

IRISH WATER SKI FEDERATION



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A meeting of the Irish Water Ski Federation was held at the Cork Power Boat & Water Ski Club on Sunday 28th July, 1991.

Present were Richard Armstrong, President, Lill Fitzpatrick, Secretary, Eimear Galvin, Treasurer, Geoff Shanks, Technical Officer, Robin Skelton, R.O.I. Officer, Derek Hobson, N.O.I. Officer, Neill Wilson, Jane Magowan, Gerry McInerney and Donal McGuigan.

Richard read a letter which he had received from Ellen McKeown regarding selection of the Irish Team for the Irish/Scottish Competition. At this point as the matter concerned Jane, she left the room. A discussion took place and it was agreed that Ellen's letter be discussed at a full federation meeting.

Robbin brought up the question of the Team to travel to the worlds. He informed the meeting that Barry Galvin Jnr. was the only skier available to represent Ireland. He then asked the Committee if they felt a Team Captain was necessary for one skier. He questioned the necessity of the expense incurred in sending a Team Captain. It was agreed that Barry Galvin be sent as a one-man team and it was felt that the expense incurred in sending a team captain was justifiable.

Richard then brought up the question of the Robin v. Golden Falls issue. Richard informed the meeting that Barry Galvin Senior had been approached to see if he could mediate in the situation. Robin then left the meeting as this matter concerned him personally. Richard invited Barry Galvin to join the meeting to outline what had occurred as a result of his efforts to find an acceptable solution. A discussion ensued at which the members of the committee expressed extreme concern at the fact that Irish skiers and officials might not attend the 1991 Golden Falls Jump Classic and the implications this would have on the running of the European Cup in 1992. It was agreed that something must be done immediately to prevent a disaster. The Secretary was instructed to write to both parties and to inform them that the Federation wished to appoint a sub-committee to investigate the problems which had led to this impasse and to try to find a fair and balanced solution. This sub-committee to be comprised of Richard Armstrong, as Chairman and two others, one member of the Federation nominated by Golden Falls (not a Golden Falls member) and Robin Skelton to nominate one person (also to be a Federation member but not a member of his family) to the sub-committee. The sub-committee are to receive written submissions within 7 days of their appointment and are to hold a meeting within a further 7 days; to have their decision within a further 7 days. The decision of this sub-committee to be binding on both parties. Golden Falls and Robin Skelton to be informed that if they do not agree to the above proposal that in the interests of Water skiing in Ireland an E.G.M. will be held as soon as the constitution permits, so that the body of the members can consider what steps must be taken to preserve the good name of Irish Water Skiing.