

The WWR ACM
29th October 2017, 18:00
Minutes

Venue: Chainbridge hotel, river Dee

1) Welcome

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

2) Attendees:

Julie Lewis – Boathouse paddlers, Lee and Adrian Gingell – BOA, Mary -Jean Smith – Wey, Laura Milne – Pinkston Panthers, Callum Gingell – Devizes, Ryan Hunt – Forth CC, Lydia Oxtoby – Leighton Buzzard, Nicky Cresser – Notts KC, Rob Jefferies – Pennine, Jamie, Emma and Kerry Christie – Soar Valley and Breakout, Peter Schofield – Wey KC, Malcolm Blowers – Meridian CC, Veronica Milne, Robyn Webb – Banbury, Kasia Chmiel – NKC, Carl Foody – Chelmsford, Lee Royle – Wear Whoppers, James Wingfield – Dyffryn Conwy Paddlers, David Joy – BC, John Coyne – BC, Hannah Brown – Wiltshire Youth, Joe Birtwhistle – Runcorn, Penny Holdsworth – Pennine.

3) Apologies:

Grant Anderson
Simon Wright
Jiri Tykal
Paul Anderson

4) Approval of Minutes from 25th November 2016 ACM

Proposed: Mary-Jean Smith

Seconded: Malcolm Blowers

5) Matters arising - none

6) Chairman's Report – Peter Schofield.

It is good to welcome everyone to our Annual Consultative Meeting at The Chain Bridge Hotel in Llangollen. It is my pleasure to welcome Professor John Coyne CBE as British Canoeing Chairman and David Joy, Chief Executive. We met up with the Team athletes, coaches and management at the joint Slalom and Wildwater World Championships in Pau and it's great to be able to follow this up here at our Welsh Open Championships.

It has been another excellent year with Hannah Brown's Bronze Medal in Pau and Jonnie & Rachel Houston's sixth places against the fiercest competition. This topped off an absolutely brilliant week for Team GB with Mallory Franklin and Ladies Slalom Team Gold Medals and with world-class performances from all our younger up-and-coming athletes giving real confidence for the future. Pau was also a great showcase for our sport and we've been invited to take part in the 2019 Olympic demonstration event in Tokyo.

British Canoeing now has a clear set of strategic ambitions that we are aligning with as part of our developing 4-year plan. We have been working closely with Anna Gray on Sport Development and with Gemma Wiggs as International Affairs Manager. The discipline chairs meetings are now being formalised with WWR as an integral component.

After 18+ years as Chairman I've decided to stand again at this ACM to continue helping develop our great sport. It is a great privilege to be involved with so many passionate and talented individuals and I really enjoy seeing the sport and our ability to perform at the very highest levels continue to grow.

I'm delighted to say that I have been elected to the ICF Wild Water Committee and have had a very busy year as a Judge at the European Championships in Skopje, Murau and Pau. This culminated with a very well attended Nations meeting where we've agreed our objectives for the next 5 years.

I'm very pleased to say that Scotland's WWR Exec committee continues to expand north of the border. We'll be running the GB Open at Holme Pierrepont next September as part of British Canoeing's festival of paddle sport. Selection will be in Grandtully next Feb and next year's ACM is planned to be back in Hexham and then Tully the following year as we rotate the venue between the home nations.

This year the Exec Committee responsibilities continue to be shouldered by a very few people, focused on the massive amount of work needed to achieve excellent results and strong participation at senior and junior international events. The focus is on providing excellent competitions as well as improving our pathways to performance and international success by developing our volunteers, coaches & leaders, improving the Profile of Paddlesport and strengthening our governance.

We do need more volunteers to help grow the sport so please let me know if you would like to help out in any way.

- 7) Secretary's Report – attached. J Lewis also thanked officer of BC who were providing more support, particularly Gemma Wiggs and Anna Gray.
- 8) Treasurer's Report – attached.

Thanks to Simon Wright for his continuous work. Nicky Cresser asked if there was a plan to replace the mini bus. It was stated that this was desirable, but we need sponsorship to achieve this as we don't currently have the funds needed. Nicky Cresser also asked how much we make per Wavehopper sale – PJS to provide this information.

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

A number of training camps had been held. It would be good to hold more but coach availability, time and cost makes this difficult. Teams were sent to all International events. Ryan Hunt C1, Mike Rees-Clarke K1 and Rachel Houston C1 all made the final at Switzerland world cup, in very difficult conditions.

Hannah Brown won Bronze at the World Championships, with Jonnie Schofield Mk1 and Rachel Houston WC1 also making finals. C2 was represented at the World Championships by a very promising new partnership of Ryan Hunt and Mike Rees – Clarke who certainly proved their potential and competence. Neil Stamps was

welcomed back and asked to be involved again next year. He highlighted the potential of many new paddlers but stressed more time was needed with paddlers. The world cups encouraged and highlighted future potential.

Callum Gingell was the best performing paddler at the Junior Worlds with Ryan Hunt putting in a very good performance in the U23s.

Selection has been planned and decided a whole season in advance again. Registration will be open soon. Selection was announced as being at Tully for seniors and juniors in February when water levels would be hopefully better. Peter outlined in his Chairman's report the intention to rotate selection and the acm around the home nations each year, with Tully, HPP and Bala being the main venues for selection rotating each year.

Thanks were expressed to all involved in the International events and camps.

10) Motions:

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- 6.1.1 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.

Suggested re worded to:

If the timing is on a stop-watch, it must be with duplicated digital watches, ideally the watches should be capable of timing in seconds to 0.01 of a second but this is not essential and it is often possible to time to the nearest 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.

This was discussed but agreed that it didn't make sense out of context with the other timing rules. It was agreed the Exec should be able to revisit it and to make the appropriate change for the start of the 2018 season.

11) Election of Officers as below all were agreed.

Officers:

Re-elected 2017

Chairman: Candidate: Peter Schofield, proposed by Julie Lewis, seconded by Grant Anderson.

Treasurer: Candidate: Simon Wright, proposed by Jamie Christie, seconded by Julie Lewis

Robyn Webb was co-opted on to the Exec.

The following are due for re-election 2018:

Performance Director: Jamie Christie.

Hon. Secretary: Julie Lewis
Scottish Canoe Association Representative: Fraser Gormal
Canoe Wales Representative: James Wingfield.
British Canoeing - Russ Smith.
Team Manager – Paul Anderson.
English Regional Representatives: Mary Jean Smith, Grant Anderson

Other Non-Committee Roles:
Head Coach – Paul Anderson
International Event Support – Nigel Stevenson
Welfare/Equalities - Hannah Brown
Safety – Nominee needed
Web – Neil Stamps
Mini Bus – Jamie Christie
Calendar – Julie Lewis
Rankings – Lee Gingell
Marketing, PR & Sponsorship –Robyn Webb

Each BCU-affiliated club which has registered an interest in Wild Water Racing with the Secretary to the Wild Water Racing Committee shall have one vote at the Annual Consultative Committee. Evidence of BCU membership must be produced.

Any person representing an Affiliated Club or casting its vote, must be a Full member of the BCU. Similarly, no Affiliated Club can be represented or cast a vote, unless it has paid all money due to the BCU.

12) AOB

Robyn Webb provided an update on marketing and publicity and the intention to increase publicity of WWR.

The meeting was then handed over to David Joy and John Coyne. Thanks were given to the various people involved as volunteers running WWR and how good it was to see BC branding throughout the town. David stressed the need for all to help each other working together and asked what better would look like. He acknowledged the need to share resources available to other disciplines i.e. physio, nutrition, mini buses, venues and asked how BC can work better with WWR. He mentioned how impressed he was with the work that goes on in WWR. Was hopeful of providing more finance for WWR next year from BC.

David asked how BC could work closer with WWR Exec to develop opportunities. He outlined proposals for BC generally.

Peter Schofield thanked all for their support and attendance and the meeting was ended at 6.30pm prior to prize giving and dinner.