



British Canoe Union Slalom Committee

“Putting Paddlers First and Valuing Volunteers”

Committee Meeting Minutes

BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Sunday 29th November 2009



“Canoeing and Kayaking are “Assumed risk” – “contact sports” 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

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2009

AT BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Present

Anne Hounslow (Chair), Jacky Wetzig, Jim Croft, Steve Bright, Colin Woodgate, Andy Grudzinski, Jenny Walker, Ken Trollope, Andy Maddock & Emma Aldridge.
Guests Nick Penfold & John Woods (part).

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present, especially Colin Woodgate and Andy Grudzinski who were elected at the ACM to join the Committee
Apologies for absence were received from Andy Koszary, Paul Ramsdale, Gareth Wilson and Andy Goodsell.

End of Season Promotions and Demotions

Nick Penfold joined the meeting for the discussion on the end of year demotions and promotions.
After discussion the following was proposed: -

Demotions

K1W Prem to Div 1 100 points and below
Div 1 to Div 2 100 points and below
Div 2 to Div 3 10 points and below

K1M Prem to Div 1 875 points and below
Div 1 to Div 2 950 points and below

C1M Prem to Div 1 110 points and below
Div 1 to Div 2 110 points and below

Promotions

Div 3 to Div 2 3200 points and above

Div 3 to Div 2 300 points and above

Requests for Protected ranking status have been received from 4 paddlers due to injury or military duty.
The requests were discussed at length. John Woods to reply with the committee's decisions.
The committee thanked Nick Penfold for all his work in preparing the end of season ranking list and John Woods for his role as Ranking Status Officer.
Action John Woods.

Declarations of Interest

Jim Croft distributed declaration of interest forms to committee members.

Election of Officers

At the ACM Jenny Walker (Vice Chair) and Ken Trollope (Secretary) were duly elected for another 2 year term.

Committee Members :-

Steve Bright –Technical Support Co-ordinator – 2 year term

Paul Ramsdale –Marketing and Publicity Co-ordinator -2 year term

Colin Woodgate – Strategic Planning Co-ordinator -2 year term

Andy Grudzinski – Volunteer Co-ordinator -1 year term

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the 31st October 2009 were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

The request for financial help was discussed and the Club concerned will be contacted. A Jury Chair to be appointed for next year's event.

After discussion it was decided that the Ed Ecclestone Memorial Trophy should go volunteers who contribute to the event management side of the sport.

Action Jim Croft, Jacky Wetzig.

Finance

Nothing further to add from the report from the ACM.

Managed Calendar.

Following the discussion at the ACM re possibly running a Prem/Div 1 at Serpents Tail Jim Croft will check whether the October booking for HPP can be moved to a week later. Dave Bradshaw will be contacted to initially ensure access and co-operation of the Chain Bridge Hotel. Other issues to be finalised next year.

Anne Hounslow will contact Llangollen Chamber of Commerce etc to see if some financial assistance will be available as we will be in the town for one weekend if the Serpents Tail goes ahead.

Following the discussions at the ACM re the suitability of some sites in regard the level of competition held Colin Woodgate will look at sites and what level event are appropriate to be held there.

An in-depth discussion on the managed calendar and how it can be better managed followed. The Rules for submitting events for the Managed Calendar next year will be strictly enforced. The calendar will be publicised earlier when prem event applications received but this will always be a VERY draft publication and accommodation should not be arranged on the basis of what is published as it could be subject to change.

Further discussion followed on how to manage in the future to enable better spacing and planning of events.

Action Anne Hounslow Jim Croft, Colin Woodgate, Jenny Walker.

ACM

The Veterans points motion will be revisited Colin Woodgate will discuss with veteran paddlers to obtain their views. He will also find a Compiler for the new Masters League.

There was a discussion on safety at events and how it could be improved.

Ken Trollope to write clarification notes on calculating C1W and C2 points and qualification for semi finals and finals.

Action Colin Woodgate, Ken Trollope.

Yearbook

Jim Croft has contacted advertisers, current and past, we have confirmed advertisers for the front and back covers.

Correspondence

The Slalom Committee submitted a report to the BCU following the European Championships. The BCU chairman informed Anne Hounslow that a report on the European Championships had been written by the BCU and distributed to the relevant parties. The Slalom Committee were not consulted for their opinions and the report has not been seen. The committee felt that it should have a copy of this report.

Action Ken Trollope.

Co-ordinators' Reports

Timing

Steve Bright reported the spare parts are on order. To upgrade the Start and Finish displays would cost an extra £460 the committee authorised this expenditure. He had also looked at the on course penalty input system as used at the Europeans but it was very expensive, it would have to be funded from an event sponsorship.

The insurance cover for the timing system needs clarifying. Jim Croft to contact BCU.

The cost for tutti hire and timing team technical charge was discussed and will be revised before next season.

Action Steve Bright, Andy Koszary, Jim Croft.

G.B. Canoeing

GB International entries need clarification, as World Ranking results could affect the number of GB boats allowed to enter future races.

Action Andy Maddock, Jim Croft.

A.O.B.

Jim Croft stated that he had problems with communications when away from home, for example in Llangollen. The Committee agreed to purchase him a lap top with mobile internet access.

There was a discussion about request for pre selection for GB Teams. The outcome of this discussion will be forwarded to the International Panel.

The meeting closed at 15.00.

Dates of Future Meetings –

17th January	10:00	Bingham
13th March	10:00	Bingham
27th June	10:00	Bingham
14th August	10:00	Bingham
25th September	TBC	Teesside
6th November	10:00	Bingham

ACM

27th November	10:00	HPP
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