



1 Attendance

1.1 Present

Andy Grudzinski	[5/6]	Chair	Mark Haylett	[5/6]	Gareth Wilson	[5/6]	Paddle UK
Sally Atkinson	[5/6]	Vice Chair	Karen Crowhurst	[6/6]	Alison Longhurst	[4/6]	England
Dave Spencer	[6/6]	Treasurer	Dee Lindesay	[6/6]	Mark Abbott	[5/6]	Wales
Les Ford	[6/6]	Secretary	Peter Curry	[5/6]			
			Donna Hawkins	[5/6]			

1.2 Apologies

Mike Mitchell	[3/6]	Vacant	[3/6]	Scotland
		Zac Allin	[3/6]	Athlete Rep
		Matt Crowhurst		

1.3 Nick Penfold

The committee took a few moments to reflect on the recent sad passing of Nick Penfold and his significant contribution to the sport as a volunteer in many roles

To keep things running on the Canoe Slalom website and ranking lists for the time being Dee Lindesay will deal amendments to the calendar on the site, Duncan Berriman will be able to update website content, and Dave Spencer will be uploading results to the ranking database.

1.4 Summer Performances

The committee extended its congratulation to the medal winners and excellent performances at the Olympics, Under 23 & Junior Championships and the World Masters Championship, as well as the volunteers and support teams that have enabled these performances. It also recognised the achievements of the many paddlers that have achieved promotion so far this season.

2 2025 Calendar

2.1 Number of Premier Division 1 Competitions

Applications to run Premier and Division 1 races in 2025 exceed the numbers allowed under Rule 20.1.8. A number of races had been proposed to be removed from the calendar and feedback has been received from the affected clubs on the impact of this would have. The committee still feel there is a need to limit the number of Prem and Div 1 weekends to reduce the demands on timing /judging volunteers and to enable more volunteers to support other division races. However, after further discussion, and reflecting on the 2023 ACM, it was agreed that we are likely to receive objections to the proposed removal of any Prem or Div 1 race from the calendar.

The committee would rather spend time discussing how we can move forward and rebuild the sport than prolonged calendar discussions. It was agreed that a motion will be put the ACM to remove Rule 20.1.8. This is in line with the motion at December's SCM that a motion would be brought to confirm or remove this rule.

Action: LF

It is noted that the ACM may vote against removing the current rule. If this occurs the committee will have to propose to the ACM which races are to be removed. If these can't be agreed, the ACM will have to decide on the races that will be removed by a vote.

HPP have agreed to remove their P/1 in September even if the rule is removed show movement towards the goal of fewer races in P/1. The situation at Washburn means that it can't be confirmed whether the site will be able to run races in 2025, therefore Yorkshire Slalom have withdrawn their Div 1, but still hope to be able to run a Div 2 race. The committee thanks these clubs for these decisions.



2.2 Conflicts in current draft calendar

Both Llandysul 1/2 and Tees P/1 are scheduled for 18/19 October 2025 which will be resolved with the organisers and other events that may be affected by a move. **Action: DL**

2.3 ICF Ranking Races

The ICF are changing qualification for the World Cup series to be based on ICF world ranking, therefore it would be beneficial to host one or two ICF Ranking races. Consideration to be given to the British Open being an ICF ranking race in 2025.

3. Any Other Business

3.1 2024 Calendar Updates

There has been a request to move the Alva 3/4 on 14/15 September to the following weekend (21/22 Sept) as the Graveyard is now a P/1 race which further impacts on their volunteer availability. This change was agreed. PC is supporting getting the safety plan updated.

3.2 Grandtully update

The gates are now back up. Thank you to the volunteers that helped with putting these back in place.

3.3 Canoe Slalom Awards

Tickets for the event on 26th October are now available. There will be another social media push, and information will be going up on the slalom website shortly. The delivery team is pulling together the content and are investigating the physical trophies/awards.

3.4 Research Update

GW has received the final proof of the document yesterday after it had been branded and is meeting the researcher to create a video to release with the document. The aim is to get this done the first week of September assuming no unforeseen snags. **Action: GW**

3.5 Whole sport plan

Following the release of the research report, through September GW will be starting to communicate and consult around a plan for the wider the sport. A plan that aims to grow all aspects of our sport. 'Project 2026' is a small part of that, but competition reform will not necessarily grow our volunteer judges and event organisers. It won't grow a community of coaches. It won't change the narrative that 'you only do canoe slalom if you want to go to the Olympics'. A narrative that desperately needs to be changed. The plan will be owned by the sport, where everybody can see themselves part of it. **Action: GW**

3.6 Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday 18th September, 7:30pm - virtual
- Saturday 9th November, 10am - BC HQ
- **Saturday 30th November ACM**
- Sunday 1st Dec – Slalom Coaching Conference (now confirmed)
- Post ACM meeting - Wednesday 4th December