

## **Irish Freestyle Kayaking AGM**

**24/4/04**

Last years minutes were read.

Officers and Chairpersons reports were read.

The competitions officer suggested that the new committee put forward the closing date of the World's selection to allow for another event to be held.

### **Nominations**

Training Officer: Ross Redmond

Competitions Officer: Neil Gibson

PRO: Maurice Kelleher

Treasurer: Seanie

Secretary: Fiona

Women's/Junior Liaison Officer: Kate Harris

Chairperson: Shane Cronin

### **Future Finances**

Suggestions:

1. A committee needs to be set up to get corporate sponsorship for the team going to the worlds.
2. Raffle for Canoe Clubs in the country.  
1st prize will be 3 boats of choice for the winning club.  
Question – Will this be unfair on smaller clubs?

### **Grant Allocation**

Funding from the ICU:

There has been a drop in our grant due to Athens funding. At the moment The Sports Council don't consider events apart from Olympic disciplines as high performance.

As ICU funding is tight it is up to ourselves to produce funding.

### **Irishfreestyle.com**

Advertising charges were pitched to high for interested companies therefore the incoming committee need to review this.

The original figure asked for was €200 per month

There are plans to update the current website homepage etc.

### **Irish Freestyle Club**

Reasons for setting up the Irish Freestyle Club:

The ICU threatened to withdraw insurance as not all competitors were ICU members, the club was set up to prevent this.

It gives the ICU an idea of the numbers competing.

It gives us extra votes at the ICU AGM.

### **Ranking Season '03/'04**

The scoring rules were changed to accommodate both beginners and top paddlers. Hippy Dave was invited to Curragower to help with the judging and give advice. Brendan Barry has offered to run a few judges training weekends.

Suggestions to improve events organising:

Provisional Calendar – Already in place.

Flexibility – How soon can we notify people about an event?

Is a week/2 weeks to little?

Texting – To let people know about cancellations or upcoming events.

Pre-registration would have to be compulsory for this to work.

### **Team Selection**

Proposal By Colin Irvine

1. Hold the National Ranking events as normal, this will become the National Championships.
2. Selection Events to be held over 2 weekends that will definitely happen e.g. Curragower for the wave moves, Sluice/Clifden for hole moves. People should only enter the selection events if they can realistically make it to whatever event selection is for.

Suggestions:

Use full international rules at selection events.

The committee should undertake to run these events.

Combine System – National Champions automatically qualify?

Going to Trywern or Nottingham is an option if water is not guaranteed.

Include selection events in the ranking season i.e. 2 of the ranking event are also selection events.

The motion for the incoming committee to adopt Colin's Proposal was carried.

**A.O.B.**

1. Funding for Australia 2005 – Suggestion: one big event.
2. Inclusion of Freestyle Kayaking in the International carding System.  
This needs to be done via the ICU and should be put forward as a proposal at the next ICU AGM. (proposals must be submitted in writing, signed by the secretary and chairperson to the ICU by 7th May).
3. Proposal to Separate the position of Competitions Officer and PRO was carried.
4. Proposal to adopt the Women's/Junior Liaison Officer as part of the constitution was carried.
5. Amendment to Rules:  
Two variety judges – make sure these are definitely in place for the selection events.  
Adoption of Super Final.  
Motion to change rules to these amendments was carried.
6. Include kayaking in the Irish Freestyle name.
7. Website – can anything be done about aliases for login names?
8. Event in Northern Ireland.
9. People need to contact the committee if they have any queries or complaints etc.