the council there will be changes in paddling costs and availability in hiring the course:
 - The course will not be available for booking during June, July and August.
 - There will only be 4 days available to freestyle at £500 a day. Other days will be more expensive (but could be negotiated especially if it is during quiet rafting months).
 - There will be no elite passes and season tickets will be run by a direct debit system: £15/month or £22/month with gym use included.

TR to arrange a 'Competitions' meeting to be held before selection to ensure everything is sorted.

Date of next meeting: 28th March at the paddlefest event, Nottingham. BC to find a venue (time to be arranged).