

DBC Central Region Report 2020 AGM – June 25

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To say this has been a challenging year is an understatement. But all of you already know that and may be wondering what has been happening with your board in making decisions. While each of us take care of different committee's, all of us have contributed towards trying to ensure that the best decisions are brought forward and implement for the community at large.

- From the perspective of the rules committee, the cycle for new rules begins in the fall after the season is for the most part completed. We will be moving forward in 2020 with the rule change suggestion process again even though there hasn't been a season as you may have had the time to reflect upon the rules as they currently exist and have some suggestions. We also haven't been able to see the impact of the rule changes that were approved this past cycle other than refinement/updating of age category cut-offs in alignment with the IDBF.
- For the officials committee, we had implemented a training session for pre-nationals for all officials attending nationals to ensure that we share and evolve with each other given that officials from all regions are represented at nationals and that we each have our unique learning and perspectives to bring forward. At the international level all officials spend a day in training pre Nations' Cup or CCWC's and we had implement this as a go forward position for DBC officials at Nationals. The opportunity also presented itself to have a number of officials take the IDBF level 1 officials course at Nationals and they will continue to do so virtually this year and will be able to complete their requirements for a formal level 1 at the next nationals as a requirement of the officials training program but should they graduate the classroom part they will be granted an interim level 1 until they complete the practical.

As always, any ideas and or suggestions are always welcome to come forward although in today's current environment there may be a delay in replies. I am, as are all of the directors very happy to talk with the community at large over issues/concerns and take those discussions into consideration at board meetings and in our respective committees.

Wendi is the chair of the student racing committee and has been integral in moving forward the refinement and development of the Student divisions.

1. Montreal Student Cup circuit to be integrated with Mission Dragon Boat (Calvin Cheng, Nicolas Lambert), with involved regattas being Lachine Kmockout, Montreal Challenge, and Quebec Cup (replacing Rawdon with Quebec Cup) (postponed until 2021)
2. Some stagnancy in U18 division, but growth within U24 and university divisions (BC region), with some setbacks due to COVID-19
3. Preliminary developments within Vancouver Island for creation of first university dragon boat team for the area (Aidan Menard, Tom Arnold); financial support offered through Twin Paddlesports

4. Revised age regulations for U18/U24 divisions for IDBF (extended from Canadian regulations)
5. Revised regulations for drummers/steers for university division racers
6. Creation of dragon boat youth development guidelines and tips for starting a junior dragon boat team

Future activities involve:

1. Solidifying the race places within the Mission Dragon Boat festivals for QC
2. Promotion of student racing circuit in BC
3. Developing guidelines for U24 and University development categories
4. Working together with Twin Paddlesports for the promotion of developing youth teams (university, U24, U18)
5. Looking for candidates to support the creation and development of teams in Alberta, as well as for U18/U24 teams in the western region

Cheryl is the chair of the AETC committee and has been integral in bringing the quality and leveling of courses up to on par with educational standards across

The committee continues work on reviewing and revising the Steering and Coaching courses offered by DBC. The development of each course includes a participant's manual, a presentation slide show for the course, a facilitator's guide book and evaluation for certification protocol. Ensuring that the progression between levels continues to be a priority for the committee.

I would like to thank the committee members for their diligence, creativity and dedication to this project.

Respectfully submit by Cheryl Shannon, chair of AETC
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