

A meeting of the Irish Water Ski Federation was held at O'Brien's Bridge Waterski club on June 3rd. Present were Richard Armstrong, President; Lill Fitzpatrick, Secretary; Eimear Galvin, Treasurer; Geoff Shanks, Technical Officer; Derek Hobson, N.I. Rep, Robin Skelton, R.O.I Rep; Donal McGuigan, and Gerry McInerney.

Items approved for the meeting.

Discipline.
Budget
Technical
Matters for A.O.B.

Discipline - Lill brought to attention of the meeting a letter which she had received after the Mulingar training week-end. Richard brought to the attention of the meeting the fact that due to misbehaviour of senior skiers and officials Ken Scott had resigned from the Federation; thus removing his services as a judge and also withdrawing Baronscourt as a venue for the Nationals. A very long discussion took place regarding the general behaviour of skiers, and the deterioration of same. Lill proposed we set up a discipline board. It was felt that this might be required but hoped that the time had not yet come. Final decision was (a) to write to all skiers regarding the problem, (b) copies of letter received by Lill to be sent to all who attended the Mulingar week-end, (c) to keep a vigilant eye on the situation generally in order to stop the situation from getting any worse. Richard and Lill to attend to letters.

Budget - Eimear and Barry Galvin to receive IR200 towards expenses of the Under 21 championships.

Technical - Decisions taken -Promotion from Division II to Division I - to be at ranking competitions. Skiers can be graded and regraded by the decision of the Federation, this to be done solely on skiing ability. A skier is entitled to ski according to age - even if that skier has aquired skiing ability to ski in a higher division - if a competition does not provide for age groups, skiers to ski in the higher division with bonus according to technical rule book. A Junior/Dauphine/Bambino may opt to ski as Open skiers if they have aquired skiing ability to do so, by his/her own choice. This skier would not be entitled to bonus except in the jump event, and having once skied as Open can not go back to skiing according to age categories.

Lill brought up the question of Drivers courses, this to be attended to by Chris McBrinn. Outline of further courses, i.e. Judging, Homologation, Calculator to be looked into by Geoff.

Venue for the Nationals, suitable sites to be approached - Richard, Geoff to attend.

A.O.B. Robin requested that the following names be included in the Squads.

Vet. squad - Artis McClean, Mark Maguire.
European squad - Carl Cautley
Celtic Challenge squad - Jane Magowan, Carl Cautley.

These were approved by the federation.

Date and place of next meeting - to be agreed.