



Board of Management Report

First Quarter 2017

Rule 15: Board Operations; Section 9

1. Meeting Dates

02 nd January 2017	Executive Committee
28 th January 2017	Board of Management and Technical Committees
01 st February 2017	Board of Management
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22 nd February 2017	Board of Management
08 th March 2017	Executive Committee
25 th March 2017	EGM Marathon Committee (called by Board of Management)
29 th March 2017	Board of Management and Sport Ireland (for part of)

2. Correspondence

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

3. Management

Interviews for the Hub Co-ordinator in Clonmel were completed and Ronan O'Connor was appointed to the position in conjunction with Tipperary Sports Partnership.

The former CEO resigned in mid-February 2017. A former member of staff was employed to manage the reorganisation of the Training Centre at Strawberry Beds.

Following a request to the disciplines for project proposals and review of same, a corporate application was submitted to the 2017 Sports Capital funding call.

The Board undertook a review of membership rates and the following membership fee increases effective from 01st July 2017 were agreed: Club from €100 to €150; Seniors from €20 to €30; Juniors from €5 to €10; Canoeing Ireland - non club from €30 to €50.

A 'Tracking of Commitments' log is maintained and updated at each Executive and Board of Management meeting. The document which addresses individual Board items and the action required, monitors progress on each matter until it is completed.

4. Finance

An updated financial overview was presented at each meeting in relation to operating costs, cash-flow and monetary commitments.

5. Governance

The Board continued 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'. The Board requested assistance from members who may have the requisite skill-sets to help revise these policies.

The Board met with representatives from Sport Ireland who gave their perspective and guidance on the requirements for the future development of Canoeing Ireland. They stressed that as a National Governing Body (NGB), if Canoeing Ireland was to desist, then it would be a minimum of 3 to 5 years before a new NGB could be implemented. This would negatively impact the paddling community in areas such as Garda vetting, equipment purchase, capital grants, insurance, awards system, high performance athletes and Olympic disciplines. Sport Ireland outlined a four stage process to visibly improve the organisation and acknowledged the work that has been done by the Board to date in initiating this change. The Board sought executive assistance from Sport Ireland.

6. Legal

The Board addressed any legal issues which arose during the period.

The Board noted the vacant Board positions including the Dublin Representative, Leinster Representative, Olympic Discipline Representative, Non-Olympic Discipline Representative and Training, Coaching and Accreditation Representative and is trying to co-opt members to fill these vacancies.

7. Strategy

The Canoeing Ireland draft 2017-2020 Strategic Plan which focuses on membership, governance and development was adopted and published following consultation with members and committees. The document is structured to outline to members defined objectives and goals which can be benchmarked on an annual basis.

8. Technical Committees

The Board of Management met with representatives from the Technical Committees. An update on the current situation of Canoeing Ireland was given which included financing, staffing, the Terms of Reference and Structure of Board. A discussion followed on how best to link the Board to the disciplines. Disciplines were further consulted on the 2017 Strategic Plan. A simplified overview of the Canoeing Ireland insurance policy will be circulated to clubs to promote the benefits of being a Canoeing Ireland member. The correspondence will highlight whom and what is covered.

In the absence of a Canoe Marathon Ireland (CMI) committee, the Board of Canoeing Ireland convened an EGM, which was run in accordance with the CMI constitution. A new committee was elected.

Report Ends

Board of Management: Paul Donnelly (President), Brian Ogilvie (Honorary Secretary), Adrian Shanahan (Honorary Treasurer), Ike Jacob (Executive Member), Colm Slevin (Executive Member), Paul Pierce (Connacht / Ulster Rep.), Evan Roberts (Munster Rep.), Neil Fleming (Olympic Rep.) [Resigned Feb. 2017], Frank Murphy (Leinster Rep.) [Resigned Feb. 2017], Brendan O'Brien (Dublin Rep.) [Resigned Feb. 2017]