



Marathon Racing Technical Committee Meeting Minutes - 16 January 2010

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ATTENDEES:

Jerry Dunn (Chair), Paul O’Keeffe (Secretary), Matthew Coulter, Martin Finn, Letitia Harington, Tom Hirrschoff, Gabrielle Hurley, Bennett Maxwell.

APOLOGIES:

Martyn Clancy-Lowe (Ex Officio member – AC Board Member)

ITEMS:

1. 2010 AUSTRALIAN CANOE MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Committee discussed the upcoming national marathon championships to be hosted by South Australia. The course options for racing at Westlake were discussed. Two options were proposed by South Australia as well an alternative course that could be relied on in inclement weather conditions. The Committee agreed on a preferred course option.

The budget set aside to organize the national championships was discussed. A grant from the South Australian government was noted. Sponsorship for the national competition and merchandising opportunities were broadly discussed.

The fee structure for entries was discussed and it was noted that entry fees had not been increased for a number of years. It was agreed to increase entry fees taking into account early bird entry discounts, if entries were paid by a specific date.

The Committee discussed the possibility of requiring masters' competitors in international boats to portage. The international requirement for all masters to portage was noted. However, in Australia there is no similar portaging requirement in State and local races. The Committee agreed to give further consideration to this issue with respect to the 2011 national championships.

2. APPOINTMENT OF TEAM OFFICIALS AND TEAM MANAGERS

The Committee discussed the Australian marathon team selection policy and the process for nominating selectors. The selection panel has the responsibility of selecting the national team to represent Australia in international competitions. The Committee referred to the AC policy document – Appointment of Team Officials.

It was agreed to form a selection panel by nominating two selectors from the Committee and one AC representative. The selection panel would be finalized and published prior to the Australian canoe marathon championships in South Australia.

The Committee discussed the process to be followed in appointing the Team Managers and/or Team coach for the national team. Two Committee members (Jerry Dunn and Gabrielle Hurley) and Greg Doyle the CEO of AC will progress the appointment of these team officials.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (i) The Committee discussed athlete development generally and nominated Letitia Harington, Bennett Maxwell and Mark Coulter to prepare a project plan to further develop our athletes for international and national marathon paddling competitions.
- (ii) The Committee discussed the selection policy with reference to athletes attending World Cups in Europe. The Committee agreed to continue discussions online and to formulate a final view with respect to selecting athletes for World Cup competitions in 2010.
- (iii) The Committee noted that AC had recently adopted the ICF position with respect to paddleability now known as para canoeing. The Committee nominated Gabrielle Hurley as the representative on the Committee for the purposes of matters relevant to paracanoeing in marathon racing.

NEXT MEETING

Proposed to conduct a formal meeting on the weekend of the national canoe marathon championships, South Australia