



British Canoe Union Slalom Committee

“Putting Paddlers First and Valuing Volunteers”

Committee Meeting Minutes

BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Saturday 8th August 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

SATURDAY 8th AUGUST 2009

AT BCU HEADQUARTERS, BINGHAM

Present

Anne Hounslow (Chair), Andy Koszary, Ken Trollope, Jim Croft, Jenny Walker, Jacky Wetzig, Steve Bright, Christine Baillie and Emma Aldridge. Also present Sue Bright

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present. Apologies for absence were received from Andy Maddock, Gareth Wilson, Mark Shaw, Tim Baillie, Andy Goodsell and Mike Shaughnessy.

Tony Rackham Division 2 Ranking Compiler & Bib Officer

The Committee would like to wish Tony a speedy recovery and thank Nick Penfold for standing in for him.

Declarations of Interest

There were no new declarations of interest.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the 24th May 2009 were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

Ken Trollope still to contact Paddy Green. Anne Hounslow passed on a letter received from Paddy. Jim Croft has only managed to get two quotes for publishing the yearbook one is quite a bit cheaper than the other. Jim Croft to get some samples of their work
Jim Croft also stated that International entries were a problem as there is no co-ordination and paddlers were not being informed of an entry and therefore not turning up. There needs to be one person responsible for all entries etc.. The Slalom Committee would prefer it remained in their control as not a problem previously.

Action Ken Trollope, Jim Croft.

Finance

Andy Koszary presented the accounts to 31st July . England need to send Levy forms to Jim Croft for the HPP event. The Memorial Fund for Ed Ecclestone is growing and still open for donations.

Correspondence

Anne Hounslow has received a letter from Ed Ecclestone's brother regarding various pieces of slalom related equipment in his house - Jim Croft to liaise.

Action Jim Croft.

Mike Shaughnessy has tendered his resignation, the Committee felt that the role of coaching co-ordinator should be a Canoe England role.

Email re protest protocol – This was discussed at length and some minor changes were suggested the committee will discuss this further to come up with a motion for the ACM

Letter from Nottingham C.C. re room hire for the ACM on 28th November.

Letter from Rob Rooks no further action required

Jim Croft has sent letters to all Div2 organisers re Tony Rackham.

A letter of intention has been sent to the ICF for a World Ranking Event in 2010 venue t.b.a. and a World Cup race in 2012 before the Olympics at Broxbourne.

Tim Baillie has sent on behalf of a number of top paddlers a request that Premier races should be run such that the top ten after first runs will always remain in the top 10. It was felt that this would assist paddlers to prepare for International races. This was discussed at length. It is not feasible because of the timing/ results constraints, the committee however could not see how this change would make any difference to race preparation. Anne Hounslow suggested more clubs should be encouraged to run International format races such as the McConkey.

Tutti Hire

Emma Aldridge queried why Welsh Clubs pay £40 for Tutti hire and not English clubs. It was explained that the charge is to cover maintenance, historically as part of the levies from Welsh and Scottish clubs is returned to CW and SCA the extra charge was to compensate for the lower income to the Slalom Committee. Since the change to Canoe England, this is no longer the case and as of next year the Fee will be standardised.

European Championships

There has been a lot of favourable reports about the event from visiting Teams and visitors. The Committee would like to thank everybody who helped make this a successful event. There were however a number of organisational problems which will have to be taken on board before the next major event. A long discussion ensued and Anne Hounslow will produce a report.

Action Anne Hounslow.

Junior Championships

Jim Croft reported that the organiser had not submitted the correct judging fee he will contact the organiser to explain how the levy is calculated.

Action Jim Croft

Llangollen

Access permissions have been received from the Corn Mill, Caesars, Mr G. Hughes and the Railway. Jacky Wetzig is liaising re the hire of the First Aid Hut. Safety quote received AH to confirm booking. British Open: There are a number of issues in the town that needs addressing; Jacky Wetzig to look into this. Judging sheets will need to be collected by runners.

Scales SCA to provide spare set, AH to check what equipment control was carried out at other World Ranking events.

Jim McConnachie looking into the use of the Royal Hotel Ballroom not yet come back to committee Anne Hounslow to chase this up.

Action Anne Hounslow, Jim McConnachie, Jacky Wetzig.

Managed Calendar.

Tees slalom has been cancelled due to redevelopment of the site. The event will possibly be run at an alternative venue in the same area.

Anne Hounslow to contact Richard Lee and Andy Maddock re selection races.

Need ACM approval to run pool S/C Div 4 slalom.

Jenny Walker to contact HPP re parking issues.

Action Anne Hounslow, Jenny Walker.

Yearbook

Andy Gray still has all the artwork for the advertising Jim Croft and Ken Trollope to contact.

Ken Trollope has started converting existing data to the new publishing package. Jim Croft working with Ed Ecclestone's brother regarding yearbook computer files.

Action Ken Trollope, Jim Croft.

Co-ordinators' Reports

Wales

Emma Aldridge reported that there has started an enquiry into access to rivers in Wales. The committee to send a letter to the sustainability committee.

Action: Ken Trollope.

Scotland

Chris Baillie reported that Scotland have agreed to fall in line with the English and Welsh clubs in the way levies are administered.

A meeting to resolve the problem over accrued funds is to be held a.s.a.p. between three SCA directors and the SCA slalom committee Chair and Treasurer.

A Sports Scotland Award for a grant of £10,000 has been received for various work on the river banks at Grandtully.

The campsite is to be limited to 13 caravan spaces all at the far end, behind a new gate that is to be positioned at the end of the platform. This will be operational for the August slalom.

Timing

The new software update is now in place.

Steve Bright stated that he is uncertain which of the timing kit at HPP now belongs to the Committee. He is also aware that the building is now being used by other people and would like a secure area set up to store the timing equipment.

Part of the order from HS Sports as far as we know was never delivered although they claim it was. No signature was received on delivery, just left in mid course control.

The timing team will endeavour to time all Premier and Division One events. Where this is not possible the event will be timed with Tutti or an approved timing system.

Judging

The Jury report form needs revamping. Action Jack Wetzig

A.O.B.

Jim Croft has ordered some more entry cards, hopefully we will be able to obtain a sponsor for the next batch. Since the change in the way levies are distributed he queried whether there is sufficient funds left in the BCU Slalom Committee account to pay for things like Cards, Yearbook, Timing Team and Judges. Andy Koszary to look at this.

Action Andy Koszary.

Russ Smith has been appointed for Coaching Development for Short boats with a specific remit for slalom. This is effectively a replacement for Alan Edge. The Slalom Committee applauded this move. Russ to be invited to a future meeting.

Andy Gray will be written to as he has not attended meetings or responded to any invitation to meetings. The Committee have deemed that he has resigned his post as Marketing and Publicity Co-ordinator.

Action Ken Trollope.

The meeting closed at 14.45.

Next Meeting – September 26th 10:00 Bingham.