

England

The meeting after the selection race in April did not take place due to the other problems that were encountered with the event. The meeting will now take place after the Pan Celtic / Prem Race on the 7th July anyone interested in supporting slalom in England is most welcome to attend. Time and venue TBA.

Veterans

This is ongoing and the working party is progressing.

Access

Nothing to report.

Wales

Emma Aldridge reported that the Cardiff Bay and Pont Barker developments are progressing.

Competition

Managed Calendar coming along nicely

BCU

The Olympic course at Broxbourne has now gone to the planning stage.

The 2009 – 2013 Development plan is available for comment by the committee and has to be finalised by the end of July. Andy Goodsell has asked for slalom input from the Committee. *Action AH*

Event Management

Jim Croft stated that the World Series events in Europe have attracted a lot of interest from British paddlers. He has been in touch with the World Series office who have stated that there is no limitation on entries per nation, but there is a limit of 250 competitors per event and entries are not being accepted until the end of June. If any event is oversubscribed they will offer places in World Ranking order and subsequently Nations will be allocated a number of places.

In that case our entries will go forward on a first come first served basis. Jim has kept a log of when applications were received and with consultation with the Slalom Committee will allocate places accordingly. It is unlikely to know the outcome until the closing dates in mid August or early September.

Jim Croft is pleased with the number of short course slaloms being applied for.

Any Other Business

Jim Croft reported that the chairman of Viking Kayak Club had asked the Cardington Development group for a contribution towards a feasibility study for an EDF system installation on the Cardington course. As this is completely impractical due to the way the course is constructed the Cardington Development group have declined. The Slalom Committee agreed with the decision.

The meeting closed at 15.05

Date for next Committee Meeting

July 5th at BCU Headquarters Bingham, August 30th at BCU Headquarters Bingham



British Canoe Union Slalom Committee

“Putting Paddlers First and Valuing Volunteers”

Committee Meeting Minutes

BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Saturday 17th May 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 17th MAY 2008

AT BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Present

Anne Hounslow (Chair), Jenny Walker, Jim Croft, Andy Koszary, Ken Trollope, Andy Goodsell, Emma Aldridge and Gareth Wilson.

Welcome and Apologies.

The chair welcomed those present and a special welcome to Gareth Wilson who has replaced Etienne Stott as Paddler Representative. Apologies for absence were received from Steve Bright, Andy Maddock, Mike Shaughnessy, Tim Baillie, Andy Gray, Jacky Wetzig and Jim McConnachie

Declarations of Interest

Declaration form was distributed and returned to the Slalom Administrator.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 23 February 2008 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

Secure Storage – Ordered, delivery date t.b.a.

Draft Guide Lines.– Ongoing

ICF Rules.– After much deliberation the comments on the rule changes from the BCU were passed to the ICF

Finance

Andy Koszary stated that the books were nearly up to date. The budget has been readjusted in light in the change in exchequer grant. The accounts are slightly more complicated in light of the England Split.

We have had 3 letters from unfunded paddlers regarding help towards team costs. They will be treated as part of the Team and John McLeod will invoice us direct for the shortfall.

Expenses Grandtully

Catharine Croft expressed concern that a number of people were unable to fill out expenses claim forms properly for the Grandtully Easter events, especially over the claim for the second week. Next year we propose to have separate claim sheet for special events. *Action JC*

Correspondence

David Wilson has queried why there has been no action over a complaint from him in 2004 Jim Croft to investigate further and will send an apology. *Action JC*

Complaints have been received re the organisation of 2 events

Event 1 The complaint will be investigated thoroughly. The organiser will be sent a copy of the complaint contents for his comments. The Slalom Committee will endeavour to appoint a Jury chair to oversee the next event. *Action JW JWz.*

Event 2 Again this will be investigated thoroughly. We need to gather further information before any decision can be made.

A letter has been received over the accuracy in communicating penalties at HPP using keypads this has been passed to Steve Bright and will undergo further study. *Action SB JW*

Junior Championships - As it is the turn of Scotland to host this event the question has been raised as to whether the J18 Championships should run along with the J14/J16 Championships. It is felt that many J18's do not take the race seriously as to the water it is held on. Rather than moving to a harder site, thus putting many younger paddlers off the Committee after much discussion felt that reverting back to just J14/J16 Championships is the right way forward, the J18 championship could then be contended as part of the UK Championships. To be discussed at the ACM.

A query was received regarding Committee Meeting minutes. It is standard practice to send a copy of the minutes to clubs registered with the Slalom committee. The minutes are also published on the web site. It was felt that if other people required a copy they could be downloaded from there. Next year the minutes will be distributed to the Clubs, where possible, by e-mail.

Selection

A letter of apology has been received from the National Water Sports Centre regarding the state of the timing equipment.

It was felt that the Selection Policy needs to be written in a more 'user friendly' way.

Timing

After the problems of the other weekend at HPP, it would appear that a great deal of pressure has been brought to bear on HS Sports, and they have strived to improve the system for last week's div1/2 . There were few problems last weekend. There were problems with the score board due to hardware failure.

The new mobile system is now up and running, and is being tested at Peterborough. It was given a good shakedown at HPP timing a slalom sprint race and apart from a couple of minor issues, worked very well. Irene is talking about taking it on the road soon and Steve and Sue Bright will support her with this. If all goes well this weekend, it will be used to time the Junior Champs in June.

2009 Yearbook

Steve Hesford has said that he was unable to be involved in helping to produce the yearbook or selling advertising space. We need to find someone willing to help especially persons able to produce artwork. The Committee feels that a lot of the year book could be web based so that the actual printed book would be smaller Anne Hounslow to talk to Nick Penfold on the web based side of the problem. The A3 Calendar is another problem. KT suggested that perhaps it could be published as a centre fold in the early season edition of Canoe Focus *Action AH AG*

Llangollen

Jim Croft as had long discussion with Jim McConnachie and Jim Jayes. They have been looking at water levels on the Dee and providing the level is such that it will allow a boat to negotiate the weir above the mill then the rest of the course will be navigable. Talks are taking place with the Environmental Agency to find out if they would increase the flow for us if required. At the moment we are hopeful that the event will go ahead.

European Championships

The course and accommodation at HPP has been booked for 28th to 31st May 2009.

Andy Goodsell will be coordinating manpower.

The course will be closed later this year to allow a complete upgrade to take place.