

**Minutes of the 48th (2008) Annual Delegate Meeting of the Irish Canoe Union**  
**Saturday, May 16th, 2009 starting at 3:00 pm**  
**Kilcullen Canoe Club, Kilcullen, Co. Kildare**

**1. President's Welcoming Address**

The 48th Annual Delegate Meeting of the Irish Canoe Union was opened by the ICU President, Eamon Devoy, who chaired the Meeting. He welcomed those present to the Meeting and thanked Delegates and Board Members for taking the time to travel to the Meeting.

**2. 2.1 Apologies and Correspondence**

The ICU Secretary, Karl Dunne, informed the Meeting that there were no apologies or correspondence specifically for the attention of the Meeting.

**2.2 Adoption of the Agenda & Standing Orders for the 48th Annual Delegate Meeting**

Eamon Devoy presented the Agenda for the Meeting which had been previously circulated to Delegates. He also presented the Standing Orders for the Meeting. The Agenda and Standing Orders were proposed, seconded, and adopted by the Meeting.

***The following was the Agenda adopted by the Meeting –***

1. President's Welcoming Address.
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  - 1 Apologies and Correspondence.
  - 2 Adoption of the Agenda & Standing Rules for the 48th Annual Delegate Meeting
  - 3 Confirmation of the Quorum for the 48th Annual Delegate Meeting
  - 4 Minutes of the 47th (2007) Annual Delegate Meeting.
3. Presentation and Adoption of the 2008 Draft Audited Accounts.
4. Presentation and Adoption of the Executive's Report & Review.
5. Nominations Received and Election to the Executive.
6. Ratification of Election of the Technical Officers.
7. Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor.
8. Motions Received.
9. Adoption of Membership Fees.
10. President's Closing Address & Close of Meeting.
11. Discussion Forum.

***The following were the Standing Orders adopted by the Meeting –***

- i No business will be transacted at an annual delegate meeting other than that specified on the agenda of that annual delegate meeting.
- ii Matters which the ICU Board of Management consider to be urgent and which arose too late for inclusion on the agenda of an annual delegate meeting may be brought before an annual delegate meeting with the consent of the majority of the delegates present and eligible to vote at that annual delegate meeting.
- iv No motion of which notice appears on the agenda of an annual delegate meeting will proceed in the absence of least one of the members who proposed the motion and a delegate of the club which seconded the same motion. Motions proposed by the ICU Board of Management will not require a seconder.
- v No motion which has been duly proposed, seconded and circulated in accordance with the ICU Articles may be amended other than by procedures specified in the ICU Articles or in these Standing Orders.
- vi Motions duly proposed, seconded and circulated in accordance with the ICU Articles will be liable for amendment at an annual delegate meeting as follows:
  - An amendment cannot be a direct negative of a motion. It must be relevant and within the scope of the motion being considered.
  - No member will move more than two amendments upon any motion.
  - All amendments must be dealt with separately. When an amendment is proposed and seconded, discussion must be confined to that amendment and a vote taken. If carried, the original motion is then put to the meeting in its amended form, when it is then open for discussion and possible further amendment. If lost, the original motion stands and discussion proceeds.
  - If an amendment to an amendment is moved, the amendment proposed to be altered stands for the time being only in the position of an original motion. Other amendments to the amendments may be moved in succession. The maximum number of amendments permitted to the amendment to a motion is six. On the sixth amendment to an amendment being reached, or should the meeting have no further amendments which it wishes to put to an amendment, the amendments will be put to the meeting by the Chairperson in the reverse order in which they were originally put.

**Note**

It should be clearly understood that such amendments to amendments apply only to the amendment and not to the original motion itself. Each amended amendment, therefore, must be voted in reverse order as previously defined.

- vii During debate, speakers must announce their name and the club/group they represent after they have addressed the Chairperson.
- viii The Chairperson will have the power to adjourn the meeting or to settle points of discussion not otherwise dealt in the ICU Articles or these Standing Orders.
- ix On any question of procedure or interpretation of Standing Orders, the ruling of the Chairperson will be considered final.

- x It will be appropriate for any member to move without comment "that the motion be now put". If such a move is seconded and supported by the majority of those eligible to vote, the Chairperson will call upon the proposer to make a reply and the motion will be put forthwith without further delay.
- xi A person will be considered guilty of a breach of Standing Orders who;
  - uses objectionable words and refuses to withdraw them or offer a satisfactory apology;
  - uses offensive words in respect of another person;
  - wilfully disturbs the orderly conduct of business;
  - disobeys a lawful order of the Chairperson.
- xii Any person who commits a breach of Standing Orders may, on being declared by the Chairperson to be guilty of a breach of Standing Orders, be penalised, with the agreement of the Meeting by;
  - being ejected from the Meeting;
  - or being suspended for a fixed period from attending meetings.

In the case of a person being declared guilty of a breach of Standing Orders, the breach of the Standing Orders will be distinctly stated. The person so charged will then be allowed to provide an explanation before any action is taken. Having provided an explanation or on refusing to do so, the offending person will be requested to retire from the meeting room and await the result of the Meeting's discussion in relation to the charge.
- xiii The proposer of a motion or an amendment to it may speak for 5 minutes but not more than 5 minutes.
- xiv A member speaking on a motion or an amendment to it may not speak for more than 2 minutes.
- xv The proposer of a motion or an amendment to it may speak a second time for 2 minutes immediately before a vote is taken, but other members may not speak a second time to the same motion.
- xvi When the Chairperson considers that matter has been sufficiently discussed, the proposer may be called upon for a reply and when this has been done a vote must be taken.
- xvii Delegates will be issued with voting cards, which must be displayed when voting by a show of hands.
- xviii At any delegate meeting a motion will be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded.
- xix Elections will be conducted by secret ballot. Ballot papers listing the names of candidates will be distributed to delegates. In the case of the election in an uneven year of the ICU President and one ICU Executive Member, the election of the President will occur first. The candidate receiving the most votes will be deemed elected. The election of the ICU President will be followed by the election of the ICU Executive Member; again the candidate receiving the most votes will be deemed elected. In the case of the election in an even year of the remaining 3 members of the ICU Executive there will only be one ballot and the top three candidates receiving the most votes will be deemed elected. The meeting will appoint two tellers who will collect and count the votes. In the event of a tie a second ballot will be held, followed if necessary by a decision by lot.

### **2.3 Confirmation of the Quorum for the 48th Annual General Meeting**

The meeting was informed that following a count of the Delegates present the required quorum for the holding of the 48th Delegate Meeting was presented at the Meeting.

### **2.4 Minutes of the 47th (2007) Annual General Meeting**

The Minutes of the 47th Annual Delegate Meeting which had been previously circulated to Delegates were proposed, seconded, and adopted by the Meeting.

### **3. Presentation and Adoption of the 2008 Draft Audited Accounts**

The 2008 Draft Audited Accounts which had been previously circulated to Delegates were presented to the Meeting and questions invited from the floor. Following a number of queries which were answered either the ICU Chief Executive or the ICU President, the 2008 Draft Audited Accounts were proposed, seconded, and adopted by the Meeting as the 2008 Audited Accounts of the Irish Canoe Union.

### **4. Presentation and Adoption of the Executive's Report & Review.**

The 2008 Executive Committee's Annual Report was presented to the Meeting by the ICU President. He thanked Board Members for their hard work since the previous Annual Delegate Meeting. The Executive Committee's Report which had been previously circulated to Delegates was proposed, seconded, and adopted by the Meeting.

### **5. Nominations Received and Election to the Executive.**

The following nominations for the position of President and two positions on the ICU Executive were received:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>
President	Eamon Devoy	Celbridge Paddler
Executive_1	Brendan O'Connell	Kilcullen Canoe Club
Executive_2	Sean Byrne	Irish White Water Kayak Club
	Cormac Cassidy	St. Mac Dara's Kayak Club
	Brendan O'Brien	Wild Water Kayak Club
	Sile Sammon	ICU Board

Following clarification regarding voting procedures and the validity of the nomination submitted by Kilcullen Canoe Club in support of Brendan O'Connell, it was agreed that Kilcullen Canoe Club should withdraw its nomination for Brendan O'Connell. This was accepted by Kilcullen Canoe Club and Brendan O'Connell.

It was also concluded that the nomination submitted by Wild Water Kayak Club in support of Brendan O'Brien had not been submitted by the required date and should consequently be withdrawn. This was agreed by Wild Water Club and Brendan O'Brien.

Following further clarification regarding the number of candidates being put forward for election, delegates agreed to proceed to the election of the President and two of the positions on the ICU Executive.

As there was only one nomination for the position of President, the incumbent President, Eamon Devoy was elected unopposed.

Following the withdrawal of Brendan O'Connell and Brendan O'Brien there remained three nominations for the two vacant positions on the ICU Executive. Following the counting of votes Cormac Cassidy and Sile Sammon were deemed to be elected.

**6. Ratification of Election of the Technical Officers.**

The Chairman gave details to the Meeting of the current Technical Officers and sought ratification of the Technical Officers election to the Technical Committees. The Chairman invited questions from the floor in relation to Technical Committees' activities. Following questions, the Technical Officers were proposed, seconded, and adopted by the meeting.

**7. Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor**

The Meeting confirmed the appointment of the following auditor and solicitor for the coming year:

Auditor Dermot McMahon - MBM Accountants

Solicitor David Walsh - David Walsh & Co.

**8. Motions Received**

**Motion 1: Change to Article 26**

**Submitted by: ICU Board**

**Article 26:** *Each ICU Registered Club shall received votes in direct proportion to the number of Senior Members on the current nominal role held by the Honorary Secretary of the Union. The specific ratio shall be one vote per club plus one vote for every 10 Senior Members or part thereof, up to a maximum of 12 votes per club.*

**Delete "or part thereof"**

**Outcome: Motion 1 adopted by the majority of the Meeting.**

**Motion 2: Change to Article 43**

**Submitted by: ICU Board**

**Article 43:** *The following voting rights apply with respect to the different categories of Members:*

- i Delegates including delegates representing blocs of Individual Members duly nominated and notified to the Honorary Secretary shall be entitled to attend and vote at Delegate Meetings.*
- ii Members of the Board not acting as Delegates for ICU Registered Clubs shall be entitled to attend and vote at Delegate Meetings.*
- iii All Senior and Junior Members shall be entitled to attend Delegate Meetings but shall not be entitled to vote in their capacity as Club Members or Individual Members thereat.*

**Delete "not acting as Delegates for ICU Registered Clubs"**

**Outcome: Motion 2 adopted by the majority of the Meeting.**

**Motion 3: Correction to Article 44 (ii)**

**Submitted by: ICU Board**

**Article 44 (ii)** *The President and one Executive Member will be elected from amongst nominations submitted in accordance with these Articles for a term of 2 years in each year of an uneven number. The remaining members of the Executive shall be elected from amongst nominations submitted in accordance with these Articles for a term of 2 years in each year of an even number.*

**Delete "one" after....The President and.....and replace with "two"**

**Outcome: Motion 3 adopted by the majority of the Meeting.**

**Motion 4: Change to Article 45**

**Submitted by; ICU Board**

**Article 45** *The term of office of each Executive member shall be two years. Any member of the Executive holding office for three consecutive terms shall not be eligible for re election as a member of the Executive for a period of one year.*

**Delete Article 45 and replace with the following.....**

**Article 45** *The term of office of each Executive member shall be two years. Any member of the Executive holding office in the same Executive position for three consecutive terms shall not be eligible for re election to that Executive position for a period of two years.*

**Outcome: Motion 4 adopted by the majority of the Meeting.**

**Motion 5: Change to Article 47**

**Submitted by: ICU Board**

**Article 47** *The Executive shall following its election and at the first meeting of the Executive following an Annual Delegate Meeting appoint from among its members an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer.*

*The Executive shall following its election and at the first meeting of the Executive following an Annual Delegate Meeting appoint from among its members two directors of the company, Irish Canoe Union Limited, and shall appoint the Chief Executive as the Company Secretary.*

**Insert after** *.....from among its members an Honorary Secretary Treasurer and an Honorary Treasurer.....***who will also be appointed as 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents.**

**Outcome: Motion 5 adopted by the majority of the Meeting.**

**Motion 6: Change to Article 48**

**Submitted by: ICU Board**

**Article 48** *Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution at an Annual Delegate Meeting, the Union's Board of Management shall consist of the Executive; the National Child Protection Officer and the Access/Environmental Officer; and the Chairman from each of the following Committees:*

***Insert after .....consist of the Executive.....the co - opted positions of.....***

**Outcome: Motion 6 adopted by the majority of the Meeting.**

**Motion 7: Change to Article 4**

**Submitted by: Irish White Water Kayak Club**

**Article 4 Member(s) registered by an ICU Registered Club**

*A member of an ICU Registered Club who has been designated to Irish Canoe Union membership by that ICU Registered Club and for whom the appropriate annual membership fee has been paid by the ICU Registered Club on behalf of that member. All such members shall be enrolled on the Register of Members held by the Irish Canoe Union.*

*Every application by a club to the Union for registration as an ICU Registered Club and for the registration of its members as Members registered by an ICU Registered Club shall be in writing and in such form as shall contain the particulars and information as the Board may from time to time determine as being necessary.*

**ICU Individual Member(s)**

*An individual who has paid the appropriate annual membership fee and who shall be enrolled on the Register of Members held by the Irish Canoe Union. A registered member of the ICU Training & Development Unit shall be considered an ICU Individual Member.*

*Every application by an individual to the Union for registration as an ICU Individual Member shall be in writing and in such form as shall contain the particulars and information as the Board may from time to time determine as being necessary.*

***Insert in 2nd and 4th paragraph after .....shall contain the particulars.....disciplines actively undertaken in the past year and....***

**Outcome Motion 6 adopted by the majority of the Meeting with the following amendment:**

***Insert in 2nd and 4th paragraph after .....shall contain the particulars..... where practical disciplines actively undertaken in the past year and....***

**Motion 8 Motion to discuss the strategic goals of the ICU**

**Submitted by Irish White Water Kayak Club**

**Outcome** It was agreed based on the content of the ICU Executive Report that this motion was no longer relevant and consequently withdrawn.

**9. Adoption of Membership Fees**

The following changes were proposed to current ICU Membership Fees for introduction on January 1st, 2010:

Club Registration	- €100
Senior Club Membership	- €20 per Senior Club Member
Junior Club Membership	- €10 per Junior Club Member
Individual Membership	- €20 per Senior Individual Member <i>(no Junior Membership acceptable)</i>

**10. President's Closing Address & Close of Meeting.**

Following completion of Item 9 the Chairman declared the meeting closed. He thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the re convened meeting. On behalf of the membership he conveyed his best wishes to Liam Emery from Donegal Canoe Club wishing him a speedy recovery.

**11. Discussion Forum.**

As a result of the meeting overrunning it was decided by the majority to dispense with the Discussion Forum.