



Board of Management Report

Second Quarter 2019

Rule 15: Board Operations; Section 9

1. Meeting Dates

01 st May 2019	Board of Management
19 th May 2019	58 th Annual General Meeting
19 th June 2019	Executive Meeting

2. Board

The 58th Annual General Meeting of Canoeing Ireland took place on Sunday the 19th May 2019 at Sport Ireland HQ, Abbottstown. The meeting was well attended with club representations from across the country. Proceedings were positive with active engagement throughout from members and Board.

The Board Report was presented at the 2019 AGM to the members by the out-going President Paul Donnelly. Canoeing Ireland would like to recognise Paul Donnelly's leadership and guidance during his term as President. Paul through his wealth of knowledge, executed his duties with energy, passion and integrity.

Brian Ogilvie was nominated for President by the Board and elected by majority vote of the AGM. Aisling Conlan was elected as Honorary Treasurer, Leigh Blackmore as first Executive Director and Lynda Byron as second Executive Director. Luke Logan was nominated by the Marathon Committee as Non-Olympic Representative and elected by majority vote of the meeting. Bryan Fennell remains as Leinster Representative. Brendan Quinn was co-opted to the Board as Independent Director on the 19th June 2019.

3. Correspondence

All correspondence received during the period was reported and addressed at the respective Board of Management meeting.

4. Management

The CEO presented her report to the Board at each meeting which included finances, resourcing, high performance, specific projects and other operational matters. The Board agreed to move towards a standardised membership year commencing in 2021. New insurance information has been disseminated to clubs and a trial Associate membership category introduced.

5. Finance

An updated financial overview was presented at each meeting by the Honorary Treasurer in relation to operating costs, budget, cash-flow and monetary commitments. No financial concerns arose in the period with Q2 expenditure in line with projections.

6. Governance

Canoeing Ireland has signed up to the Governance Code and expects to be fully compliant by Quarter 3 2020. Significant work has already been completed in this area and will continue throughout the year.

The Board continues the review and updating of individual policies and implementation of a risk register in line with the 'The code of good practice for good governance of community, voluntary and charitable organisations in Ireland'. This is part of an ongoing process to collate policies into a common policy document and structure.

7. Legal

There were no legal issues which arose during the period.

8. Strategy

The application and implementation of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan is continually reviewed by the Board in relation to objectives, targets and resource capacity.

The Board continues to review ways and initiatives by which to assist and facilitate clubs to progress, while addressing any barriers which may prevent or impede such developments. This ranges from a new member's pack, a redesigned functional web-site, standardisation of the membership year, reintroduction of membership cards, revised insurance terms, better and more open communication through publications such as Flowstate as well as improvements in coaching and training supports.

The Board is exploring new opportunities for partnerships with bodies and state agencies where there are mutual and synergistic objectives to expand activities and promote paddlesports. As a National Governing Body, there is great potential for collaborations with other organization which will in turn leverage existing resources and funding.

9. Disciplines

The High Performance director is currently working with the Discipline Committees to establish roles, responsibilities and terms of reference agreeable to all. Athlete support is key to the High Performance role and the HP Director is engaging through the disciplines with established and emerging performance athletes to ensure a clear pathway and support is available to allow them to reach their full potential. The Board holds a quarterly group meeting with the Disciplines.

Report Ends

Board of Management: Brian Ogilvie (President), Aisling Conlan (Honorary Treasurer), Leigh Blackmore (Executive Member), Lynda Byron (Executive Member), Bryan Fennell (Leinster Representative), Luke Logan (Non-Olympic Representative), Brendan Quinn (Independent Representative) [Co-opted: 19.06.19]