



BRITISH DRAGON BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

*Founder Member of the International Dragon Boat Federation & European
Dragon Boat Federation*

BDA 145th Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 14th October 2019

Location: Zoom TeleConference

Time: 19:00-21:00

Minutes

Chairman: Neil Pickles

Present: Neil Pickles, Jenni Henderson, Barbara Keenan, Dave Bangs, Pete Money, Dave Cogswell, Andy Menzies, Chris Bailey, Mike Thomas, Darrell Snape, Mike M-H

1 Apologies		Action Points
1.1	Apologies received from Mick Clarke & Tim Smith	
2 Minutes of last meeting		
2.1	JH to circulate minutes from meeting in Wath – but most things had been actioned & covered	JH
3 Matters Arising		
3.1	Check Minutes but there was no outstanding action points that weren't being covered on today's meeting	JH
4 Congress Preparation Update		
4.1	JH, TS, CB & NP had meeting re congress to finalise details and ensure all was in hand. TS sent out social media posts. Numbers looking good for attendance. Send chaser emails to crews@ and officials@ to confirm good representation from all clubs.	NP

	<p>Chase crews who have not confirmed. TS to check</p> <p>CB circulated the agenda and draft of the day</p> <p>JH to send AM & DB info re presentation for Big Piece Three</p> <p>Key areas on International Community</p> <p>JH ordering catering</p> <p>NP to bring tea urns</p> <p>Each team to get together to discuss sections & plans</p>	<p>TS</p> <p>CB</p> <p>JH</p> <p>ALL</p>
5 GB Coaching Senior B/C's		
5.1	<p>Complaints received from members re no Senior B/C women's team planned for next two years.</p> <p>JH has sent email to IB/VC and asked for comments</p> <p>IB has replied with full details and confirmation</p> <p>CB has also done an analysis on competition</p> <p>Exec Mandate is to enter competitive crews to International Competition</p> <p>CB confirmed we could come up with methodology to base on whether you could reach Major/Minal finals</p> <p>DB – 2 issues – measurement of performance. Performance can be predicted based on measurement</p> <p>Other issue is the paddlers – Quality & Standard & Representation</p> <p>Do we need to set higher standards for inclusion in the GB Squads?</p> <p>We need to be better at defining the difference with BNTS & GB squad and selection</p> <p>Need to ensure process is transparent</p> <p>From a paddling pool of 800 who turn up to league events we had a GB squad of 120.</p> <p>Options would be –</p> <p>Limit squads entered/Raise Bar</p> <p>Have a larger pool to choose from</p> <p>Pre Selection process for BNTS in place</p>	

	<p>Need to open up conversation at Congress to gather members input to add into Exec Decisions.</p> <p>There is a 2 year process – so people have 2 years to develop as paddlers.</p> <p>DB raised issue over intermediate option of our Centres of Excellence. Somewhere paddlers can go for higher level of coaching& start the process</p> <p>Or Regional Development Squads across all age groups to feed into BNTS sessions</p> <p>International Paddlers – should we be denying ex Pats joining GB squad when they fly in and train with squad and meet the criteria.</p> <p>2 issues – People Training Together as a squad and Creating separate crews away from GB sessions and not blending with the crew.</p> <p>Is it down to the coach to decide and manage? DragonBoating is a team sport; best done where there is training done as a team</p> <p>Criteria would be that the team has to train together no matter where the paddlers are based</p> <p>As part of post selection training & criteria you sign up to attend training camps</p> <p>Issue to be raised at Congress to take the views of members.</p> <p>We know what the issues are. Exec Pod need to take comments & views and make best decision based on feedback.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>Comment to go back to coaches re selection that if they select from people who trial and make decisions based on this</p> <p>Respond to paddlers who complained explaining outcome and misunderstanding</p>	<p>CG, DB & JH</p> <p>NP</p>
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	Update to initial statement to come from coaches Selection Criteria to be known in advance and be transparent	CG & JH
6. EDBF Congress in Milan 15-17 Nov		
6.1	NP has received info regarding dates & info AM has received email re Awards and keeping same categories for awards as last year AM can't go. NP will be representing BDA Push out to all members re Forum & Gala Dinner to attend if interested DS checking if can get time off DB mentioned there should have been a €200 prize to go with Legend Award he never received	NP NP
7 WCCC Clubs Asking to Go – Powerhouse/Notts		
7.1	Email received from Powerhouse and other crews re entry to WCCC in France in 2020. CB raised issue on whether we should have process in place for this To resolve any issues: DC to send email to Powerhouse acknowledging expression of interest and we will sanction when bulletins come out CB to put together policy re allocation of clubs to WCCC and how we will sanction crews	DC CB
8 AOB		
8.1	DB – Exec views on BDA crews entering ICF events. While you hold a position as a GB coach you cannot take any representative of a GB squad to an ICF event. We need to add into GB Policy. MT has written a piece re ICF & IDBF and clear guidelines for all members of IDBF.	GB Exec

<p>8.2</p>	<p>DC – Spirit of Yorkshire asking for funds. DC sending email to Exec. New BDA crews from Overseas – Crew from Cyprus wanting to join BDA. We don't understand why or what benefit they would derive from joining. DC to go back and say No. ACS – All Cancer Survivors Crew Class is now CS – Cancer Survivors Class</p>	<p>DC DC</p>
<p>8.3</p>	<p>JH has received request from paddlers in Hong Kong to join Congress via zoom. Need to work out how to do.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>Next Meeting, Saturday 23rd November at 10.30am at Warwick Services</p>		