

Minutes of a Slalom Committee Meeting

Date and Time	25/11/2017 06:30pm
Location	The ICU Training Centre, Strawberry Beds
Present	Dermot Morley, Chairman Colm Ryan Liz Ansell Paul Dignam Pat Hendrick Adam Conlan
Apologies	Pete Spence

Item 1, Talent ID

A decision was made to set up a Talent ID event.

It will be announced on facebook and there was some discussion regarding the target attendee for this event.

While the organisers of other Talent ID events have used them to attract athletes from outside their own sport, it was felt that, for safety reasons, the attendees would need some canoe or kayak experience and, as a result, would most likely already be canoeing in another discipline.

Item 2, Athletes' Forum

It was decided to schedule the athletes' forum for Saturday the 16th of December to take place after Sluice training. It was felt that this would suit athletes and their families from outside Dublin who wouldn't have to travel on separate days for the training and for the forum.

Item 3, Carding Review

A draft carding criteria was reviewed.

Dermot Morley was delegated to try to get the most favourable terms that could be achieved given the known constraints.

Item 4, Draft Financials

An update on the financial position was provided by the Honorary Treasurer, Paul Dignam.

The main focus of the discussion was to reduce, as far as possible, the cost of training during the 2017 season to the athletes.

Item 5. Selection

A preliminary discussion took place regarding the selection policy, based around an initial policy document prepared by Pat Hendrick.

It was felt that the performance percentages should be stringent enough to bring the best out of athletes but not so stringent as to prevent talented athletes from competing in international events.

Instead of athletes applying for discretionary selection, they would be added to a team at the discretion of the committee and any such additions would take account of the athlete's ranking order.

The athlete assessment panel would be retained but the emphasis of the panel would be to flag situations where an athlete might not be able to safely compete on some or all of the courses for which boat spaces are available.

The meeting was brought to a close by Dermot Morley, Chairman, at 8:05pm