



BRITISH DRAGON BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

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

BDA 146th Executive Committee Meeting

Date: Saturday 23rd November 2019

Location: Days Inn, Warwick Services, Northbound, M40

Time: 10:30-

Minutes

Chairman: Neil Pickles

Present: Neil Pickles, Jenni Henderson, Barbara Keenan, Dave Bangs, Pete Money, Dave Cogswell, Andy Menzies (via Zoom), Chris Bailey, Mike Thomas, Darrell Snape, Tim Smith

1 Apologies		Action Points
1.1	Apologies received from Mike Haslam & Andy Menzies. Andy joining from Zoom. No confirmation from Mick Clarke	
2 Minutes of 144th & 145th Meetings		
2.1	Minutes circulated for both 144 th & 145 th minutes to all members.	
3 Matters Arising		
3.1	No matters arising from 144 th Meeting 145 th Minutes: Need to reconfirm that there is a policy in place for non-co-operation at ICF events and we actively discourage teams to enter and especially if you are a current GB coach and running a GB Team.	

	<p>MT confirmed that the IDBF view is that we are actively discouraging teams/GB coaches to attend ICF events.</p> <p>JH, DB & MT to ensure statement is clear and we have a BDA statement in the GB Policy.</p> <p>Minutes accepted and signed off.</p>	<p>JH, DB & MT</p>
<p>4 Treasurers Report & Banking Update</p>		
<p>4.1</p>	<p>DC circulated Financial Statement as at 31st October 2019.</p> <p>DC confirmed a few outstanding payments for Insurance & Events still to reconcile.</p> <p>DC has put together 2020 Budget.</p> <p>TS to put together criteria for Development Fund to share with Clubs</p> <p>TS to speak to Club Forum re BDA Pins.</p> <p>Exec agree to add in more budget to Development Fund.</p> <p>Exec agreed to add in Expenditure Item for Web Development & Membership Online site</p> <p>MT raises issue that we need to have a budget figure against Strategy Development.</p> <p>Change Development Fund to Club Development Fund</p> <p>Add in line of Strategy Development Fund</p> <p>Presentations for Insurance from Howdens & BlueFin Sport</p> <p>DC to ask Howdens to provide breakdown of what we have paid them this year.</p> <p>BlueFin to come back with breakdown</p> <p>Banking Update:</p> <p>We now have a BDA Bank Account</p> <p>We now have a GB Bank Account</p> <p>We don't have a Deposit Account yet</p>	<p>TS</p> <p>TS</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC</p> <p>DC</p>

	<p>Need letter signed off to transfer £75k from HSBC to Lloyds for the current account. Also – the balance of the GB Team Account which is £1,011.18 and the balance of the Deposit Account to be paid into Lloyds Current Account for now.</p> <p>Not closing HSBC Current Account as certain outstanding payments and cheques. Need to keep for any mistake payments</p> <p>TWS has sent email re Expenses to DC. The BDA position is that the BNTS/GB squads are self-financing so we wouldn't pay coaches expenses from BDA funds. If coaches are developing the squads, they can claim via the Development Fund. DC to reply to TWS JH & DB to discuss with coaches at GB Exec Meeting.</p> <p>GB Bank Accounts: DB & JH to speak to GB Squads at the GB Exec Committee re bank accounts and audits of bank accounts. GB Exec to decide on best route and make sure that Audits and Bank Accounts in place.</p>	<p>DC JH & DB</p>
5 Congress Feedback and Update for each Pillar		
<p>5.1</p>	<p>Notes have been typed up and circulated from congress for each presentation.</p> <p>At Zoom meeting in December each Pillar to report back on initial conversations and action points to start working towards the strategy.</p> <p>All to create information and teams to help them move forward with actions.</p>	

6. Membership fees for 2020		
6.1	<p>Membership Fee is £35 Clubs - £400</p> <p>No membership fee increases for 2020. Need to update membership forms for 2020 and also online forms with correct dates.</p> <p>Send info to Clubs and Members for renewals by 1st Jan 2020. BNTS and training squads – members need to be in place for any BNTS</p>	<p>NP, TS & JH</p> <p>DC</p>
7 National League (Promo/Releg) & Events for 2020		
7.1	<p>Premier Club Division: Bristol finished 11th on 66.86 points Exe-Calibre finished 12th on 65 points</p> <p>Standard Club Division: Preston finished 1st on 129.5 points Cambridgeshire Royals finished 2nd on 80.4 points.</p> <p>Preston & Cambridge are promoted to Premier Club Division. Bristol & Exe-Calibre are relegated to Standard Club Division.</p> <p>NP proposed changes to Premier & Standard Club scores. You only get your top 2 scores for the league. CB has also done an analysis on clubs and gender mix and what the crew's look like:</p> <p>Poss looking at options of: Mainly Women Boats – 14 women/6 men Mainly Men Boats – 14 men/6 women Mixed Boats – 10 men / 10 women</p>	

	<p>Some positives and negatives around this. Would need some careful thinking and the ramifications around how it would work. Would it give people more racing and equal racing?</p> <p>CB to pull together and TS to take to Club Forum for discussion and ideas.</p> <p>Events for 2020 Bids have come in for 2020. We want to start bid process for 2021 by Jan 2020.</p> <p>Need to ensure we have a sensible number of clubs at each event. Discussion around number of races and what is mandatory for clubs. Possibility of looking at mandatory racing for north clubs and mandatory for southern clubs. 6 races from 8 count for league points – clubs decide which 6 to attend.</p> <p>Provisional League: Liverpool – 26th April Exeter – 9th May Worcester/Manvers – 31st May Milton Keynes – 13th June London Hong Kong – 28th June Nottingham – 26th July Worcester/Manvers – 9th Aug London Surrey Quays – 5th Sept</p> <p>Nationals – 19th & 20th Sept</p> <p>Need to look at each venue and poss issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pool boats 2. Loading 3. Lane racing 4. Starts/Finish 	<p>CB & TS</p>
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	<p>JH & DS to look at Cotswolds Water Park for new venue Poss looking at other venues – Hillingdon area.</p> <p>Need to look at racing options of: 200m, 500m, 200m race pursuits, 1500m, 2k, Slalom Races</p>	
<p>8 WCCC – Entry Policy</p>		
<p>8.1</p>	<p>CB has put together a criteria for entering WCCC championships. Club forum fed back that they are happy there is transparency and criteria. A few queries raised based on results from Nationals and whether it was too complex.</p> <p>Need to circulate the criteria for entry to all clubs & on website</p> <p>Bulletin is out and circulated for crews Deadline is 17th January.</p> <p>Fees are quite expensive for entry.</p> <p>Entries received to date are: Purple Warriors – ParaDragon Class Pink Champagne – BCS Class Powerhouse – Std Mixed Premier, Small Women Premier, Small Open Premier Amathus – Small Open Senior A Secklow – Std Open Premier, Std Mixed Premier, Std Women Premier Notts – class to be confirmed</p> <p>DC to send email to Crews@ and that deadline is clear for putting in entries. At deadline time all teams will be ratified by the BDA and given confirmation.</p>	<p>CS & TS</p> <p>DC</p>

9 Club Feedback forum update		
9.1	<p>Tim has 17 clubs confirmed and waiting on 3 clubs to confirm a representative to take up to 20.</p> <p>Using email system to confirm details and good and constructive feedback being received.</p>	
10 BDA Safeguarding Policy Update		
10.1	<p>BK has completed the policy update with Kirsty Hartley.</p> <p>BK has circulated to NP. NP will send to Exec@ for us to read through.</p> <p>Unless anything major then we will send and update on website.</p> <p>Any changes can be done later. Any feedback to BK please</p>	<p>NP</p> <p>ALL</p>
11. EDBF Congress Update		
11.1	<p>Milan – 15th to 17th November. NP attended as rep of BDA.</p> <p>European Club Crew Champs - 2021– Barcelona – either June or September.</p> <p>2021 event in Monaco paid for by Prince Albert – a Nation Event – no further news yet.</p> <p>European Gala & Congress – Parma in Nov 2020.</p> <p>EDBF Nations in 2022 – Ravenna – poss 1st week in September</p> <p>Further discussion to be held on Zoom call in December.</p>	
12. AOB		
12.1	<p>DB raised issue that people going around asking re coaching information. Need to maintain process and chain of communication</p>	

	<p>for coaching for Dave B to register details and provide coaching book.</p> <p>BCS Events – supported by the BDA. Provisionally book 25th April for Dragons & Flowers. Speak to Wendy re inviting to Jan BDA Exec meeting re events for 2020 and how we can support & help.</p> <p>Nationals Finals 2020 Dan Windsor has sent email re Nationals for 2020 and how we want to plan and move forward. Need to discuss for January on our plan for Nationals and what we want to do.</p> <p>DC sending new bank account details to NP for updating</p>	
Next Meeting: Monday 9th December on Zoom at 7.00pm		