



## **Rowing Ireland Board Bulletin**

### **November 2015**

This Bulletin summarises the items discussed at the Rowing Ireland Board Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Those present at the meeting were: C Cronin, F Coghlan, D Buckley, K Kerr, B Ewing, G Farrell, L O'Callaghan, E Colclough, G Young.

The following were the main items arising:

#### **1 High Performance**

- M Espersen will present on current HP performance and plans at the next Board meeting.

#### **2 Event Scheduling**

- Following the presentations by M Espersen and D McLachlan at the 2015 AGM the Board will run a workshop to discuss the question: “How does RI propose to structure the HP and Domestic rowing programmes in the best interest of both?” It is intended that the outcome of this workshop will form the basis for a series of consultations with affiliated clubs over the winter.
- Irrespective of any outcome from this meeting it is very unlikely that there will be any changes to the 2016 rowing calendar at this stage

#### **3 Operational Plan**

- The 2016 Operational Plan was agreed prior to its submission to the Irish Sports Council. The plan outlines the objectives to be achieved by RI in 2016 in the strategic areas of : Governance, Club Development, Coach Development, Participation & Competition, Commercial Management, Communications & PR, High Performance.

#### **4 Club Development Review**

The CEO presented the conclusions of the Club Development Work Group. The following was agreed:

- The role of the NI Club Development Officer to be developed, in so far as it is possible, to include a broader remit for supporting club development in Ireland
- A Club Development Officer (or “champion”) to be appointed in each province.

- A “club excellence” award appropriate for Irish rowing clubs to be developed
- An appropriate follow up to the planned Simon Dickie forums to be developed
- A web based data system for holding information to be considered.

## 5 **2016 Registration**

- Registration fees will remain at 2015 levels for the foreseeable future.
- Clubs will be asked to submit kit/blade designs with affiliation registration

## 6 **Sub Committees and Branches**

- A Masters Sub Committee will be formed once its terms of reference are agreed.
- The Championship Committee will take responsibility for organising the 2018 Coupe de la Jeunesse.
- Each Branch VP will present a 2016 Branch Development Plan to the December Board meeting.

## 6 **Board Matters**

- The following dates were agreed for the next 5 Board meetings:

November 24<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, January 16<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
 The EGM to review the 2015 Financial Report will also be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Adding Board members on the basis of any identified skills gaps will be considered at the next Board meeting.

**Frank Coghlan**  
**Secretary**  
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