

Rowing Ireland Board Bulletin July 2018

This Bulletin summarises the items discussed at the Rowing Ireland Board Meeting held on 22nd July 2018.

Board Members:

E. Colclough (President), D. Buckley (Treasurer) B. Leader (Secretary) Independent Director: Dominic Burke

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

Board Meeting: 22nd July 2018

1. E. Colclough welcomed D. Burke (Independent Director) to the Board of Rowing Ireland and his first Board meeting.
2. The focus of the Board meeting was the completion of the Strategic Plan review and prioritising the Key Strategic areas for 2018-2023. The Strategic items were agreed and a draft of the plan will now be prepared. The CEO, Michelle Carpenter, will discuss the Plan with Clubs when she visits each Province at the beginning of the new season.
3. The Calendar for Board meetings was agreed and meetings will take place on September 9th, 11th November 2018. 13th January, 10th March 2019. The AGM will take place on 31st March 2019
4. The Board reporting schedule was agreed for the sub-committees that report directly to the Board: High Performance, Audit, Governance, Remuneration, and Coastal.
5. The following sub-committees will report via the CEO: Umpires, Safeguarding, Domestic Events, Universities, Schools, Masters, Disciplinary, Championships, Para and Safety. A reporting schedule will be agreed with each committee and these reports, once Board approved, can be circulated with the Board Bulletin throughout the year rather than at year end with the AGM papers. The work of the sub- committees will therefore reach a wider audience and be published on the website.
6. As part of Rowing Ireland Governance procedures, Terms of Reference and Policies are scheduled for review and update every three years. The Terms of Reference for the Audit & Risk Subcommittee was updated and this version is available on the website.
7. Policies for Financial Management, Credit Card Expenditure, and Expenditures and Authorisations were also updated and are available on the website.
8. The new Chair of the Audit & Risk Subcommittee is Carol Ann Smith.

9. The Treasurer presented the Quarter 2 Management Accounts and confirmed the organisation is working within budget.
10. The Chair of the Coastal Working Group, D. O'Hara presented a paper on the Coastal Division of rowing within Rowing Ireland. This is a preliminary document and further discussion and planning is required over the coming months.
11. The Irish Coastal Rowing Championships takes place at the National Rowing Centre, Cork, on August 18th, 19th 2018. Full details are available on the Rowing Ireland website.

President, Eamon Colclough closed the meeting by acknowledging the prodigious work carried out by the Championship committee who also this year have taken on the responsibility of organising the Home Internationals and the Coup de la Jeunesse. He acknowledged the fantastic work already undertaken by the volunteers which ensured the success of this year's Championship and Home International.

Breda Leader
Secretary
Rowing Ireland