

Minutes of the 50th (2010) Annual Delegate Meeting of the Irish Canoe Union
Saturday, November 26th, 2011 at 11:00 am
Clarion Hotel, Liffey Valley, Lucan

1.00 President's Opening Address

The 50th 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 specifically for the attention of the Meeting.

Correspondence was received from Kilcullen Canoe Club relating to the board invalidating a motion submitted for the 50th AGM. The correspondence calls for the AGM to vote on accepting the addition of the motion to the agenda. The letter was issued to every member of the AGM and was dealt with in Item 9 Motions as requested.

3.00 Adoption of the Agenda for the 50th 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 with the addition of AOB at the end of the agenda.

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 50th Annual Delegate Meeting
4. Adoption of Standing Orders for the 50th Annual General Meeting
5. Confirmation of the Quorum for the 50th Annual General Meeting
6. Minutes of the 49th (2009) Annual General Meeting
7. Presentation and Adoption of the Executive's Report & Review
8. Presentation and Adoption of the Draft Audited Accounts for 2010
9. Motions Received
10. Nominations Received for Election to the ICU Executive Committee
11. Ratification of the Technical Committees' Officers
12. Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor
13. President's Closing Address & Close of Meeting
14. AOB

There will be a Canoeing forum after the ADM

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 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.
- 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.
- 4.06.00 During debate, speakers must announce their name and the club/group they represent after they have addressed the Chairperson.
- 4.07.00 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.
- 4.08.00 On any question of procedure or interpretation of Standing Orders, the ruling of the Chairperson will be considered final.

- 4.09.00 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.
- 4.10.00 A person will be considered guilty of a breach of Standing Orders who;
- 4.10.01 uses objectionable words and refuses to withdraw them or offer a satisfactory apology;
 - 4.10.02 uses offensive words in respect of another person;
 - 4.10.03 wilfully disturbs the orderly conduct of business;
 - 4.10.04 disobeys a lawful order of the Chairperson.
- 4.11.00 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;
- 4.11.01 being ejected from the Meeting;
 - 4.11.02 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.
- 4.12.00 The proposer of a motion or an amendment to it may speak for 5 minutes but not more than 5 minutes.
- 4.13.00 A member speaking on a motion or an amendment to it may not speak for more than 2 minutes.
- 4.14.00 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.
- 4.15.00 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.
- 4.16.00 Delegates will be issued with voting cards, which must be displayed when voting by a show of hands.
- 4.17.00 At any delegate meeting a motion will be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded.
- 4.18.00 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 two ICU Executive Members, 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 Members; again the candidates receiving the most votes will be deemed elected. In the case of the election in an even year of the remaining 2 members of the ICU Executive there will only be one ballot and the top two 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 50th Annual General Meeting

The meeting was informed that following a count of the Delegates, 34 voting delegates were present which meets the required quorum for the holding of the 50th Delegate Meeting was presented at the Meeting.

6.00 Minutes of the 49th (2009) Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 49th 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 Executive's Report & Review

The 2010 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. Following a number of questions from the floor which were answered by the President, Eamon Devoy, the Executive Committee's Report was proposed, seconded, and adopted by the Meeting.

8.00 Presentation and Adoption of the Draft Audited Accounts for 2010

The 2010 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 by either the ICU Auditors, Dermot McMahon from MBM Accountants, the ICU Honorary Treasurer, Noel Tallon or the ICU President, Eamon Devoy, the 2010 Draft Audited Accounts were proposed, seconded, and adopted by the Meeting as the 2010 Audited Accounts of the Irish Canoe Union.

9.00 Motions Received

Motion 1: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: ICU Board

Following the decision of the 2010 AGM to change the name of the Irish Canoe Union to Canoeing Ireland, that the Memorandum of Association, Governance Policy and other formal documentation of the Union be amended so as to replace all references to Irish Canoe Union Limited, Irish Canoe Union and the "Union" with the words – Canoeing Ireland, CI and the "Company" as appropriate.

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

Motion 2.1: Article 80

Submitted by: ICU Board

That within 10 working days of the approval of the draft minutes of a Board meeting the Board publish a report of the proceedings of the meeting concerned.

Discussion: Following several questions from the floor clarification on Motion 2.1 was provided by Eamon Devoy. The word report would be defined as an expanded version of the board meeting minutes including an attendance list, an agenda and minutes of executive meetings. The report would exclude any sensitive matters including employment or child protection issues. The report would be published on the Canoeing Ireland Website.

Outcome: Motion 2.1 adopted by the majority of the Meeting.

Motion 2.2: Article 80

Submitted by: Irish Whitewater Association

That Minutes of Board meeting and Executive meetings be published.

Outcome: Motion 2.2 withdrawn

Motion 2.3: Article 80

Submitted by: Galway Kayak Club
That the board and executive of the ICU increase transparency by publishing the minutes of the Board/executive/ committee meetings within 14 days of such meetings being held.

Outcome: Motion 2.3 withdrawn

Motion 3: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: The Board
That with effect from the 51st ADM all individual Members will each have their own personal vote and that with a view to maintaining the existing voting ratios the number of votes available to clubs be consequently be increased by a factor of ten.

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

Motion 4: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: The Board
That the incoming Board be instructed, as a matter of priority, to establish a subcommittee for the purpose of reviewing the ICU governance procedures and constitution.

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

Motion 5: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: The Board
That an Audit Committee consisting of three persons, under the Chairmanship of the Honorary Treasurer, be established with the other two members coming from the general membership based on nominations accepted at this ADM.

Outcome: Motion 5 withdrawn

Discussion: Although motion 5 was withdrawn the ADM nominated two people to sit on an audit committee to be established by the board of management. The two nominations were Kevin O'Hara from Irish Whitewater Association and Dermot Hudson Salmon Leap Canoe Club.

Motion 6.1: Article 45

Submitted by: Irish Whitewater Association
To change Article 45 to the following:
The term of office of each executive member shall be 2 years. Any member of the Executive holding office for 3 consecutive terms shall not be eligible for re-election as a member of the executive for a period of one year.

Outcome: Motion 6.1 adopted by the majority of the Meeting.

Motion 6.2: Article 45

Submitted by: Galway Kayak Club
To limit the number of consecutive terms a member of the executive/ committee can stand for re-election, in any position to a maximum of 5 years.

Outcome: Motion 6.2 withdrawn

Motion 7: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: Galway Kayak Club

That there be one clubs representative added to the board.

Outcome: Motion 7 adopted by the majority of the Meeting.

Motion 8.1: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: Irish Whitewater Association
Discussions on the ICU Direction in the future.

Outcome: Motion 8.1 withdrawn

Motion 8.2: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: Galway Kayak Club
That the board publish the 2010 Strategic Review and workshop findings and accept comments and suggestions from the membership on this document with a view to using it as the basis for the future development of Canoeing Ireland.

Outcome: Motion 8.2 adopted by the majority of the Meeting.

Discussion: The president requested that the board be granted some time to finalise the strategic review before publication. The ADM agreed that the documents should be published within 6 months.

Motion 9.1: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: Galway Kayak Club
To make public the list of all instructors in the country and their instructor level.

Outcome: Motion 9.1 adopted by the majority of the Meeting.

Motion 9.2: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: Galway Kayak Club
For instructors who register with the TDU at membership renewal-ensure that all
Instructor details are made available to the TDU in a timely manner.

Outcome: Motion 9.2 withdrawn

Motion 10: New article (nomenclature to be decided)

Submitted by: Kilcullen Canoe Club
That the AGM vote to accept or reject a revision of the motion that was considered invalid by the board and that this revised motion be included under item 9 (motions received) of the AGM agenda.

The reworded motion to be considered is as follows:

That the AGM support a motion calling for a vote of no confidence in the ICU Board to manage the affairs of the Union as a result of its failure to call an EGM as requested in accordance with the terms of the ICU Articles of Association.

Outcome: Motion 10: 58 in favour, 67 against. Motion defeated.

10.00 Nominations Received and Election to the Executive.

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

Nominations for President

Name	Nominated by
Eamon Fleming	Celbridge Paddlers Canoe Club
Pat Mc Alinney	Galway Kayak Club

Following clarification regarding voting procedures and the counting of votes Pat Mc Alinney was deemed elected as President of Canoeing Ireland Executive for a 2 year term.

Nominations for the two Ordinary Member Positions

Name	Nominated by
Mark Clinton	Salmon Leap Canoe Club
Yvonne Glynn	Wild Water kayak Club
Kevin Horan	Trim Canoe Club
Declan Mc Daid	Kilcullen Canoe Club – Nomination Withdrawn
Conor Ryan	Rockhoppers Kayak Club – Nomination Withdrawn

Mark Clinton and Yvonne Glynn were deemed elected to the ICU Executive Committee for a 2 year term.

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. The Technical Officers were proposed, seconded, and adopted by the meeting.

12.00 Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor

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

Auditor	OSK
Solicitor	Bruce St John Blake & Co

13.00 President's Closing Address & Close of Meeting.

Following completion of Item 12 the Chairman called for a vote to close the meeting. The majority approved to close the meeting at 17.24 and the chairman declared the meeting closed. He thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting.