

<b>MEETING OF:</b>	IWA Sport Annual General Meeting 2018
<b>ATTENDED BY:</b>	Full list of attendees recorded upon arrival
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Kerrie Leonard Colin Byrne James McCarthy Lisa Kelly Noel Brennan Eileen O'Mahony Delia Boyce Aisling Halliday Sharon Whelan Mary Condon
<b>CHAIR:</b>	Declan Slevin

<b>Date:</b>	24.2.18	<b>Venue:</b>	Sport HQ, Abbotstown	<b>Time:</b>	2pm
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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>MAIN POINTS</b>
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes reviewed by the floor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed by Ger O'Rourke</li> <li>Seconded by Tadgh Buckley</li> </ul>
<b>Matters Arising</b>	Apology issued by Secretary on behalf of National Sports Executive Committee regarding a matter arising from 2017 AGM. At the 2017 AGM the floor were informed that the AGM would commence in the absence of the required quorum at the beginning of the meeting. The Chairperson subsequently failed to inform the floor that a quorum was reached. This matter should also have been noted in the minutes but wasn't. Secretary Darren Healy apologised for this oversight.
<b>Chairperson's Address</b>	The Chairperson's Address was read out by NSEC Chairman, Declan Slevin
<b>Honorary Treasurer's Report</b>	A detailed report was presented by Ger Scully (GS) – Honorary Treasurer. Key points included: <p><b>Income:</b></p> Income generated by sporting activities: €462,341 IWA Support: €155,330 Total Income: €617,671

	<p>Total Expenditure: €617,671</p> <p><b>Surplus/Deficit:</b> Break even</p> <p>GS added that, moving forward, the organisation must plan for financial stability and the implementation of a commercial strategy. Targets for the organisation should include self-sufficiency, development of core activities, financially supporting our international teams, and developing key posts.</p> <p>GS thanked the CEO and IWA Board for their continued support.</p> <p>Proposed: Barry Cooke Seconded: Paul Ryan</p>
<p><b>2017 Review – Director of Sport, Nicky Hamill</b></p>	<p>NH gave a full and detailed review of all sporting activities undertaken in 2017 – the review included information across five main strategy areas: Participation, High-Performance, Coach Education, Services and Governance.</p> <p>NH gave a report on the launch of the ‘20/20 Strategy’ – NH explained all steps involved, and how this new strategy will aid the growth and prosperity of IWA Sport moving forward.</p>
<p><b>Anti-Doping Report</b></p>	<p>NH gave a full, detailed Anti-Doping report.</p>
<p><b>Election of National Sports Executive Committee</b></p>	<p>The following people were elected to the National Sports Executive Committee:</p> <p>Chairperson: Declan Slevin Proposed: Mick Cunningham    Seconded: Gareth Culliton</p> <p>Secretary: Darren Healy Proposed: Mick Cunningham    Seconded: Robbie Hurr</p> <p>Treasurer: John Brady Proposed: Barry Cooke            Seconded: Paul Ryan</p> <p>Committee Member: Kerrie Leonard Proposed: Ger Scully                Seconded: Cliona Horan</p> <p>Committee Member: Tom Doherty Proposed: Roy Guerin                Seconded: Paul Ryan</p> <p>DS congratulated everyone on their re-election.</p>

<p><b>Motions</b></p>	<p>No motions for the floor to consider.</p> <p>The floor was advised on two updates with respect to how Sport Ireland is referenced in the Standing Orders and in the IWA Memo and Arts of Association -</p> <p>References to the following bodies/terms within the IWA Sport Standing Orders are updated to align with recent changes, namely:</p> <p>Irish Sports Council – changed to ‘Sport Ireland’ – Item 34 c IWA Memo and Arts of Association – changed to ‘Constitution’ – item 77</p>
<p><b>AOB and Open Forum</b></p>	<p>Mick Cunningham (MC) questioned why an athlete has been disregarded from travelling with the National Basketball team due to previous incidents.</p> <p>NH advised the selection of personnel is the responsibility of the Head Coach and selectors. The NSEC is not involved in the initial team selection but is responsible for considering the ratification of squads to travel.</p> <p>Barry Cooke (BC) questioned why there wasn’t an open invite to try out for the National Basketball team following the appointment of a new coach.</p> <p>DS stated that the selection process is at the discretion of the coach.</p> <p>BC suggested a new selection process should be discussed at the next NSEC meeting.</p> <p>DS stated there is a selection process in place but the NSEC would consider whether it was needed to review the process.</p> <p>Ger O’Rourke suggested setting up an Irish Wheelchair Basketball committee to allow all clubs to have a say in the decision making within the league, moving forward.</p> <p>A lengthy debate followed regarding the matter.</p> <p>MC suggested that decisions are being made by a person/people who may not always have the full information, and raised the point about certain teams incurring more expense over the course of a season.</p> <p>Seamus Wall suggested an open forum meeting at the end of the basketball season for all teams to express their concerns, and advice for the league going forward.</p> <p>BC said players have asked for the formation of a committee before but nothing has been done, and raised the question on how much certain teams must travel over the course of a season.</p> <p>Orla Dempsey said that the discrepancies are due to a team dropping out of the league at the last minute, something the League didn’t plan for and had to resolve on very short notice.</p>

DS said a committee could benefit the league, but GS urged caution when setting up a committee.

MC asked about the transfer policy currently in place. NH explained how previously a large number of players transferred to a club at once and the influx ousted local players. NH stated this was unfair to local players, it facilitated the formation of strong teams and it wasn't a sustainable Club model.

DS informed the floor that the NSEC would review the request to form a Club Committee and revert to Irish Wheelchair Basketball Clubs with a proposal to engage with.

Ger O'Rourke said the loss of stats at the basketball games is a big loss, and asked why it has gone.

NH said costs and the new fixture arrangement has contributed to it.

BC suggested the teams could sponsor the payment of people to do the stats.

NH advised that statistician, Adrian O'Donoghue, reached out on several occasions to offer stats courses but there was no uptake. NH said it needs to be looked at again.

Sandra McCullagh asked how IWA-Sport would attract more children moving forward. Suggested promotion of our athletes needs to be spread across all disability programmes and platforms.

NH said raising the profile of our organisation with an objective of increasing membership is included in the new strategy. The issue has been identified and clubs will be consulted on the challenges they face. NH also advised the appointment of the new Communications Officer will help raise the profile of the teams/organisation, and he will be liaising with teams on how to best promote the organisation and all involved.

Meeting ended at 4.30pm.