

Wildwater Committee Meeting Minutes
11-2-2014

In attendance (by Skype): Tom Wier, Chuck Brabec, Marin Millar, Tom Popp, Doug Ritchie.

Not able to attend: Michael Beavers, Kurt Smithgall, Jennie Goldberg, Denny Adams, Jeremy Rodgers

1. Review of 2015 National Team (Tom W)
 - Team members are, for K-1Men: Hugh Pritchard, Joe Potocak, Doug Ritchie, for K-1 Women: Tierney O'Sullivan, Marin Millar, Jennie Goldberg
 - Travel dates are not confirmed for anyone, as the dates for World Cups and Worlds are questionable:
 - WC #1 and 2: June 19 and 20, Slovenia
 - WC #3 and 4: June 21 and 22, Austria
 - World Championships: June 23-28, Austria (Sprint Only)

2. Bye request from Emmanuel Beauchard (Tom W)
 - Bye request received from E. Beauchard
 - He was 11th in sprint at the 2014 world championships
 - We have 3 K-1 Men qualified at team trials and 4 available spots
 - Emmanuel is currently continuing his training at a high level and will have several race results through the year to show us before international competitions.
 - Vote: All present voted to grant bye to E. Beachard. Proxy vote for Jennie Goldberg Received (5 votes for), bye passes.
 - Votes from missing members to be sought by Tom W.

3. 2015 Junior Worlds
 - Dates are August 2-7, 2015
 - Visit www.nantahala2015.com for information
 - Junior Team Trials: Colorado April 25/26? Or May 2/3? (Date TBD); Nantahala 1/2
 - U23 Trials: August 1 and 2
 - Tom Popp and Marin Millar- Junior Team Coaches
 - Clarification: Team Selections will occur according to bylaws rule 4.B.1
 - Colorado Team Trials qualifying athletes must commit early- make this clear

4. 2015 Nationals
 - Organizers of Eastern Jr/U23 Team Trials have agreed to make the race nationals as well.
 - We may have to provide scoring and prize support to make sure all calculations are done well.
 - Marin Millar: Maybe too much going on during that time; explore other options
 - Tom Popp: Agree with Marin, but if there's no other option, NOC is a good option.
 - Doug Ritchie: Nationals should be when school is out, if another location is viable, we should go there.

- Tom W: Will investigate other options and report back.
 - Tabled 'til January meeting.
5. New board member to replace Jeremy Rodgers
- Fundraising Chair: Nominations/Ideas for people to approach?
 - Doug Ritchie volunteers for the position; he is on the board of a canoe club and is doing some fundraising for it; has some ideas for fundraising.
 - Marin M: Good to have someone with fundraising skills
 - Doug will write up proposal for what he can do, we will officially nominate him, then vote as a committee.
 - Jeremy Rodgers: It will help if new fundraising chair has contacts with older paddlers in the wildwater community.
6. Discussion and possible vote on new bylaws.
- Tom W: Introduction, rationale for new bylaws
 - Discussion:
 - Key roles like nationals chair, team trials chair, etc, need to be specified in bylaws somehow. Specify additional responsibilities for each required board member OR list additional responsibilities and make sure that they are assigned to the board members post election. (Jeremy Rodgers)
 - Need a communications chair type position to make sure that communications chair responsibilities are filled (Chuck Brabec)
 - Motion to make adjustments, table 'til meeting in January (Tom W)
7. 2016 Team Selection and Nationals Rules
- If we pass new bylaws, we need to pass rules for 2016 team selection and nationals.
 - Need to revisit split trials- we have a number of athlete comments from both athlete reps, all negative.
 - Keep team trials selection simple and understandable (Jeremy Rodgers)
 - Percentage requirements good for senior team; not good for junior team- we want to encourage participation. (Tom Popp)
 - One team trial race for seniors, split trials for juniors would be a good thing (Chuck Brabec, Tom Popp)
 - Make a flashier event part of team trials/nationals (Jeremy Rodgers)
 - Volunteers for committee: Tom Wier, Tom Popp and Marin Millar will edit
8. Possible new fundraiser: Scrip
- See www.shopwithscrip.com for details
 - Tabled for discussion later.
9. New business
10. Next meeting will be in January, date to be decided.