

through. For events run on those sites we would use our own timing system anyway so it would be better to enhance the existing mobile system i.e. portable scoreboard etc.

We have a dedicated Timing Team and Section Judges but the event is reliant on people who have never started or finished a race before, we need to incorporate Starters and Finishers in the Timing Team. This was agreed and Steve Bright was tasked with co-ordinating this. *Action SB JC*

#### Scotland

Slalom has been getting some good TV coverage especially in Scotland with Dave Florence winning the Silver in Beijing.

The campsite at Grandtully has to be licensed by the local authority, with all the Health and Safety problems that come with it, there will be room for 10 caravans when it is finalised. Full details are published on the web site. It was felt however that perhaps the pricing structure could be revisited and compared to other camping and caravanning sites in the area.

Section Judging at August Tully event - unfortunately there was insufficient section judges volunteering to attend this race and the organiser was informed that they must supply 2 judges per section, one acting as a judge / comms and the other as a gate judge, both independent of each other, apparently this did not happen. The delay in the event was caused by a failure of the back up timing.

GB Junior Championships - Selkirk are only prepared to run the GB Junior National Champs if the J18 are included. West Lothian are willing to run it alongside their Div 2/3/4 at Fairmile if it is to be J14-16 and under only. The committee agreed that it was inappropriate to run a div 4 alongside these championships however a 2/3 was agreed to.

#### HPP Upgrade

A focus group has been set up to discuss and liaise with Chris Hawsworth and EDF they must reach an agreement by early September. There is a possibility in the future that the course cannot be used for competitions during June July and August.

#### Wales

Emma Aldridge reported new guide lines have been introduced on the use of training gates. Full use 08.30 to 11.00, eddies only 11.00 to 16.00 and full use 16.00 to 18.30.

#### England

Mark Shaw reported that they have now produced the first draft of the regulations and hope to be able to have an ACM at Llangollen to vote in the committee members. Jim Croft reminded him that all officers must have minimum basic BCU membership.

Ken Trollope reported that he is organising a team for the Welsh Leg of the PCC at Bala Mill and will sort the finance out with the remaining funds in the old England Team account. He intends to stand down as Team Manager / PCC event organiser after the event.

#### Any Other Business

Women's C1: we have had an enquiry as to whether we are proposing setting up a separate Women's C1 Class. A discussion followed regarding awarding ranking points similar to C2, with a Prem/1 Class and a Div 2/3/4 Class. Points calculated against a % of the winning K1M. A motion will have to be put to ACM. Colin Woodgate to be asked for his input.

Anne Hounslow to organise a questionnaire for Div 1 paddlers

UK Championships: as no race was specified prizes will be awarded on the selection race results as per rule A3 (page 54).

**MOTIONS FOR ACM must be with the Secretary by the 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

The meeting closed at 15.30

**Date for next Committee Meeting - November 1st at BCU Headquarters Bingham**



## British Canoe Union Slalom Committee

“Putting Paddlers First and Valuing Volunteers”

## Committee Meeting Minutes

**BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM**

**Saturday 30th August 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 30th AUGUST 2008 AT BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

## Present

Anne Hounslow (Chair), Jim McConnachie, Jim Croft, Gareth Wilson, Andy Koszary, Jenny Walker, Jacky Wetzig, Steve Bright, Ken Trollope, Emma Aldridge.  
In attendance: Mark Shaw.

## Welcome and Apologies.

The chair welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received from Tim Baillie, Andy Goodsell, Andy Gray, Andy Maddock.

## Olympic Games

The Committee wish to congratulate all the members of the GB Team especially Dave Florence for his Silver Medal, Tim Brabant Gold and Bronze, Jacky Wetzig Judge and other officials.

**Declarations of Interest:** There were no new declarations of interest.

## Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 5th July 2008 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

## Matters Arising

*Secure Storage* – The container at HPP needs insulating.  
*UK Coaching*. - AH e-mailed Mike Devlin regarding a replacement for Alan Edge. The latest round of the development plan has been submitted and are awaiting funding from Sport England.  
*Event complaint* - Letters sent out.  
*Correspondence* - Guide lines for use of HPP published - no further problems  
*Generic Medals* - Ongoing

## Finance

Andy Koszary presented the Committee's Accounts to 31 May 2008.  
The support for unfunded England paddlers has been distributed and has come out of the England account.  
Timing costs still have to be adjusted and competition costs have been quite high.  
The 'Oscars' are being run again at Llangollen and a request for a donation towards the running cost has been received, this was agreed.  
Insurance – we need to revise the insurance. It is now covered under the BCU policy but a list of assets needs to be obtained. *Action SB AK*

## Correspondence

A letter was received from Matlock Canoe Club regarding coaching grants they now have a new community coach not slalom specific, they still have a grant which was not awarded last year as they did not have a coach, so it was agreed to release this grant. *Action AK*  
E-mail received asking the reason for the £5 registration fee for paddlers wishing to compete abroad. Jim Croft explained that organisers required entries from GB to come from the National body there is a quite a lot of paperwork involved and it ensures that entries are done correctly.  
Anne Hounslow has the draft selection policy and will distribute for comment from the committee.  
Information about the Sports Aid Grant scheme will be sent out with the minutes.  
Letter of Congratulations to be sent to Dave Florence. *Action KT*

**Access:** There is now no charge to use the Tryweryn.

## Managed Calendar

Jenny Walker presented the draft calendar for 2009. A short course slalom will be run this coming weekend at Durham if it is a success they may wish to run a full event next year. Jenny Walker to advertise that there is still space available for div 3 and 4 and contact some of the clubs that do not run events to see if they are interested - help could be arranged. Emma Aldridge said that she would try and encourage more lower division slaloms in Wales. Anne Hounslow has received a letter, via Andy Maddock, from a free style paddler asking if we could come to a water sharing arrangement. Basically the Committee can see no objection but freestyle organisers to contact the Slalom organisers direct. *Action JW*

## 2009 Yearbook

Jim Croft has contacted Ed Ecclestone and is awaiting a reply. Anne Hounslow stated that she would like to see as much information published on the website. We need to decide what is essential to publish in the year book. i.e. Contacts, Rules, Calendar, Ranking List. Each committee member to make a list of which pages they think should be left in the year book.  
The proposed ICF rule changes such as reverting back to best runs and 1 pole gates will not be finalised until after the ACM. A motion will have to be put to the ACM asking that these rule changes be accepted otherwise we will be lagging behind by a whole season with the rest of the world. Ken Trollope requested that clarification is needed for negation of a one pole gate i.e. where is the gate line *Action All*  
*Post meeting note* On a one pole gate the gate line is taken as being under the bearer.

## Llangollen

Jim McConnachie has conducted a survey of water levels and providing the water level on the gauge at Mile End Mill is not below 4 then the Town Falls are safe to paddle. He has correlated this gauge with the EA gauge at Manley Hall which can be accessed via the telephone.  
All access agreements have been granted and he is still trying to contact the water safety group. Anne Hounslow said that we should approach David Hepworth to obtain a quote to supply a rescue team as the event could not run without a safety crew. It was also felt that the course designers put in a downstream gate to act as a 'guide gate' for the approach to the falls.  
The First Aid Hut and the Town Hall has been booked.  
Jim Croft to write to the Environmental Agency to inform them of our requirements re water levels.  
Anne Hounslow to check with World Class regarding their level of attendance for the second weekend.  
Irene Osborne may be unavailable for the Sunday of the last weekend Ken Trollope volunteered to look after the comms for that day *Action JC AH*

## European Championships

Opening ceremony there is a meeting with EMDA. Nottingham County Council are hosting the event, awaiting to hear whether Nottingham City Council wish to be involved. Emma Aldridge is progressing with ideas for the ceremony. Tim Baillie is working on a new logo and will be approached re revamping the web site

**Inter-clubs :** Jim Croft organisation well in hand.

## Timing

Steve Bright requested that keypads are not used at Nottingham for the McConkey as it will ease the requirement for trained operators. Hopefully the keypad system will change to PDA's if the upgrade of the equipment at HPP goes ahead.  
The new system is working very well. We need to redesign the beam management system, Ken Baillie has been approached. Still awaiting for a software upgrade. Organiser packs need to be amended to inform organisers who have the timing team for their event of the facilities required by the team e.g. ropes for the beams.  
New sites that are being talked about e.g. Teesside have had discussion with Chris Hawksworth and Paul Owen. The new sites specification have requested their own timing system, but have not really thought it