

Irishfreestyle Kayak Committee AGM 16th April 2005

Committee Members present:

Chairperson – Shane Cronin

Public Relations Officer – Moe Kelleher

Ladies and Juniors Liaison Officer – Kate Harris

Training and Development Officer – Ross Redmond

In absentia:

Secretary – Fiona Hannon

Treasurer – Emma Reeves

Competitions Officer - Unfilled

1. Welcome

2. Minutes from AGM 2004 adopted.

3. Officers reports read and circulated:

- a. Training and Development – Ross Redmond
- b. Ladies and Juniors Liaison Officer – Kate Harris
- c. Chairperson – Shane Cronin
- d. Financials – Shane Cronin
- e. Public Relations – Moe Kelleher

4. Adoption of amendments to constitution.

A brief synopsis of the amendments to be made was given, copies of the constitution were available. All present were in favour of the changes.

5. Nominations for Committee Positions 2005 / 2006

- Chairperson – Moe Kelleher
Nomination: Shane Cronin
Second: Brendan Barry
- Public Relations Officer – Shane Cronin
Nomination: Moe Kelleher

Second: Pete Barron

- Secretary – Jackie Ferguson
Nomination: Gill Crawley
Second: Paul McKay
- Training and Development – Mike Jones
Nomination: Ross Redmond
Second: Jackie Ferguson
- Treasurer – Mark Leonard
Nomination: Timmy Kenyon
Second: Davy Byrne
- Ladies and Juniors – Dave Crerar
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Second: Kate Harris
- Competitions – Warren McIntyre
Nomination: Lorcan Fields
Second: John Flanagan

6. Any other business.

a. Funding

Going to have to come from sources other than the ICU. There has been a huge cut in ICU budget from Sports Council, this is going to have a negative impact on funding allocated to Freestyle.

Corporate sponsorship ?

- Jackie Ferguson – Medtronic, US multinational, supports small grass roots organisations.
- Is chasing this avenue of funding worthwhile? Fiona Hannon, spent several months last year, putting together a promotional package for team – to no avail.
- What is Irishfreestyle offering? Exposure? Several high profile events in the last year, Curragower Mayfest, Wave Box event in RDS, all help to bring the area of freestyle kayaking to the fore.

- Lottery Funding and TG4 based funding?
 - LVM Style DVD – brought out 3/ 4 times a year. Local paddlers submit footage, all sales go towards supporting the team.
- b. Selection Rules.
- Should the full international rules be used for national team selection? Yes, definitely.
 - International rules are favouring towards a more variety based scoring system, good idea? Yes.
- c. Fun events Vs Selection events.
- What was the general consensus on having a distinction between selection events and fun events? Generally, considered to be a good idea overall, as it was felt that more people would get involved at a grass roots level at the fun events and that the competition would be pushed more at the selection for the team places and the national champions.

7. Close of Meeting.