



# **British Canoe Union Slalom Committee**

“Putting Paddlers First and Valuing Volunteers”

## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009**



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# **BRITISH CANOE UNION SLALOM COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

### **AT BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM**

#### **Present**

Anne Hounslow (Chair), Ken Trollope, Jim Croft, Jenny Walker, Andy Koszary, Steve Bright, Andy Maddock, Mark Shaw and Tim Baillie.

#### **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received from Jacky Wetzig, Emma Aldridge, Gareth Wilson, Andy Goodsell and Jim McConnachie.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no new declarations of interest.

#### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the 27th September 2009 were accepted as a true record.

#### **Matters Arising**

ICF Entry procedure - ongoing. Teesside development work has still not started, concerns were expressed over the feasibility of running the International event there next year.

#### **Finance**

Andy Koszary apologised for the fact the he has fallen behind with the accounts but with the help of Catharine and Jim Croft he is confident that a draft copy of the accounts to be presented at the forthcoming ACM will be available within the nest 2 weeks and will be distributed by email to the committee.

The Home Nations refunding review is ongoing

Jim Croft reported that he had received an invoice from World Class for the unfunded senior paddlers which seemed to be a large amount. It was explained that this invoice contained the cost for the International Judges who attended events and that the amount for the paddlers is what was expected this funding was in lieu of any grants.

*Action Andy Koszary.*

#### **Correspondence**

Anne Hounslow has received further correspondence about the re run request a discussion followed and the outcome will be communicated to the paddler concerned. After discussion it was felt that clarification to some rules may be needed which will be done at the forthcoming ACM. Anne Hounslow to reply.

Jim Croft has received a request for financial help from a club who organised an event earlier in the year – further discussion is needed. He has also received a letter from a paddler requesting promotion from Division 1 on the result of their performance at the British Open. Promotion can only be obtained from relevant division races or at the end of season. The request was unanimously rejected Jim Croft to reply.

Due to pressure of work Jim McConnachie has tendered his resignation from the Committee. The Committee thanked him for all his work over the years especially for the help with the Llangollen events.

*Action Anne Hounslow, Jim Croft.*

## **Llangollen**

Anne Hounslow reported that there had been some positive comments after the weekend. She thanked World Class for all their hard work with the course erecting / dismantling and all the other volunteers that are needed to run this event.

A long discussion over the future of the event ensued - the main problems at the present time are :-

- Safety- the erosion of the slab on the falls is causing great concern especially so if the water is low. Also the overhanging shrubs and trees would have been a serious hazard had the river been high.
- The facilities for Timing and Control.

Although the Town Council and traders of Llangollen do not wish us to leave and the fact that this is probably the only event that has a high profile to the general public it was felt that we could not run the event there next year. The problems will have to be addressed before we can return.

Ken Cunliffe will be donating a C1 Women's Trophy for the British Open which will be given retrospectively to this year's winner.

## **Managed Calendar.**

Now that we will not be running races at Llangollen discussion took place as to its replacement. It was decided that the Division 1 race would be dropped and the British Open / Prem would take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010. The race will be at HPP but following years with the new sites at Cardiff, Broxbourne and Tees the venue may change. Ken Trollope to be named organiser in yearbook for entries. The event on the Tryweryn on the 17/18 April will have the Prem race on the Saturday as it will be Junior Selection – Organiser to be informed. The 29/30 May Saturday to be the Div 1/2 and Regional's: Sunday the PCC and English Championships

It was agreed that at the Junior and Veteran Championships a standard fee of £10 per entry would be charged per competitor for 2010.

*Action Jenny Walker.*

## **Selection Policy**

This is about to go out for public consultation.

## **ACM Motions**

Motions received and required were discussed and will be published in the Agenda for the ACM. The agenda will be published on the Committee pages of the Canoe Slalom Website

## **Co-ordinators' Reports**

### **Wales**

Emma Aldridge sent her report. Cardiff Timing - The ducting is in, no cables as yet. She has advised Richard Harvey to forward to the technical people at Cardiff that advice would need to be taken on cabling from the Timing team. She also made a suggestion that when we reprint the entry cards space should be made for email address and questioned whether it was necessary for the signature box.

### **Scotland**

Tim Baillie reported that they now have Neil Caffrey as National Performance Coach and also have regional coaches.

There is still financial problems between the SCA and the Slalom Committee.

A new Canoe Club has started –Strathallen.

## **England**

Mark Shaw reported that the England ACM in Llangollen was well attended and had good input from World Class and the Regional coaches with emphasis on paddler support.

## **Timing**

Steve Bright reported that the Start and Finish displays at Llangollen were well received. He has been contacted by the organiser of the world cup race at Zoetermeer asking if we could help. He needs to purchase approximately £300 worth of spares for the timing equipment and was given the go ahead.

The cost for Tutti hire needs to be revised for England and Wales before the next season.

*Action Steve Bright Andy Koszary.*

## **World Class**

Andy Maddock stated that World Class will in future be called G.B. Canoeing.

They have just completed a comprehensive review – a list of Paddlers selected onto the programme is going out. The Canoe England Club Programme goes live as of the 1<sup>st</sup> November with 6 full time regional coaches and one more appointment for Broxbourne to be filled.

After the arson attack at HPP the insurers will no longer insure boats that are outside a locked container. As a result, they have no choice but to utilise nearly half of the forty foot container for the storage of boats. After the storage requirements of the GB Canoeing programmes are taken into account, there is no capacity for a separate slalom committee storage area. They propose that GB Canoeing purchase a replacement container and take full 'possession' of the container, but we would be receptive to storing key items of slalom committee equipment within the store. They will cover all the costs arising from the fire and will share the recovered value of the damaged container. The Committee agreed to this.

Anne Hounslow congratulated GB canoeing on the number of medals achieved by the teams this year.

## **A.O.B.**

Jim Croft reported that he had found another printer who could produce the year book at a very reasonable cost and they have sent samples of similar publications that they have done which were of a high standard. He and Ken Trollope will liaise further with this company to ensure that between us we can produce next year's yearbook.

Anne Hounslow has sent to the BCU the Committees nominations for volunteer awards.

The meeting closed at 15.30.

Next Meeting – November 29th 09:30 Bingham.