

Wildwater Racing Committee Meeting, Saturday 10th October. Venue SLCC, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.

Present: John Gallagher, John Healy, Liam McCarthy, Martin McCarthy

Apologies: Stephen Sweeney

(a) Wildwater Racing Strategy. The WWR committee has been asked by the ICU to draw up a strategy for 2009 - 2013 which will be included in the ICU's Strategic Development Plan. Note that all canoeing disciplines have been asked to draw up such a plan. The objectives, priorities and ideas were discussed and recorded by Martin McCarthy, who has agreed to formulate these into a plan. This plan will be reviewed by the ctte. prior to it being submitted to the ICU.

(b) Selection Policy for Irish National WWR Teams 2010. The selection policy for next year's teams was discussed. At this stage the international events are not fully confirmed yet, especially at junior level. The known events for next year include

- the Senior World Championships, to be held in Sort, in the Spanish Pyrenees from 7 - 13 June 2010

The World Cup events for next year are expected to be

- the Adda, Italy
- the Soca river, Slovenia
- unknown other

The Junior European Championships in 2010 are expected to be in Eastern Europe (possibly the river Vrbas in Bosnia and Herzegovina/Republic of Srpska)

After discussion of several options and ideas, it was felt that a selection policy broadly similar to last year's would be suitable. Liam McCarthy has agreed to draw up a draft policy for circulation to the ctte. The draft agreed by the ctte. will then be circulated to the WWRNews newsgroup for comment before the final policy is agreed and published.