

BRITISH RAFTING COMMITTEE MEETING

19th March 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

Malcolm has decided to resign from the committee due to personal commitments. Sean would like to express thanks to Malcolm Ferris-Lay on behalf of all the committee for his time dedicated over the last few years.

Minutes of previous meeting

- All agreed.
- Bert will be running another judges course in August.
- 2 LV guides have volunteered to help with the have a go session at Canoe Slalom World Cup in June, a few more are needed and teams can assist in return for access to water for training during the weekend.
- SC met with David Joy regarding the WRF. David was concerned that the wording of the policy would leave us open to issues if a team appeals against the WRF ban. SC has adapted the wording to reduce this issue.
- The meeting room is booked for the AGM.
- Actions still in motion - AD to continue looking at sourcing second hand rafts, SC to give a contact for Aaron to speak to.

Finance

There has been a bit of confusion with HPP as to which invoices have been paid, LD is working with them to sort it all.

GW has closed down the old account for the U23 women's team. The remaining funds of £473.37 has been transferred in to the BR account. The money was originally for the U23 team that fundraised for it at the time. Two girls have used their part of the funding and despite multiple attempts the others are yet to request the remaining funding.

Welfare

GW has spoken to James Unsworth at BC regarding advice on chaperone arrangements. He sent through the Performance wellbeing strategy which gives guides on how many people should be attending events. Ideally the welfare officer would attend every event but this is not logistically possible. If BR is unable to provide someone the onus is put to the parents of the teams attending. There must be 1 male and 1 female parent that has been DBS checked by BC.

SC has suggested all BR committee members become DBS checked for BC and is looking into whether BC will cover the costs of this for anyone who is not already DBS checked.

Events

All event plans are going well

The development weekend at HPP is the 27/28th April, this is ready to be published online. Tom and Fieke will be available for coaching over the weekend.

More volunteers are needed to assist with the HPP euro cup. Bert will be head judge and Martin will be on the jury. Gill is available to assist over the weekend.

SJ/LD/KS will look into a way of rewarding the volunteers i.e. expenses/alternative incentive. Aim to have a proposal for the next committee meeting so it can be agreed and put forwards at the AGM.

SJ proposed a development weekend in Llangollen, North Wales.

3 teams have confirmed and paid to attend the WRC in Tully. Podium kit has been ordered for the teams and should be arriving in the next 2 weeks.

1 team has confirmed they will be attending the ERC in Bosnia. Most other teams have expressed an interest SC to confirm over the next 2 weeks which teams will be attending.

AOB

SC- coach award update, Jon Best, Fieke, Tom, Gaz and Sean are designing the syllabus content, will be available for review by the end of May. Those that are able to deliver performance awards can do a cross-over to deliver sheltered water sessions- this is aiming to be available from September. There is also a longer term coaching plan being developed.

BC AGM- SC was networking and received questions regarding the WRF 2020 proposal and BR is becoming more well known within the BC community. There were talks regarding regional development but for now BR will remain focused on National level.

BR AGM - the constitution will be changing to become a "Terms of Reference" SC to publish it for review in the next 2 weeks. The new terms of reference require 1/3 of the committee to resign (they can choose to stand again) to allow for new people coming in if they wish.

Gill- GW and MW are donating 4 bins of plastic ducks to BR so that they can be available for teams and BR to use for fundraising events. GW and AD to arrange storage of the ducks at LV

AD- the number patches for the rafts have not been confirmed due to difficulties with communication with Hoops, SC has an alternative contact to try and source number from.

2022- BC have permanent staff available to assist with the event at no cost. The IRF are looking into purchasing rafts which would reduce costs to BR as there would be no need to supply them.

Date of next meeting

29th April @ 7.30pm

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