# Freestyle Annual Meeting 2024

Meeting Ref: Annual Meeting Via Zoom

Date: 23.01.2024

Time: 19.00

## Draft Minutes

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

   The agenda was adopted by majority vote and the quorum exceeded.

2. **Chairpersons Address**

   The Chairperson, Paul Purcell, welcome everyone the Annual Meeting. He congratulated all the freestyle athletes who had performed well throughout a successful season stating that athletes had made the finals in most categories at international competitions. He looked forward to welcoming the incoming committee and would assist in ensuring a smooth handover.

3. **Accounts**

   The accounts were circulated before the meeting and adopted by majority vote.

4. **Election of Committee**

   - Treasurer: Nomination received for Sean Kearney – elected by majority vote.
   - Competitions Officer / PRO: Nomination received for Eidin Dowling – elected by majority vote.
   - Secretary: Nomination received for Brian Ogilvie - elected by majority vote.
   - Women & Junior Officer – Nomination received for Rory Kearney - elected by majority vote.
   - Chairperson: Nomination received for Gus Kearney - elected by majority vote.

   As a number of positions had received no nominations, individuals were permitted to self-nominate:

- Training & Development Officer - Aoife Hanrahan nominated herself for the role, seconded by Paul Purcell and elected by majority vote.
- Whitewater League Officer – Matthew White nominated himself for the role, seconded by Paul Purcell and was elected by majority vote.
- Supporting Member – Barry Loughnane nominated himself for the role, seconded by Paul Purcell and was elected by majority vote.

**5. Voting on Motions**

*Motion 1 – Received from Balto KC*

'Fundraising money that was intended to support the Irish freestyle squad has only been spent in part and the balance remains in the accounts. Given the money was raised through a significant amount of goodwill across two very successful events, Balto KC would like to propose a motion to use the remaining funds to support the cost of squad kit, e.g. tracksuits or shell tops etc at the next event that the Irish squad attends at European or world level, whichever comes first.'

The motion was removed as Canoeing Ireland confirmed that surplus from the funding raised would be distributed to all athletes who competed. Balto KC agreed to this. Balto KC and South East Freestyle were thanked for all their fundraising efforts.

*Motion 2 – Received from Mick Butler*

'The Women and Junior Officer position to be separated into two separate positions.'

Mick Butler was invited to give the background to the motion. Following a brief discussion, the motion was approved by majority vote but will require the approval of the Canoeing Ireland Board to amend the Standing Orders before it can be implemented.

**6. Meeting Closure**

The incoming Chairperson, Gus Kearney, addressed the meeting. He thanked the outgoing committee and the work that they had done during their terms and is looking forward to working with everyone. He thanked Sam Curtis for chairing the meeting.

Meeting Ends

Recording Secretary: Brian Ogilvie