

## **Minutes of Committee Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2008**

### **Red Lyon pub, Hurley**

#### **Attendees**

Tim Ward (TW), Fiona Jarvie (FJ), Bev Chrimes (BC), Lee Pyke (LP), Peter Meares (PM), Tim Rowland (TR)

#### **Apologies**

- Claire O'Hara, Stu Parry, Jim Evans

#### **Previous Minutes**

- **Action: FJ to find previous committee meeting minutes and publish on website.**

#### **Funding**

- TW has been contacting AG (Andy Goodsell) about TASS and other funding. TASS was reduced from 40 to 20 athletes and was only given to those athletes that are European or World Champions.
- **Action: TW – liaising with AG on how TASS is derived as currently is biased towards other disciplines. Also how we can get other funding provided for freestyle (BUCS and FISU)**
- **Action: TR – we need a funding information page on the website.**

#### **International Freestyle Structure**

- There is confusion as to how the structure of the IFC, ICF, BCU, ECA and UKfreestyle committee are related and how they communicate information.
- **Action: TW to ask AG how we formally receive information from international parties and how we can escalate information and whether one of the freestyle committee could potentially be the contact to the IFC.**

#### **Accounts**

- BC tabled the year-end accounts which will be published on the website when approved by the BCU. Currently there is a surplus of £4,400, however some of the Youth Freestyle expenses have not yet been paid.
- **Action: TW and PM to form budget for next year after liaising with Terry and Dave.**

#### **Team Trainings**

- It was agreed that team trainings need to be more frequent in order to be most effective with more support from the team coaches in between whole-team trainings.
- TW and PM would like to liaise with a number of people to redefine team coaching and how it can be implemented by next year to include more get-together weekends and more coaches (e.g different coaches for different categories) in order to offer on-water coaching in between the limited water time that is available on team-training weekends.

## Selections 2009

- TR put forward the dates for the selection event 2009 which will be the 14<sup>th</sup> March at Hurley with a back-up date of the 28<sup>th</sup> March (in order to allow for water levels to come in/drop off if necessary) *<Note: following the meeting the latter date has been questioned due to a number of reasons>*. The back-up venue will be decided at a later date as we don't want to discount an amazing wave appearing at Nottingham!
- The new ICF rules will hopefully be published in January, but failing the arrival of the new rules we need to work out which rules will be used and if the rules are not available by 14<sup>th</sup> March the event will be seen as a 'ranking' from which the team will be selected when the team-sizes are known.
- **Action: TR will word the press-release in an email for the committee to read through, question and agree upon.**
- BC expressed concern over just one selection event and LP suggested that for the selection event for 2010 we use more than one event that are part of a series and part of other events (e.g Hurley classic, British Champs). **Action: To be discussed as an Agenda item at the next meeting.**

## Judging

- **Action: TR to ask Jutta and Jasper about the ICF judge-training to use for training judges in GB.**
- Paddlers need to be doing more judging and it was agreed this should be part of team trainings – in order to improve their own paddling, but also to be able to help out with freestyle competitions.

## Other competition

- LP suggested a ranking series. James Reeves had previously outlined suggestions for how this could happen but we need more organisers to offer events to be part of this and also need events to be run by ICF rules to be included in a ranking series.
- **British Champs** – TW wants to see more age groups, a club event, coaching. Jim is hoping to host the British Champs in the summer.
- **Regional committee reps** – we need to fill competition-rep positions on regional committees. Advertising on websites?
- We need to encourage regional events to happen and there should be something on the website with information on how to run an event.

## Website

- More information required and rules are needed in a clear place also list of medal-winners and event info. No forum needed but contacts should be there. TW's contact Chris should be liaising with TR regarding graphics.

## Other

- TR asked that communications from Andy Goodsell are cc'd to the whole committee.

**Date of next meeting: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 12pm**