

Minutes of Canoeing Ireland Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday 28th August 7.30pm – 10.30pm

Venue: Canoeing Ireland HQ, National Institute of Sport, Blanchardstown

Attendees: Mark Clinton – President (MC)
Jenny Kilbride – Executive 1 (JK)
Wesley Bourke – Executive 2 (WB)
Brendan O’Brien – Marathon Chair (BOB)
Eamonn Fleming - Sprint Chair (EF)
Aidan Doran – TDU Chair (AD)
Aisling Griffin – Surf Chair (AG)
Maria McGivern – Clubs Officer (MM)
Karl Dunne – General Manager (KD)
William Irwin (by skype) – Treasurer (WI)
Tadhg McIntyre (by skype) – Wildwater Chair (TM)
Michelle Power (by skype) – Canoe Polo Chair (MP)

Apologies: Kim Siekerman - Secretary
Ciaran Farrell – Canoe Slalom Chair

Absent: Niamh Cleary – Freestyle Chair

Agenda Item 1:

Reading and Adoption of Minutes of Board Meeting of 30th July

EF inserted amendments to items 4 and 10

Conclusion: Minutes proposed by JK and seconded by EF

Agenda Item 2:

Matters Arising from Previous Board Meeting on 30th July

No matters were arising from the previous board meeting

Agenda Item 3:

Correspondence Received

Correspondence was received from Justine Barrett of Inland Fisheries Ireland in relation to some difficulties between kayakers and fishermen. Correspondence also received from Abe Jacob in relation to a planning appeal for the sluice project.

Re Inland Fisheries letter MC advised KD to contact the club in question for an update and to advise them of the CI policy to work with other water users.

Re sluice appeal letter KD advised the board that if planning permission for the project is not granted funding will be lost

Conclusion: KD to write to Laois kayak club

Agenda Item 4:

Summary of Executive Meeting Wednesday 21 Aug 2013

The minutes of the last executive meeting were attached in the board pack and circulated before the meeting

BOB asked that any correspondence received by the Executive be included with the minutes

BOB asked about correspondence received from WWKC.

A brief discussion followed on the matter.

TM queried item 3 in the Executive minutes re correspondence received and disciplinary panels ratified. A discussion followed where it was explained that the board have ultimate responsibility for disciplinary matters and that the executive can appoint a disciplinary and appeals panel but that this must be subsequently ratified at board level. It was pointed out to the board by the President that the authority of the board in disciplinary and appeals matters is expressed through the Canoeing Ireland (ICU) Disciplinary & Appeals Policy. As this issue relates to an issue covered by the Disciplinary & Appeals Procedure this item has been redacted in the interests of member confidentiality.

Conclusion:

MC said that the resolution would be to inform all board members of any disciplinary complaints matters or appeals except in the case of child protection where a separate policy would apply.

Memos & Articles Update:

MC said that the target date for revised memos and arts was next ADM.

A brief discussion took place on this subject. The President pointed out that the Memo & Articles had not been updated to the Companies Office since 1986.

Agenda Item 5

Update from General Manager – Update Liffey Descent

KD read is report which highlighted the following;

That so far there were 85 entries in for the Liffey Descent

Garda Vetting was underway but it is a time consuming process as forms need to be posted back if they are filled out incorrectly.

KD added an addition to item 7 saying for Jenny Egan in the 200m and 500m Sprint and also the Patrick O’Leary qualified for the B final

KD said that the membership of CI is up 21%

Conclusion:

KD to circulate membership demography stats and KD to circulate time and date of next Liffey Descent organising committee meeting

Agenda Item 6:

BCU Coaches Assimilation

KD said that the office are trying to formulate a doc so that people with BCU qualifications can transfer to the CI scheme

AD said that the doc had been on the TDU website for a while now

MC proposed that the doc be ratified. The full board agreed.

Conclusion:

BCU coach’s assimilation document was ratified by the board

Agenda Item 7:

Water Quality in Kilcock

MP said that the club in Kilcock have had to close due to poor water quality in the canal which was 4 times above the recommended safety level after recent rain. She pointed out that 1 in 6 children in Kilcock play polo and also that girls are in the majority. It is a matter of urgency the water problem is solved. A brief discussion followed.

Agenda Item 8:

Retrospective Ratification of Disciplinary and Appeals Panel

A disciplinary & Appeals Panel has been established by the Executive to deal with a Sprint Committee issue. The board is now required to ratify this decision. As this matter is confidential to the Disciplinary & Appeals process this section has been redacted from the minutes.

Conclusion;

Disciplinary & Appeals Panel Ratified.

Agenda Item 9:

Re-Establishment of the OPPC

TM Proposed the ratification of a new Olympic Performance Programme Committee (OPPC)

To be comprised of

1. A member of the executive (Chairperson)
2. The General Manager
3. A representative of the Canoe Sprint Committee;
4. A representative of the Canoe Slalom Committee;
5. A representative of the Canoe Polo Committee;
6. A representative of the Wildwater Racing Committee
7. A representative of the Freestyle Committee;
8. A representative of the Kayak Surf Committee;
9. A representative of the Marathon Racing Committee;
10. An accredited sports medicine practitioner with relevant experience in canoe sport;
11. An IIS recognised sport-scientist with relevant experience in canoe sport;
12. A former Olympic canoe-kayak athlete (minimum two years post-carding).

A long discussion followed where two points of view were expressed one generally supportive and making the case that having all the disciplines involved promotes a linkage between non Olympic disciplines and the two Olympic disciplines and one not supportive and of the view that the proposed committee is too large and diverse leading to lack of focus and inability to make decisions.

Conclusion:

The document proposal was defeated by 6 votes to 5

Agenda Item 10:

Officers Reports

AD said that the TDU report could be circulated by email as we are running late

MP said that the men's polo squad came 8th in Poznan and the Canoe Polo Irish Open would take place in Longford this weekend

TM said that the Wildwater AGM would be taking place tomorrow and that he would not be running for a position on the wildwater committee. He wished MC all the best in his role as president

Conclusion:

AD to circulate TDU report

Agenda Item 11:

PR and Sales and Marketing Brief

WB gave a brief synopsis of the PR document. MC said that the PR strategy doc written by WB was an extremely helpful doc. EF thanked WB for producing an excellent doc.

Due to time constraints a Sales and Marketing Brief was not given

Conclusion:

MC asked all board members to have read the document for ratification at the next board meeting

Agenda Item 12:

B10 Director Forms

Two B10 forms were given to KD for processing

Agenda Item 13:

AOB and Agreement for Next Board Meeting

KD said that director's indemnity insurance had been increased

TM said that Carmel Vekins had been awarded an honour by UL to celebrate her 40 years there. MC asked KD to liaise with TM to draw up a letter of congratulations for Carmel which he would sign

MC asked Karl to look at the books re distribution of funding. He asked the disciplines report back in relation to how they spent the money there were given. MC asked KD to send a message to all treasurers and chairs to ask for detailed breakdown of how all money given has been spent.

MC highlighted that there had been a great junior Paddlefest event in Castlebar. KD said that CI assisted the organiser of said event with insurance, loan of boats and bibs. MC said that it would be great to have a mobile unit which could be lent out for such events. All agreed that this would be a great idea. MC asked KD to draft a letter to Stephen Hannon congratulating him on a very successful event.

Conclusion:

KD to draft letters of congratulations for Carmel Vekins and Stephen Hannon.

KD to contact treasurers and chairs of all committees to ask for a detailed breakdown of how monies have been spent

The next Canoeing Ireland Board Meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm in Canoeing Ireland Offices, Blanchardstown,