

Minutes of the 49th (2009) Annual Delegate Meeting of the Irish Canoe Union  
Saturday, May 29th, 2010 at 4:00 pm  
Sport HQ, Park West, Dublin 12

1.00 President's Opening Address

The 49th 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.

2.00 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.

3.00 Adoption of the Agenda for the 49th 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 Opening Address
2. Apologies and Correspondence
3. Adoption of the Agenda for the 49th Annual Delegate Meeting
4. Adoption of Standing Orders for the 49th Annual General Meeting
5. Confirmation of the Quorum for the 49th Annual General Meeting
6. Minutes of the 48th (2008) Annual General Meeting
7. Presentation and Adoption of the Draft Audited Accounts for 2009
8. Presentation and Adoption of the Executive's Report & Review
9. Nominations Received and Election to the Executive
10. Motions Received
11. Ratification of the Technical Committees' Officers
12. Adoption of Membership Fees
13. Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor
14. President's Closing Address & Close of Meeting

#### 4.00 Adoption of Standing Orders for the 49th Annual General Meeting

The following are the Standing Orders adopted by the Meeting –

- 4.01.00 No business will be transacted at an annual delegate meeting other than that specified on the agenda of that annual delegate meeting.
- 4.02.00 Matters which the ICU Board of Management considers 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.
- 4.03.00 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.
- 4.04.00 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.
- 4.05.00 Motions duly proposed, seconded and circulated in accordance with the ICU Articles will be liable for amendment at an annual delegate meeting as follows:
  - 4.05.01 An amendment cannot be a direct negative of a motion. It must be relevant and within the scope of the motion being considered.
  - 4.05.02 No member will move more than two amendments upon any motion.
  - 4.05.03 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.
  - 4.05.04 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.
  - 4.05.05 During debate, speakers must announce their name and the club/group they represent after they have addressed the Chairperson.
  - 4.05.06 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.
  - 4.05.07 On any question of procedure or interpretation of Standing Orders, the ruling of the Chairperson will be considered final.

- 4.05.08 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.
- 4.06.00 A person will be considered guilty of a breach of Standing Orders who;
- 4.06.01 uses objectionable words and refuses to withdraw them or offer a satisfactory apology;
  - 4.06.02 uses offensive words in respect of another person;
  - 4.06.03 wilfully disturbs the orderly conduct of business;
  - 4.06.04 disobeys a lawful order of the Chairperson.
- 4.07.00 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;
- 4.07.01 being ejected from the Meeting;
  - 4.07.02 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.
- 4.08.00 The proposer of a motion or an amendment to it may speak for 5 minutes but not more than 5 minutes.
- 4.09.00 A member speaking on a motion or an amendment to it may not speak for more than 2 minutes.
- 4.10.00 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.
- 4.11.00 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.
- 4.12.00 Delegates will be issued with voting cards, which must be displayed when voting by a show of hands.
- 4.13.00 At any delegate meeting a motion will be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded.
- 4.14.00 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.

5.00 Confirmation of the Quorum for the 49th Annual General Meeting

The meeting was informed that following a count of the Delegates present the required quorum for the holding of the 49th Delegate Meeting was presented at the Meeting.

6.00 Minutes of the 48th (2008) 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.

7.00 Presentation and Adoption of the Draft Audited Accounts for 2009

The 2009 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 Auditors, Dermot McMahon from MBM Accountants, the ICU Chief Executive Michael Scanlon or the ICU President, Eamon Devoy, the 2009 Draft Audited Accounts were proposed, seconded, and adopted by the Meeting as the 2009 Audited Accounts of the Irish Canoe Union.

8.00 Presentation and Adoption of the Executive's Report & Review

The 2009 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.

9.00 Nominations Received and Election to the Executive.

The following nominations for the two positions due for election to the ICU Executive were received

Name	Nominated by
Karl Dunne	ICU Board of Management
Dermot Hudson	Salmon Leap Canoe Club
Robert McKernan	Voyagers Canoe Club
Noel Tallon	Wild Water Kayak Club

Following clarification regarding voting procedures and the counting of votes Karl Dunne and Noel Tallon were deemed elected to the ICU Executive Committee for a 2 year term.

10.00 Motions Received

Motion 1: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: ICU Board

No addition, alternation or amendment shall be made to the objects of the Company, such as would be non – compliance with the requirement of section 24 (1) (a) and (b) of the Companies Act 1963, as provided for in the provisions of this memorandum of association for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously submitted and approved by the Register of Companies.

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

Motion 2: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: ICU Board

Motion to change the name of the Irish Canoe Union to Canoeing Ireland

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

11.00 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.

12.00 Adoption of Membership Fees

Only one change was proposed in relation to the existing membership this being an increase from €20 to €30 for Individual Membership. The meeting voted in favour of increasing the Individual Membership Fee from €20 to €30. ICU Membership Fees were confirmed to the meeting as follows:

Club Registration	- €100
Senior Club Membership	- €20 per Senior Club Member
Junior Club Membership	- €5 per Junior Club Member
Individual Membership	- €30 per Senior Individual Member
Training Unit Membership	- €20

13.00 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.

14.00 President's Closing Address & Close of Meeting.

Following completion of Item 13 the Chairman declared the meeting closed. He thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the re convened meeting.