

Wildwater Committee Minutes

6-23-2013

In attendance (via Skype): Tom Wier, Jeremy Rodgers, Kurt Smithgall, Denny Adams, Chuck Brabec

- Team Trials 2014
 - A discussion was held on the timing and location of team trials for the world championships in Valtellina, Italy, on June 17-21st of 2014. The following points were made:
 - We are far behind schedule if we want to hold a fall team trials this year. (Wier)
 - For a fall team trials this year, our options are:
 - Eastern trials at the Nantahala in combination with Nationals.
 - Western trials in Colorado on the Shoshone section, but water will probably be very low. (Wier)
 - Our other option is to hold a spring team trials, with locations as follows:
 - Western Team trials on Shoshone OR a possible race on the Animas in Durango. These races would occur in the last two weekends of April. (Wier)
 - Trials in the fall give more time for focused training, fundraising, and planning. (Smithgall)
 - Paddlers who have interest in 2014 Worlds: West: Cully Brown, Steve Ward, Marin Millar. Eastern: Hugh Pritchard, Kurt Smithgall, Emmanuel Beauchard. (Smithgall, Rodgers, and Adams).
 - There may be juniors who are switching to senior level next year, but it's hard to say as we don't have the birth date data we need. (Adams)
 - We want juniors and seniors to race together for mentorship which would be helped with a spring trials; western junior trials should be held with western senior trials (Rodgers)
 - Most juniors in the west will be racing all summer in and will need some time off in the fall- a fall trials would not attract many juniors in Colorado. (Adams)
 - Eastern Trials on the Nantahala in September will probably reduce junior participation, as the race is on weekdays. (Brabec).
 - Rodgers- motion for fall eastern trials at the Nantahala in conjunction with Nationals and spring western trials in Colorado.
 - Adams- 2nd
 - Vote: Unanimous, all in favor.
- Rodgers- Distribution of trials spots for east and west trials.
 - The committee needs to examine the current rules for team trials to make sure that we can shift team spots from eastern team trials to western team trials (and visa-versa) in the event that fewer than 2 people declare intent to race internationally at either team trials location.
- 2014 Nationals:
 - Call for bids needs to go out in the next month. Tom will write the document and send to Chuck for posting. (Wier)
 - Mark Wendolowski has already expressed interest in holding this race on the Dryway section of the Deerfield in MA.
 - Other race directors to contact?
 - Jackson Hole (Rodgers)
 - Durango (Adams)
 - Mark Wendolowski (Wier)
 - Norbury- North Branch, Cheat Narrows (Wier/Smithgall)
 - Fall eastern- Dryway, Nantahala (Wier)

- Next meeting:
 - At nationals, September 3-6. Specific date to be determined based on availability of rooms at NOC. We will announce a date later.
 - On the agenda will be finalizing the changes we made to the structure of the board and elections.