



Executive Committee meeting

9 March 2026: summary notes

Key points discussed

AGM

- Preparations for the AGM on 11 April were discussed, including venue arrangements, notice requirements and plans to issue formal notification to members.

League racing

- National League dates and venues for 2026 were confirmed.
- National League results for 2025 were reviewed, with work underway to ensure final rankings are confirmed ahead of the AGM.
- Preparations for the introduction of the Dragon Scores system were discussed, including training for officials ahead of its use at upcoming events.

Policies and frameworks

- Final updates to the water safety policy and related policies for 2026 are being completed, with plans to publish the updated policy on the website.

GB

- GB entries for Munich have been submitted. Further coordination is ongoing with crew managers.
- Arrangements for payment of entry fees were discussed, including the BDA covering initial costs and recovering these from crews.
- Plans were agreed to promote GB opportunities, including the development of a leaflet and presence at race events to support recruitment.

Equipment and development

- Progress on the delivery of new BDA O1s was reviewed. It was noted that timelines were tight ahead of upcoming GB trials.

Other business

- Planning for the BDA's 40th anniversary celebration in 2027 was discussed in detail, including venue options, sponsorship opportunities and indicative pricing, with a decision taken to secure a Midlands venue and confirm a date in March 2027.
- An update was noted on engagement with Paddle UK, with further follow-up planned.
- Development funding requests were considered including applications relating to equipment and facilities, with further information required in some cases before decisions can be made.
- Opportunities to support junior participation were discussed, including the potential for a dedicated junior racing event.
- A proposal to share specialist nutrition guidance with members was discussed and supported, with plans to deliver this via an online session.
- Officials and event planning arrangements for upcoming races were confirmed.
- Equipment and innovation updates were noted, including ongoing work to trial performance monitoring tools for paddlers.
- Queries relating to competition rules and classifications were raised and clarified.

Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 30 March 2026 at 19:00