

USACK Wildwater Committee Meeting Minutes 1-25-2015

In attendance (via Skype): Tom Wier, Michael Beavers, Denny Adams, Chuck Brabec, Marin Millar, Kurt Smithgall, Doug Ritchie

Unable to attend: Jennie Goldberg, Tom Popp

1. Senior Team 2015

- Senior Team members who are going, as of now, are Marin Millar, Joe Potoczak, Hugh Pritchard, Doug Ritchie, and Emmanuel Beauchard.
- Right now, Jennie Goldberg and Tierney O'Sullivan are unknown.
- World Cup schedule is tight- multiple races in multiple locations on consecutive days.
- Tom Wier will make contact with international contacts to see if race dates are certain.

2. Junior/U23 Worlds 2015

- Organization is going as planned.
- Western Junior Trials: April 18-19 or 25-26 depending on school dates. Announcement coming soon.
- In the future, Team Trials must take place at least 14 days prior to the races per ICF statute.

3. Nationals 2015

- Location has been chosen: 2015 National Championships will be on the Nantahala in conjunction with U23/Eastern Junior Team Trials on August 1st and 2nd.

4. Nationals 2016

- Bid for nationals next year (2016) may come from Maine, especially since the ACA downriver nationals will likely be there this year and during the next two years.
- There is a possibility of holding wildwater nationals and ACA open canoe nationals together for the next two years (2016 and 2017).
- If in a location that allows good participation for wildwater, this would be good.

5. Team Trials for 2016

- Possible Locations:
 - i. Yough- race directors need to be sought
 - ii. Maine- Jeff Owen
 - iii. Northwest- Marin Millar/Tom Wier may host

iv. Colorado- Denny Adams

- Split Team Trials this fall, but we need to seek the locations.
- Locations will be sought by Tom W. by next meeting.
- Padder's to consider: U23 athletes from Colorado who are now at Dartmouth (Ethan Putnam), Davidson (Will Coggan), Tufts.
- Pennsylvania Rivers would be good, or maybe Leighigh or Yough. Colorado would be good, especially if split trials are held.

6. USACK/ACA merger

- USACK and ACA are merging. We don't know what this means for us organizationally, but we might have an easier time with our big events like team trials and nationals.
- Doug will go a large gathering of all USACK disciplines in two weeks to explore the new position. Also, if needed, he will represent wildwater.
- Question: Insurance transition? The USACK insurance is easier to use.
- Clubs? ACA clubs have decreased, partially because of the bureaucracy involved in doing ACA trips. True in Colorado and Washington.

7. Replacement for Jeremy Rodgers as Fundraising Chair.

- Doug Ritchie volunteered to serve the remainder of Jeremy Rodger's term as Fundraising Chair.
- We need to vote to approve his position for the remainder of this year.
- Doug unanimously elected.

8. Other new business:

- Treasurer's Report:

9. Next meeting date

- Wendy and Tom are expecting their first child in late March, and we need to have another meeting before the baby is due in late March.
- Next meeting will be March 8th