



Board of Management Report

Fourth Quarter 2022

Rule 15: Board Operations; Section 9

1. Meeting Dates

5 th September 2022	Board of Management
17 th October 2022	Board of Management
19 th November 2022	Board of Management
5 th December 2022	Board of Management

2. Board

Mid-Year Reviews for the organisation were reviewed and signed off by the board prior to submission to Sport Ireland. Dormant Accounts funding applications were discussed in relation to alignment with strategic goals and approved.

The board discussed challenges regarding communications with club, members and other stakeholder groups and the dissemination of information from club secretaries to members. The member survey issued at the end of the year requested input from members on their preferred method of communication. The information gathered will be used to maximise communication channels for the various groups.

An update on the development of facilities at the Sport Ireland Campus and other locations nationwide was presented by the CEO. Work is ongoing in a number of locations including Lough Rinn, Clonmel and Galway.

Discussions took place with the ICF on the possibility of Ireland hosting the inaugural International Women in Sport Symposium in 2023. The proposed date in September is in the final stages of agreement.

3. Correspondence

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

1. Management

The CEO (Chief Executive Officer) presented her report to the Board at each meeting which included finances, resourcing, high performance, specific projects, and other operational matters. Due to ongoing issues with low water the board approved the movement of Liffey Descent from September to May.

All operation goals were achieved during 2022 despite ongoing challenges early in the year with event planning due to ongoing restrictions.

2. 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.

3. Governance

Canoeing Ireland continues to be fully compliant with the Governance Code.

The Board has undertaken a comprehensive review of the constitution and rules of the organisation with a view to consolidating the two documents and complying with best practice governance. The roles and term limits of the board are also under review as work in this area continues into Q1 2023.

4. Legal

There were no legal issues during the period.

5. Strategy

The application and implementation of the 2021-2023 Strategic Plan is continually reviewed by the Board in relation to objectives, targets, and resource capacity.

The review process is undertaken quarterly with approved movement on timelines and areas of focus depending on the restrictions in place during the quarter. The focus for 2022 was on clubs and members, specifically in relation to building capacity and capabilities for increased membership and the support of volunteers.

6. Disciplines

The High-Performance director continues to work with the Discipline Committees with a focus on athlete support for established and emerging performance athletes.

The Q4 meeting of the Board and Disciplines was held on 28th November.

Report Ends

Board of Management: Lynda Byron (President), Aisling Hoey (Honorary Secretary), Marcus McInerney (Honorary Treasurer), John Murray (Executive Member), Heather Wilson (Executive Member), Colette Lawlor (Munster Rep), Ronán Shaw (Connacht/Ulster Rep), Susan Honan (Leinster Rep), James O'Connor (Non-Olympic Discipline Rep), Brendan Quinn (Independent Representative), Eoin Brereton (Independent Representative).