

Rowing Ireland Board Bulletin

February 2014

This Bulletin summarises the items discussed at the Rowing Ireland Board Meeting on the 25th January 2014.

The following directors were present at the meeting: C Cronin (President), F Coghlan (Secretary), S Dunlea (Treasurer), K Kerr (Munster), L O'Callaghan (Munster), L Gibson (Leinster), G Farrell (Leinster), B Ewing (Ulster), D Gray (Ulster), E Colcough (Connacht), R Cooke (Connacht)

H Adams (CEO) in attendance.

The following were the main items arising from the meeting:

- 1 The funds for the regatta timing system will come from the events licence income which is ring fenced for event development work.
- 2 The first meeting of the Board appointed after the April AGM will consider a presentation on a Club Q Mark proposal.
- 3 A request to move the Metro regatta to the 17th May replacing the cancelled QUB Regatta will be considered by the Domestic Events Committee.
- 4 The Board will correct a contradiction in the rules regarding University crews competing in the University Championships which arose due to the new grading rules.
- 5 The work of the "Commercial Working Group" was proceeding well and a presentation was being developed for use in approaching potential sponsors. The President is looking for contributions to the work of this Group from urban centres other than Dublin and particularly from Belfast/NI.
- 6 Umpires will automatically be given insurance cover at the €1 per head currently in place for registered members.
- 7 Extending insurance to recreational rowers and determining an acceptable registration fees for them will be considered by the Recreational Rowing Sub Committee.
- 8 Insurance brokers, O'Driscoll O'Neill will prepare a discussion paper on insurance for the next Board Meeting.
- 9 The decision of FISA in respect of a rower who had already participated at International level for Rowing Ireland being allowed to transfer to GB Rowing without a time-delay competition penalty as laid down in FISA rules was discussed. The Board will respond to FISA and challenge the process by which it arrived at its decision and the reasoning behind it.

- 10 High Performance will ensure that all international triallists will henceforward be informed of this FISA rule and its implications.
- 11 The Tracker development is on target for roll out in mid March.
- 12 The selection criteria for the Coupe, U23's etc has been drafted by the High Performance Director and will be published soon.
- 13 The High Performance Director will be asked to attend all future Board meetings.
- 14 The Auditor has approved the 2013 accounts and confirmed an overall surplus of c€64,000.
- 15 It was noted that the 2013 Accounts had been produced with great efficiency and what in the past had taken months to achieve had been done in three weeks.
- 16 The 2014 Budgets were approved. The budget is targeting a small surplus for the year and includes a sponsorship target of €25,000.
- 17 The Leinster Branch has received €25,000 from Dublin City Council for capital development purposes.
- 18 Terms of Reference for the following Board sub-committees were approved and will be published on the RI website:
- Championship Committee
 - Domestic Events Committee
 - Para Rowing Committee
 - Safety Committee
 - Tour Committee
 - Universities Committee
 - Umpires Committee
- 19 Terms of Reference for the following Board sub-committees were discussed and will be presented to the next Board meeting for approval:
- Audit Committee
 - Recreational Committee
 - Disciplinary Committee
 - Safeguarding Working Group.
- 20 50% of the affiliation fee of the University of Ulster Rowing Club was waived in order to support the club in the first year of its reformation.
- 21 Moving the Schools Regatta to the University Regatta date was considered but it was agreed that it was not feasible to do so in 2014.
- 22 It was agreed to put a Schools Committee in place during 2014.

- 21 Jane Williams of SIA consultants presented her report on Rowing Ireland Governance. The report's recommendations will be discussed at the next Board meeting and a plan published for implementing any recommendations accepted by the Board.
- 22 Next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday 8th March 2014. The Rowing Ireland AGM is scheduled for Sunday 6th April.

Frank Coghlan
Secretary
Rowing Ireland