

Minutes of the 2008 AGM

4th October 2008, Rugby Club, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham

Attendees

Fiona Jarvie – Secretary
Peter Meares – Co-opted member
Tim Rowland – Co-opted member
Andy Goodsell – BCU competitions representative
And members

Apologies

- Bev Chrimes (Secretary), Pete Caterall

Due to the resignation of Emily Wall (chair) and Terry Best (vice chair), Peter Meares chaired the meeting.

Approval of 2007 Minutes

- Proposed by J Reeves, Seconded by A Ward, unanimously approved.

Accounts

- Will be published at year-end. Anyone wishing to view the interim report can email Bev Chrimes. Approximately £10,000 was spent on the Europeans and £1000 on the Youth Freestyle.

Team Report

- Dave thanked everyone that has helped this year: Ross, Montandon Matt Chadder, Ben White, Sneaky, Pete Caterall, Terry Best, Fiona Jarvie and the team paddlers for working hard.

Youth Freestyle

- Mike Laing thanked all of the organisers and helpers (in particular Pete, Tim, Matt, Becky).
- There were 145 entrants across the 5 events.
- The events turnover £6000. £1850 is from sponsorship and any outstanding amount is subsidised by the UK Freestyle committee. The accounts will be published after the end of October (at the time of the meeting there was still one more event to run).

Alpkit events

- Jim talked about the success of the Alpkit events this year and that due to changes in the various courses it would be hard to replicate next year:
 - Washburn – no longer a suitable freestyle feature;
 - Nene – prices have gone up;
 - HPP – uncertain freestyle future;
 - Tryweryn and Teeside – too expensive.
- Jim thanked Tim Rowland, Sneaky Pete, Emily Wall, Jamie Burbeck in their help with the events.
- Jim questioned whether there was anything to bring judges through. This was discussed and is something that needs to be looked at.

Elections

The members unanimously voted the following people onto the committee:

- **Chair:** Tim Ward
- **Treasurer:** Bev Chrimes
- **Secretary:** Fiona Jarvie
- **Liaison Officer:** No candidates
- **Safety Officer:** Claire O'Hara
- **Competitions Officer (sub-committee chair):** Tim Rowland
- **Promotions Officer:** No candidates
- **Co-opted Positions:** Peter Meares, Lee Pyke, Stu Parry, Jim Evans

A.O.B

- James Reeves asked for suggestions to the committee of development points. These are below.
- **New website:** to be running with up to date photos, what we do, how many medals we have etc.
- **Judges development scheme:** Need people to volunteer to come along and help.
- Jim asked for a list of people to be available to ask about various matters e.g judging.
- Claire O'Hara talked about team trainings and how they had improved this year, but would like to see more. There was a suggestion that there should be a different training for squad (over the year) and for the team (in the lead up to the event).
- We need to have more club-run events to get local clubs involved in freestyle. The UKCC star awards may change this because of the freestyle elements involved.
- We need to pressure the BCU to have more play features. At the moment it is impossible to hold a freestyle competition on the washburn. Also no one was aware of the Teeside changes.
- Matt Chadder, James Reeves, Richard Chrimes and Pete Cornes were thanked for their help in pursuing discussions regarding the changes to HPP. Matt explained that there would be funding changes in April and it would be going to the County Council so it will need to fund itself. Therefore the course needs to be suitable for all needs. There are still meetings regarding what will happen to the course.
- We need to apply pressure to BCU facilities. Dave explained how he had previously asked for a box on the BCU membership form in order to get a representation of who is playboating as there are a large amount of recreational playboaters that could be encouraged into competition. This has not happened.
- Tim Ward asked Andy Goodsell about TASS and why freestyle isn't on there. Andy said the decision was made several years ago and that it is now on there. Andy will forward the relevant link for athletes to follow.
- Mike Laing asked if the committee will be able to support the Youth Freestyle for next year. The answer was yes, but the committee will need to discuss how much

once the YF budget has been proposed. There was a suggestion that any excess money could be spent on ensuring there are more qualified coaches at each event.

- Mike asked how the freestyle committee can get more funding. Andy suggested increasing the participation in events to raise money. Paddlesport development officers could provide support for recreational/club events. Need to go through participation team. Jim suggested lots of people are recreational playboaters so wants to change focus of his events for next year.
- Mike asked for the committee to ensure they go through the minutes as action points at the next meeting.
- There were questions about the comments on the TVfreestylers website. The committee can be asked direct questions on ukfreestyle.com.