

England – The setting up of an England Canoe Slalom committee needs to be moved forward. This is vital for slalom in England and to enable the BCU committee to focus on GB matters. Interested parties will be asked to express their interest via the web site. A meeting will then be arranged

Action Anne Hounslow

Scotland – A Report was tabled.

The work on the toilets at Grandtully should be finished by Easter. Fiona Campbell has resigned full time slalom coach and the SCA are in the process of recruiting 3 new development coaches to be based in Grampian, Tayside and Strathclyde.

The lack of Scottish representatives at the ACM caused some concern and we suggest, that if it is sufficiently important for all nations to be represented consideration should be given to moving the ACM around the home nations. Anne Hounslow felt that this was not feasible.

The problem with timing team expenses is being sorted.

Timing – Andy Hounslow has had discussions with the events manager at NWSC – re the timing system problems and is working on it this weekend with Sue Bright hopefully it will be resolved following this. We need our own mobile system up and running by next season. Steve Bright to look at Dutch mobile system at selection. Tutti routing for 2008 is complete.

Judging – All the selection events will have the same Jury.

World Class – Organisation for the selection events in Holland are well in hand. Anne Hounslow and John MacLeod to agree funding costs.

Action Anne Hounslow

Event Management – Organiser packs will be sent out on time. Replacement bibs have been ordered and invoices have been sent out to paddlers who did not return their bibs on time.

Any Other Business – Veterans - sub committee still needs to be set up.

Action Anne Hounslow

The meeting closed at 13.20

Date for next Committee Meetings

February 23rd at BCU Headquarters Bingham



British Canoe Union Slalom Committee

“Putting Paddlers First and Valuing Volunteers”

Committee Meeting Minutes

BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Saturday 12th January 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”.

BRITISH CANOE UNION SLALOM COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY 12th JANUARY 2008

AT BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Present

Anne Hounslow (Chair), Jenny Walker, Ken Trollope, Jim Croft, Jacky Wetzig, Steve Bright, Mike Shaughnessy, Emma Aldridge, Andy Maddock.

Welcome and Apologies.

The chair welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received from Andy Koszary, Andy Gray, Etienne Stott, Jim McConnachie, Tim Baillie, Andy Goodsell.

Declarations of Interest

None

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the 2nd December 2007 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

Slalom Committee Awards – These have been sent out.

Promotions Demotions - There were some problems as information regarding paddlers who had applied for protected status was not presented at the previous meeting. In light of this slight alterations to the 2008 ranking list have been made. In future any request for protected status will come via John Woods to the Committee.

Finance – The matter with the SCA regarding judging fees has now been resolved.

Finance

Andy Koszary distributed, by email, various suggestions for the rates for Section Judging and Timing Team expenses. After discussion it was decided to stay with the same format as previous years with increases in the attendance and mileage rates. Jim Croft to make new claim forms. Clarification was asked about VAT receipts for fuel, Jim Croft explained that they are needed so that we can claim back VAT on the expenses claims, they do not have to be for the full amount of the claim, but should be relevant to the time and place. The timing team expenses should be paid from the Committee fund not direct from the event organiser as stated in the yearbook. Jim Croft and Steve Bright to sort out this anomaly.

Action Jim Croft, Steve Bright

Correspondence

Jim Croft has received a letter from NWSC with new charges for 2008.

Hire of course is £750 + VAT, we were unsure if this charge was inclusive of timing. To be confirmed.

Steve Hesford has offered to produce a calendar similar to last year's. It was decided to go ahead with his offer. Jim Croft to contact Steve.

The ICF are proposing some significant rule changes to be proposed at the next ICF congress. If accepted would take effect for the 2009 season onwards, these will be published on the web site. Feedback to the ICF Slalom Committee on these changes from GB should be channelled through the International Panel and as chair, Anne Hounslow is happy to collate opinion.

Chris Lomas has invited anybody from the Slalom Committee to attend the BUSA championships at Teesside.

Action Jim Croft Anne Hounslow

Managed Calendar

Managed Calendar – Jim Croft felt that the managed calendar needed someone else to run it as the end of the season was a very busy time for him. Jenny Walker volunteered to take over the job. Anne Hounslow will arrange publishing this on the web site. Paddlers will be asked for ideas on how to improve the calendar. Letters or e-mails to Jenny Walker only will be considered. The committee will not respond to comments & criticism on the forum.

Yearbook

The Chair thanked Steve Hesford, Catharine Croft, Jim Croft, Jacky Wetzig, Ken Trollope, and Andy Maddock for all their help in compiling the new edition of the yearbook. Steve Hesford hoped he would have it ready for Ed Ecclestone so it can be published ready for distribution mid February. The packing and distribution day to be confirmed.

Action, Jim Croft.

European Championships

The venue will be HPP. Talks are still in progress with the BBC and C4 regarding TV coverage of the event. Anne Hounslow feels that if we cannot organise it within the May half term times we will struggle to man the event. Andy Maddock stated that the May time would be good from a World Class point of view. Sponsorship requires further discussion, Anne Hounslow will talk with Andy Goodsell on this matter and pursue the issue of the appointment of a race director. These actions need to be resolved quickly.

A container or similar to store Slalom equipment at HPP perhaps is needed, possibly a joint venture with World Class.

Action Anne Hounslow Jim Croft Andy Maddock

Website

After discussion it was felt that the way forward was to work with Nick Penfold. Jim Croft to liaise with him.

Action Jim Croft

Coordinators' Reports

Wales – Lines are being put up at Tryweryn they are in place as far as the ski slope but should be going as far as the international site very soon. Andy Maddock stated that we need a definitive date that training facilities will be on the selection course so that training can commence. World Class are proposing to write a letter to Canolfan Tryweryn.

Action Andy Maddock