

Rowing Ireland Board Bulletin 19th May 2019

This Bulletin summarises the items discussed at the Rowing Ireland Board Meeting held on 19th May 2019 at Sport Ireland office.

Board Members:

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

	Vice President	Representative
Munster Branch	Not in attendance	TJ Ryan
Ulster Branch	Brenda Ewing	Not in attendance
Leinster	Carol Ann Smith	Aoife Habenicht
Connacht	Deirdre O'Hara	N. Maxwell

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The following is a summary of the key items discussed:

President E. Colclough welcomed new Board member Aoife Habenicht.

J. Williams, Sia Partners, facilitated a session on Board development.

The CEO Michelle Carpenter outlined activity regarding key strategic items:

1. HP/CEO collaboration in relation to building a Pathway with universities is ongoing. NUIG appointed rowing coach who will now engage with Rowing Ireland HP pathway.
2. **Supporting Clubs:** Three Clubs have been selected to participate in a program supported by Simon Dickie, Lisa Hayes and Pat McInerney. Lee RC, Commercial RC and Galway RC.
3. New safety recommendations were forwarded to clubs. Safety courses will be scheduled and advertised in conjunction with the Chair of the Safety Committee
4. Get Going..Get Rowing program has engaged with 12,000 participants in first five months of 2019 Including Women in Sport, Men On The Move and those with disabilities .
5. Get Going...Get Rowing collaborated on a three day Festival of rowing in Grand Canal Dock that included a workplace initiative and tour event from the Canal (through the gates) and up the River Liffey.
 - **Sponsorship:** Kinetica sponsorship with Rowing Ireland has been launched.

Waterways Ireland has also announced a partnership with Rowing Ireland.
6. Rowing Ireland is collaborating with EIR to connect broadband to the NRC
7. Rowing Ireland has received additional funding through the Sports Capital Grants to upgrade the Slips at the National Rowing Centre.
8. Pat McInerney is retiring on 20th June 19. We wish to acknowledge the amount of work and service that Pat has given to RI. He has been a friend to Clubs and a champion of our organisation and sport. We wish him every good wish in his retirement.

9. The Chairs of the following subcommittees of the Board were appointed:

Subcommittee	Chair	Subcommittee	Chair
Audit & Risk	Carol Ann Smith	Para	Deirdre O'Hara
Governance	Deirdre O'Hara	Schools	Evan Molloy
High Performance	Neville Maxwell	Disciplinary	Andy Wells
Safety	Pat Kiely	Offshore	Kieran Kerr
Championships	Lisa O'Callaghan	Coastal	Kieran Kerr
Domestic Events	Brenda Ewing		
Umpires	TJ Ryan		

10. High Performance camps have been running well. Athletes have been selected for the European Rowing Championships in Lucerne which will take place from 31st May – 2nd June
11. The meeting was interrupted to watch the performance of the Irish crew competing in a JM4+ at the Junior European Championships. Congratulations to the crew on winning a Silver medal. John Kearney (Cork), Jack Dorney (Shandon), James O'Donovan (Castleconnell), Matthew Gallagher (St. Josephs) and Leah O'Regan (Shandon). This is a great achievement and Lead Coach Fran Keane will continue with preparations for the Junior World Championship in August. Congratulations to the athletes, coaches and clubs, it was a fantastic achievement.
12. It was agreed to appoint an Independent Director to the Board of Rowing Ireland. The individual will now be nominated by the Rowing Ireland Coastal/Offshore subcommittees and join the Board.

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Secretary

Rowing Ireland