

2020 AGM of the Irish Canoe Slalom Committee
Via Zoom. 26th August, 2021 @ 7.30pm

Attendees: Moira Aston, Kris Kohls, Sonja Farrell, Oisin Farrell, Colm Ryan, Pat Hendrick, Jon Mackey, Ian Cochrane, Simon McLain, Eoin Rheinisch, Alisatir McCreery, Robert Hendrick, Jake Cochrane, Richard Lee, Aisling Conlan, Denise Morely.

Chair: Agm is open and welcome to all. This is taking place via zoom and is being recorded and all members will be on mute.

There were no queries, motions or nominations submitted via email in advance of the meeting as requested.

A run through of the agenda was had and there was a show of hands (via zoom icon hand raising) This was accepted by a majority showing of hands.

1. 2019 Minutes - accepted by majority showing of hands
2. Chair report by Kris Kohls:

Slalom Committee Chair Report for 2020

2020 Was a year that we will never forget. Covid -19 has changed how we do everything and now with all these changes we will start to move forward again and get back to the basics.

We were fortunate that we had our 2020 Senior & U23 Selection in 2019, and Junior Selection just had to be kept being assessed. In the end, we are very proud of our 2020 Canoe Slalom Team, they travelled Europe, competed at World Cup Races, European and World Championships. They stayed safe, kept healthy and brought home medals. Our Men's C1 Team Silver Medal and Liam Jegou's Gold medal in Pau, France were the highlights to keep us motivated. Along with many Athletes achieving Semi Finals than before. So Congratulations to all of the 2020 Irish Canoe Slalom Team members, Senior, U23 and Junior.

At home unfortunately there was nothing we could do, no racing, no planning as the uncertainty made it impossible to prepare for anything until we saw the road map. Towards the end of 2020 we were able to have some training but no events locally happened. Continued waiting on the 2020 Olympics going ahead fingers crossed. It was like being a rollercoaster but not being able to get off the ride, up and down!

In September we did receive our Oscar Grant Boats! 12 Small Slalom boats that will be used for development. At present they are split with Ribbontail and Kilcullen Canoe Clubs who are doing the development training.

Behind the scenes the Committee's preparation did start for the 2021 Selection Policies, New governance policies were in the pipeline and works had begun on these. It was a year that we

were just unable to do all the things that we wanted to. Fingers were crossed that 2021 would bring us closer to normal.

The New - Slalom Terms of Reference and Committee Standing Orders, are the Governance Documents we have been working with CI. These documents are now approved by the Board of Canoeing Ireland and will be our Committee guidelines going forward from tomorrow.

Thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding in 2020, to everyone who helps with Canoe Slalom – Committee members, athletes and family support. Thanks to all Canoeing Ireland Staff. Our CEO, Moira and our HPD Jon for all their support.

Additional Note:

As this AGM is late and we are almost through our 2021 season – Congratulations to all of our Athletes on their work this season. Development has slowly begun again, we thank Ribbontail & Kilcullen Canoe Clubs for the support. Robert Hendrick, Ethan Dowling, Oisin & Donnchadh Farrell for all their Coaching. We welcomed home our newest Olympian Liam Jegou. Flat water racing has started back slowly.

Kris Kohls, Slalom Chair August 2020

3. Report from Aisling Conlan on Domestic Races:

We had a full schedule of racing planned for 2020 at all division levels from division 1 to 3. Unfortunately it wasn't possible to run all events due to government restrictions and local county lockdowns. However we were fortunate enough to hold two days of division 3 racing at Kilcullen during early August 2020, before the rest of the division 3 series was cancelled at Ribbontail and Kilcullen. Thank you very much to these two clubs for your understanding during such an uncertain time.

As for division 1 and 2, unfortunately no racing was able to take place during 2020 due to government restrictions. There were plans to postpone all rescheduled races until after the summer period, including our 10th anniversary Irish Open, however due to the second wave of the pandemic and specific county wide lockdowns, it would not have been possible for these events to take place or would have resulted in a reduced field.

Fortunately we have been able to host four division 3 races so far during 2021 at WWKC, Ribbontail and Kilcullen. Work is ongoing to confirm dates with clubs to host division 1 and 2 races and we hope to publish this schedule for the remainder of the year very shortly and details of our flagship 10th anniversary Irish Open race. If there are any clubs who would like to host a race that I have not already contacted, please feel free to reach out as we are always looking to expand the sport into other clubs and venues.

4. Statement of Accounts:

IRISH CANOE SLALOM

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 2020

Opening Balance [01-Jan-2020]

Income

Expenditure

2020 [12 mth totals] 5,303.77

Athlete Payments for 2019 races	€ 8,465.13
Athlete Payments for 2020 races	€ 2,921.42
Training Weekend - Fees	€ 800.00
Athlete Payments - Junior Selection	€ 135.00
Athlete Payments - Senior Selection & U23-Event held in 2019	
ICU Subside for Ivrea	€ 1,800.00
Athlete Payments - 2020 Deposit	€ 1,229.46
Total Income	€ 15,351.01

Money paid to National Coach [due from 2019]	€ 8,138.40
Refund Deposit for COVID cancelled events	€ 359.84

Bank Charges	€ 30.62
National Coach - Invoices	€ 9,052.34
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	€ 17,581.20
Financial Summary 2020	
Opening Balance [Carried in from 2019]	€ 5,303.77
+ Income	€ 15,351.01
- Expenditure	€ 17,581.20
Closing Balance [31-Dec-2020]	€ 3,073.58
Money owed to Slalom - [i.e. from Athletes] at 31/12/2020 € 2,781.49	
Outstanding Bills to pay from Slalom at 31/12/2020 € -	

5. Jon Mackey, High Performance Report: Presented via Power Point:
Robert secured the C1 spot and Liam won the race off. The European Champs was then targeted to try secure more boats for the Olympics but unfortunately we didn't.

Madison & Michaela Corcoran Joined the Irish team this year
Jake is the newest member of the carding scheme.

Olympics: Liam attended camp 1 month previous. It was well run and he performed well. His target was top 8 but finished 15th. Congratulations to Liam and his coach Nico and the team.

HP spend on slalom to date (2021) €48,417.52 This was mostly Olympics which was €31580.41. The Euros in Ivrea €8392 and some money also spent on the Junior Euros in Solkan.

Raising the levels - what happens to Paris and beyond...strategic plan developed. This will be launched at the end of this year (2021) Jon gave a run through of this plan. The Slalom Academy is our first steps which is up and running now in 2 clubs...we hope to expand on this going forward, we will invest to provide sustainability to it.

All reports finished.

Chair: So much to be done and hopefully we will get more help next year and lots more can be done.

Brief run through of the new Terms of Reference making all present aware that we only need to fill 5 positions of the committee.

Brief run through of the new Standing Orders. WE are all good now governance wise and everyone is on the same page.

6. Election of Officers: Thanks to the committee going out: Sonja Farrell, Raquel Alonso, Ciaran Farrell, Kris Kohls, Colm Ryan, Aisling Conlan, Ian Cochrane, Samuel Curtis.

No motions or nominations submitted but 5 of the 2020 committee would like to stay on. This was voted on via a Poll run by Moira Aston. All results were shared at the zoom meeting after each vote.

Chair: Kris Kohls - elected

Treasurer: Raquel Alonso - elected

Race Co-ordinator: Aisling Conlan - elected

Northern Ireland Representative: Ian Cochrane - Elected

Slalom News: Samuel Curtis - elected

Chair: In closing, thanks for all of your patience this year, we are proud of all of our athletes. If anything is needed, please reach out and anyone who wants to be involved in the committee please contact us. We will try to get some group training done prior to Christmas this year.

Meeting came to a close @ 8.30pm