

## BRITISH RAFTING COMMITTEE MEETING

15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 @ Teleconference

### Welcome

In attendance Sean Clarke, Luke Dorbin, Kim Snape. Gill Wayland, Martin Wayland, Aaron Dempsey, Sarah-Jayne Evans

Apologies from Jess Evans and Malcolm Ferris-Lay

### Minutes of previous meeting

All agreed. Need to ensure the actions are acted upon.

### Finance

- BC have given £10,000 for funding. We can apply for next year's funding in October 2019. There was no additional funding for rafts this year. SC is discussing an option for £3,000-£4,000 to enable the purchase of additional rafts. These maybe second hand commercial rafts to be used for have-a-go sessions. **AD is going to look into Slovakian rafts that could be purchased to replace old rafts**
- BR665 is to be removed from the inventory as it's no longer suitable for BR use.

### Welfare

- There have been a few meetings with younger teams, GW has all meetings documented.
- To support teams with members who have exams during the WRC SC will carry exam papers, however chaperones will be responsible for other areas of exams.
- New guidelines for anti-doping mean all BC athletes need to complete a mandatory course, either online or attending a workshop. Anyone who has yet to complete a course must do so before the WRC/ERC

### Events

- The 2019 events are HPP in April, Lee Valley in August and Llandysul in December. HPP and LV will be Euro Cup events. Euro Cup points are totaled over all events; the more events teams attend the better their overall rankings. **SC to speak to Bert to ask about holding another Judges course**
- WRC 2019 - all teams have accepted their selections. All GB1 selected teams need to inform the ISP of their decision regarding the Australia WRC 2019 before the end of January, to allow any GB2 teams to take the position. Failure to inform the ISP will result in the team being unable to be selected in the next year.
- Paddle in the park- a successful event last year, BR will be attending with a stand and raft. SJ has confirmed that Red Rose will be attending. 1st/2nd June.
- Canoe slalom world cup- 15/16 June, BC have asked BR to attend and help with a have a go session. **SC to speak to LV raft guides to arrange assistance in running the session.** There will be no water fees for the have a go slots. There is a possibility of teams being allowed 1 hour of free water in return for helping with the event.

### AOB

- World Rafting Federation- The WRF are trying to take over IRF events and are attempting to market themselves as the official governing body of rafting. the Czech Republic have already banned any WRF members from competing in their events, many other countries are beginning to do the same. SC is speaking to BC to gain support for the IRF. WRF is currently holding back any progress towards raft racing becoming an Olympic discipline. **The draft policy statements on WRF will be sent to BC by SC and has full support of the British Rafting committee**
- British Rafting AGM - Will be held at HPP on the paddle in the park weekend 1st/2nd June. Possibility of water times being available to help to encourage teams to attend. **SC to ask BC for a meeting room for Saturday Afternoon**

- Raft Allocation - a number of rafts are in need of repair. £2000 has been allocated towards repair and AD has £300 to purchase items to begin repair works.
- Nottingham and Llangollen canoe club have requested additional rafts to be allocated to them. AD to arrange distribution when the rafts are available. Possibility of raft sharing between some of the teams.
- Chaperone U19 teams - when teams attend WRC/ERC events they are under BR management, however when training their management is with their club. It was discussed there should be more safeguarding training for parents/chaperones for events. **GW and KS to liaise with BC (Dee Paterson) to see how other disciplines manage the situation** as there is currently no funding option to have a team manager/chaperone provided from BR
- Help for Heroes- a workshop at Lee valley on the 12/13 April will be 50% workshop and 50% water based.
- SJ- looking into arranging development weekends at HPP and Llangollen.
- Beth Kirby has mentioned that teams are arriving at HPP and using Nottingham rafts without arranging it in advance. **AD to remind teams that if they wish to use Nottingham rafts that have not been assigned to them they must arrange this with Beth in advance.**

**Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 19th March 2019

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