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BRITISH RAFTING AGM
Video Conference
3rd October 2020 10am

Welcome

Chair: Sean Clarke

Secretary: Kim Snape

In attendance: Luke Dorbin, Sarah-Jayne Evans, Jess Evans, Beth Kirby, Andy Steel, Pete Wortley, Simon Hale, Stephen Wood.

Apologies: Gill Wayland, Patrick McNulty, Aaron Dempsey

Minutes of previous AGM meeting

All agreed.

Chair's Report

2019/2020 reflection. Lots of events were planned for the year, with many teams looking to compete at World Rafting Championships (WRC), European Rafting Championships (ERC) and Euro Cup (EC) events. Due to the pandemic all rafting events had to be cancelled. Teams have been unable to train or recruit new members due to restrictions. British Rafting (BR) is being held in high regard across British Canoeing, with BR being asked to attend several meetings. British Canoeing (BC) have set up a company to run all large / international competition events. Sport England approved "Return to Competitive Rafting" has been published on BR social pages as well as the BC website. Teams must follow the overall government guidelines for all areas.

Financial report

BR purchased 8 new R4 rafts with the additional funding given in 2019. Due to huge reductions in spend for 2020, the budget was reduced drastically to £2000 for 2020. However, as so few events are running, it is unlikely we will spend more than half of this. Funds from BC for 2021 has been allocated up to the same amount as 2019.

Welfare

GW attended Safeguarding courses and BC meetings. New requirement for our events requiring a qualified safeguarding officer at all events with Under 18's present.

Safety

Thanks to SC for creating the return to competitive rafting documents. Lots of work went into trying to keep the Lee Valley event running, risk assessment and safety plans all adjusted to fit with current covid guidelines.

Comms

Lots of posts on social media keeping teams informed of what's been happening within rafting. SC - Big thanks to AS for all his hard work expanding the social media coverage.

Events

4/5 events have been cancelled this year. The last event in 2020 is in Llandysul, looking unlikely to go ahead.

Selections is being planned for April 2021, aiming to use the Tryweryn as the venue. There is no 2021 ERC to take place, Czech Republic have withdrawn as hosts due to Covid. SC is the director for the WRC in China, more updates to follow regarding this event.

International Selection Panel changes have been made. Etienne Stott has resigned as Chair but will remain for one year to help with hand over to the new Chair, Gavin Barker. Gemma Wiggs will be the BC rep, Luke Dorbin will remain as committee rep. Final panel will be announced at the end of October.

The raft coach awards are aiming to be finalised and released in May 2021, LD, AS and Beth Kirby have volunteered to assist on this process.

National Honours and Awards are being held online, any nominations can be made via the BC website. Nominations are relating to people who have helped to keep the discipline going through the pandemic.

Election of the Committee

Committee members stepping down:

Secretary- Kim Snape

Equipment Officer - Aaron Dempsey

Welfare Officer - Gill Wayland

Secretary Nomination- Angela Thompson. Nominated by Becky Faragher, Seconded by Alison Gedling.

Equipment Officer Nomination- Aaron Dempsey. Nominated by Beth Kirby, Seconded by Kim Snape.

Welfare Officer Nomination- Gill Wayland. Nominated by Sean Clarke, Seconded by Andy Steel

AOB

AD- Teams training at Lee Valley can apply for a LV team membership. Slots can be booked by team captains. Prior to booking teams will need to contact LV (contact TBA) with details of members and previous experience (up to 6 people, complying with current Covid Guidelines) Time slots are limited at present to 16:15-17:00 Thursday-Sunday and teams will be advised on booking regarding public raft sessions.

Rafts will be allocated to as many teams as possible at the 2021 selections. Current teams still have access to rafts already allocated. Teams may apply before selections, a £250 deposit for each raft will be required for teams to be able to take the raft from selections.

HPP are unable to allow use within public raft time slots due to covid. Teams wanting to train should speak to BK to try and arrange a private session depending on numbers if possible.

British Canoeing - Rafting Discipline Committee (British Rafting) 2020-2021

- Chair - Sean Clarke (1 year term expires AGM 2021)
- Secretary - Angela Thompson (2 year term expires AGM 2022)
- Treasurer - Patrick McNulty (1 year term expires AGM 2021)
- Safety Officer - Luke Dorbin (1 year term expires AGM 2021)
- Equipment Officer - Aaron Dempsey (2 year term expires AGM 2022)
- Welfare Officer - Gill Wayland (2 year term expires AGM 2022)
- Communications Officer - Andy Steel (1 year term expires AGM 2021)
- Events Officer - Sarah-Jayne Evans & Jess Evans (1 year term expires AGM 2021)



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