

England

The ACM in Llangollen had a good attendance, a committee was formed comprising Chair, Vice Chair Treasurer and Secretary. It is hoped to look at the regional reps for committee members.

Ken Trollope reported that England won the final leg of the Pan Celtic series in Wales so bowing out with clean sweep. He has now finished the accounts for that event. Paddy Green (Treasurer) is finalising the accounts of the England Canoe Slalom Team and any surplus will be passed to Andy Koszary to go into the England Committee's account.

The committee gave a vote of thanks to Ken for organising the team and events over the years.

Competition

A report from Jacky Wetzig was circulated

Senior Judges exams held at 1st and 2nd Llangollen weekends. Very successful results.

Record thanks to Jim Croft for arranging excellent accommodation again for judges at Llangollen. It helps to have space to talk together at lunchtimes and keep warm during the day time. We were able to discuss points surrounding a number of issues together.

A request for the opportunity to take the ICF examination at the forthcoming European Championships at Holme Pierrepont next year. was received. Several of our Section Judges will be put forward for this to the Committee for consideration in due course. . World Class need to ensure coaches become qualified to enable them to be considered for course design at Internationals.

A letter will be circulated relating to the International Competitions to all ICF judges for them to volunteer their services. The names will then be brought to the committee for their approval as in the past.

Any Other Business

Andy Goodsell said that an online payment system for the BCU was well under way and they are willing to let competition groups utilise the system at no charge. . Unfortunately at present this will only be available for Canoe England members as at present no data base for Canoe Wales or the SCA. To be taken up by home nation reps.

Andy Gray reported that the London & South East region will be splitting into 2 regions.

The meeting closed at 15.30

Date for next Committee Meeting - November 30th at BCU Headquarters Bingham



British Canoe Union Slalom Committee

“Putting Paddlers First and Valuing Volunteers”

Committee Meeting Minutes

BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Saturday 1st November 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 1st NOVEMBER 2008 AT BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Present

Anne Hounslow (Chair), , Jim Croft, Tim Baillie, Andy Goodsell, Andy Gray, Andy Koszary, Jenny Walker, , Andy Maddock, Ken Trollope, Emma Aldridge.
In attendance: Alan Laws.

Welcome and Apologies.

The chair welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received from Jacky Wetzig, Steve Bright, Gareth Wilson, Jim McConnachie and Mark Shaw.

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

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 30th August 2008 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Matters Arising

None.

European Championships

The Chair welcomed Alan Laws, Vice President of the BCU who is the International Event Organiser, along with Andy Goodsell, they gave an overview of the structure of the Partners for the European Championships, Marketing and TV coverage.
A separate Euros meeting will be held on the 14th Nov to try and finalise the key roles and staffing for the competition. *Action AH AG KT JC*

Finance

Andy Koszary presented the Committee's Accounts to 30 September 2008.
Jim Croft and Catharine Croft have been working hard updating the accounts.
Andy Koszary gave a detailed breakdown of the accounts and was confident that all was on target with the budget and is working on the final accounts to be presented at the ACM.
Jim Croft reported that he is still having problems with the Scots and the way that slalom levies are handled he is still having talks with the Treasurer of the SCA.

Correspondence

The committee have received a letter from Louise Donington thanking us for all our help this year for funding her place on the GB Team.

A letter regarding the nominations for Canoe England's English Council was received. There are 5 Competition Representatives, 2 from Slalom, (Jim Croft & Jacky Wetzig) 2 from Polo and 1 from Marathon. The Slalom Committee need to vote for 2, Jim & Jacky. *Action AH*

A letter of complaint with reference to the event at West Tanfield regarding running non ranking event competition during the ranking event. A letter to be sent to the organiser. *Action KT*

An appeal against the Jury decision at Teesside has been thoroughly investigated and rejected.

Llangollen

Excellent water levels. After the event the Town Clerk reported that feedback about the event had been very positive and were pleased with the way that everyone conducted themselves. They did not want to lose the event from the Town.

Anne Hounslow felt that there needed to be more help with running the event especially organising of judges and that the organisation of the regional event would have to be reconsidered if it were to run again.

Managed Calendar

Anne Hounslow reported that one of the responses from the questionnaire was the need for more double div 1 events key clubs earmarked to approach re this for 2009 however we need to bear mind that the clubs have already made calendar returns.

The Junior Championships will not incorporate the J18. Jenny Walker to contact the organiser and find out if this is acceptable or to work out an alternative. *Action JW*

Although no direct information given to the Slalom Committee it is becoming apparent that when Nottingham County council take over the running of HPP there is a real possibility that we will only be able to run slalom events outside of the rafting season (June – August) as a commercial concern the cost to hire would be prohibitive to us. Ian Bebbington to be contacted to establish where we stand next year as some events are already booked in during these months. *Action JC*

The Tryweryn and Bala events need rethinking, cannot run prem and div 1 on the same day, too many paddlers, it was suggested that the premier event be moved to the Sunday or may be make double events. Emma Aldridge to liaise with organisers and report back. *Action EA*

2009 Yearbook

Jim Croft reported that making the year book smaller would not reduce the printing costs significantly unless it went to 25 pages. It was suggested that there was still information in the year book i.e. lists of coaches that could be put on the web page and just print a list of links in the year book. Each committee member to make a list of which pages they think should be left in the year book.
Andy Gray is working with Ed Ecclestone on obtaining advertising *Action All*

Selection 2009

The latest draft version of the selection policy has been published for consultation any comments must be returned by 1st Dec.

ACM

Motions have been received from Proteus C.C. Matlock C.C. and Stafford & Stone C.C.

Other motions to be included – ICF rule changes – DV prizes – Women Canadians – volunteer group voting rights. These will be incorporated in the Agenda for the ACM which will be published a.s.a.p.

HPP Upgrade

Andy Maddock reported that the consultation period is over and consents have been given. Contracts should be signed this week and the course should close on the 13th November for approximately 3 months.

Inter-clubs :

The Hire firms and trophy company have been very sympathetic and have given as much reduction in their fees as possible.

Wales

Emma Aldridge reported that the W.C.A is now called Canoe Wales.