

BRITISH RAFTING AGM

HPP Nottingham

Welcome

In attendance Sean Clarke, Kim Snape, Aaron Dempsey, Sarah-Jayne Evans, Beth Kirby, Andy Steel, Simon Hale, Ossie Higgins, Patrick McNulty, Daniel McGaley and Ian Whitcombe.

Apologies from Jess Evans, Luke Dorbin, Gill Wayland, Martin Wayland

Minutes of previous AGM meeting

All agreed.

Chairmans Report

Congratulations to all teams that attended competitions over the last year. This year 3 teams attended WRC in Australia and 5 teams are heading to Bosnia for the ERC.

Nottingham Euro cup had a small attendance so this year we need to work on gaining more attendance for teams around the country.

The Tryweryn is being looked into for a location to hold an Euro Cup.

The EC attendance has been good, it would be nice to get more teams to various events throughout the next year. Thankyou to the Nottingham teams for the efforts in Romania. The more Euro Cup events teams attend the higher up the overall rankings they will place. Its strongly recommended teams try to attend at least one Euro cup event hosted outside the UK.

The EC in August has 6 EU teams interested and will be hosted at Lee Valley.

The issues during the last year selections has resulted in a slight change to the policy making it stricter.

Next years team selections will possibly be held in March and will hopefully be held on the Tryweryn as it is similar to Ziyuan.

Sean is applying to become a Chief Judge, there is a need for more UK judges and more volunteers for the future. At events it will ensured that if you are volunteering and wish to have water time it will be made possible.

The Constitution changes have all been accepted.

Committee elections have been changed in the constitution meaning that each year 1/3 of the committee will step down to promote change and involve new people.

Raft race coach awards are due to launch in August. This will be a bolt on for current level 2 coaches.

There will be 3 levels, flat/sheltered, Moving (within remit) and Performance coaching.

Finacial report

£25,000 was requested from British Canoeing. £10,000 was granted. An additional £5000 was given for the purchase of rafts.

£1500 has been spent on raft repairs and the IRF fees of \$750 has been payed.

Aaron Dempsey checked all rafts at the start of the year and is working hard to keep on top of all the raft repairs. Aaron and Sean are looking into which rafts to purchase and from where.

Sean is discussing storage options at Notts and LV with BC.

Events

BR have hosted 3 events and 2 development weekends since Cardiff AGM 2018.

On average 8 teams have been in attendance with 2 new teams coming from canoe clubs who are increasing participation in their respective areas.

The development weekends have been well received by both the newer teams and more established.

Rafting team development has generally been through self development so it has been advantageous for knowledge to be shared and advanced.

The lack of volunteers for running events makes it difficult and puts a lot of pressure on a small amount of people. With more help it may become possible to host races on natural rivers which require a lot more assistance.

Future plans are to continue the development weekend and work alongside teams to encourage participation. Possible race locations include Tees Barrage, Cardiff, River Dee, Dryweryn.

Committee members stepping down:

Sean Clarke- Chairman

Malcolm Ferris-Lay- Safety

Luke Dorbin- Treasurer

Martin Wayland- Comms

SJ and Jess Evans - Events

British Canoeing - Rafting Discipline Committee (British Rafting) 2019-2020

- Chair - Sean Clarke (2 year term expires AGM 2021)
- Secretary - Kim Snape (1 year term expires AGM 2020)
- Treasurer - Patrick McNulty (2 year term expires AGM 2021)
- Safety Officer - Luke Dorbin (2 year term expires AGM 2021)
- Equipment Officer - Aaron Dempsey (1 year term expires AGM 2020)
- Welfare Officer - Gill Wayland (1 year term expires AGM 2020)
- Communications Officer - Andy Steel (2 year term expires AGM 2021)
- Events Officer - Sarah-Jayne Evans & Jess Evans (2 year term expires AGM 2021)

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