

Minutes

2017 AGM of Canoe Slalom Ireland

Held on Saturday, the 27th of January 2018

in the Canoeing Ireland training centre.

1. Opening of the meeting

Having ascertained that a quorum of 15 was exceeded, the chairman, Dermot Morley, opened the meeting.

2. Adoption of Standing Orders

The standing orders that had been distributed in advance of the meeting were adopted.

Proposed by: Sonja Farrell
Seconded by: Kris Kohls
In Favour: Unanimous

3. Minutes of the last meeting

As the minutes of the last AGM had been distributed to all attendees before the meeting began, it was decided that they should be accepted without being read to the meeting.

Proposed by: Kris Kohls
Seconded by: Ciarán Farrell
In Favour: Unanimous

4. Chairman's address

Dermot Morley reviewed the events and issues of relevance to the performance of slalom during 2017. The areas covered were as follows:

Domestic facilities

The committee is delighted to see that slalom is taking hold outside Dublin with excellent work being done in Clonmel to provide a course that provides a good level of water even when rivers, such as the Liffey, are low in Summertime.

Youth Olympic games

Slalom arranged a selection process for the Youth Olympic games which features both slalom and sprint events.

Paddlesport and Talent ID

As always, slalom contributed to the Paddlesports event and used the occasion to help recruit new paddlers into our discipline.

International Results

While it was disappointing that we did not have any slalom representation at the 2016 Olympic games, it is very encouraging to see new talent coming through with our C1 team now looking particularly strong.

Carding Review

Canoeing Ireland are speaking to Sport Ireland concerning the carding system and asked for input from the Olympic disciplines. The scope for additional funding is very limited but the committee asked that carding be provided to all athletes reaching the top 25 in world cup series or rankings and to all athletes reaching a semi final in the world or European championships.

Athlete's forum

The inaugural athlete's forum was held during the year and was very well attended. The committee will take the athlete's view on board and will arrange another forum at the end of 2018.

Future Developments

Progress is being made with the planning for a white water course for Dublin, probably to be located on a site near the IFSC.

There is a renewed focus on high performance in canoeing Ireland. Numerous meetings were held with Sport Ireland as part of Tokyo 2020 submissions. It was agreed that a high performance athlete group would be formed and further efforts made to appoint a HP director.

The slalom committee were awarded a grant of 12.5k to purchase new boats to help with their efforts in developing the sport.

Thanks

On behalf of the committee, Dermot thanked all the athletes and everyone else who helped during the year, particularly our coach, Eoin Rheinisch.

5. Treasurer's Report

The annual accounts had been distributed prior to the meeting and the Honorary Treasurer, Paul Dignam, provided a walk-through of the figures.

6. Consideration of Proposals

Proposals were discussed that had been submitted by Elizabeth O'Ferrall, Maeve and David Martin, and Brian O'Herlihy. Each proposal had been published in full online, in advance of the meeting, and are summarised below.

Proposal 1: From Elizabeth O'Ferrall, recommended that the AGM either elect the positions listed in the Constitution or change that Constitution to reflect the positions that are needed.

After discussion, this proposal was withdrawn as the positions for election were in line with the Constitution that had been updated in December 2016.

Proposal 2: From Elizabeth O'Ferrall, recommended that section 1.3 of the constitution require compliance with the Canoeing Ireland memorandum of understanding between the board and technical committees.

After discussion, this proposal was withdrawn as the committee advised that some of the content of the memorandum, such as the production of a selection policy, was already provided in our Constitution and that other content referred to the duties of the board and CEO of Canoeing Ireland and therefore of no relevance to our Constitution.

Proposal 3: From Elizabeth Farrell, recommended that the Committee develop an annual performance plan for developing classes for submission to the ISC for funding

After discussion, this proposal was withdrawn as the committee explained the process whereby HP funds were allocated to Canoeing Ireland and then split between Slalom and Sprint before, finally, the Slalom HP allocation was used to provide coaching support to both selected athletes and to development classes.

Proposal 4: From Elizabeth Farrell, recommended that that section 1.3 of the constitution be amended to "Appoint a manager(s) for both U23/Juniors and Senior to support international races in compliance with Canoeing Ireland memorandum of Understanding between the Board and technical committees".

After discussion, this proposal was withdrawn as the suitability of the Memorandum for inclusion in the Constitution had already been discussed and because Managers were already being appointed to relevant races.

Proposal 5: From Maeve and David Martin, recommended that: In constitution section 1.3.2 at the start of the second sentence insert the following 3 words, "After AGM approval..."

After discussion, this motion was withdrawn as the Constitution had been updated in December 2016.

Proposal 6: From Maeve and David Martin, recommended that: In the interest of child welfare and to comply with Tusla's recommendation: A. That the Seu race camp be cancelled and substituted with one occurring during a school holiday period,

OR

B. Hold all 2018 selection races in Ireland, Eq) as per 2016's selection policy.

After discussion, this motion was withdrawn as the meeting felt that selection to the international team required demonstration of the ability to race on international courses.

Proposal 7: From Brian O’Herlihy, recommended that the 2018 Selection Policy should be disregarded.

Proposal 8: From Brian O’Herlihy, recommended that as per Appendix A of the 2018 Selection Policy the Seu race should be cancelled in relation to juniors.

Proposal 9: From Brian O’Herlihy, recommended that all Selection races for juniors should be held within Ireland.

Proposal 10: From Brian O’Herlihy, recommended that the following should be added to the Selection Policy "Any athlete seeking selection must compete in 60% of all domestic slalom races in order to be eligible for selection".

As proposals 7 to 10 were not proposed on the day, they were deemed to be withdrawn.

7. Election of the New Committee

The following candidates were elected to the positions shown below:

Position	Successful Candidate	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Dermot Morley	Kris Kohls	Ciarán Farrell
Secretary	Kris Kohls	Ciarán Farrell	Adam Conlan
Treasurer	Adam Conlan	Sarah McDonald	Paul Dignam
Publicity Officer	Sonja Farrell	Sarah McDonald	Aisling Conlan
Children’s Officer	Liz Ansell	Sonja Farrell	Aisling Conlan
International team co-ordinator	Pat Hendrick	Sam Curtis	Aisling Conlan
ICS Squad Co-ordinator	Colm Ryan	Colm Ryan	Ciarán Farrell
Domestic Competition & Development Co-ordinator	Ken Ansell	Ciarán Farrell	Kris Kohls
Northern Ireland Representative	Ian Cochrane	Aisling Conlan	Paul Dignam

8. Closing of the meeting

There being no other business, Dermot Morley, Chairman, brought the meeting to a close.