



BRITISH CANOE UNION

# Slalom Committee

## *Fifth Annual Consultative Meeting*

29<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Held at the

National Watersports Centre,  
Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham

## Minutes





## **1 Welcome by the Chair**

The Chair welcomed 41 people representing 22 clubs to the meeting; between them, they held 60 votes.

Apologies were received from: Steve Bright, Andy Goodsell, Andy Gray, Andy Maddock and Jim McConnachie

## **2 Appointment of Tellers.**

Jenny Walker and Sue Burgess were appointed as tellers for the meeting.

## **3 Minutes**

### **3.1 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Consultative Meeting**

The Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Consultative Meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Proteus Canoe Club, seconded by Manchester Canoe Club, and passed nem con.

### **3.2 2007/2008 Committee Meetings**

Minutes from the 2007/2008 Slalom Committee Meetings were tabled for information.

### **3.3 Matters Arising**

Proteus Canoe Club noted that end of season promotion had been applied in divisions other than Division 1. There was no basis for these promotions in the rules. Proteus assumed that this had been an oversight, and trust that care will be taken to avoid in future this will not happen again.

There were no other matters arising from any of these Minutes that are not covered elsewhere.

## **4 Reports**

### **4.1 Chair**

The Chair tabled a report for the meeting, reviewing some of the progress during the year. She presented the paper to the meeting. The paper acknowledged the debt of thanks due to Sue and Steve Bright all their work with the new timing systems, Andy Maddock, World Class for his support, Andy Goodsell for his interface with the BCU and ICF, the Slalom Committee and all volunteers who help run the sport.

The Olympic year started with GB selection, and the Chair offered her congratulations to the selected team of Fiona Penny, Campbell Walsh and David Florence. Campbell Walsh won the European championships, becoming European Champion. World Cup races saw bronze for David Florence and Richard Hounslow. At the junior European Championships, the K1 women and K1 men's teams won bronze and Tom Brady won silver. There were bronze medals at the Pre-World's for Tim Baillie and Etienne Stott, David Florence and Jacquelyn Shaw

At the Olympic Games congratulations go to David Florence for his silver medal and also congratulations to Tim Brabants (sprint) on his gold and bronze medals thanks also to officials Jacky Wetzig, Peter Moules and the coaching and support staff.

Participation this year has increased. The Canoe England Slalom Committee (or Sub Committee) has been set up, and will focus on the lower end of the sport to increase participation.

Retirements this year from Nick Smith, C2, Bob Ratcliffe after years of dedicated coaching and Alan Edge who is sorely missed and must be replaced.

The European Championships next year at HPP are progressing well, volunteer helpers are required.

The upgrade at HPP is progressing and that at Teesside is due to start in February.

### **4.2 Treasurer.**

The Treasurer tabled the accounts and provided an overview. The major points from the report and subsequent discussion were:

- The Cancellation of the Inter clubs event resulted in a loss to the committee of approximately £3,500 as opposed to the normal profit made by the event.

- The England Canoe Slalom Committee will be funded from a percentage of levies in the same manner as the Welsh and Scottish committees. For this year the funds have been reported as part of the National Committee accounts.
- For timing reasons, the October Llangollen Festival is reported in the following years' accounts. This years Llangollen will produce a loss mainly due to increased safety costs. We need to look at as how to reduce losses at future events.
- John Sturgess queried the payment of a community sports grant this was explained as a late payment.
- There was a discussion about the cost of HPP in the future.

Andy Koszary recorded his thanks to event organisers who have managed to keep up with completing the returns after running events. Thanks also to Catharine Croft the accounts manager for the work she carried out during the year.

Vote of thanks to Andy Koszary for all his hard work was given.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Viking Kayak Club, seconded by Manchester Canoe Club and carried nem con.

### **4.3 Reports from Co-ordinators**

#### **4.3.1 Marketing and Publicity (Andy Gray)**

No report was available.

#### **4.3.2 Development (Mike Shaughnessy)**

No report was available.

#### **4.3.3 Competition Co-Ordinator (Jacky Wetzig)**

A report was tabled at the meeting highlighting the dedication and effort of the volunteers who are essential to the running of the sport. It was encouraging to see younger members getting involved with organisational issues. Thank you to those carrying out jury duties and we could do with more volunteers for this job.

Special thanks for those that have taken on the judging at events at all levels and congratulations to those that have passed their gate judges and senior judges exams.

The report closed by noting that again we have been able to support our international teams by sending ICF qualified judges to all the international canoe events again this year.

#### **4.3.4 Event Management (Jim Croft)**

A report was tabled at the meeting, amongst other items it thanked all the ranking and bib officers.

There has been an increase in participation this year of 6.4%, thanks to Mike Carter for compiling these statistics.

This is the second year that the organisers packs have been compiled on to CD, a mammoth task, and there are still a few teething problems to be sorted out.

Promotion certificates and discount vouchers were sent to 141 paddlers.

The 24<sup>th</sup> National Inter-Clubs was going to be the biggest event ever, however because of horrendous floods the event had to be cancelled. Thanks go to Bill and Mick Simpson, John and Amy Raddings and Ken Trollope. Special thanks to Viking Kayak Club members for a rapid course clearance.

The report finished by thanking all the committee members and paddlers that have supported Jim during the year and a special thanks to his wife Catharine.

A summary of the participation statistics was provided. These showed:

Division	2006 entries	2007 entries	2008 entries	2006 Av	2007 Av	2008 Av
Prem	991	889	782	99	99	98
Div 1	1,565	1,543	1,553	98	96	97
Div 2	1,669	1,516	1,623	44	45	46
Div 3	1,482	1,588	1,693	23	27	26
Div 4	1,341	1,139	1,452	21	21	23

#### **4.3.5 Strategic Planning (Jim McConnachie)**

No report was available.

#### **4.3.6 Technical Support (Steve Bright)**

A report was tabled at the meeting. It started by thanking the team who work behind the scenes, special thanks to Sue, Irene and Dave for all their work in developing the new system and Andy Hounslow for his work in maintaining TUTTI.

It has been a very busy year with the implementation of the new system, hopefully most of the issues have now been resolved and the software will be updated before the start of the new season.

The timing team will now supply start and finish officials and a training day for them will be held in the new year.

#### **4.3.7 Paddler Representative (Gareth Wilson)**

No report was available.

#### **4.3.8 GBR Teams Report (Andy Maddock)**

No report was available.

#### **4.3.9 England**

No report was available.

#### **4.3.10 Scotland (Tim Baillie)**

A report was tabled. Amongst the items noted were:

- Participation numbers continue to show an increase, there also was an increase in the number of events run.
- Kev McHugh, Performance Director, and Johnny Brown, Development Coach, have been joined by Steve MacDonald working as a Development Coach based at Aberfeldy.
- Grandtully toilet block extension complete and riverbank improvements continue.

#### **4.3.11 Wales (Emma Aldridge)**

A report was tabled. Amongst the items noted were:

- Cardiff Bay due for completion in January 2010.
- Collaboration with the Environmental Agency on a course and training venue at Bridgend.
- Richard Lee has been appointed Programme Manager until May 2009 and Nick Smith and Andy Raspin assistant coaches.

## **5 Elections**

### **5.1 Chair**

Anne Hounslow being the only nominee was elected nem con.

### **5.2 Treasurer**

Andy Koszary being the only nominee was elected nem con.

### **5.3 Committee Members**

Jacky Wetzig, Jim Croft and Andy Gray had been nominated by the Slalom Committee. There being no other candidates, all were elected nem con.

## 5.4 Other Elected Officials

The following were unanimously elected en bloc nem con.

TUTTI Maintenance	Andy Hounslow	Ranking Officer	Nick Penfold
Entry Cards	Susan Paterson	Ranking Status Officer	John Woods
<b>Ranking Officers</b>			
Premier Men	Dee Lindesay	Canadian Singles- All divisions	Les Milam
Division 1 Men	Nick Penfold	Canadian Doubles – All divisions	Stuart Meakins
Division 2 Men	Tony Rackham	Veterans P/1 All Categories	Mike Carter
Division 3 Men	Penny Scaife	Veterans 2/3 All Categories	Keith Sunderland
Division 4 Men	Dave Reeve	Teams Prem/1	
K1 Women –All divisions	Mike Carter	Officials Compiler	Nick Penfold
<b>Other Appointments Bib Issue</b>			
<b>K1 Men</b>	Premier	Tracy Wells	<b>C1</b> Prem & Division 1 Les Milam
	Division 1	Nick Penfold	Divisions 2 & 3 Les Milam
	Division 2	Tony Rackham	<b>C2</b> Prem & Division 1 Stuart Meakins
	Division 3	Mike Patrick	Divisions 2 & 3 Stuart Meakins
<b>K1 Women</b>	Prem & 1	Lynne Farrow	<b>K1 Women</b> Divisions 2 & 3 Tammy Jackson
<b>Veterans</b>	Premier & Division 1	(All categories)	Mike Carter
<b>Veterans</b>	Divisions 2 & 3	(All categories)	Keith Sunderland
<b>Bib Hire</b>	Division 1 & Premier Team Bibs		Dave Lomas
	Officials' Bibs		Jim Croft

## 6 Motions

### 6.1 Changes to ICF Canoe Slalom Competition Rules

**That:**

The Slalom Committee be given remit to adopt ICF rule changes as approved by Congress.

This motion was voted on, and passed nem con.

### 6.2 Minor Changes Ranking Rules.

*These changes are to tidy up the existing rules*

An amendment to split the proposed motion into 3 motions was proposed by Viking Kayak Club and seconded by Proteus Canoe Club and passed nem con

#### 6.2.1 Ranked Kayak Paddlers starting C1

An amendment was proposed by Viking Kayak Club and seconded by Proteus Canoe Club to add 'and Bib Regulations still apply' to the end of the motion. This amendment was passed nem con with the substantive motion then reading.

**That rule 2.2 (p56) be amended to read:**

**2.2** Competitors ..... and so on.

Any competitor wishing to compete in C1 and currently ranked ~~higher than Division 2~~ in any other category, must compete in Division 3, unless it is considered more appropriate for them to compete in a higher division, in which case, application must be made to the Ranking Status Officer and Bib Regulations still apply.

This amended motion was voted on, and received 15 votes for, 34 votes against and 10 abstentions. The motion duly failed.

## **6.2.2 End of Season Promotion**

**That 3.1 (p57) be amended to read :**

**3.1** Promotion during..... finalised.

Competitors promoted during a season or granted ranking status after ~~30th June~~ 31st July are designated 'Short Season' and are not liable for relegation at the end of that season.

~~With effect from the end of the 2001 season, end of season promotion except into premier was discontinued.~~

This motion was voted on, and received 50 votes for, 4 votes against and 6 abstentions. The motion was therefore duly adopted.

## **6.2.3 Protected Status**

Following some debate regarding the precise wording, an amendment was proposed by Viking Kayak Club and seconded by Proteus Canoe Club. This was passed nem con, the motion then read:

**That 3.1 (p57) be amended to read :**

**3.1** Promotion during..... discontinued.

Paddlers who have been unable to race in a major part of the season due to unforeseen circumstances, may apply to the Ranking Status Officer to be treated as 'short season competitors' protected from demotion. Such application to be in writing and received by the 31st October of that season. Such status is discretionary. ~~and will not be granted until only two ranking events or less remain in the paddler's class and division.~~ Applications, will be decided by the Slalom Committee following a recommendation by the Ranking Status Officer.

This amended motion was voted on, and passed nem con.

## **6.3 Divisional Veteran Prizes.**

**That rule UK34.6 (p86) be amended to read as follows:**

The start list ..... during the event.

In all divisions when there are three or more eligible competitors, organisers shall provide a prize for the Divisional Veteran and Junior competitors who gains the best score during the event in each category and a prize .....

This motion was voted on, and duly adopted nem con.

A brief, but wide ranging, debate regarding the current arrangements for veteran competitors took place. At the end of this, Peter Parker of Viking Kayak Club agreed to take forward the discussions with the aim of producing proposals for the 2009 Annual Consultative Meeting.

## **6.4 Veterans.**

**That:**

For veterans, ranking points are obtained by comparing their score with the appropriate divisional class in which they are entered. Where the score does not correspond exactly, the next highest points will be awarded. Veterans will be separately ranked based on the points gained for each division for which they enter and the number of events to count for the ranking position will be the same as for that division.

Veterans may compete in any division up to that in which they were previously ranked and may be ranked in more than one division.

This motion was withdrawn.



## 6.5 Change to Promotion to Premier Division.

**That rule 4.1 (p58) be amended to read:**

Promotion for men.....following:

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Division 1 to Premier on gaining ~~4750~~ 5000 points

- In Division 1 from the best 5 events. ~~or on gaining maximum points from three events.~~

**That rule 4.2 (p58) be amended to read:**

Promotion for women.....following:

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Division One to Premier on gaining ~~475~~ 500 points

- In Division 1 from the best 5 events. ~~or on gaining maximum points from three events.~~

**That rule 5.1 (p59) be amended to read:**

Promotion for Canadian Singles.....following:

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Division One to Premier on gaining ~~475~~ 500 points

- In Division 1 from the best 5 events. ~~or on gaining maximum points from three events.~~

This motion was withdrawn.

## 6.6 Women's Canadian Singles

*The class will be run in three divisions: Four, Two/Three and Premier/One. As there only a small number of women competing in this class, the reduced number of divisions assists in getting quorate events and a sense of competition for the entrants. Division four is to be retained for the (probably rare) case where a competitor is not ranked in any division, but wants to enter C1W, in all other cases the competitor will start in division two/three. This reduced the requirement for division two/three organisers to consider introductory or taster memberships.*

*Promotion from Division 4 will be set at a low level to encourage entrants into the lower division where there should be a better level of competition. Promotion will be gained on a competitor achieving a score that is less than 1.2 times the score of the last man promoted.*

*In the ranking divisions, points are obtained by dividing the score by 1.08, then comparing this to the Men's kayak event. Where a competitor's modified score does not correspond exactly with a score in the corresponding men's kayak event, then points will be awarded for the next place higher. If the event is division 1 or 3, the resultant points are then halved (exactly as is currently done for C2).*

*This low level of multiplier results in a low score for the women who are struggling in the division, but enables promotion to be set at a low level allowing those who can progress to do so rapidly. Initially the promotion target will be set at 1900 points allowing good paddlers to be promoted in two events, putting them at a level consistent with current funding and squad criteria for ranking, leaving only performance as a criterion. When compared to the 2008 results to date, this results in the same promotions as the existing system.*

**That new rules are added as appropriate to reflect the above:**

This motion was voted on, and received 55 votes for, 0 votes against and 5 abstentions. The motion was therefore duly adopted.



## 6.7 Calculating K1 Women's Points

**That the existing rules be amended to read:**

Ranking points for division 3 to 2 are obtained by dividing the score by 1.12, then comparing this to the men's kayak event. Where a competitor's modified score does not correspond exactly with the score in the corresponding men's kayak event, then points will be awarded for the next place higher. Then promotions as for the points in the men's division.

Promotion from division four will be gained on a competitor achieving a score that is less than 1.12 times the score of the last man promoted.

The motion was voted on, and received 8 votes for, 50 votes against and 2 abstentions. The motion duly failed.

## 6.8 Women's K1 – Inquorate Class

**That the existing rule be amended to read:**

Ranking points are obtained by dividing the score by 1.12, then comparing this to the Men's kayak event. Where a competitor's modified score does not correspond exactly with a score in the corresponding men's kayak event, then points will be awarded for the next place higher.

In each case, dividing the resulting score by ten, rounding up if required.

This motion was voted on, and received 55 votes for, 3 votes against and 2 abstentions. The motion was therefore duly adopted.

## 6.9 Calculating Canadian Single Points ( Divisions 4-2)

**That the existing rule be amended to read:**

Ranking points for division 3 to 2 are obtained by dividing the score by 1.08, then comparing this to the men's kayak event. Where a competitors modified score does not correspond exactly with the score in the corresponding men's kayak event, then points will be awarded for the next place higher. Then promotions as for the points in the men's division.

Promotion from division four will be gained on a competitor achieving a score that is less than 1.08 times the score of the last man promoted.

This motion was voted on, and received 16 votes for, 30 votes against and 14 abstentions. The motion duly failed.

## 6.10 Canadian Singles – Inquorate Class

**That the existing rule be amended to read:**

Ranking points are obtained by dividing the score by 1.08, then comparing this to the Men's kayak event. Where a competitor's modified score does not correspond exactly with a score in the corresponding men's kayak event, then points will be awarded for the next place. In each case, dividing the resulting score by ten, rounding up if required.

This motion was voted on, and received 58 votes for, 0 votes against and 2 abstentions. The motion was therefore duly adopted.

## 6.11 Canadian Doubles Division 4 Promotion

**That rule 5.2 be amended to read:**

Promotion ..... as follows:

Division 4 to Division 2/3: on achieving a best score within 120% of the ~~winning~~ last promoted division 4 Men's Kayak score.

This motion was voted on, and received 58 votes for, 0 votes against and 2 abstentions. The motion was therefore duly adopted.

## 6.12 Canadian Doubles Participation

**That rule UK 6.1.1 be amended to read:**

A competitor ..... intervals.

In the case of C2, a competitor may compete with ~~one multiple~~ partners in ~~one each~~ Division and another partner in the other division at a double Canadian event on the same site for which they are eligible.

This motion was voted on, and received 49 votes for, 0 votes against and 11 abstentions. The motion was therefore duly adopted.

## 6.13 Timing to 0.1 second

Following debate, the original motion was amended by the proposers to read:

**That rules UK 33.4.1 and UK 33.4.2 be amended:**

UK.33.4.1 Division 2 to 4 events with double electronic beam start and finish ~~may~~ must be timed and scored to 0.1 second. Where the electronic timing provided by the Slalom Committee for use at Premier and Division 1 events and conforming to Rule UK.33.4 is in use, and operated by at least one member of the regular Timing Team for that equipment, then the event may be timed and scored to 0.01 seconds with the approval of the Jury.

UK.33.4.2 Division 2 to 4 events using any other start and / or finish for the whole event may be timed to 4 0.1 seconds with the approval of the Jury

~~Division 4 events using any other start and / or finish for the whole event may be timed to 1 second.~~

The amendment to the motion was voted on and passed nem con.

The amended motion was voted on, and received 46 votes for, 7 votes against and 7 abstentions. The motion was therefore duly adopted.

## 6.14 Voting Rights

Following debate, the original motion was amended by the proposers to reflect the requirement to gain approval from a consultative meeting. The motion then read:

**That the Slalom Committee Regulations 1.1 be amended to read**

Voting Club: Any Club affiliated with the BCU who has registered an interest in Slalom with the Slalom Administrator and has 3 ranked Competitors or Volunteer Group whose members have BCU Membership registered with the Slalom Administrator and approved at an Annual Consultative Meeting.

This amended motion was voted on, and passed nem con.

The motion was voted on, and received 56 votes for, 0 votes against and 4 abstentions. The motion was therefore duly adopted.

Note - this motion is subject to approval by the BCU Board.

## 7 Approval of the Calendar for 2009

There was a discussion regarding the spread of Premier and Division One Events, Rob Holdway, Stafford & Stone, volunteered to try and come up with a working solution by the end of March.

A vote of thanks was given to Jenny Walker for her hard work in organising the Managed Calendar.

Following debate, Proteus Canoe Club proposed adoption of the Amended Calendar, this was seconded by Manchester Canoe Club, and passed nem con.

## **8 General Discussion**

### **8.1 Early Availability of Motions**

A discussion regarding the time that ACM motions are available for discussion before the meeting. A reminder will be posted.

### **8.2 Memento of paddling for GB.**

A request that paddlers representing GB Teams should have a memento of the fact that they have been selected and competed. The committee said they would ensure that certificates were issued.

### **8.3 Generic Slalom Medals.**

In a reply to a question of what happened to the idea of generic medals for prizes the Chair replied that it was not received very well so will not be taken further.

### **8.4 Next Meeting.**

The next meeting is planned to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Motions for this meeting must be received by 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009

