

Sprint Competition Committee

Meeting – 2/6/2019

In Attendance: Marsh Jones, Jackie Nipper, Cathy Bohlman, Drew Story, Scott Greifenberger, Eli Holmes, Chris Barlow, Kaitlyn McElroy, Steve Wort, Tegan Malone

*Meeting called to order at 7:03pm CT

*Minutes of last meeting: Moved by Scotty, Seconded by Cathy, were approved.

*Chris Barlow thanked all for their hard work. The Selection Criteria for ACA Nationals Team were sent to coaches, posted on website, and on Facebook groups. Athletes looking at National Team, Pan Am's and Jr. Worlds have Feb. 15th deadline for deposit. There are 107 ODP sign – ups. If ODP discount on deposit (for them \$400.00, and for non-ODP it's \$500.00 deposit). Questions contact Chris Barlow. Once deposits in they will have an idea how many looking at Pan Am's, and Jr. Worlds – then can come up with coaching plan to meet the needs and help Zsolt and Aaron. Decision was made for US to stay away from World Cups this year due to expense and our restructuring. Focus instead will be on team boat training.

*Dates of Pan Am's July 26th – 30th, Dates of Jr. Worlds Aug. 1st – 4th, Nationals Aug. 7-10th.

Questions to Chris:

Eli- What if you have an athlete who wants to do World Cups.

Answer: It's difficult to go as an individual, Scotty will be there officiating and is willing to help, but the athlete cannot represent self – so they need to let Chris know when they pay deposit, to see if something can be done. But there is no selection criteria for World Cups as we are not going as a country.

*Chris asked that the athletes come to the coaches first re: Questions on selection criteria, who may be able to answer them. If coach cannot answer then let him know, or refer to him.

*Marsh gave update on **Membership** to ACA. Structure has changed. Now 2 basic categories:

Competition and Non Competition. We are all Competition at \$25.00 per year per person. If an athlete, coach, or official that participates in Trials, Nationals, or anywhere outside the US – they need to add the \$45.00 competition license. So for all for example going to Nationals it would \$70.00. If they are just developing paddlers that

only participate in local regattas then they can just pay the \$25.00. However, Scotty pointed out we need to encourage all our athletes etc pay the competition license as that goes to the Sprint account – and we need the money. This is what will help build the sport. If you start as a \$25.00 member you can add the competition license later. Tegan asked if that would discourage adult paddlers, and discussion took place, and Marsh noted that we are one of the lowest fees for a competition license.

***ACA Staffing** – Marsh unclear on Aasim's status. Teresa has resigned on Event committee- Jackie Nipper has taken her place, need more nomination requests, please let Jackie know. Scotty volunteered to be on committee, Kaitlyn volunteered Heather, Jackie will circle back to both of them. Jackie is new so would like to see some people volunteer who have been doing events.

***Scheduling** – Jr. Worlds/Pan Ams/Nationals all very close together at end of July beginning of August. OHR is Sept. 12th-14th selection will be coming out of Nationals. Deposits for OHR will be due in May. No spring or summer camps scheduled for OHR. However in March Aasim does a camp in Texas for anyone who wants to go, and Lanier goes to Florida for training in the Spring.

***Communications-** Marsh asked Drew Story to facilitate communication with his expertise. Competition committee will be trying to work on communication – we need to be able to get out info in a variety of channels, so that it is easy for all members to get the info they need. Drew's suggestion – a transparent place where everything stored and then links to it. Marsh said he needs to have a meeting with Chris Stec and Drew and come up with a plan for communication. Our committee needs to take an active role in pushing forward.

***Upcoming-** Marsh is requesting a Quarterly call with this committee as well as all club coaches to get everyone on same page altogether. Marsh will be working with C. Barlow to make this happen.

*We as a committee will need to come up with a plan on how we license officials and coaches and document it.

***Questions-**

Scotty had question on USOC funding. Marsh said very limited funding for Sprint. We are pretty much self funded right now. Until we show results. Para and Slalom have more funding as they have had results.

How is our relationship with ICF? Given our staff challenges we would not send someone to an ICF event. Relationship between 2 organizations is cordial to good. Wade and Simon on phone weekly. Scotty had to apologize to ICF for ACA at International Dragon Boat Event because we were not there.

Question about LPI, Morgan had told Lake Placid that we would have a race there, Marsh will have Wade handle it. Discussion took place about training camp with LPI as

ending race in the past and can we do that again. Right now, no because of money. Discussion re: we need to have an International Race in the US like LPI, there was disagreement because of funding and that it would be poorly run and that doesn't look good for US. So it comes down to money.

Meeting adjourned 8:03pm CT