

# **Minutes**

## **AGM of Canoe Slalom Ireland**

### **Held at 4pm on Sunday, the 20th of December in the Canoeing Ireland training centre.**

#### ***1. Opening of the meeting***

Having ascertained that a quorum of 15 was exceeded by the 22 adults present, the chairman, Colm Ryan, opened the meeting at 4:10pm.

#### ***2. 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: Ike Jacobs

Seconded by: Ciarán Farrell

In Favour: Unanimous

#### ***3. Chairman's address***

Colm Ryan began his address by thanking the other committee members for their work, particularly Ike who had a busy pre Olympic year. He also thanked the team managers, who had attended international events, including Ike Jacobs, Ciarán Farrell, Pat Hendrick and Marc Jegou.

He advised that domestic competitions had taken off and that the divisional system was now up and running thanks to the work, in particular, of Dave Farrell.

He reported that the squad structure was very strong with 20 athletes involved and, more importantly, athletes were staying in the system. He thanked Eoin Rheinisch for his dedication which, on occasion, required him to coach up to 4 training sessions a day. He also thanked Bernard Walsh and Mairead Farrell for their help at the Wednesday evening training sessions.

The committee's finances were in good order and a surplus had been built up which could be used to subsidise an upcoming training camp at HPP and to reduce the fee, from €20 to €15, when two or more athletes from the one family attend a training session.

Colm thanked the staff of Canoeing Ireland together with Paul Donnelly and the Paddlefest organisation who had generously contributed the sum of €2,000 towards the cost of the timing equipment that is used for the selection races. In relation to Paddlefest, Colm welcomed the fact that paddlers were now making a huge contribution to the running of this event.

Finally, Colm thanked the parents and athletes for their contribution to the refreshment stall at the Liffey descent, including Andy Curtis, Kris Kohls, Cade Ryan, Sam Curtis and Aisling Conlan together with all the parents who baked cakes for sale. The venture made €800 which is used to finance activities for the benefit of slalom paddlers.

#### ***4. Treasurer's Report***

The annual accounts had been distributed prior to the meeting and the Honorary Treasurer provided a walk-through of the figures, assisted by Ike Jacobs in relation to the income and expenditure related to high performance activities.

#### ***5. High performance Report***

Ike Jacobs reported on developments in relation to the high performance system.

He emphasised the need for our athletes to get as much experience as possible on white water courses and advised that, in many cases, a white water training camp was more beneficial than participation in white water races.

He announced that there would be a new fund raising venture involving a race night. This would be a joint effort with the Sprint committee and was likely to take place in early April of 2016.

#### ***6. Domestic Competition Report***

Dave Farrell summarised the activities on the domestic calendar for the year. He thanked the clubs for their contribution, particularly WWKC and the organisers of Crannagh Fest.

He advised that next year's calendar would be very similar but that, there should be a slalom race in Aghade and that Paddle West may be back on. There are now 270 athletes on the ranking list, one third of whom are from Northern Ireland.

Dave expects entry fees for 2016 to be the same as those for 2015 and he hopes that it will be possible to enter a race online three or four days beforehand. He recommends that late fees be applied to Division 1 and 2 races.

Dave thanked a number of people including Marie McNally, Mick Feeney, Bernard Walsh and Peter Spence, who provided two boats.

## **7. Consideration of Proposals**

Three proposals, which were submitted by Tadhg O'Ferrall, were discussed. Each proposal had been published in full online, in advance of the meeting, and are summarised below.

### Proposal 1, recommended specific changes to the International carding scheme.

Colm Ryan, Chairman, advised that it was not in the gift of the committee to make the recommended changes as the carding scheme was operated by the Irish Sports Council.

Ike Jacobs advised that there was a process of negotiation where he, on behalf of the committee, does his best to agree changes with the council to the benefit of paddlers. He advised that, for 2016, under 23 paddlers who achieve a top 8 finish in a European or World Championships, would qualify for an International level carding grant.

Following the discussion, Dave O'Ferrall, on behalf of the proposer, advised that he was happy for the proposal to be withdrawn without a vote being taken.

### Proposal 2, recommended a number of specific changes to the selection policy, i.e.,

1. The section regarding Pre Selection should be deleted
2. The section regarding Discretionary Selection should be deleted
3. Other references to Discretionary Selection should be deleted
4. Add a fall back race in the event that the Sluice race is cancelled, which should be of UK Premier division standard or of equal standard at a European location.
5. All Selected athletes should have their entry fees paid by the slalom committee

The committee members advised that Pre Selection had only been used once and that the policy being prepared for 2016 would state rules regarding the eligibility of athletes to apply for discretionary selection.

Following the discussion, Dave O'Ferrall, on behalf of the proposer, advised that he was happy for the proposal to be withdrawn without a vote being taken.

### Proposal 3, recommended that the annual accounts be published four working days before the AGM and show specific details

The Treasurer provided a further walk through of the accounts showing that, wherever practical, they already provided the information requested.

Following the discussion, Dave O'Ferrall, on behalf of the proposer, advised that he was happy for the proposal to be withdrawn without a vote being taken.

## **8. Election of the New Committee**

The following were elected, by a unanimous vote in each case, to the positions shown below:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Successful Candidate</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Chairman	Colm Ryan	Ike Jacobs	Ciarán Farrell
Secretary	Adam Conlan	Sarah McDonald	Colm Ryan
Treasurer	Kris Kohls	Pat Hendrick	Sonia Farrell
Publicity and Marketing Officer	Ciarán Farrell	Kris Kohls	Dermot Morley
Senior Athlete Liaison Officer	Ike Jacobs	Adam Conlan	Kris Kohls
Junior & U23 Development Officer	Pat Hendrick	Colm Ryan	Ciarán Farrell
Domestic Competition Co-ordinator	Dave Farrell	Ciarán Farrell	Kris Kohls

The positions of Northern Ireland Representative and of Resource Officer remained unfilled and it was agreed unanimously that the committee could co-opt individuals to these positions.

Proposed by: Colm Ryan  
Seconded by: Ciarán Farrell  
In Favour: Unanimous

## **9. Presentation of Medals and Trophies**

Eoin Rheinisch presented medals and trophies to the following athletes in recognition of their achievements during 2015.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Champion</b>
MK1	Div 2	Ethan Dowling
WK1	Div 2	Cleo Farrell
WK1	Div 1	Ciara Farrell
MC1	Div 1	Robert Hendrick
MK1	Open	Oisin Farrell
MK1	Overall	Cade Ryan

## **10. Closing of the meeting**

There being no other business, Colm Ryan, Chairman, brought the meeting to a close at 5:05 pm.