



British Canoe Union Slalom Committee

“Putting Paddlers First and Valuing Volunteers”

Committee Meeting Minutes

BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Saturday 10th January 2009



“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

SUNDAY 10th JANUARY 2009

AT BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Present

Anne Hounslow (Chair), Andy Koszary, Jim Croft, Jenny Walker, Steve Bright, Emma Aldridge, Jim McConnachie, Andy Maddock, Mark Shaw, Ken Trollope, Andy Goodsell and Andy Gray.

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received from Tim Baillie, Jacky Wetzig, Mike Shaughnessy, Gareth Wilson.

Declarations of Interest

There were no new declarations of interest

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the 30th November 2008 were accepted as a true record of the meeting subject to the amendment to add Tim Baillie to the list of apologies.

Matters Arising

End of season promotion - there have been some issues these have been dealt with by Anne Hounslow.

British Athletes Conference expenses - now resolved.

C1 Women's bibs - ordered.

Guidelines for reruns - ongoing.

Finance

Andy Koszary reported that last year's accounts have not yet been signed off.

There has been a query regarding the way that the transfer of the timing and equipment fund was shown on the books. AK looking into this.

He has received correspondence regarding financial support for the Washburn events last season. He will write to the person concerned.

The budget for the financial year has to be submitted within the next month.

Correspondence was received from Catharine Croft regarding a claim for expenses from a section judge. After discussion it was agreed that these expenses would be paid. In future an attendance sheet must be signed and all expense claims must be made within one month of the event.

Action Andy Koszary

Yearbook

Jim Croft reported that work on the yearbook was going well. We still have some advertising available.

Andy Gray has been tasked to finalise this as a matter of some urgency.

Jim Croft said that he would design an advert for the Llangollen events.

Date for packing and distribution to be confirmed as soon as we know when ready.

Action Jim Croft Andy Gray

Llangollen

The British Open has now been approved as a World Ranking Event.

Once the deadline for numerical entries has passed the event will be open to British paddlers by invitation. Invitation will be in ranking from the GB selection race followed by current national ranking. Officials for this event to be put forward to the ICF for approval.

Ken Trollope expressed his concerned about car parking in Llangollen especially if we get a large number of foreign teams. Jim Croft to discuss with the Town Clerk.

Action Jim Croft Anne Hounslow.

Correspondence

No new correspondence has been received that has not been dealt with elsewhere.

European Championships

The contract with the BBC for television coverage has not been signed yet. It is now likely to be 1½ hours of live television Saturday and Sunday. The revised schedule for the event would be qualification runs on the Thursday and Friday, Semi-Finals and Finals on Saturday for K1M and C1 followed by teams and Semi-Finals and Finals Sunday for K1W and C2.

A decision on the timing requirements is required as soon as possible. Steve Bright expressed concern re the HPP system. It would only have been used once at selection prior to this event and was still not totally reliable. There is now no technical support to back our voluntary team up. It was suggested that SIWIDATA be asked to supply all necessary equipment for the Europeans but we could supply a good proportion of manpower.

Feedback from team leaders is required as to their team requirements by the end of the month.

Selection 2009

Ken Trollope distributed copies of the selection registration form for comment. It was agreed that he would publish it on the website.

Action Ken Trollope

Judging –ICF Events Approval

The list of nominated ICF judges for GB team events has now been approved.

World Ranking Slaloms

After discussion it was decided that the priority for entry to these events would be

- 1 GB Teams
- 2 Selection Race Ranking
- 3 2009 Ranking

GB team members must state the races they intend to compete at as soon as possible after selection to enable them to be released to others. Confirmation to be sought as to whether World Ranking points only go to the nominated 6 or anyone includes anyone else that is able to compete.

Jim Croft to put a statement on the web site.

Co-ordinators' Reports

World Class

Andy Maddock reported that negotiations regarding funding are almost complete.

Broxbourne - still at the tender stage, contractors should be appointed by the 9th of March. It should be opened to the public by the end of October 2010. It will be run by the local authority.

HPP - progress has been slow on the improvements but is now starting to increase and hopefully it is on schedule for the completion date of the 20th of February. The new course will require timing beam fixtures.

He and Andy Goodsell are meeting with Ian Bebbington regarding HPP to discuss the new site's proposed pricing and booking procedures.

The structure of coaching support to paddlers within World class has been changed with coaches being more class specific.

Wales

Emma Aldridge stated that within Wales there was concern about the cost of coaching awards. They are also running two new slalom venues this year.

England

As no further communication had been received regarding the structure of the England Slalom Committee Anne Hounslow felt that for the time being the way forward was for England to be a sub committee of the BCU slalom committee. Andy Koszary was happy to continue handling the finances. Mark Shaw reported that the areas of work were:

- Development of England paddlers
- England team coaching days
- Publication of Team members
- Pan-Celtic Cup competition.

Timing and Technical.

Steve Bright reported that the TUTTI routings have been completed.

He wished to clarify that it was not the responsibility of the timing team to produce points on the results although they do this where possible.

The Under 14 / 16 and Veteran Championships in Scotland did not require the timing team as the Scots have their own facilities.

BCU

Andy Goodsell reported that new anti-doping regulations came into force as of the 1st Jan and that it was in the interest of paddlers to make themselves aware of them especially those on medication.

A new Child Protection Policy has been released, it requires a nominated Child Welfare Officer to be at all events. Further clarification on this is needed.

Both these policies can be viewed on the BCU website.

The meeting closed at 14.30.

Dates for 2009 Committee Meetings

February 7th Euros meeting 11:00 John Dudderidge House

March 28th 10:00 Bingham