



**Motions Received for the Consideration of the  
50<sup>th</sup> ADM on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
Clarion Hotel Liffey Valley Dublin 22.**

**The Board**

1.1 This ADM resolves as follows:

Following the decision of the 2010 AGM to change the name of the Irish Canoe Union to Canoeing Ireland, that the Memorandum of Association, Governance Policy and other formal documentation of the Union be amended so as to replace all references to Irish Canoe Union Limited, Irish Canoe Union and the “Union” with the words – Canoeing Ireland, CI and the “Company” as appropriate.

**1. Board proceedings**

Minutes – Article 80. (Existing)

The Board shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose:

- (i) of all appointments of officers made by the Union; and
- (ii) of all proceeding at meetings of the Union, of the Board, of the Executive and of any sub-committees of the Board, including the names of the Board Member present at each such meeting.

**The Board**

2.1 This ADM resolves as follows:

That within 10 working days of the approval of the draft minutes of a Board meeting the Board publish a report of the proceedings of the meeting concerned.

**Irish Whitewater Association**

2.2 This ADM resolves as follows:

That Minutes of Board meeting and Executive meetings be published.

**Galway Kayak Club**

2.3 This ADM resolves as follows:

That the board and executive of the ICU increase transparency by publishing the minutes of the Board/executive/ committee meetings within 14 days of such meetings being held.

## **2. Voting arrangements at ADM**

### **The Board**

3.1 This ADM resolves as follows:

That with effect from the 51st ADM all individual Members will each have their own personal vote and that with a view to maintaining the existing voting ratios the number of votes available to clubs be consequently be increased by a factor of ten.

## **3. Governance procedures and Constitution**

### **The Board**

4.1 This ADM resolves as follows:

That the incoming Board be instructed, as a matter of priority, to establish a subcommittee for the purpose of reviewing the ICU governance procedures and constitution.

## **4. Audit Committee**

### **The Board**

5.1 This ADM resolves as follows:

That an Audit Committee consisting of three persons, under the Chairmanship of the Honorary Treasurer, be established with the other two members coming from the general membership based on nominations accepted at this ADM.

## **6. Limit on the term of office for members of the Executive**

**Article 45** (Existing)

45. The term of office of each Executive member shall be two years.

Any member of the Executive holding office in the same Executive position for three consecutive terms shall not be eligible for re election to that Executive position for a period of two years.

### **Irish Whitewater Association**

6.1 This ADM resolves as follows:

To change Article 45 to the following:

The term of office of each executive member shall be 2 years. Any member of the Executive holding office for 3 consecutive terms shall not be eligible for re-election as a member of the executive for a period of one year.

### **Galway Kayak Club**

6.2 This ADM resolves as follows:

To limit the number of consecutive terms a member of the executive/ committee can stand for re-election, in any position to a maximum of 5 years.

## **7. Membership of the Board**

### **Galway Kayak Club**

7.1 This ADM resolves as follows:

That there be one clubs representative added to the board.

## **8. Discussion on ICU future direction**

### **Irish Whitewater Association**

8.1 This ADM resolves as follows:

Discussions on the ICU Direction in the future.

### **Galway Kayak Club**

8.2 This ADM resolves as follows:

That the board publish the 2010 Strategic Review and workshop findings and accept comments and suggestions from the membership on this document with a view to using it as the basis for the future development of Canoeing Ireland.

## **9. Instructors**

### **Galway Kayak Club**

9.1 This ADM resolves as follows:

To make public the list of all instructors in the country and their instructor level.

### **Galway Kayak Club**

9.2 This ADM resolves as follows:

For instructors who register with the TDU at membership renewal- ensure that all Instructor details are made available to the TDU in a timely manner.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

### **In relation to motion 5.1 – the establishment of an Audit Committee**

The Honorary Treasurer has suggested that while it is not absolutely necessary to have a background in finance and accounting to become a successful member of an audit committee its members should be managerially and financially literate and be prepared to spend time understanding and engaging with the operations of the company.

Delegates and members should therefore bear in mind when making nominations for membership of this committee that certain personal attributes such as an ability to think objectively and independently and an ability to retain discretion at all times are highly desirable.

An audit committee is an important committee whose activities ought to provide comfort to the general membership. A substantial time commitment will be required in planning, reporting and liaising with both the General Manager and external auditor. Members who are not prepared to make the necessary time commitment should not allow their names to be put forward for nomination. In nominating members for positions on the audit committee care should also be taken to ensure that the independence of the committee is not compromised by any conflicts of interests that might arise on the part of the persons nominated.

It should be noted that the two external members chosen will not be members of the Board.

### **Invalid motions received**

The following three items were received in time for the closing date set out for the receipt of motions but were ruled invalid for the reasons stated –

#### **Item 1 – Submitted By Kilcullen Canoe Club:**

At a meeting of Kilcullen Canoe Club, held on November 2, 2011, a motion of no confidence in the executive of Canoeing Ireland, was passed.

This does not constitute a motion it records a fact that Kilcullen Canoe Club had a meeting at which they voted on a motion of no confidence.

#### **Item 2 – Submitted by Tom Ronayne, Alan Mulligan, Declan MacDaid.**

##### **Motion 1**

The ICU individual members listed below calls on the ICU Board to provide a forum for debate at this EGM to discuss the possible financial, operational and reputational risks to which the Irish Canoe Union may have become exposed as a result of decisions made by the ICU Board.

### Motion 2

The ICU individual members listed below call for a vote of no confidence in the ICU Executive.

No signatures were appended to these motions which were received by e mail only.

Article 19(iv) of the constitution states -

A motion may be put forward by any two ICU Registered Members provided (i) it deals with a single subject (ii) it is notified to the Secretary in writing not less than 21 days before the Annual Delegate Meeting (iii) it is approved by the Board or an ICU Registered Club and (iv) it is duly countersigned by the Chairman of the Board or the ICU Registered Club which approved the motion.

### **Item 3 – Motion from City Wise Canoe Club.**

#### Motion 1

Our club would like the ICU to provide a forum for debate at this agm to discuss the possible financial, operational and reputational risks to which the ICU may have become exposed to as a result of decisions made by the ICU Board

#### Motion 2

Our Club call for a vote of no confidence in the ICU executive.

Citywise Canoe Club has not been affiliated since January 2011.

Article 17 of the constitution states -

For the purpose of holding Annual Delegate Meetings, all ICU Registered Clubs and ICU Individual Members registered in the month Period prior to the holding of an Annual Delegate Meeting shall be considered registered with the Union regardless of the fact that such ICU Registered Clubs and ICU Individual Members are unregistered on the day of the Annual General Meeting. Such ICU Registered Clubs and ICU Individual Members shall enjoy such rights and privileges pertaining to an Annual Delegate Meeting as if they were currently registered ICU Registered Clubs and ICU Individual Members.

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