

Slalom Committee

Sixth Annual Consultative Meeting

28th November 2009

Held at the

National Watersports Centre,

Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham

Minutes



1 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed 44 people representing 28 clubs to the meeting; between them, they held 66 votes.

Apologies were received from: Neil Underwood, Paul Ramsdale, and Gareth Wilson

2 Appointment of Tellers.

Jenny Walker and Dave Spencer were appointed as tellers for the meeting.

3 Minutes

3.1 5th Annual Consultative Meeting

The Minutes of the 5th Annual Consultative Meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Viking Canoe Club, seconded by Proteus Canoe Club, and passed nem con.

3.2 2008/2009 Committee Meetings

Minutes from the 2008/2009 Slalom Committee Meetings were tabled for information.

3.3 Matters Arising

None

4 Reports

4.1 Chair

The Chair tabled a report for the meeting, reviewing some of the progress during the year. Before presenting the paper to the meeting she stated that it had been a sad year with the loss of Barry Peak who was Chair for many years and Ed Ecclestone. Ed was always in the background helping at many events and will be sorely missed.

The Chair then presented the paper to the meeting. The paper started with the European Championships at Nottingham the praise it received and acknowledged all the hard work by the volunteers and congratulated the GB paddlers for their medal success. It went on to mention what a good year it had been for medals at major competitions.

Numbers of competitors are significantly up in the lower divisions. The appointment of Russ Smith as Competition Coach Development and development of Regional and Club Coaches.

Water levels have had an effect on events this year. Thanks to Tees Tigers for their events at Abbey Rapids and it is with regret that because of the significant safety problems the events at Llangollen will not take place next year.

The site at Cardiff and the upgrade at Teesside will give us two new venues which it is hoped to run events on next year.

The paper went on to thank the Timing Team and Section Judges and all the other volunteers without whom the sport would not flourish.

The report closed with thanks to her family for all their help and support and for all of us to work together for the competitors and the sport we love.

4.2 Treasurer.

The Treasurer tabled the accounts and provided an overview. The major point from the report and subsequent discussion was:

• The distribution of the slalom levies to the Home Nations and in particular the way in which the recently formed Canoe England Slalom Committee Funds are managed

Andy Koszary recorded his thanks to event organisers who have managed to keep up with completing the returns after running events. Thanks also to Catharine Croft the Accounts Manager for the work she carried out during the year.

A vote of thanks to Andy Koszary for all his hard work was given.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Proteus Canoe Club, seconded by Baldock & District Canoe Club and carried nem con.



4.3 Reports from Co-ordinators

4.3.1 Competition Co-Ordinator (Jacky Wetzig)

A report was tabled at the meeting It started by noting the success of the Senior European Championships organised and run at Holme Pierrepont, the return of Abbey Rapids and the disappointment in the cancellation of the first weekend at Llangollen.

The report went on highlighting the dedication and effort of the volunteers who are essential to the running of the sport. It was encouraging to see younger members getting involved with organisational issues. Thank you to those carrying out jury duties we could do with more volunteers for this job.

Special thanks to those that have taken on the judging at events at all levels and congratulations to Tracy Well and Mark Shaw on passing the ICF exam and those that have passed their gate judges and senior judges exams.

The report closed by noting that we have been able to support our international teams by sending ICF qualified judges to all the international canoe events again this year.

4.3.2 Event Management (Jim Croft)

A report was tabled at the meeting, amongst other items it thanked all the Ranking and Bib Officers.

There has been an increase in participation this year of 13.5% thanks to Mike Carter for compiling these statistics.

This is the third year that the organisers packs have been compiled on to CD, a mammoth task, and there are still a few teething problems to be sorted out.

Promotion certificates and discount vouchers were sent to 190 paddlers. Another task taken on was the issuing of 16 Gate Judge Pass Cards.

The 25th National Inter Clubs was a great success although we did have some major electrical problems. Special thanks to Charles Smith for help with the generator hire. Thanks go to Bill and Mick Simpson, John and Amy Raddings, Peter and Moira Hart, Ken Trollope, the Timing Team and Viking Kayak Club for their help and support.

The report finished by thanking all the committee members and paddlers that have supported Jim during the year and a special thanks to his wife Catharine.

A summary of the participation statistics was provided. These showed:

Division	2007 entries	2008 entries	2009 entries	2007 Av	2008 Av	2009 Av
Prem	889	782	950	99	98	106
Div 1	1543	1553	1605	96	97	94
Div 2	1516	1623	1590	45	46	47
Div 3	1588	1693	2115	27	26	30
Div 4	1139	1452	1805	21	23	28

4.3.3 Strategic Planning (Jim McConnachie)

No report was available.

4.3.4 Technical Support (Steve Bright)

A report was tabled at the meeting. It started by thanking the team who work behind the scenes, special thanks to Sue, Irene and Dave for all their continued work in developing the new system, Ken Trollope for all his work and support with the points and Andy Hounslow for his work in maintaining TUTTI.

It has been a very busy year with the continued development of the new system to a stage where they can provide a truly professional system. Discussions continue with Siwidata on further system development and the software will be updated before the start of the new season.

The provision of start and finish officials this year has worked well and the Team now offers a very professional service.



4.3.5 Paddler Representative (Gareth Wilson)

A report was tabled it began with apologies from Gareth for being unable to attend the meeting and went on to mention the British Athletes Commission and how it has been agreed for a GB canoeing athlete to represent slalom so that he could concentrate on the lower end of the sport.

4.3.6 GB Canoeing Report (Andy Maddock)

A report was tabled. It stated that 2009 was a year of exciting opportunities and challenges. As part of the major 4 year review a class coaching system was set up. The long awaited upgrade of the course at Holme Pierrepont was completed.

The highlight of the year was the European Championships with the excellent number of Team medal achievements.

The report went on to mention the outstanding performance of the Teams this year with high number of medals and personal best achievements.

It mentioned the great sadness at the passing of Ed Ecclestone in April who devoted a huge amount of time to support the GB Team over 30 years.

It ended stating that the athletes have shown what all believed they could achieve at the start of the Olympic cycle and thanked everyone who contributed in making 2009 season a memorable one. Andy Maddock then gave a very interesting presentation of the facilities on the new sites that are coming on line within the next few months – Cardiff, Teeside, and Broxbourne.

4.3.7 England (Mark Shaw)

A report was tabled. Amongst the items noted were:

- It had been a formative year focussing initially on core activities
- Primary importance was the continuation of the England Team for the Pan Celtic Cup series of races in which England were the overall winners again.
- As well as running the English leg of the Pan Celtic Cup the committee ran a division 1/2 combined with the English Championships and Inter Regional's.
- A number of Regional Development Coaching appointments have been made over the year and have run winter coaching session and it is hoped to run more of these sessions.

4.3.8 Scotland (Tim Baillie)

A report was tabled. Amongst the items noted were:

- Participation in slalom continues to increase and a new club Strathallan formed.
- The coaching staff have been joined by Neil Caffrey, Callum Hogg and Simon Grant.
- Grants have been received for riverbank work at Grandfully.
- Work to develop an artificial site In Scotland continues.

4.3.9 Wales (Emma Aldridge)

A report was tabled. Amongst the items noted were:

- Construction has commenced on the Cardiff White Water Centre.
- The National Assembly's Sustainability Committee has begun their enquiry on access to inland water
- Canoe Wales clubs ran two events last year at new sites Bridgend and Rhug.

4.3.10 Northern Ireland (Nick Kelly)

A report was tabled. Amongst the items noted were:

- A new Northern Ireland Canoe Slalom Squad has been formed
- Slaloms have been run this year including a new site in Donegal.
- Very busy in developing Canoe Slalom in Northern Ireland



5 Elections

5.1 Vice Chair

Jenny Walker being the only nominee was elected nem con.

5.2 Secretary

Ken Trollope being the only nominee was elected nem con.

5.3 Committee Members

Steve Bright and Paul Ramsdale had been nominated by the Slalom Committee. Colin Woodgate was nominated by Viking Kayak Club and seconded by Baldock & District Canoe Club. Andy Grudzinski was nominated by Proteus Canoe Club and seconded by Llandysul Paddlers.

There being no other candidates, all were elected nem con.

5.4 Other Elected Officials

The following were unanimously elected en bloc nem con.

TUTTI Maintenance		Andy Hounslow	Ranking Officer		Nick Penfold
Entry Cards		Susan Paterson	Ranking Status Officer		John Woods
Ranking Of	ficers				
Premier Men		Tracy Wells	Canadian Singles- All divisions		Les Milam
Division 1 Men		Nick Penfold	Canadian Do	Stuart Meakins	
Division 2 Men		Tony Rackham	Veterans P/1	Mike Carter	
Division 3 Men		Penny Scaife	Veterans 2/3	Keith Sunderland	
Division 4 Men		Dave Reeve	Teams Prem/1		
K1 Women –All divisions		Mike Carter	Officials Compiler		Nick Penfold
Other Appoi	ntments Bib Issue				
K1 Men	Premier	Tracy Wells	C1	Prem & Division 1	Les Milam
	Division 1	Nick Penfold		Divisions 2 & 3	Les Milam
	Division 2	Tony Rackham	C2	Prem & Division 1	Stuart Meakins
	Division 3	Mike Patrick		Divisions 2 & 3	Stuart Meakins
K1 Women	Prem & 1	Lynne Farrow	K1 Women	Divisions 2 & 3	Nick Penfold
Veterans	Premier & Division	on 1 (All categories)			Mike Carter
Veterans	Divisions 2 & 3	(All cate	egories)	ŀ	Keith Sunderland
Bib Hire	Division 1 & Premie	Dave Lomas			
	Officials' Bibs	Jim Croft			

6 Motions

6.1 Minor Changes Ranking Rules.

6.1.1 That rule UK 2.2.1 (p54) be amended to read as follows:

UK 2.2.1 The Slalom Committee <u>representative</u> will wherever possible.......At Championship, Premier and First Division events, the Chair of the Jury shall be a qualified ICF official, BCU Section Judge or BCU Senior Judge <u>when ever possible</u>. The Slalom Committee should not the Slalom Committee.

Under Regulation 5.9, this motion was immediately voted on, and passed nem con.



6.1.2 That rule UK 19.7 (p67) be amended to read as follows:

UK 19.7 At all times......a competitor must be prepared to rescue other competitors and must respond to any call by an official to do so <u>should be prepared to stop and assist</u> rescue of others.

Under Regulation 5.9, this motion was immediately voted on, and received 57 votes for, 0 votes against and 9 abstentions.

The motion was therefore duly adopted.

6.1.3 That rule UK 11.3 (d) (p60) be amended to read as follows:

Under Regulation 5.9, this motion was immediately voted on, and received 50 votes for, 16 votes against.

After discussion and clarification from the Treasurer that this was to bring the rule into line with a motion passed at the 2005 ACM This motion was voted on, and received 62 votes for, 4 votes against. The motion was therefore duly adopted.

6.2 Additional Rules for the Organiser

That rules 56.6 & 56.8 (p83) be amended to read as follows:

56.6 Send two copies one copy of the results to the Ranking List Compilers and Bib Officers for the division/s and classes at the event and (except for Premier and Division 1) those for the next higher division. Send one copy of the results to the Ranking Officer.

Where one individual has multiple roles just send one copy of the results.

56.8 Send Officials Entry Cards one copy of the results to the Officials Ranking Officer. Keep officials cards until the end of the year.

After a short discussion, this motion was voted on, and passed nem con.

6.3 Women's Canadian Singles

That rules 5.6 (p48) & 5.2 (p47) be amended to read as follows

5.6 Calculating Points - Canadian Women Singles (except Div 4)

Ranking points are obtained by dividing the competitors score by 1.08 1.2, then comparing this to the Men's Kayak event. Where gets 0 points.

5.2 Promotion for Canadian Women Singles



This motion was discussed at length and amended by the proposers to read

5.6 Calculating Points - Canadian Women Singles (except Div 4)

Ranking points are obtained by dividing the competitors score by 1.08 1.2, then comparing this to the Men's Kayak event. Where gets 0 points.

5.2 Promotion for Canadian Women Singles

The amended motion was voted on, and passed nem con.

6.4 Canadian Doubles

That rule 5.7 (p49) be amended to read as follows:

5.6 Calculating Points - Canadian Doubles (except Div 4)

Ranking points are obtained by dividing the competitors score by 1.2 in divisions 2/3 and by 1.12 1.1 in Premier/Division 1, then comparing this to the Men's Kayak event. Where gets 0 points.

After discussion, this motion was voted on, and received 61 votes for, 5 votes against. The motion was therefore duly adopted.

6.5 Canadian Doubles & Canadian Women Singles

That the relevant part of rules 5.6 (p49) and 5.7 (p49) be amended to read as follows:

"Super Final" events: To qualify for the finals the competitor's modified score from the heats must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the heats.

"Championship" events: To qualify for the semi finals the competitor's modified score from the heats must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the heats.

To qualify for the finals the competitor's modified score from the semi-finals must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the semi finals.

Points will be awarded by comparing the relevant modified total to the relevant K1Man's score in the Heats / Semi Final / Final as appropriate. When the modified score does not compare exactly then points will be awarded for the next place higher.

After discussion it was felt that the rule change should apply to Rule UK 34.1 (p73) to determine whether or not the competitors should progress to the semi- finals and finals. The following amendment was proposed by Proteus Canoe Club and seconded by Viking Kayak club.

That the relevant part of rules 5.6 (p49), 5.7 (p49) and UK 34.1 (p73) be amended to read as follows:

"Super Final" events: To qualify for the finals the competitor's modified score from the heats must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the heats.

"Championship" events: To qualify for the semi finals the competitor's modified score from the heats must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the heats.

To qualify for the finals the competitor's modified score from the semi-finals must be equal to or less than the last placed K1Man qualifying from the semi finals.

Points will be awarded by comparing the relevant modified total to the relevant K1Man's score in the Heats / Semi Final / Final as appropriate. When the modified score does not compare exactly then points will be awarded for the next place higher.



The proposal to adopt this amendment was voted on and received 30 votes for, 14 votes against with 21 abstentions.

The amended motion was voted on and received 56 votes for, 5 votes against with 5 abstentions.

The amended motion was therefore duly adopted.

6.6 Veterans.

That rules 6.1 (p49) to 6.9 (p51) be replaced as follows:

6.1 Any competitor who's 35th birthday is on or before 31st December in the year concerned may elect to become a veteran in Premier/Division 1 or Division 2/3 in any class (but not necessarily in all), but may revert back to divisional status in that class in a subsequent year on application to the Ranking Status Officer (see B 2.2), starting in the next complete season. Any such competitor must first declare to the Veteran Compiler his/her date of birth, the highest division reached in the class(es) concerned and the year in which this was achieved, and current divisional status (if any). Thereafter such a competitor may enter any competition in that class, clearly marking the entry card 'Veteran'.

6.2 Calculating points - Veterans

Ranking points are obtained by dividing the competitor's score by 1.1, then comparing this to the corresponding divisional event. Where a competitor's modified score does not correspond exactly with a score in the corresponding divisional event, then points will be awarded for the next place higher except as follows:-

"Super Final" events: To qualify for the finals the competitor's modified score from the heats must be equal to or less than the last placed corresponding divisional competitor qualifying from the heats.

"Championship" events: To qualify for the semi finals the competitor's modified score from the heats must be equal to or less than the last placed corresponding divisional competitor qualifying from the heats.

To qualify for the finals the competitor's modified score from the semi-finals must be equal to or less than the last placed corresponding divisional competitor qualifying from the semi finals. Points will be awarded by comparing the relevant modified total to the relevant corresponding divisional competitor's score in the Heats / Semi Final / Final as appropriate. When the modified score does no compare exactly then points will be awarded for the next place higher. At Division 1 or 3 events, the points obtained as above will be divided by two before allocation.

Multiple division events will be ranked against the highest corresponding divisional event results.

End of season results: National ranking positions at the end of the season are calculated on the best five results in Premier/Division One and on the best four results in Divisions 2/3. A paddler who does not finish at least one run gets 0 points.

- 6.3 A Veteran can compete in an event at a lower level than that declared the result will be recorded as non ranking.
- 6.4 Prizes should be offered, as a minimum, as follows:
 - 3 or more entrants 1 prize
 - 10 or more entrants 2 prizes
 - 15 or more entrants 3 prizes
- **6.5** Where a Division 2/3 registered Veteran competitor achieves a points total which would have gained promotion either in season or at the end of season they may apply for reranking in the Premier/Division1 Veterans Class.
- 6.6 All registered Veterans must apply to the appropriate bib officer for a bib.



The Motion was amended by the proposers to read

That rules 6.1 (p49) and 6.3 (p50) be amended to read as follows:

- 6.3 Any competitor who's 35th birthday is on or after before 1st 31st January December in the year concerned may elect to become a veteran.....season.

The amendment to the motion was voted on and passed nem con.

The amended motion was voted on, on and passed nem con.

The amended motion was therefore duly adopted.

6.7 Masters.

That rule 2.4 (p45) be replaced to read as follows:

- **2.4 Masters.** Any competitor whose 35th birthday falls on or before the 31st December in the year concerned and chooses to remain in the divisional system may be identified as a Master. (M)
- **2.5 Masters League.** Masters compete as ordinary ranked competitors whose ranking points are also those used to calculate placing within the Masters League. The Masters League is divided into 5 year age bands as follows:-

M35 - Aged 35 to 39 M40 - Aged 40 to 44

M45 - Aged 45 to 49 M50 - Aged 50 to 54

M55 - Aged 55 to 59 M60 - Aged 60 to 64

M65 - Aged 65 to 69 M70 - Aged 70 to 74

These bands are not exhaustive and may be extended to cater for all ages. Masters should indicate upon their entry cards which "M" designation age band of the Masters League they fall within. A competitors age is taken as that attained on their birthday on or before the 31st December in the year concerned and this age is to be stated upon the Bib Application Form. In the case of C2 crews, the youngest competitor will determine the age band.

The Masters League runs within independent divisions and points scored by Masters competing in higher age bands will also be counted in all lower age bands. The points of Masters in lower age bands will not be counted in any higher age band. If a Master does not wish to compete in the Masters League, they can opt-out and continue to compete as a Master with an "M" designation without any age band.

The Masters League will apply to both genders, all divisions and all boat classes. At slalom competitions, Masters of both genders in each division and boat class are entitled to receive prizes in accordance with usual quorate criteria at the discretion of the organiser.

At the end of the season, winners of each Masters League age band will be recognised as "Masters Champions" of their respective age bands with the "British National Masters Champion" being the highest placed Master in the national ranking list irrespective of age band.



We propose that the following rules be changed to reflect the change of the above as follows:

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7.4 Competitors Cards should also show age category (J12, J14, J16, J18 (U23 Prem/Div 1 only) S, DV M, V).

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UK 3.5 Age categories

Junior 18 18th birthday on or after 1st January J18

Divisional Veteran Over 34 on 1st January DV

Master over 35 on or before 31st December——DV-M

in each case, in the current year.

Veterans who have elected to leave the divisional system and compete in Veterans Events (See B.6) V

Juniors and Veterans who declare their date of birth will be identified on end of season ranking lists.

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UK 11.4.5 The category (K1M, K1W, C1M, C1W, C2, etc), the Division or event, if not ranking, the competition (individual, team, veteran, official), age category (DV M, Senior, U23 (U23 Premier & Division 1 only), J18, J16, J14 & J12) and, in the case of Canadian Doubles, 'W' for Women or MX for mixed, must all be stated on the entry card. U23, Juniors, Veterans and Divisional Veterans Masters must state their Date of Birth.

After a short discussion, this motion was voted on, and passed nem con.

6.8 Rule changes and additions

6.8.1 That rule UK 39.3 (p45) be amended to read as follows:

UK 39.3 A competitor who leaves his/her boat is disqualified for the run in question although a Jury may award a re-run in special circumstances. If a competitor leaves his/her boat during a team run, the entire team is eliminated and must immediately leave the course.

The motion was voted on and received 41 votes for, 20 votes against with 5 abstentions.

The motion was therefore duly adopted.

6.8.2 We propose to add new rule UK 31.4 (p72) to read as follows:

UK 31.4 The course should be cleared before the start of each new class and if a competitor/competitors is/are inserted into a scheduled programme in an unscheduled position the course should be clear before starting the next scheduled competitor.

The motion was voted on and received 3 votes for, 63 votes against with 0 abstentions.

The motion therefore duly failed.



6.8.3 We propose that rule 37 (p76) be amended to read as follows:

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UK Note: while there can be no appeal known.

If such a review is anticipated, the Jury Chair should be informed in writing of the full reason for the review and given the opportunity to collect and present the relevant facts to the Slalom Committee before any decision is made regarding the review. The outcome of the review and the relevant facts should be made public in order to establish precedents to assist with future interpretations of the slalom rules.

The motion was voted on and received 22 votes for, 29 votes against with 15 abstentions. The motion therefore duly failed.

6.9 Re-instate end of season promotion only to Division 1 (K1M, C1M, K1W)

That rule 4.1,4.2 (p46) & 5. be replaced to read as follows:

4.1 Promotion Men's Divisions

Promotion for men is achieved according to the following:

Division 4 to Division 3 1 in 5 (or part thereof) promoted

Division 3 to Division 2 on gaining 3300points

Division 2 to Division 1 on gaining 3600 points

Division 1 to Premier on gaining 4750 points or more at the end of the season

- In each case, for Divisions 2 and 3, from the best four events or on gaining maximum points from three events.
- In Division 1, from the best five events or on gaining maximum points from three events.

N.B. promoted.

4.2 Promotion Women's Divisions

Promotion for Women is achieved according to the following:

Division 4 to Division 3 1 in 5 (or part thereof) promoted

Division 3 to Division 2 on gaining 320 points

Division 2 to Division 1 on gaining 360 points

Division 1 to Premier on gaining 475 points or more at the end of the season

- In each case, for Divisions 2 and 3 from the best four events or on gaining maximum points from three events.
- In Division 1, from the best five events or on gaining maximum points from three events.
- In as in 4.1

5.1 Promotion Canadian Men Singles

Promotion for Canadian Men Singles is according to the following:

Division 4 to Division 3 1 in 5 (or part thereof) promoted

Division 3 to Division 2 on gaining 320 points

Division 2 to Division 1 on gaining 340 points

Division 1 to Premier on gaining 465 points or more at the end of the season

- In each case, for Divisions 2 and 3, from the best four events or on gaining maximum points from three events.
- In Division 1, from the best five events or on gaining maximum points from three events.
- In the ties as in 4.1

The motion was voted on and received 3 votes for, 51 votes against with 2 abstentions. The motion therefore duly failed.



6.10 Division 4 Slaloms

That Division Four Slalom Information (p41) be amended to read as follows:

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	all affiliated clubs or groups to run events.

Under Regulation 5.9, this motion was immediately voted on, and received 61 votes for, 5 votes against and 0 abstentions.

The motion was therefore duly adopted.

7 Approval of the Calendar for 2010

There was a long discussion.

Following debate, Proteus Canoe Club proposed adoption of the Amended Calendar, this was seconded by Frome Canoe Club, and passed nem con.

A vote of thanks was given to Jenny Walker for her hard work in organising the Managed Calendar.

8 General Discussion

8.1

A discussion on how to prevent promoted Div 4 paddlers competing again at Div 4 in following years. It was pointed out that it is up to the organiser to try to ensure that this does not happen, all promoted Div 4 paddlers for the previous year are listed in the year book.

8.2

There was a short discussion on alternative event formats

8.3

A question was asked about competitors staying on the water for safety cover and whether this applied to practise runs. This is the case and it is implied in rule UK 18.8 and further clarified on page 86 of the current yearbook.

8.4 Next Meeting.

The next meeting is planned be held on 27^{th} November 2010. Motions for this meeting must be received by 28^{th} October 2010

