

## **Irish Canoe Union Operating as Canoeing Ireland**

*The following are the Agenda and Report of the Irish Canoe Union (operating as Canoeing Ireland) Board meeting held in Sports HQ, Dublin 12 on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012 as recorded by Karl Dunne.*

### **Summary Report of Board Meeting occurring in June 2012**

- Agenda:**
1. Adoption of minutes of Board meeting dated May 2012
  2. Matters arising.
  3. Correspondence received.
  4. Executive Report
  5. Filling of Executive Vacancies
  6. Olympic Update
  7. IASTT
  8. Liffey Centre Update
  9. Strategic Development Workshop/Stakeholders
  10. Ezine
  11. Training and Coaching Officer
  12. AOB

**In Attendance**

Pat MacAlinney - President **(PMcA)**  
Mark Clinton- Executive **(MC)**  
Kevin Horan – Exectutive **(KH)**  
Eamon Fleming - Sprint **(EF)**  
Colm Ryan - Slalom **(CR)**  
Brendan O'Brien - Marathon **(BOB)**  
Brendan Barry - Surf **(BB)**  
Kevin O'Callaghan – TDU **(KOC)**  
Karl Dunne – CI General Manager **(GM)**

**Also in Attendance**

Michelle Power – In place of Caoimhe Ni Chuinn (Polo Chairperson) **(MP)**

**Apologies:** GM announced that Yvonne Glynn (Honorary Secretary), Caoimhe Ni Chuinn (Polo Chairperson), Keith McGuirk (Wildwater Racing Chairperson) and Adrian Durrant (Freestyle Chairperson) were unable to attend the meeting and offered their apologies to the meeting

**Item 1: Adoption of Board Minutes**

The minutes of Canoeing Ireland board meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were read out. These were proposed by KH and seconded by BOB. The minutes were adopted.

**Item 2: Matters arising**

There was no matters arising.

**Item 3: Correspondence Received**

GM read out all correspondence received.

**Item 4: Executive Report**

GM gave the Board the Operational & Financial reports and took questions on these.

**Item 5: Filling of Executive Vacancies**

PMcA informed the Board that he had asked Conor O'Geran onto the executive until the October 2012 ADM.

**Item 6: Olympic Update**

GM briefed board on the preparations for the Olympic Games and discussed the Athletes and Coaches to be in attendance at the event.

GM informed the Board of a letter from the Olympic Council of Ireland stating that Canoeing would only be allowed one team manager for both Slalom and Sprint.

There was a discussion about GM being the team manager as he had been dealing with both the Slalom and Sprint Athletes and their Coaches for the past three 3 years.

GM informed the board he had polled both athletes and coaches as to their choice for Team Manager. CR and EF both stated that, considering Karl Dunne had been dealing with the Olympic Council Of Ireland, athletes and coaches in this Olympic cycle, Karl Dunne was the best person for the Job.

EF proposed Karl Dunne as Team Manager for the London Olympic Canoe Team and this was seconded by CR. It was agreed by the meeting.

**Item 7: IASTT**

GM updated the Board on a meeting he attended with Mountaineering Ireland and CDVEC (City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee) in relation to IASTT.

**Item 8: Liffey Centre Update**

GM provided an update on the Liffey Centre training facility and its use since the last discussion.

**Item 9: Strategic Development Workshop / Stakeholders**

PMcA asked the Board to think about what format the workshop should have.

BOB suggested that a working group be formed.

There was a general discussion about the shape and content of a Strategic Development Plan.

GM recommended that the Board hire Objective Consulting to facilitate the Strategic Development Plan, subject to pricing.

**Item 10: Ezine**

It was agreed that all Disciplines would have an article ready for the next issue of the Ezine.

**Item 11: Training and Coaching Officer**

There was a further discussion on the role of the coaching officer and how the position would fit in to the organisation of CI.

**Item 12: AOB.**

GM informed the Board that, due to the implementation of a number of cost cutting measures throughout the organisation, there would be €24,000 for distribution in 2012. A general discussion took place on the distribution of these funds with further discussion to take place.

On a separate note, BOB requested a loan from CI to the marathon committee of €6,000 to purchase K1 Boats. He explained that the loan would be paid back over 3 years and that the loan was to expand on the distribution of racing boats to more clubs around the country, thereby increasing member involvement within the discipline. It was agreed that the Marathon committee could borrow the funds needed.

**Next Meeting**

It was decided that the next meeting would take place on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

The meeting closed at 22:00.