

## **Minutes of a Slalom Committee Meeting**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>15/09/2016 08:30pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>The ICU Training Centre, Strawberry Beds</b>
<b>Present</b>	<b>Colm Ryan, Chairman Kris Kohls Dave Farrell Dermot Morley Pat Hendrick Adam Conlan</b>
<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Ciarán Farrell Ike Jacobs Pete Spence</b>

### **Item 1, Eligibility for squad and for selection**

A general discussion took place concerning eligibility to join the squad. It was noted that, while the selection policy was concerned with eligibility for selection, we did not have similar criteria for eligibility to join the squad.

Dermot Morley offered to look at eligibility for both the squad and for selection with a view to bringing a proposal to a future meeting.

### **Item 2, Location of 2017 selection races**

This discussion was prompted by an email received from Matt McKnight recommending that selection should no longer take place over a single weekend at Sluice.

Colm Ryan expressed the view that it could be unfair for selection to take place over a single weekend as this was particularly hard on an athlete that was ill or injured at the time.

The consensus was that there should be at least one selection event at Sluice but that we should look at the possibility of holding other selection races abroad. It was agreed that the committee members would look at the relevant calendars with a view to progressing this discussion at the next meeting.

Relevant factors to be taken into account were

1. The cost of travel
2. The timing of events to suit school and college holidays
3. That the arrangements should allow time for adequate training on the course
4. Whether the same events are suitable for Juniors, Under 23s and Seniors

### **Item 3, Nomination of High Performance representative**

Decision: The Chairperson will nominate Neil Fleming for this position.

Proposed by	Pat Hendrick
Seconded by	Kris Kohls
In Favour	ALL
Against	None
Abstentions	None

### **Item 4, Paddlefest**

This discussion concerned the practicalities of preparing for the weekend, how many poles were needed, where gates with numbers could be sourced etc.

There will be 12 volunteer coaches and they will be rostered so that some of the older coaches are available at all times.

### **Item 5, Liffey Descent**

Kris Kohls confirmed that the Slalom Committee would be able to provide tea, coffee and cakes, as usual, at this event

### **Item 6, Funding**

Colm Ryan advised that funding of €2,000, expected from CI, would be delayed until the CI accounts are ratified at the ADM.

### **Item 8, Accounts**

Kris Kohls advised that there was €5,000, in the bank, as at 31<sup>st</sup> of July but the position will be tighter by September due to funds due to Eoin and Sean for training and Pat and Ciarán for Team Manager expenses.

The athlete contribution for Krakow, at €645 plus €320 plus water fees was expensive but Pat Hendrick advised that this was because fixed costs were divided between only 7 athletes.

### **Item 9, Correspondence between the parent of an under 23 athlete and CI**

It was felt that, as Ike Jacob was more familiar with the background to the issues concerned, this discussion would make more progress if scheduled for the next meeting for which Ike would be available.

### **Item 9, ICF Coaching conference**

Pat Hendrick wondered if it was worthwhile to send a representative to these conferences but the consensus was that resources could be more fruitfully spent elsewhere.

The meeting was brought to a close by Colm Ryan, Chairman, at 10:50 pm