

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 30 July 2013 as recorded by Kim Siekerman.

Summary Report of Board Meeting occurring in July 2013

Agenda:

1. Reading & adoption of minutes of Board meeting of 21st May 2013
2. Matters Arising from previous board meeting 21st May 2013
 - a. Deloitte Report
 - b. OPPC
3. Correspondence received
4. Child Protection Issue
5. Summary of Executive Meeting Thurs 13th June 2013 and Fri 30th July 2013
6. Update from General Manager
7. Child Protection issue (same as item 4)
8. Audit Committee Nominations
9. Re-establishment of the OPPC
10. Technical Officers Reports- Clubs Officer, Slalom, Sprint, Marathon, Surf, Polo, Wild Water, TDU, Clubs Officer
11. PR Strategy Report and Sales and Marketing Brief
12. Directorships B10 Forms, Directors Indemnity Insurance
13. 12 month Board Agenda, key dates
14. AOB & Agreement of date for next Board meeting

In Attendance:

Mark Clinton - president (MC)
Michelle Power - chair canoe polo (MP)
Karl Dunne - general manager (KD)
Jenny Kilbride - executive (JK)
Wesley Bourke - executive (WB)
Kim Siekerman - secretary (KS)
Eamonn Fleming - chair canoe sprint (EF)
Aisling Griffin - chair paddlesurf (AG)
Tadhg McIntyre - chair wildwater racing (TM)
Maria McGivern – clubs officer (MM)

Apologies:

William Irwin – treasurer
Ciaran Farrell – chair canoe slalom
Brendan O'Brien – Marathon
Aidan Doran – TDU
Niamh Cleary – Freestyle

Item 1: Reading & adoption of minutes of Board meeting of 21st May 2013

The minutes of the board meeting of 17th April 2013 were proposed by MC and seconded by JK after one amendment from TM. The minutes were adopted.

Item 2: Matters Arising from previous board meeting 21st May 2013

- a) Deloitte Report: action on this item is suspended until the Irish Sports Council (ISC) has processed and returned the document to CI
- b) OPPC: this was thoroughly discussed at item 9

Item 3: Correspondence received

Communication was received on the progression of the Sluice project. A decision will be made mid-August. KD also commented that the final 75% of the core grant has been released by the ISC.

Item 4: Child protection issue

Due to the nature of this issue, no more information can be disclosed

Item 5: Summary of Executive Meeting Thursday 13th June 2013 and Fri 30th July 2013

Minutes were attached in board papers to be read. There were no comments.

Item 6: Update from General Manager

The contents of the General Manager's report were discussed. Content included: staffing; management accounts; communications (E-zine and web content); the National Training Centre; training courses breakdown; major projects; Garda vetting; High Performance; National Trails Publication; online membership system and an update on the current membership.

Item 7: Child Protection Issue

Discussed at item 4

Item 8: Audit Committee Nominations

Currently, only one application has been received. Item was suspended until next board meeting.

Item 9: Re-establishment of the OPPC

A thorough discussion on the reinstatement of some form of High Performance committee took place. Most board members agreed that reinstatement will have to happen as soon as possible, but opinions on the composition and responsibilities of this committee varied widely.

Item 10: Technical Officers Reports- Clubs Officer, Slalom, Sprint, Marathon, Surf, Polo, Wild Water, TDU, Clubs Officer

Reports were given by AG (Paddlesurf), MP (Canoe Polo), EF (Canoe Sprint) and TM (Wildwater Racing).

Item 11: PR Strategy Report and Sales and Marketing Brief

WB summarised his draft strategy on the use of various kinds of media to send out a positive message of the canoe sport. This document is currently being proofed and will go out to board members as soon as it is ready.

JK drafted in help from the disciplines and other board members to come up with ideas to make becoming a CI member more attractive.

Item 12: Directorships B10 Forms, Directors Indemnity Insurance

Forms still remain to be handed in from some board members who have agreed to become Directors.

Item 13: 12 month Board Agenda, key dates

Key dates were identified and will be included in a 12 month agenda by KS

Item 14: AOB & Agreement of date for next Board meeting

Action will proceed on the governance issue. The next step, the Memorandum and Articles, will be looked at by WI and MC over the next while. The changes will have to be fed through into disciplines' constitutions and rules.

MP relayed her experiences at the Business in Sport for Women conference.

The issue of the High Performance Committee had not been concluded, a discussion took place on whether to re-establish immediately or not. A vote took place on whether to reinstate a High Performance Program Committee along guidelines proposed by TM or suspend the item until the next board meeting to allow more time for Discipline committee feedback. The board voted for the second option and the topic will be discussed again at next board meeting.

Next board meeting will take place on Wednesday 28th August 2013 at 7.30 pm