



**Future Events being run by the Slalom Committee**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> Senior U23 & Junior Selection**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> National Inter Clubs Cardington**

**October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Premier Race 9 & Div 1  
Llangollen Town Falls**

**October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Class C International  
Pan Celtic Cup & Inter Regional Championships  
Llangollen Town Falls**

**Please Note Change of Telephone Number  
Jacky Wetzig 0116 289 5460**

## **British Canoe Union Slalom Committee**

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

# **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008**



“Canoeing and Kayaking are “Assumed risk” – “Water contact sports” that may carry attendant risks. Participants should be aware of and accept these risks, and be responsible for their own action and involvement”.

## **Paddler Representative –**

The Andy Nicoll Memorial Cup (the British Open C2 trophy) has been returned and presented to Andrew and Adam Marshall. Etienne Stott announced that he wished to stand down as the Paddler Representative as he is not able to attend many meetings. The Committee thanked Etienne for his enthusiastic work over the past 4 years and will start a process to invite nominations for the post.

## **BCU –**

Andy Goodsell reported that Club Coaches in a number of BCU regions have now been appointed and further ones are imminent. A list of those appointed was circulated.

## **Coaching Development –**

Mike Shaughnessy plans to run a coaching day at HPP on 5 May, prior to the Division 2 double slalom on May 10/11. Details will be posted on the website when they have been finalised.

## **World Class –**

Andy Maddock will discuss the arrangements for the Llangollen races with Ken Trollope and report back. He suggested that with the forthcoming Olympics and the introduction of club coaches, it would be prudent to produce some multi-media publicity material as a promotional/teaching resource.

## **Event Management –**

Jim reported that all the Organisers' Packs have been distributed.

## **Any Other Business –**

- Jacky Wetzig's new telephone number is 0116 289 5460.
- It was noted that there was nothing about slalom in the recent Canoe Focus. Various members volunteered to contribute articles for the next edition. We must aim to include content in each edition, both international and lower division events. All contributions should be sent to Chloe at the BCU.

The Committee gave Andy Koszary a vote of thanks for taking the minutes in Ken's absence.

The meeting closed at 15.05

## **Date for next Committee Meeting**

May 17<sup>th</sup> at BCU Headquarters Bingham

# **BRITISH CANOE UNION SLALOM COMMITTEE MEETING SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2008 AT BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM**

## **Present**

Anne Hounslow (Chair), Jenny Walker, Jim Croft, Steve Bright, Mike Shaughnessy, Emma Aldridge, Andy Maddock, Tim Baillie, Etienne Stott, Andy Goodsell, Andy Koszary.

## **Welcome and Apologies.**

The chair welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received from Ken Trollope and Andy Gray. The meeting wished Ken a speedy recovery following his recent operation.

## **Declarations of Interest**

3 Declaration forms were distributed and returned to the Slalom Administrator.

## **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 12 January 2008 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

## **Matters Arising**

*Managed Calendar* – No responses have been received to the request for ideas to improve the calendar.

*Year Book* – The Year Books have now been distributed. Jim Croft reported that the proposed rule changes at the 2007 ACM in motions 6.4, 6.5 & 6.6 (which were defeated at the meeting) had inadvertently been included in the 2008 Year Book. Jim has sent the following note to all Div 3 organisers.

## **Mistake in the 2008 Slalom Yearbook page 58 Rule 4.1 and 4.2, Page 59 Rule 5.1, Page 61 Rule 5.4**

### **4.1 Promotion Men's Division**

Division **3 to 2** should read on gaining 3300 points  
Or in the case of Division 2 & 3 from the best of four events or gaining maximum points from three events.

### **4.2 Promotion Women's Division**

Division **3 to 2** should read on gaining 320 points.  
Or in the case of Division 2 & 3 from the best of four events or gaining maximum points from three events.

### **5.1 Promotion Canadian Singles**

Division **3 to 2** should read on gaining 320 points.  
Or in the case of Division 2 & 3 from the best of four events or gaining maximum points from three events.

### **5.4 Calculating Points - Canadian Doubles**

.....End of season results: National ranking positions at the end of season are calculated on ..... the best four results in Division 2/3.

*Website* Official Committee statements and notices will be given a separate section on Nick Penfold's website, later in the year.

## Finance

The treasurer reported that the BCU exchequer grant for 2007/08 had been granted in the sum of £21,000. It was reported that the BCU accounts (including the Slalom Committee accounts) for last year had been approved without amendment. The Treasurer agreed to revisit the budget and circulate details to the Committee. *Action Andy Koszary.*  
It was agreed that support will be offered to GB selected, non-funded paddlers to attend non-Championship events.

## Correspondence

e-mail from Lara Tipper re England Coaching Group Committee requesting attendance at meeting.

Andy Maddock had obtained a quote for a secure storage container. Subject to NWSC approval to replace the existing smaller World Class container; it was agreed to purchase a used 40' x 8' container. The cost would be shared equally with World Class and it was agreed that future use (and any future costs) of the container would be shared equally between the Slalom Committee and World Class. It was agreed however that should the container have to be removed at anytime, as World Class already have a smaller container on this site they would retain the right to have a smaller one returned. Although the Centre Manager had agreed verbally for us to do this we are still awaiting written confirmation before proceeding.

*Action Andy Maddock.*

Request from Don Raspin to clarify the procedure for dealing with complaints concerning jury decisions at events. Draft guidelines were discussed and it was agreed that Anne Hounslow would put together a revised version and distribute for approval at the next meeting. This would then go to next ACM for full approval. *Action Anne Hounslow*

Request from Dee Lindsay that organisers of training camps should in future try to avoid conflicts with events, where possible.

## ICF Rules

Following an invitation to the slalom community for comments on the proposed rule changes; Anne Hounslow had previously distributed a summary of the responses and these were discussed. Other than the proposed changes in the formats of Championship races, the addition of an *extreme slalom* and the introduction of rigid poles, the Committee was broadly in support of the changes. An initial submission will be prepared by Etienne Stott and distributed to the committee. The Slalom Committee's response along with the paddler's responses will be submitted to the International Panel for consideration. They will then submit comments for consideration at the ICF meeting in April. The final decisions will be taken by the ICF in November.

*Action Etienne Stott.*

## Timing

Steve Bright reported back on the position re the HPP timing system. A software update is available which should resolve the problems of last year.

Steve has been investigating the replacement of the BBC system which is well past its useful life. A proven mobile timing system will be based around the Nottingham system and Steve has received indicative quotes for the equipment. It was agreed that any new timing system should be linked with the judging system. Steve was authorised to obtain a further detailed quote to replace all the beams, computers, screens and headsets. The timing equipment replacement fund will be utilised to fund the acquisition.

## BCU Membership

All competitors and holders of coaching qualifications are individual members of the BCU. The Committee agreed that all officials at races (section judges and jury members) should be encouraged to take out "basic" BCU membership. Forms are available from the BCU or the Competition Co-ordinator.

## Special Selection races

Plans for the Special Selection races in Holland in April are progressing well.

## European Championships

Andy Goodsell reported that Nottinghamshire County Council is supportive of the event, however this does depend upon the facility coming under their control in April 2009. The proposed date is 28 to 31 May 2009 at HPP. Talks are continuing with the BBC and C4 regarding TV coverage of the event. The BCU are talking to businesses and agencies to attract sponsorship. No appointment of a race director has yet been made but expressions of interest in taking on the role will soon be invited. A race organising committee will be set up with Steve Bright, Anne Hounslow, Jim Croft, Ken Trollope, Andy Goodsell and Ian Bebbington. A preliminary meeting with Anne Hounslow, Andy Goodsell and Ian Bebbington will be organised in the next month. *Action Anne Hounslow, Andy Goodsell.*

## England

Following the request for expressions of interest in setting up an England Committee, the responses were reviewed. Those who expressed an interest will be invited to a meeting at HPP on the afternoon of the selection race on April 19 to discuss the issue. It was suggested that the format should be that of a sub committee of this committee with the Chair of the sub committee being the England representative on this committee. Their remit would include: managing the England team, developing and providing coaching to English slalom paddlers and develop the sport at the lower end of the divisions.

## Veterans

Again there had been a number of responses. It was agreed to invite Phil Stevenson, Dave Radmore and Stephen Katona to set up a working party and to bring forward proposals to the September meeting.

## Coordinators' Reports

### Wales –

Emma Aldridge reported that the Cardiff Bay and Pont Barker developments are continuing to move forwards.

### Scotland –

Three Development Coach positions are available but no appointments have so far been made. The PA link to the Grandtully campsite should be available for the Easter races.

### Competition –

All preparations for the season are in place. Nothing else to report.