

The WWR ACM
1 Dec 2018, 14:00
Minutes

Venue: The George Hotel, Chollerford, near Hexham

1) Welcome

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

2) Attendees:

Julie Lewis – Boathouse paddlers, Ryan Hunt – Forth CC, Lydia Oxtoby – Leighton Buzzard, Nicky Cresser – Notts KC, Rob Jefferies – Pennine, Jamie, Emma and Kerry Christie, Richard Vincent – Soar Valley and Breakout, Peter Schofield – Wey KC, Malcolm Blowers – Meridian CC, Alex McIntyre, James Russell, Kasia Chmeil, Francis Huntingford – NKC, Robyn Webb – Banbury, Kasia Chmiel – NKC, Joe Birtwhistle – Runcorn, Penny Holdsworth, Ian and Leon Tomlinson – Pennine, Nigel and Julie Stevenson – Lincoln, Simon Wright – Lincoln, Jack Civico – Pennine, Dougal Kaisher, Rob Guest – NKC, George and Siobhan Urquhart - Banbury

3) Apologies:

James Wingfield

Mary-Jean Smith

4) Approval of Minutes from 28 October 2017 ACM

Proposed: Jamie Christie

Seconded: Ryan Hunt

5) Matters arising - none

6) Chairman's Report – Peter Schofield.

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. Do we want to do more on the International stage? We want to make sport more accessible for all, less complicated, more open and more diverse.

7) The Committee Terms of Reference for all disciplines have been reviewed and amended this year. These were put out to consultation including the SCA and WCA comments were received and the ToR has been updated. The main change has been to focus the WWR Exec with six members in total: Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and English, Welsh and Scottish representatives. A number of non-exec roles to cover different areas of our operations have also been identified. All agreed to sign off TOR.

8) Election of Officers as below all were agreed.

- Julie Lewis – Hon Secretary

- Jamie Christie – English rep.

Non-Committee Roles:

- Performance Director- Jamie Christie
- Calendar/Race Manager – Julie Lewis, Lynn Anderson, Liz Ayres
- Team Managers – Senior and/or Junior – Jamie Christie, Nicky Cresser, Julie Lewis and others
- National Coaches – Nicky Cresser and others
- Results and Rankings Officer - Jamie Christie, Liz Ayres
- Welfare Officer – Penny Holdsworth
- Social Media Officer – Robyn Webb
- Web Site and Marketing officer – Simon Wright, Peter Schofield/Liz Ayres/Mary- Jean Smith, Neil Stamps
- Equalities Officer – Lynn Anderson
- Regional Representatives – Ian Tomlinson
- Athlete & Young Persons Representative
- Discipline technical committee lead – Hannah Brown
- Chair of Selection – James Wingfield

9) Selection Policy – again these have been reviewed across all disciplines. In our case not many changes have been made. LO asked if points tied had been discussed as it favours whatever the last race was, if it was a sprint or classic. PS explained that it was all reviewed after selection last year. RH raised that it would be better to take out the clause of using the last race and to just go to the National rankings. LO raised that as we are trying to grow the sport should this be considered to drive people to other races. JS stated it is about the Selection races not the National Rankings. NC suggested the points model is looked at because of the points and the amount of U23s.

All agreed that the points system should be reviewed to go beyond the ranking of the top 4 or 6. It was agreed by all that NC would put some suggestions together for the review.

It was agreed that the selection policy would be put out for consultation before finalising for 2019 selection - proposed by Nicky Cresser seconded by Lydia Oxtoby and that registration would remain open on the website pending any amends following consultation. JL to put on the website for consultation.

- 7) Secretary's Report – attached.
- 8) Treasurer's Report – attached.
- 9) Senior & Junior Team Managers Report – Nicky Cresser gave an overview of the year's international events.

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

- 10) Motions:

- That levy fees are increased to £1 per paddler for all races. JC voted against, as did RV. Carried with two against.
- That new competition formats for WWR are introduced.” NC mentioned this would encourage people to race more, a list of race format options to be put in place. ICF has put forward a list of different formats. Race types to be put out for consultation. Needs to be a menu. This will also consider different boat types and classes. Carried unanimously.

12) 4 Year Plan – again this has been reviewed and displayed on the website for consultation. PS explained that aims of 2018 had been achieved including putting together team and manager’s packs and guidance, and improving the basics of races.

Discussed. Ian Tomlinson NE and Banbury to come back with requests for Looking for events for developing coaches and events for developing athletes.

Hope to have one event outside of the UK.

Hannah Brown looking at discipline specific for coaching technical group, will be asking for volunteers. NC asked what the point of that committee was. PS said it was basically a coaching group.

PS asked if people wanted to support a 2023 International race at Bala. NC asked why it was wanted, suggested effort would be better developing regional and national races and devoting the time to growing the sport in the UK first.

PS stated it is a massive commitment felt it should be driven Nationally by BC. All agreed that if BC were willing to organise it, with our guidance it would help promote WWR in GB, but that we don’t have the resources to organise a major event. NC said we needed to be able to run a good National race at Bala first, with decent committed water levels and sole use. PS asked for a volunteer to assist him in putting a case together to BC. RJ volunteered to assist Peter.

NC asked what the ambition is for the National race series i.e. beam timing, on-line entries. It was explained that beam timing wasn’t any more reliable than hand timing due to water splashes activating the beam.

There was frustration that on-line entries still weren’t available, and NC agreed to look at slalom’s system as BC’s system didn’t seem to be any further forward.

12) AOB

None

Peter Schofield thanked all for their support and attendance and the meeting closed.