

**Minutes of the Wild Water Racing Committee**  
**25<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

The meeting was held at the Wild Water Kayak Club.

**Present:** Martin McCarthy, Yvonne Glynn; John Ringwood; Liam McCarthy and Bruno Halter. As Bruno was not on the selection committee, he did not attend the first part of the meeting.

**Senior Selection**

The first item for discussion was selection to the Senior International team.

The first part of this discussion involved calculating the ranking points awarded in both selection events to each of the paddlers who had put themselves forward for selection.

The second part involved calculating the percentage of the class winner's time in both events. The ranking points and the % of the winner's time for those who went forward for selection is as follows:

<b>Mens Div 1.</b>	<b>Ranking points</b>	<b>% in Sprint</b>	<b>% in Classic</b>
K Pierce	202	100	100
C Duggan	194	107.39	108.94
V Pierce	194	110.23	107.48
A Redmond	191	114.2	108.94
Simon McGarry	191	115.91	108.58
Bruno Halter	183	129.55	118.07
<b>Mens C1</b>			
T McIntyre	200	100	103.65
K McGuirk	200	100.46	100
<b>Womens K1</b>			
Liz Shouldice	202		

The committee decided that the selection policy is quite clear when it states that '*Only those competitors who achieve a result that is within 7% of the fastest Irish Paddler (Paddler eligible to represent Ireland) in their class at **both** the classic and sprint selection events will be selected for the World Championships*'.

Likewise, the selection policy is quite clear when it states that '*Only those competitors who achieve a result that is within 10% of the fastest Irish paddler in their class, at **both** the classic and sprint selection events will be selected for World Cup events*'.

After a lengthy discussion of all possible options, the committee decided that it must adhere to the selection policy, and so, in accordance with the ranking points system and the percentages outlined in the selection policy, the following paddlers are deemed to be selected:

**Liz Shouldice** (for both World Championships and World Cup events)  
**Kevin Pierce** (for both World Championships and World Cup events).  
**Cillian Duggan** (for World Cup events)  
**Tadhg McIntyre** (for both World Championships and World Cup events)  
**Keith McGuirk** (for both World Championships and World Cup events)

The efforts made, and improvements in the standard of paddling, was noted at the meeting and it was decided that every effort should be made to encourage those who missed out on selection to participate in other international events. Martin agreed to make a list of suitable events available and communicate it to the paddlers involved. Andrew Redmond and Bruno Halter are both eligible for selection to Masters' Events and should be invited to compete in the Masters' event at the World Championships at Ivrea in Italy.

A proposal was made to invite a paddler, not selected, to act as Team Manager.

### **Junior Selection**

Lorcan Feely and Olivia Manning had been pre-selected for the Junior European Championships. A maximum of 4 competitors could be selected for both Men's K1 and Women's K1

The selection of the other team members, in accordance with the selection policy, was to be based on ranking points accumulated at the selection events. A 10% figure is only a guideline in respect of selection for the Junior Team. The ranking points awarded to each of the paddlers (not pre-selected) who put themselves forward for selection is as follows:

Adam Sweeney	182
Sean Healy	174
Charlie Blount	173
Tom Burke	169
Liam Banks	169
Joe Curtis	168
David Boyle	166
Jack McCabe	159
Aisling Conlan	198
Clodagh Doyle	191

In accordance with the selection policy, the following paddlers have been selected to the Junior International Team to compete in the Junior European Championships.

Men' K1

**Lorcan Feely**  
**Adam Sweeney**  
**Sean Healy**  
**Charlie Blount**

Women' K1

**Olivia Manning**  
**Aisling Conlan**  
**Clodagh Doyle**

A suggestion was made that 2 reserve paddlers could be sent as forerunners with the purpose of gaining experience for as many paddlers as possible. As **Tom Burke** and **Liam Banks** are on the same ranking points, it was decided to allow these 2 paddlers to go as travelling reserves.

The travelling reserves, however, will not receive funding.

It is hoped to send a team to the Junior Pre-World Championships. It is possible that 6 paddlers may be selected for this event which will be held at Titlis in Switzerland. We will seek confirmation of the numbers allowed from a country to compete in each category and announce this later.

At this venue, and on the same weekend, an Open event will be held, to which all Junior paddlers are welcome. Preparations for this trip are well under way.

All of this year's funding that has been allocated to Juniors will be for the Junior European Champs only.

### **Nomination of Events, Code of Conduct and Paddler Contract.**

Yvonne Glynn offered to draw up a document inviting paddlers to nominate the events in which they intend to participate. This document will be distributed to all selected paddlers together with a contract and a code of conduct.

### **International Budget**

We will determine the amount of funding that may be allocated to each competitor based on the final travelling numbers. This shall be communicated to paddlers concerned and to the ICU as soon as possible.

### **Junior Series Club Trophy**

The committee decided to buy a Club trophy for the Junior Series. John Ringwood offered to seek out and purchase a suitable trophy on the committee's behalf.

### **Mourne Weekend**

Martin gave the committee a brief update on the upcoming training weekend at the Mourne. He pointed out that all were welcome and that several rivers would be used over the weekend from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. A program for the weekend will be communicated through the WWR news.

### **AOB**

Liam McCarthy undertook to get stopwatches at the last meeting. The particular watch we are looking for is out of stock in Ireland but should be available in the next couple of weeks.

Technical difficulties with revamping the website, have not yet been overcome. However, progress is being made in this regard and there should be some results in the near future.