



Board of Management Report

Third Quarter 2019

Rule 15: Board Operations; Section 9

1. Meeting Dates

24 th July 2019	Executive Meeting
21 st August 2019	Executive Meeting
25 th September 2019	Board of Management

2. Board

A notification of resignation from Bryan Fennell due to personal circumstances was received. The Board and CEO thanked the Leinster Representative for his contribution to the Board and Canoeing Ireland. John Murray was co-opted to the Board as Dublin Representative. Luke Logan was nominated and approved by the Board and Executive as Honorary Secretary.

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 mid-year review was submitted to Sport Ireland. The Board approved mileage rates to be revised and set at a flat rate of €0.30 / km. An Indemnity Agreement for external events using Canoeing Ireland insurance but organised by third parties was approved and implemented.

The 60th Liffey Descent and launch of the Liffey Descent book were successful events and received much national and International promotion.

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 Q3 expenditure in line with projections.

6. Governance

Canoeing Ireland has signed up to the Governance Code and expects to be fully compliant by December 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.

The Board completed a Governance Training Workshop delivered by Michael Quirke of Carmichael.

An evaluation of the Board's skillsets was undertaken through the completion and combined analysis over 17 competencies.

7. Legal

There was one legal issue which arose and was resolved 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 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 part of this strategic objective, Canoeing Ireland and the Educational and Training Boards Ireland (ETBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the aim of promoting their respective activities in order to enhance the sporting and educational opportunities available to their members, students and the general public. The ETBI represents 16 Outdoor Education & Training Centres (OETCs) across Ireland who provide an outdoor education service to schools, colleges and youth services in addition to a range of adventure sports and related courses. The partnership aims to support and enhance the development of canoeing and kayaking in Ireland.

9. Disciplines

The High Performance Strategy was submitted to the Board for review. 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. The Wildwater AGM was held and a committee elected. The Slalom selection policy was approved by the Board. The Board would like to thank and congratulate everyone involved in the qualification of a boat for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Report Ends

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Ogilvie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian Ogilvie

President

Board of Management: Brian Ogilvie (President), Luke Logan (Honorary Secretary), Aisling Conlan (Honorary Treasurer), Leigh Blackmore (Executive Member), Lynda Byron (Executive Member), Bryan Fennell (Leinster Representative) [Resigned: 24.07.19], Brendan Quinn (Independent Representative), Jon Murray (Dublin Representative) [Co-opted: 21.08.19]