

The WWR ACM
5th December 2015, 18:00

Venue: BC HQ at the side of the wild water course
British Canoeing, Adbolton Ln, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham NG12 2LU

AGENDA

1) Welcome

PS welcomed all and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

2) Attendees:

Jiri Tykal – Bangor University, Mike Rees-Clarke – Basingstoke, Louse Revel – Breadalbane, Julie Lewis – Boathouse paddlers, Chris Ashcroft – Bradford & Bingley, Lee Gingell – BOA, Carl foody – Chelmsford, Callum Gingell – Devizes, Phil Dean – Durham Uni, Sandy Fotheringham – CRCats, Jon Revel – Forth CC, Fraser Gormal – Glasgow KC, Ross Pearton – Lee Valley PC, Ryan Hunt – LUKS, Lydia Oxtoby – Leighton Buzzard, Grant Underwood – Loughborough Uni, Nigel Stevenson – Lincoln, Nicky Cresser – Notts KC, Paul Anderson – Pinkston Panthers, Rob Jefferies – Pennine, Neil Stamps – Royal CC, Jamie Christie – Soar Valley, Vanessa and Will Fotheringham – Strathallen, Neal Underwood – The Sharks, Peter Schofield – Wey KC, Scott and Jon Finch – WYCC, Mackhon Khela – Canalside, Chris Blacker – Southampton CC.

Callum Maclachen, Lewis Maclachen, Aaron Holmes – Breadalbane, Robyn Webb – Pennine, Ricky Millar – Notts KC, Robert Lineham – Aberfan CC, Nicholas Borham – Notts uni, David Campbell – Crcats, Stanley Ingram – Canalside, Morna Campbell – CRCats, Russ Smith – BC, Hward Blackman – Burton Phoneix, Adrian Gingell – BOA, Dorrie Pearton, Mandy Kitchen, Dave Belbin – BC.

3) Apologies,

Grant Anderson
Simon Wright
Lee Royle
Sandra Hyslop
John Anderson
Alan Laws

4) Approval of Minutes from 4th October 2014 ACM

Proposed: Paul Anderson

Seconded: Nigel Stevenson

5) Matters arising - none

6) Chairman's Report – attached

PS and Dave Belbin explained that Wild Water Canoeing is discipline specific technical committee of British Canoeing.

7) Secretary's Report - attached

- 8) Treasurer's Report – attached, thanks to Simon Wright for his continuous work. N Underwood questioned the budget as he thought it had been agreed to sell all 3 mini buses and asked where the income was shown for the 2 sales. PS explained that it had been agreed to keep one running and that the income for them was shown in the accounts.

Grant from Sport England should read "grant from British Canoeing", and is extremely generous given our levels of participation.

- 9) Senior & Junior Team Managers Report – Jamie Christie and Paul Anderson

The aim had been to select full teams in all classes for the World championships. All but WC1 were represented.

PA mentioned the success of the training camp this weekend with 45 people attending, an endorsement of the approach of the coaching team. We should not underestimate the potential of the teams for the future and the power within our ranks. It was good to see C1 racing again and developing well. The 2016 coaching plan and team is in place. Selection has been planned and decided a whole season in advance. Four training events are planned for this year but are not exclusive. Selection policy is in place having been revised by JC. Assessment and performance guidance have all been updated. Registration will be open soon.

- 10) Motions:

Exec motions relating to rule changes were agreed. N Underwood mentioned concern that there was no mention of helmets but JL explained this is already in the rules and hasn't changed.

The exec propose that the rules are revised as enclosed, in their entirety, to reflect current practice as the sport develops. The main changes are listed as below.

i. Rule 2 Status of the event.

Rule 2.4 defines the ranking points awarded at the various types of races. At present the factored MS points are awarded for performance in National Races. As an alternate is to award a points bonus to all participants at National Races. A points bonus of 100 points is suggested. This represents a performance enhancement of 100 seconds [i.e. nearly 2 minutes] in a race with a 20 minute wining time. With the bonus set at this level an incentive is given for attendance at National Races without reinforcing the split in the ranking list between Regional and National racers. Accordingly the first paragraph of rule 2.4.1 is deleted and replaced with:

2.4.1 National – Ranking points will be awarded for each event under a factored MS System; with the winner in each class being awarded 2,100 MS points. National Races are open to all competitors who qualify according to the criteria set by the WWR Executive. There will be 5 National Races each Season: As far as possible these will be as follows:.....

N Cresser asked about the rationale for the changing of points for the rankings. RP explained it was aimed to make things fairer and reduce the gap between top paddlers and those lower down. NC proposed an amendment to 200 points and Lydia Oxtoby seconded. This was agreed by all and will come into force on 1st Sept 2016.

Entries should be made directly to the race organiser.

3.3 If the entrant is under 18-years-old the form will need to be countersigned by a parent, guardian or responsible adult. These forms should be sent to the ranking co-ordinator along with the final results.

3.7 Non-members may take part in Regional, Wavehopper or Open events through the "BC Day Membership" system, upon payment of the non-member extra fee and signature of the declaration.. Competitors without proof of National Association membership, will be treated as non-members.

3.8 Competitors without proof of membership at National Races will not be allowed to start.

13.2 Race Organisers must belong to a BC-affiliated club or centre or the WWR executive.

13.5 Applications to organise a Wild Water Race shall be made to the Calendar Officer of the Wild Water Racing Executive Committee. All races must be approved by the WWR executive committee. All organisers of events are required by BC to have a nominated safety officer that has done the appropriate BC approved Event Safety training course.

13.9 Competitions can be in whatever format best suits the venue and time of year. A competition will comprise one or more races of any type together.

ii. Rule 6 Boats and Safety Equipment .

The exec no longer wish to directly follow this aspect of the ICF rules therefore Rule 6.15 is deleted entirely.

Existing rule 6.15 The WWR Committee automatically adopts ICF rules and regulations regarding equipment, this includes boats, paddles and safety equipment. Current ICF regulations are available on the Wild Water website:

www.wildwater.org.uk.

N Underwood stated that he didn't agree with GB WWR no longer being tightly aligned with ICF rules.

Rules 6.1, 6.2 are 6.10 are deleted and replaced with the following:

6.1 Dimensions. All racing craft should meet the following dimensions.

6.1.1 All types of K1: length 4.50m maximum width of hull 0.60 m minimum

All types of C1: length 4.30m maximum width of hull 0.70 m minimum

All types of C2: length 5.00m maximum width of hull 0.80 m minimum

The seam joining the hull to the deck can be considered to be part of the hull for measurement. No extra components shall be added to the boat to enhance the dimension.

6.1.2 Minimum Weights of Boats (the minimum weight of the boat is measured when the boat is dry)

All types of K1:10 kg

All types of C1:11 kg

All types of C2:17 kg

Note: The air bags are to be taken as being part of the boat. The spray deck is considered to be an accessory and not part of the boat.

6.2 All boats must be fitted with air bags in both the front of the boat (in front of the foot-rest) and the back of the boat (behind the seat). The minimum total volumes capable of being contained in the air bags are to be as follows:

	Front	Back
K1	30 litres	50 litres
C1	40 litres	50 litres
C2	60 litres	60 litres

The volumes will be taken from the manufactures stamp on the air bags.

6.10 Each competitor must wear a buoyancy aid which meets either EN ISO 12402-5 (Level 50) or EN 393 standards. All paddlers must wear the shoes on their feet. The shoes must have a thicker sole to protect the feet. The shoes must fit in such a way that they will not come off in a capsized or be released from a boat.

iii Rule 13 The Event - Organiser/Organising club.

The word Event is replaced with Competition in the name of the rule.

The following is deleted from rule 13.4: ' To run a National Race, this application must be made 6 months before the start of the relevant British season'

rule 13.8 is added: Competitions can be in whatever format best suits the venue and time of year. A competition will comprise one or more races of any type together.

iv Rule 18 Timing.

18.2 If the timing is on a stop-watch, it must be with duplicated digital watches, capable of timing in seconds to 0.01 of a second. There should be a primary watch and backup watch at the Start and a primary watch and backup watch at the Finish, all started at the same time.

18.6.1 Beeping clock/hand-held stopwatch at start and finish; to 0.5 second.

18.6.2 Beeping clock/hand-held stopwatch at start and photo-electric system at finish; to 0.2 second.

P Dean explained that the error here was incorrect and it was agreed to alter 186.2 to 0.5 second.

18.6.3 Photo-electric system at start and finish; to 0.01 second

Add 2 New Rules to section 18.

18.6.4 Where times are rounded, standard mathematical rounding shall be used
e.g.: timing to rule 18.6.1, 54.24 seconds would round down to 54.0 seconds and 54.25 would round up to 54.5.

e.g.: timing to rule 18.6.2, 54.09 seconds would round down to 54.0 seconds and 54.10 would round up to 54.2.

18.6.5 Sprint selection races shall use a beam start and beam finish arrangement unless the race organisers advise that another method of timing is to be used. Any departure from beam start / beam finish timing for a sprint selection race must be announced prior to the last date for receipt of entries for that race.

It was agreed this rule would come into effect immediately.

v. Rule 22 Results.

Delete the existing rules and replace with:

22.1 As soon as a competitor's time is known it must be posted together with the start number in a prominent position, in some consistently perceptible form, until the time for protest has expired (15 minutes after the last result in that class is published). After the time for protest has past the Race Organiser shall produce the Provisional Results.

22.2 The organiser must, as soon as is practical and within 5 days of the event, send the fully updated Organisers Spreadsheet Package and Provisional Results to the Ranking List Compiler.

22.3 The Ranking List Compiler will check the Provisional Results. On completion of these checks results are Final Results.

22.4 Final Results of all ranking races will be published on the WWR Website:
www.wildwater.org.uk.

vi. Appendix A.

Appendix A is added to define terms used in the rules including MS points.

vii Appendix B

Wavehopper rules become part of the main rules.

A) Motions from Neal Underwood.

- i. The WWR Season should start on October 1st and run to September 30th.
The rationale for this was that the GB Open has to be the last race of the season and that water levels are insufficient.

- PS explained that the GB Open does not have to be the last race of the season, the rules don't state this and that the same motion was rejected last year. It was not seen overall what the benefit of this was. The motion was rejected by all but Neal Underwood.
- ii.* 1.2 The format for National races, must be for a Classic and a Sprint on the same weekend; they can be on the same day if water conditions and access availability dictate, but ideally should be on consecutive days (either weekends or bank holidays).
N Underwood said this was necessary to make races cost effective, as people would not travel for a race and training combination. N Cresser and J Christie stated it was important to give race organiser the freedom to run races according to the best wishes of the paddlers. C Foody suggested it was best not to enforce more rules and that organisers should not be tied up in numerous rules and regulations. He stated training was as important as racing. N Stamps said the motion would stop races happening at HPP and Cardiff and other such venues where it's not always possible to run classics. N Cresser also said it wasn't practical to do sprints in winter and running training with a classic was far more conducive to paddlers. N Cresser also asked what would happen if either the sprint or the classic was rejected would this make both races void? The motion was not supported by anyone else and N Underwood withdrew the motion.
- iii.* **Perception Wavehopper Rule changes:**
- Any paddler who competes at National Level cannot be ranked or earn wavehopper prizes in the Wavehopper Challenge in the same season.
 - The banding for veterans should be in ten year age groups (currently 5); so it should be 35 – 44; 45 – 54; 55 – 64; 65 – 74, 75-84 and upwards if needed.
 - The Wavehopper final cannot be in the same region for two consecutive years and should not return to a location for at least four years. We don't have this many regions or areas.
- iv.* The ACM should be held before the start of the new season; preferably at the British Championships.
N Cresser suggested it worked very well at a training event as this one had. P Scofield said it was very hard to do it in August or September. The motion was not supported and thus rejected declaring it was best for the exec to consider things such as timing as best as possible.
- v.* The WWR Executive to be tasked to negotiate with British Canoeing and other disciplines so that future elections for posts requiring election to the WWR National Executive should be by postal ballot; eligible voters should be; any Full individual member of British Canoeing, who is ranked in the current or previous season (i.e.

has completed at least one regional event). Also, any club affiliated to British Canoeing or a National Association, who has at least three paddlers currently ranked on the GB WWR ranking list. Each qualifying club shall have one additional vote if it has organised a ranking National, Regional or Wavehopper race in the current/preceding season to the ACM. If an event is organised by two or more clubs, or a consortium of clubs, the vote relating to that event may be assigned to another club eligible to vote and the arrangement notified to the Honorary Secretary in advance of the ACM.

D Belbin explained that we were part of British Canoeing, as specific discipline Technical Committee. P Schofield explained this went against BC's current regulations and terms The motion was rejected.

- vi. Great Britain (GB) WWR should prepare to bid to hold the Junior and Under 23 World Wild Water Racing Championships in Britain for the year 2020.

D Belbin explained that any bid had to come from BC and that it was entirely dependent on funding, P Schofield explained we were already looking at U23 and had already had discussions with Slalom and BUCS about an International WWR Universities event, and had held international events in the past. P Schofield stated this did not need an exec motion it was something we always strived for and was always on the agenda.

- vii. Terms of reference (proposal to completely change current TOR)

N Underwood said he would withdraw all his motions on the understanding that they were looked into. P Schofield said he wouldn't do this as some of his motions were completely at odds with the current regulations of BC, such as postal voting. P Schofield and D Belbin again stated that the ToR were being reviewed by BC for all the separate disciplines and P Schofield stated he had been part of this process and that we are already involved. P Anderson said he had commented on BC's proposals also. N Underwood withdrew the motion.

11) Election of Officers

Officers:

Peter Schofield stood down at this point and handed over to Paul Anderson as acting vice chair.

For re-election 2015

Chairman: Candidates:

Peter Schofield proposed: Paul Anderson

Seconded Nicky Cresser

Neal Underwood – proposed: Susan Templeton

Seconded - Richard Davies

Both candidates were offered the opportunity to introduce themselves for five minutes. N Underwood outlined how long he'd been involved in the sport and that he ran The Sharks. P Schofield spoke of his passion for the sport, of wanting to see the sport grow and develop, of wanting to support paddlers developing and competing and having fun.

Peter Schofield was re-elected by a vote of 28 to 2.

Treasurer: Candidate: Simon Wright proposed Jamie Christie

Seconded Julie Lewis

Simon was thanked for all his work and unanimously voted back in.

The following are due for re-election 2016:

Performance Director: Jamie Christie

Participation Director: Mackon Khela

Hon. Secretary: Julie Lewis Executive & Regional Representatives:

Scottish Canoe Association Representative: Paul Anderson

Canoe Wales Representative: James Wingfield

Russ Smith –British Canoeing

Team Manager – Grant Anderson

English Regional Representatives:

- North – Andy Longstaff
- South -
- East –
- West– Jon Finch
- London – Mackon Khela

(Each of regional reps to co-ordinate for other regional reps in their area)

Other Non-Committee Roles:

Head Coach – Paul Anderson

Junior Team Manager - Nicky Cresser

International Event Support – Nigel Stevenson

Welfare/Equalities – Vacant – nominee needed

Safety – Nominee needed

Web – Neil Stamps

Mini Bus – Julie Lewis

Calendar – Julie Lewis

Rankings – Ross Pearton/Lee Gingell

Funding & Sponsorship – Vacant

Communications - Vacant

P Schofield then took back over as chair.

12) AOB

- i. JL mentioned the WWR boat amnesty that has so far retrieved 2 wavehoppers, 1 C1 and 1 K1 and asked that word could be passed round of this. The aim is to get unused boats back in to use and to give newcomers to the sport something to use as they first try the sport.
- ii. JL welcomed Jiri Tykal to the UK, who has now been given to race for GB, having moved from CZ.
- iii. JL explained about developments in the calendar and thanked all those involved. BC are helping to co-ordinate calendars across disciplines to avoid race clashes. Race calendars were now being planned much earlier and thought was

already being given to 2017. More details are now being provided about races with organisers filling out pro formas with race details on. All paddlers were thanked for pre entering the Tyne and Tees and asked that paddlers got into this habit as it makes life much easier for organisers.

- iv. JL thanked Lee for taking over the results and rankings and for Ross in his continuing support and development of the ranking system.

P Schofield thanked all for their support and attendance and the meeting was ended at 7.50pm prior to mince pies and prize giving.