

Rowing Ireland Board Bulletin

This Bulletin summarises the items discussed at the Rowing Ireland Board Meeting held on 10th March 2018

Board Meeting: Board Members in attendance:

E. Colclough (President), B. Leader (Secretary)

	Vice President	Representative
Munster Branch	Lisa O'Callaghan	
Ulster Branch	Brenda Ewing	Garth Young
Leinster		Carol Ann Smith
Connacht	Deirdre O'Hara	N. Maxwell

Apologies: Leo Gibson, Dan Buckley, TJ Ryan

No independent directors appointed.

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1. E. Colclough advised compliance documents for the Children First Act 2015 had been circulated to all club secretaries. This is a mandatory process for organisations providing services to children and must be completed by all relevant clubs. Four steps are required:
 - (a) Review the Risk Assessment document.
 - (b) Your Child Safeguarding statement.
 - (c) Display your Child Safeguarding Statement
 - (d) Confirmation of compliance to Rowing Ireland by email: info@rowingireland.ie

Supporting documentation was sent to clubs: Club Risk Assessment and Rowing Ireland Child Safeguarding Statements. Please ensure **your club complies** with the Children First Act 2015. **Deadline date: March 11th 2018**

2. The position of CEO has been advertised and the recruitment process will be ongoing over the coming weeks. The Board has appointed a subcommittee which is chaired by E. Colclough to complete the recruitment process.
3. Get Going Get Rowing Talent ID program has secured funding of £6,000 in Northern Ireland.
4. FISA has nominated Rowing Ireland Get Going...Get Rowing programme for an International Olympic Committee - Women in Sport award. A pre-selection Jury composed of IOC Women in Sport Commission Members representing the five continents will review the nominations from around the world. The winners will be announced at the Olympism in Action Forum in Buenos Aires in October

5. The HP coach David McGowan and athletes, S. Purspure, A. Keogh, M. Dukarska and A. Keogh attended a 5 day training camp in Italy during February. Rowing conditions were excellent, and equipment and facilities were provided by the Italian Rowing Federation.
6. 27 Junior Men and 30 Junior Women were invited to Trials on 17/18 February'18. Senior and U23 Trials were held on 24/25th February and 47 athletes attended.

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7. Matters for Approval

- (a) Rowing Ireland Annual Accounts 2017 were presented by the Audit Subcommittee for Board approval.
- (b) A Chair vacancy for the Masters subcommittee was recently advertised and Pat Kinsella has been appointed Chair.
- (c) Approval was sought for the expenditure of the donation received from The Ireland Fund subject to legal and taxation compliance. This was agreed subject to the Audit subcommittee agreement.
- (d) Northern Ireland Vetting policy is amended and approved.
- (e) Sport Northern Ireland capital expenditure of £22,500 approved prior to 31/03/18 deadline.
- (f) Remuneration subcommittee reported to the Board.

Working Group

Competition Working Group: Chair TJ Ryan

The Working Group reviewed the current event calendar and outlined suggestions to improve competition and participation opportunities particularly for Junior athletes. Further consultation will be required to draft a comprehensive proposal which has the athlete experience as its core driver.

Facilities Working Group – Chair Deirdre O’Hara

Initial work has been completed on rowing facilities available on the island of Ireland. The NRC and Lough Rynn provide excellent rowing courses and ongoing focus is required to support and develop these and other facilities. Plans for both these courses and other developments will need to be considered and developed in line with RI Strategic Plan.

AGM Items:

AGM takes place in Garda Boat Club On the 22nd April 2018 at 12.00

Domestic Events Fixtures meeting will commence at 10.30am

Latest date for AGM Proposals: 25th March 2018

Prepared by: Breda Leader. Rowing Ireland Secretary

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