



# **British Canoeing**

## **Slalom Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

##### **Stronger Together**

**Location: British Canoe Union HQ, National Water Sports Centre  
Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, NG12 2LU**



## 1 Present

### 1.1 In Person

Dave Spencer [5/5] Chair	Dee Lindesay [4/5] Digital Strategy/Data	Dave Spencer [5/5] England
Hazel Ridge [4/5] Treasurer	Karen Crowhurst [5/5] Participation	Chris Baillie [3/5] Scotland
Martyn Setchell [5/5] Vice Chair Athlete Rep	Peter Curry [5/5] Safety/Comp Mgmt.	Mark Abbott [5/5] Wales
	Steve Linksted [4/5] Strategy	
Colin Woodgate [5/5] Secretary		

Also present: Matt Crowhurst (3.1)

### 1.2 Apologies

Andy Neave [3/5] Coaching	Kiran Dews [0/5] CANI
Andy Grudzinski [4/5] Technical/Timing	Richard Ramsdale [1/5] British Canoeing

Anna Gray, British Canoeing Sports Development Manager

## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record, subject to correction of the location in the header on pages 2ff.

## 3 Priority Items

### 3.1 British Canoeing Future Leaders Scheme modules (180804 / 4.6)

#### 3.1.1 *Presentation of Modules for the Wider Community*

Matt Crowhurst was invited to discuss the scheme modules he had completed and their applicability. The full list of modules is not available. SL will continue to ask for a full set of modules from Anna Gray  
 ..... **Action SL**

Following some discussion, Anna Gray will be asked to organise the identified modules at a future meeting. The committee would benefit, from Governance, Managing Change, Strategic Planning. The wider group (possibly at the ACM) could be considered for strategies for Managing Conflict, and Change, Volunteer Management.

Matthew Crowhurst is also looking for an appropriate role or project as part of the scheme, suitable projects need to be reasonably well defined, rather than open ended.

#### 3.1.2 *Next Phase of The Scheme*

Anna Gray tabled a report on the first year of the scheme.

British Canoeing is now looking to recruit Year 2 candidates. Please note this is an England only programme due to funding from Sport England.

They are looking for people who:

- Have an aspiration to take on a regional or national committee role within the next 2-3 years.
- Are ready to take on the responsibility and opportunity associated with being a regional or national committee member.
- Have ideas how regional and national committees should grow and develop canoeing.
- Are committed to complete the programme.

Further details can be found on the link below.

<https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/guidance-resources/volunteering/young-volunteers>

We want to encourage applications from all parts of the community and are keen to ensure we have an equal representation of men and women.

The closing date for applications is **27<sup>th</sup> August 2019**



### 3.2 Division 2, 3 and 4 Strategy

#### 3.2.1 Talent Squad Impacts

Talent squads pulling athletes away from clubs with training most weekends, the same is happening with coaches, volunteer club coaches increasingly becoming paid coaches..... **c/fwd Action DS / MS**

### 3.3 Short Notice Division 4

Organisers were reminded that short notice slaloms require approval by the slalom committee, with at least one month's notice from the slalom committee (page 162 of the yearbook).

There has been at least one example of a short notice slalom being run without committee agreement, and without producing proper results. The organiser will be reminded of the requirements to run short notice events. It was confirmed that paddlers that were promoted will retain their promotions .....**Action CDW**

### 3.4 Entry Fees

There was a wide-ranging discussion on entry fees prompted by a concern that organisers are increasingly running competitions at a loss, with other income such as catering making up the shortfall. The following points were agreed

- Entry fees are a minimum. Clubs must pay at least this amount. Enhanced fees may be charged after approval by the Slalom Committee (Rule 6.2.6.d).
- The Committee, decided after a long discussion, that a motion will be put to the ACM, to increase entry fees (NB 2019 fees are still to be adjusted by inflation)

Division	Fee	2019 Fees
Premier	£20.00	£16.40
Division 1	£20.00	£16.40
Division 2	£15.00	£8.70
Division 3	£10.00	£6.60
Division 4	£10.00	£5.10

## 4 Chair's Report

Tabled report

### 4.1 Lee Valley World Cup

The first World Cup of 2019 at Lee Valley was a great success both in organisation and results for the GB Team. We were fortunate that the heavy rain at the beginning of the week faded away and the weekend was one of largely fine weather with good crowds to enjoy the racing. The feedback from teams, the ICF and guests was very positive and demonstrates that canoeing in Great Britain can put on a good show! A large part of this success must go to the 300 volunteers who supported the competition by taking on many of the key tasks necessary to ensure the race smoothly and to time, as well as providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere to spectators and athletes alike. Many volunteers came from within the slalom community and collectively we have vast experience of running competitions which we applied to good use. I am sure that there were many expressions of gratitude and on behalf of the committee I would like to add our thanks and appreciation of everyone's dedication and enthusiasm. There is the Senior Europeans to look forward to in 2020 and I hope many members of the Slalom community will want to come and support the competition.

### 4.2 International Competition

The selection process for GB Olympic boats is underway and should be completed in September at the World Championships in La Seu d'Urgell. In addition, many athletes have represented GB in Junior and U23 competitions as well as World Cups. Athletes from Home Nations have raced at ECA competitions and collectively all these activities represent a large group of paddlers gaining valuable experience of racing against the very best paddlers.



### 4.3 Domestic Competition

Despite the topsy-turvy British weather, the 2019 season is progressing well with minimum disruption so far. The committee is keeping a watchful eye on attendance across the divisions with concern that numbers in recent years are lower at Division 4 and Division 3 competitions. Furthermore, Division 1 competitions were oversubscribed in recent years but that is not generally the case so far this year. Competition entry numbers do rise and fall over the years and this may be “natural variation” but it is an area of concern.

### 4.4 2020 Calendar

Moving the 2020 calendar online has been very successful so far with the vast majority of competitions now posted and visible to all organisers.

Managing the calendar is becoming more complicated with the increase in the number of international races throughout the year. The ECA races are becoming increasing popular destinations for the Home Nation squads and this directly impacts Division 1 competitions that are held at the same time. June and July are popular months for Division 2 / Division 3 competitions and ensuring that races on the same weekend don't dilute attendances is proving to be tricky. Many organisers and volunteers at lower division competitions are active paddlers in higher divisions and this presents further challenges when composing the calendar. There is little we can do to consider alternative approaches for 2020 but collectively we need to arrive at a more sustainable approach to the number and distribution of races throughout the year.

### 4.5 Contingency Planning

Several structural risks have been identified by the British Canoeing Board. Including systems and data run by, and for, discipline committees by volunteers. A list of the affected systems, individuals and the status will be produced. These risks will be reviewed and approaches to manage the risks will be jointly developed.

..... **On going Action DS**

### 4.6 Review of Other Disciplines Yearbooks

Other discipline's yearbooks will be reviewed to understand the detail and information included. ....

..... **On going Action DS**

### 4.7 Managed Calendar

#### 4.7.1 Scheduling

There are an increasing number of Premier and Division 1 weekends. This supports the demand from premier and division 1 paddlers but is affecting the ability to run lower division competitions. Where to is possible to run multiple races at a site, the co-location of division competitions should be encouraged, for example running the division 4 at the same time as the premier at Cardiff, or Premier on the Olympic course at Lee Valley and a Division 2 on the Legacy course to run together better taking into account clashes between competitions, paddler pathways and geographic spread. ....

..... **Action DS / SL**

#### 4.7.2 Calendar Clashes

The calendar clashes are exacerbated at the higher levels as the ECA and ICF ranking calendars affect the viability of UK domestic races.

HPP applied to run a short notice Division 4 slalom on the Winfield Pool alongside the Sunday of the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. This clashes with Oughtibridge slalom on 21/22 September. The club will be asked if this is acceptable to the club before approval. ....

..... **Action KC**

### 4.8 Calendar Clashes 2020

There are a small number of competition clashes that are being managed proactively. ....

..... **Action DS**



## 4.9 Insurance

### 4.9.1 *Insurance at Entry Level Competitions (190202 11.2)*

British Canoeing (England) are pulling together all the various insurance requirements, risks and insurers for members and clubs. 'Day membership', is not actually membership, but is day liability cover. This review is to prepare for a meeting with the insurers, after which the covers and costs should be clearer.....

..... **Ongoing Action DS**

Division 4 organisers are reminded that if anyone cannot show National Association Membership, they **MUST** take out day liability cover from the Governing Body.

### 4.9.2 *Insurance Cover at Other Competitions*

A club activity is covered by the club insurance and assumes club members only. Competition activities are covered under the auspices of the Slalom committee and this gives employee liability cover to volunteers and officials but insists that all participants have their own 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability. There are a number of activities that fall between, Proteus Winter Slalom, Stone Mini Slalom and Slalom Inspires - these are neither club events nor official BC Slalom competitions and as such it could be argued that these are not sufficiently covered to protect the organisers and volunteers from 3<sup>rd</sup> party claims. Further confirmation of the insurance position will be obtained.....**Action DS**

## 4.10 Succession Planning

### 4.10.1 *Secretary and Statutes Responsibilities*

In order to keep the committee fresh, it is time the secretary role changed. A replacement is sought.

### 4.10.2 *Other roles*

This year the Vice Chair, Secretary, Digital Strategy / Data, Technical and Safety Co-ordinators are due for election. Anyone interested in taking on these roles should contact the secretary for more information.

## 5 Secretary's Report

### 5.1 **Automated Bib Application system**

Progress has been made but involves storing personal information. BC will be contacted to understand what provision can be given to allow storage of central information and / or taking bib deposits through online payments. Development is underway with consideration such as pre-printed labels where we are charged when the bib is posted. The aim is to get the system developed and tested over the winter with the aim of being available for the start of the 2020 season..... **Action MA**

### 5.2 **2020 Boater X proposals**

Richard Stacey-Chapman had produced proposals for the conduct of a Boater Cross series in 2020. The intent being to get the series established and the rules agreed before the end of this season.

It is proposed that a working group is established to oversee the series. This could be a sub-committee of the slalom committee or a standalone entity. The committee felt that as Extreme Slalom is part of the slalom rules, this should be a subcommittee of the slalom committee.

The remit of the group is proposed as to:

- Oversee the organisation of the series
- Confirm the rules of the series
- Confirm venue requirements

The Committee felt that it was important that any such series should consider and include Extreme Slalom Selection for 2020, in consultation with the International Panel.

This will need review if Extreme Slalom is included in the Olympic Games at the end of 2020.



Potential representation on the group could be:

- Slalom committee representative (Colin Woodgate was nominated)
- BC Events Officer - Richard Stacey-Chapman
- Paskell Blackwell - Previous event organiser whilst working at Lee Valley
- Trade representative

The Slalom Committee felt it important that the group should involve someone with a safety remit. Peter Curry and Jane Gibson were mentioned.

A response to the proposal will be sent ..... **Action CDW.**

### 5.3 Extreme Slalom Competitions

There have been questions regarding the athlete representation and support at internationals. Athletes should contact Martyn Setchell in first instance who will liaise with the international panel, team athlete representatives and the athletes to identify the appropriate approaches.

## 6 Finance

### 6.1 Current Position

The current financial position was reported. The bank position is stable, with some income and expense outstanding.

British Canoeing have identified that some volunteers have been using out of date paying in books. These will be identified, and new books ordered.

### 6.2 Spreading Technical Costs Across Home Nations

An effort will be made to get all timing and judging expenses claims in by the August in order to be able to make a good analysis of the figures for the next meeting. In future expense claims should be claimed according to the rules, that is within 1 month of the expense. All expenses must be submitted by 11<sup>th</sup> November so that accounts can be finalised for the ACM..... **Action HR**

### 6.3 Grants

#### 6.3.1 *Persley*

Aberdeen Kayak Club have developed a new site in Scotland, they provided information regarding the costs of establishing the site. The information available for the site indicate that the water is not sufficiently challenging to qualify for the 'Challenging Division 2 Water' grant. But the committee wants to encourage development of the sport in areas not well supported. A one-off set up grant of £250 was agreed, with the expectation that this will be matched by the SCA Slalom Committee.

#### 6.3.1 *Slalom Inspires*

At the previous meeting, a grant was approved, the source of funding was to be investigated. The grants will start being paid, the funding will come from the UK Committee (£500) and England (£500), Wales (£250), Scotland (£250) in line with the distribution of funding.

## 7 Co-Ordinator Reports

### 7.1 Coaching

Tabled Report in Andy Neave's absence.

#### 7.1.1 *Coaching Courses*

The Slalom Coach Award syllabus has now reduced the training course to two days. This will have the advantage of making it easier to plan and for the courses to run at a reduced cost.

There is interest around the country from potential trainees, but it has not been possible to coordinate a course through the summer period. Hopefully more opportunities will become available towards the end of the season or in the winter period.



### 7.1.2 Accident Reports

Organisers are reminded that any incidents should be correctly recorded. Reporting should be to British Canoeing (for GDPR reasons). This can be online or using the report form in the organisers pack. The Slalom Safety officer should be notified in anonymous terms of the incident.

## 7.2 Digital Strategy / Data

Tabled Report

### 7.2.1 Calendar Application System

The calendar is now fairly complete. The deadlines for all divisions have now passed, so late applications are now shown in red. There are some possible clashes that organisers may need to consider (Washburn Division 2 currently clashes with an HPP Division 1/2 and this may need resolution). A PDF of the current applications for 2020 is separately supplied, but anyone can view this by logging into the system.

### 7.2.2 Entry Analysis

All remaining division 1 and Premier races have places available except the Sunday of the September HPP Division 1 which is over-subscribed for host paddlers, probably due to the Junior 16 / Veterans Championships also being run that day.

There was some discussion over treating entries for Championship / Pan Celtic races in the same way as paddle ups, but this was felt to degrade the Championships / Pan Celtic too much.

### 7.2.3 CanoeSlalomEntries and Strong Customer Authentication

An email concerning Strong Customer Authentication (a new European Regulation) has been sent to organisers for which payments will be charged from 1<sup>st</sup> September, outlining the processes to be followed if further bank authorisation is required.

- An automated email will be sent to the paddler to provide additional authentication
- If the paddler does not provide additional authentication within a reasonable time then you, as organiser, will be sent an automated email to chase them.

### 7.2.4 Automated Emails

The responsibilities of the Chief Judge, particularly at lower levels was discussed. The requirement to h the Chief Judge in advance of the competition will be stressed in the automated emails from the online system, and in separate emails for those not online. **C / fwd.....Action DL / AG**

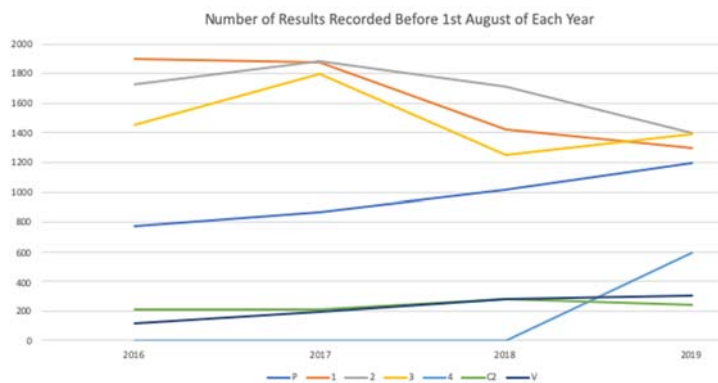
## 7.3 Participation

### 7.3.1 Competition Attendance

Anecdotal numbers attending competitions are reducing, but it can be hard to be sure. DL Undertook a rough analysis of the number of results across all competitions to date.

Notes:

- This shows competitions in the first part of the season, the same enquiry for 2016, 2017, 2018 full year gives the same patterns
- Division 4 has only been recorded this year and, even then, only where the paddler is promoted.
- Paddle-ups are included as attendees based on the division in which they are racing. So, the rise in attendance at Prems could be attributable to paddle-ups. This is likely to have less impact on other divisions.



The average number of people at competitions, and the total number of people in the division are also possibly of interest. Retention is thought to be key to this as well. Promotion too early is thought to play a role in this, with some athletes promoted too fast for their water skills.



### **7.3.2 Procedure for Expired National Association Cards**

We now have a pretty good handle on BC / CW / SCA membership status. BC memberships are checked weekly, electronically, and manual updates for CW and the SCA are being sent. All CANI memberships run to 31st December, so once checked they are good for the year.

Bib officers are chasing up paddlers by email but at present we have no sanction for miscreants.

It was agreed that following a 4-week grace period (so that all records will have been updated and not just the database is behind) and then ranking points will be suspended.

The Ranking Officer will be notified of this decision.....**Action CDW**

Where an organiser is aware of an expired membership they must insist on proof of membership before allowing the paddler to compete.

For the 2020 season, the intention is that where a member sends in an online entry and their National Association membership has expired, an email will be sent four weeks before the competition reminding them to take proof of membership to the next race.

The entry list will be amended to show such paddlers as RTC.

## **7.4 Safety / Competition Management**

No tabled report

### **7.4.1 National Association Committees**

The Welsh Slalom Committee have written to the BC Slalom Committee asking for the British Committee to continue to have oversight of the safety management. Clarification of this will be sought from the Canoe Wales CEO. Subject to this confirmation, the British Committee will accept this role. ....**Action DS**

SCA and CANI will be approached to find out if this approach is applicable to them as well. ....**Action SL / DS**

### **7.4.2 Personal Flotation Aids**

Buoyancy aids degrade over time, the current recommendation is that PFDs are tested every year. An inexpensive way of testing a PFD is to weigh a 10Kg weight submersed in water. Then submerge the PFD under the weight and re weigh the two together. The uplift of the PFD can then be calculated simply. The process will be properly documented and circulated with the organisers pack and more widely..**Action PC**

A set of luggage scales will be added to the weighing scales carried around the races, for self-check and / or random testing.....**Action CDW**

If athletes are buying second-hand equipment, it is recommended that the buoyancy is checked before purchase.

## **7.5 Strategy Coordination**

No report tabled

### **7.5.1 Rule v Organisers Handbook**

There are some differences in the procedures between the organiser's handbook and the rulebook, these are being resolved. The intent is to have information in one location only, with rules in the rulebook, and procedures in the organisers pack. Where there is information in two places, it should be for specific reasons, such as Weils disease..... **Action SL**

## **7.6 Technical / Timing**

No report tabled

### **7.6.1 Slalom e-learning**

**Slalom Coach Award:** The possibility of associated e-learning has been taken up with Lee Pooley. Video is being gathered for production training materials featuring non British athletes. .... **Action AG**

### **7.6.2 2020 International Officials**

The ICF and ECA Canoe Slalom Technical Committees have issued a call for nominations for Technical Officials at International Competitions next year, nominations have to be made by British Canoeing and cannot be made by individuals.





Decisions will be made at the end of 2019 for ICF Competitions and early in 2020 for ECA competitions. These decisions then need to be ratified by the respective boards, so nominees will not hear until early in 2020 if they have been successful. Nominations must be received from National Federations by the end of October.

The information will be collected from suitably qualified (IJCSL) volunteers through a British Google form to be completed before 1<sup>st</sup> October. This allows time for the committee and British Canoeing to review and approve the applications before completing the ICF form.

A proposed set of criteria for judging the minimum contribution to UK slalom for those being nominated will be recirculated for agreement by the committee before 1<sup>st</sup> October. It is not expected that anyone applying this year will not reach this standard.....**Action CDW**

## 8 Other Reports

### 8.1 England

No report tabled

### 8.2 Scotland

Report Tabled in Advance

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#### 8.2.1 *Scottish Summer trips to Europe.*

The Performance Squad are currently training in Prague after a week in Krakow.

34 paddlers aged 7-17 enjoyed a training camp at Saint Pierre de Boeuf along with paddling parents and 9 coaches. 22 paddlers with 8 coaches went onto Sault Brenaz.

Currently 16 paddlers are training in Krakow before moving onto Prague.

#### 8.2.2 *Persley Slalom Aberdeen*

An excellent event run by youngsters on this new site.

On the day the landowner and young son spent more than 2 hours with us on Saturday afternoon and several of the fisherman were socialising with us all on both days. Landowner and fisherman were delighted with the event.

### 8.3 Wales

No report tabled

### 8.4 British Canoeing Programme

Tabled Report

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Following a hard-fought selection series for all our teams the athletes and staff have headed into the first part of a busy and important international season.

The senior team has its eyes firmly fixed on Olympic qualification and the competition across the season that will select our Olympic team. With stage one completed at April selection for 3 of 4 classes the next main focus was the home World Cup in Lee Valley. As a prelude to this the Senior Europeans in Pau provided the ideal steppingstone and as always, with a Championship event, athletes were keen to perform to their best.

The highlights included a Gold for our C1Ws team and a first senior medal for new senior team member Sophie Ogilvie. This was followed by an exceptional performance in both boats from Mallory Franklin to win a Silver in Kayak and become European Champion in C1. An amazing achievement adding to the World title in the same class in 2017. The team left with an impressive 8 Finals, with top 5 results in each category. A special mention to Sophie Ogilvie achieving her first senior Final and Ryan Westley making the Final in his first race since shoulder surgery.



Onto Lee Valley World Cup and the team was eager to put on a good show in what was an exceptionally well run and well attended event. With the crowd behind them and the inter class competition strong for Olympic selection points the team achieved one of their best ever World Cup performances achieving 10 Finals and 6 medals. A gold medal again for Mallory in C1W and this time in K1W plus Gold for Joe Clarke, dominating the weekend finishing in top place in every round. There were excellent performances from Kimberley Woods picking up Silver in C1W and 4th in K1W with Sophie Ogilvie also picking up another Final in C1W. Well done to Adam Burgess who came out on top in the C1M battles winning a Silver medal, with Ryan Westley taking Bronze and David Florence 6th. There was also a notable performance from Chris Bowers achieving 4th place in his first world cup Final. The weekend was made extra special with a first medal in the new discipline of Extreme Slalom with Etienne Chappell winning Gold in his first senior event. As a member of the crowd it was great to see Etienne show the aggression, skill and bravery needed to literally fend off the competition to win and showcase this exciting new discipline. A big thank you from all our athletes and staff to the volunteers for making it such a special event.

World Cups 2 & 3 were opened up to development athletes with the majority of senior team taking a breather after the intensity of Lee Valley. The young athletes experienced tough courses on Challenging venues and picked up some valuable experiences along the way. Notable performances for Sophie Ogilvie again reaching the Finals in C1W in Bratislava along with Eilidh Gibson who seized the opportunity in her first international start line for over 12 months to reach the Final. There were encouraging performances from the team in the rounds and much to build on for the future. Bradley Forbes Cryans followed up the disappointment from Lee Valley to finish 5th in Tacen, closely followed by team senior teammate Joe Clarke in 6th.

The period since then has seen the senior team training out in Seu, making the most of good weather to practice on the Worlds venue. All athletes have handled themselves immaculately over what has been a tough first phase of the season and it has been impressive that the team has operated with respect and support for each other given the context of chasing just one place. The next few months will be key and so as we look to Prague and then the Worlds in September it promises to be a challenging yet exciting few months ahead.

## 8.5 Junior and U23 European Championships

It was fantastic to return to the historic race venue that is Liptovsky Mikulas with the junior and U23 team last racing here in 2013. Preparation time on the race venue was limited due to the timing of the Junior and U23 World Championships the following week. The qualification process during heats runs at the European Championships doesn't give much room for easing into the championship race, athletes needed to have the finger on the button from the word go.

After the disappointment of the results from the team runs the athletes turned their attentions to the business end of the individual racing and headed into the semi-finals / finals with renewed focus. The U23 C1M were unable to continue their success from the past few years with each of the 3 athletes failing to progress to the final. The level of racing in this class was exceptionally high with times in the final that were on par with the U23 K1 men's times. Megan Hammer Evans set the tone for the rest to follow reaching her first U23 final, eventually finishing in a strong 6th position. Nikita Setchell finished in 11th position, agonisingly close to the final but a certainly a result to be proud of in her first season as an U23 athlete.

Bethan Forrow was not able to maintain her blistering pace in the K1W junior class from the heats runs as she entered the semi-final / finals. Mistakes and touches were costly for all the junior K1W woman, with everyone missing out on the finals. As we entered the later stages of racing the Junior C1W and K1M rose to the challenge of the Liptovsky course with Bethan Forrow and Ellis Miller both making the final. Going off last, Beth was set a tough challenge by the Italian and Czech paddlers. Beth recovered from a big mistake at the bottom of the course to pick up her first individual medal finishing in 3rd position. The Junior K1M each delivered strong semi-final performances to make the final. As in any final the racing was tight, and the team finished off with another individual medal seeing Etienne Chappell finish 3rd and picking up his first ever individual medal.



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## 8.6 Junior and U23 World Championships

Post the racing in Liptovsky we had a tight turn around before heading back to Krakow to start our preparations for the Junior and U23 World Championships.

Racing kicked off with the team events. The junior athletes had clearly learnt from their team runs in Liptovsky with the K1 men's team being crowned as Junior World Champions and the C1 women's team and C1 men's team both picking up bronze medals.

The U23 K1 women continued their strong performances from the European championships with Megan finishing 8th and Sophie Ogilvie finishing 7th. Chris Bowers drew on his international experience to finish in a strong 6th position in what was an extremely competitive final. Touches for the junior K1 women proved costly preventing all 3 girls from progressing to the final. James Kettle and Alfie Boote both achieved personal best results making the final in their first season on the tea. Alfie finished 6th and James 8th Beth Forrow continued her form in C1 progressing to the final with a strong semi-final performance, but touches proved costly preventing Beth from finishing in the top 3. All 3 K1 men continued their impressive form from the Euros to make the final. A costly 50 second penalty preventing Etienne from finishing in the top 3 again. Jonny Dickson finished in an impressive 4th place. Touches again proved costly for Ben Haylett seeing him finish 6th. The final day of racing saw Etienne crowned as our first ever Extreme slalom World Champion in what were tough conditions for all the athletes.

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## 8.7 Athlete Representative

Tabled Report

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### 8.7.1 *World Cup Lee Valley*

Attended as volunteer video switcher in a team of 4. An interesting role which does require full concentration, as the video is being used by the video judges and streamed to YouTube and the teams. The role involves switching the feed at known points on the course while following an athlete's progress. At the time you are reliant on the camera crew following each paddler in the same manner, which added to the excitement when a view of the crowd was displayed instead of looking at the next paddler.

### 8.7.2 *European & World Championships for Junior and Under 23*

Attend both events as a parent. Drove the van out with Aly due to the distance to share the driving. I had to go to work the following week, so flew back on the Monday and re-joined Aly the following Monday.

During the next 3 weeks watched some amazing racing. From nail-biting progression semi's to finals decided by the last paddler down. Positions and medals being split by less than a second, so penalties are costly.

During the 3 weeks holiday I managed to speak to other teams about their selection process and the athletes involved. It would appear there is wide variation of selection processes depending on the strength of country and the venues available to them at the time. I will have the opportunity to discuss the various methods with International Panel soon.

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### 8.7.3 *Slalom Inspires*

Attended the recent session in Nottingham, taking part in the Parent sessions.

### 8.7.4 *Changing Room Care*

Various reports have been received of thefts from changing rooms while people are showering or in the toilet in the same area. These have been 5 reported occurrences in the last few weeks (at HPP, LV & Krakow). Paddlers are advised to be careful and to use lockers where they are available.



## 9 2019 World Cup / 2020 European Championships

The World Cup was well received by all the teams, with congratulations and thanks to all the volunteers. Spectators fed back praising the volunteers for all their help and support. The event would not have been as successful without the hard work of so many volunteers.

Various reviews of the competition have been produced, including:

- Review against objectives
- Volunteer feedback
- Consumer portfolio
- An Infographic to help give a quick overview

The schedule for 2020 is a challenge, with the requirement to include team competitions, and a desire to allow athletes to focus on Olympic Quota qualification before other events. Only having three days makes including individuals, teams and (optional) Extreme slalom. Various options have been created and were considered at a stakeholder board meeting at the end of July. Further work will be undertaken to reflect their recommendations, and the proposals will need approval by ECA slalom before general release.

## 10 Possible ACM 2019 Motions

- **Entry Card Retention:** Remove any rules that require retention of cards beyond a race.
- **Short Season Status:** Treat those promoted and reranked paddlers the same for granting of short season status.
- **Move rules to Handbook:** where appropriate
- **Opening dates for races:** Should there be a standard opening date for race entries, either a period before the race, or a series of dates through the year (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> of a month).
- **C2 Discount with enhanced fee:** The C2 discount to be set up as 50% of the standard fee, regardless of the level of entry fee.
- **ICF Rule Fine Tuning:** The final ICF rules will be reviewed against the copy that were incorporated in the UK rules.
- **Organiser discretion on accepting paddle ups:** allowing organisers to specify that they do not want to accept paddle up entries for safety reasons, or capacity, such as selection races. The default will be to accept paddle ups at all races.
- **Open entry fees:** to be the same as the highest-ranking division racing.
- **Veterans trophies:** Clarifying the purpose of the two trophies
  - Alan Harwood trophy: the veteran with the most points in the season
  - Rasdeck trophy: the veteran with the most points from division 1 / Premier races in a season.
- **Short Course Rules:** Move guidance notes into the rules.

## 11 Correspondence / Other Business

### 11.1 Pan Celtic

There have been various suggestions relating to the running of the Pan Celtic Slaloms. This will be reviewed and discussed with those keeping the competition going at the moment. It will be an item at the next meeting; ..... c/wd Action MA / MS

## 12 Future Meeting Dates

All meetings at 9:30, at British Canoeing HQ in Nottingham, unless otherwise noted.

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November (ACM)
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December (New Committee). A location will need to be found for this as the board is using the upstairs meeting rooms. Apologies were offered by Chris Baillie, Steve Linksted, and Colin Woodgate

The Secretary offered his apologies for these meetings, family commitments make attendance unlikely.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 17:20