

**Minutes of the 56th (2015) Annual Delegate Meeting of Irish Canoe Union Ltd T/A
Canoeing Ireland.**

**Saturday, April 11, 2014 at 16:00 in the Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Lough, Atalia
Road, Galway.**

1.00 Welcome and Opening Address.

The 56th Annual Delegate Meeting of Canoeing Ireland was opened by the Canoeing Ireland President, Mark Clinton at 16:10, all board members were present – Mark Clinton, Wes Burke, Karl Dunne, Jenny Kilbride, Gerry Collins, Chris Corr, Colm Healy, Abe Jacobs, Adrian Shanahan.

2.00 Apologies and Correspondence.

Mark Clinton informed the meeting that there were no apologies.

3.00 Adoption of the Agenda for the 51st Annual Delegate Meeting.

Mark Clinton, as chair, informed the attending members of basic housekeeping rules. He then presented the Agenda for the Meeting which had been previously circulated to Delegates. Questions from previous ADM were raised by Phillip McCormack with regards Wes Burke or any board member having to be a full member of Canoeing Ireland. The Review panel for the Training centre was brought up by Phillip McCormack as the 8 month deadline was passed and a new date of one month from the ADM (11/05/15) was set for applications to be sent in to office@canoe.ie. Brendan O'Brien asked what the age limit was for a chair of a committee and where could the details be checked? It was confirmed it is on the Canoeing Ireland webpage in the governance section and one must be 18 years old and it was confirmed that the current chair of Freestyle was over 18 years of age. Agenda was proposed and seconded.

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 54th Annual Delegate Meeting.
4. Adoption of Standing Orders for the 54th Annual Delegate Meeting.
5. Confirmation of the Quorum for the 54th Annual Delegate Meeting.
6. Minutes of the 53rd (2014) Emergency Delegate Meeting.
7. Presentation and adoption of the Executive's Report & Review.
8. Presentation and adoption of the draft Audited Accounts for 2014.
9. Motions received.
10. Nominations received for election to Executive Committee
11. Nominations received for election of Regional & Technical members of the board.
12. Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor.
13. AOB.
14. Presidents closing address.

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**4.00 Adoption of Standing Orders for the 54th Annual Delegate Meeting: These
Standing orders were discussed, by the Chair, Proposed and seconded.**

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 Canoeing Ireland 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 Canoeing Ireland 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 Canoeing Ireland Articles may be amended other than by procedures specified in the Canoeing Ireland Articles or in these Standing Orders.
- 4.05.00 Motions duly proposed, seconded and circulated in accordance with the Canoeing Ireland 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.

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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 Canoeing Ireland 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.

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- 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 Canoeing Ireland President and two Canoeing Ireland Executive Members, the election of the President will occur first. The candidate receiving the most votes will be deemed elected. The election of the Canoeing Ireland President will be followed by the election of the Canoeing Ireland 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 Canoeing Ireland 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 54th Annual Delegate Meeting.

The Chair informed that following count of the Delegates, 32 voting delegates were present which meets the required quorum for the holding of the 54th Canoeing Ireland Delegate Meeting was presented at the Meeting.

6.00 Minutes of the 53rd (2014) Emergency Delegate meeting.

The Minutes of the 53rd 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 Boards Report.

The 2014 Board's Annual Report was read to the Meeting by Mark Clinton. Following a number of questions from the floor and a lengthy discussion the adoption of the report was put to a vote. The adoption of the Board report was passed.

Suggestions for the coming year:

- Provincial reports or include the Discipline reports from their own ADMs.- Phillip McCormack.
- Requested copies of the Board minutes from March 2014 or the redacted version. – Phillip McCormack.
- Board access to the website to upload content – Pat MacAlinney.
- Working group for the Training Centre and its overdue set up – Dermot Hudson.

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8.00 Presentation and Adoption of the Draft Audited Accounts for 2014

Colm Healy presented the 2014 Draft Audited Accounts which had been previously circulated to Delegates. Questions were invited from the floor. Following a number of queries, regarding the audited accounts. The Chair reminded the meeting that the accounts are full Audited Financial Accounts for the Company, and additional details can be given in a different format for members for better understanding The Draft Audited Accounts were proposed, seconded, and adopted by the Meeting.

Queries that came up from the discussion:

Liffey Descent Surplus funds, where are they and what were they spent on? – Brendan O’Brien.

Breakdown of entry fee vs income – Shane Cronin

Explanation of drop in membership – Iomhair Mac Giolla Padraig

Disciplines voice lost in new Board Make up, suggestions a discipline representative for the board to voice concerns. – Abe Jacobs.

- Suggestions of reports for grant money between the disciplines and the board – Dermot Hudson.
- Discussion over expenses and solution was to print expenses for all to see.

9.00 Motions Received

Motion 1:	This motion proposes to remove proxy voting as specified in articles 29, 31, 32, 33 of the ICU trading as Canoeing Ireland by removing the named paragraphs.
Submitted by:	Submitted by: The Board of Canoeing Ireland.
Outcome:	Passed: 772-213 in favour.

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10.0 Nominations for Canoeing Ireland Elections:

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Nomination	Name	Proposed	Seconded
President	Mr Mark Clinton	SLCC	KCC
	Mr Paul Donnelly	CPC	Paddlefest CC
Executive	Mr Colm Healy	Kilkenny Aqua	32ndLimeric k Scout Group
Executive	Mr Pat MacAlinney	GKC	Goya Gang
Executive	Mr Wesley Bourke	WWKC	SLCC
Dublin Representative	No Nominations		
Munster Representative	Mr Colm Slevin	Limerick KC	Limerick Scout Group
Non-Olympic High Performance Representative	No Nomination		
Recreational Representative	Charlene Cronin (Invalid)	Castlebar CC	Goya Gang CC

Nominations to Canoeing Ireland President

Nominee Elected for President of Canoeing Ireland : Paul Donnelly, Paddlefest CC.

Outcome: In favour: 658 – 401

13.0 Appointment of Auditor and Solicitor

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

Auditor Was agreed at 2015 ADM Auditor was a 3 year appointment

Solicitor Bruce St John Blake & Co.

14.0 Chairpersons Closing Address & Close of Meeting.

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Mark Clinton closed the ADM, thanked everyone for their support, no AOB, safe journey & go home.