



Membership

- Prior to the launch of the IG online membership system in September 2006 the associations membership numbers could not be verified or stood over as names were held in a poorly structured access database with duplicated entries, blank entries, membership details included for members who had not been members of Irish Gymnastics for years etc...
- In September 2006 our membership system went live and accurate membership data was collected for the 1st time in IG history.

Membership

- Irish Gymnastics has recorded its highest membership to date this year...
- Our target was to hit over 8000 members for the 2009/2010 membership year...
- However we have already achieved that this year...

Membership

- Our current membership is 8160 members - and rising
- This year alone we attracted over 900 NEW members
- We have attracted 7 new clubs in the past 2 years
- 3 returning clubs this year
- We also have already registered 3 new clubs for the incoming 08/09 membership year

Membership

- Based on conversations and correspondence the rationale for new and returning members/clubs seems to be people now see they can get a return from IG (coaching courses, magazines, membership pack, in addition to competitions etc...). Also there is an emerging trend of growth within clubs as many expand and professionalise.
- 08/09 membership scheme remains the same as 07/08 with IG branded sports water bottles replacing the IG toggle bag. Promotional posters will be sent out shortly.

Coach Education

'A very progressive year for I.G, they deserve full backing for future projects as they have shown an ability to achieve their ambitious targets'.

Hayley Harrison – NCTC official report on IG Coach Education development in 2007 Targeted Progress Report (TPR) to Irish Sports Council (ISC)

Coach Education

- Sally Filmer – IG Coaching Development Manager reports...
 - All Intros completed (GFA & MAG in process of restructure for 1st course)
 - Level 1 piloting 26th & 27th July
 - Level 2 pilot in Autumn/Winter
 - Level 3 & 4 development will start in 2009
 - Disabilities is also currently in development as an add on module to each discipline from level 1.

IG Springboard Development

- This year IG successfully gained funding for an initiative that we believe will place Irish Gymnastics in a position of central importance to the development of all sport in Ireland.
- Springboard will be a 'FUNDamentals' based coaching resource designed to spread the core physical literacy skills from our sport & the brand of Irish Gymnastics outside our organisation to other sports and the general sporting population.

IG Springboard Development

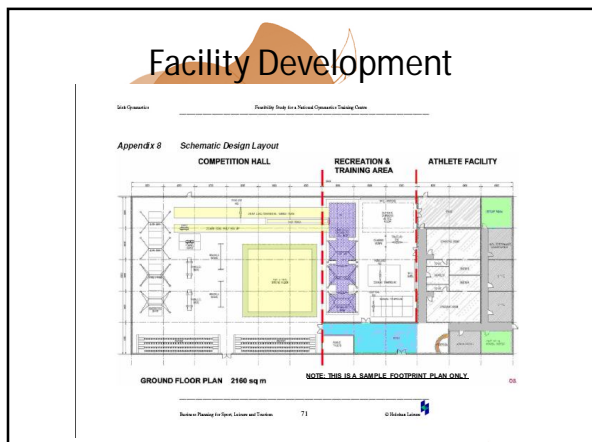
- This project also promises to be commercially successful – the aim to generate maximum income for the reinvestment in the internal development of our sport.
- Following the conclusion of interviews we are happy to welcome Aimi Baker as our new Springboard Development Officer. She now joins the coach education team where she will work over the coming year along with Sally & myself to develop and roll out the programme for 2009.

Facility Development

- National Training Centre feasibility study completed and Signed off in November 2007.
- Meeting organised by Holohan Leisure with Donagh Morgan, Assistant Secretary General DAST on Thursday 20th December 2007.
- Meeting attended by Ger Rellis & Ciaran Gallagher (IG) and Gar Holohan & Diane Vassey (Holohan Leisure). Full study presented to Department with executive summary presented by Ger, Ciaran, Gar & Diane.
- Very positive response from Donagh Morgan who advised IG to submit the full study to the design team for Campus Stadium Ireland Development.
- Design team announced as Holohan Leisure in April 08

Facility Development

- Study submitted to board of National Sports Campus Development Authority (NSCDA) May 08 for consideration in phase 1 of Sports Campus Ireland
- NSCDA sent study to ISC for review and comments
- ISC have completed a very positive review of our study and are in support of our application to NSCDA
- The NSCDA board will be considering our study and request along with the ISC recommendation at their next board meeting in July 08.



Strategic Planning

- October 2007 the BOM specifically highlight this in our ISC Grant Application for 2008 in submission November 2007...
- Below is a direct copy of goal 1 from the 2008 ISC Grant Application form...

Goal	Measurement Criteria
1. Strategic Planning & Review including the appointment of an IG Policies Officer (PO) to develop key policies in the areas of child protection, ethics & welfare, governance, anti-doping. The PO would also act as the National Children's Officer & would be responsible for the training & implementation of best practice policies in our clubs. This area has been one that the NGB has struggled to tackle adequately with limited resources.	Development & launch of a new strategic plan 2008 – 2012 focusing on Key Areas... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance Policies & procedures Internal & external communication Promotion, marketing & branding Athlete pathway development Volunteerism Facilities development. Strategic Plan to be launched with the support of members at the 2008 IG AGM in June. The appointment of an IG Policies Officer.

Strategic Planning

- The BOM recognises the immediate need to ensure Irish Gymnastics as an organisation is fully protected and promoting best practice across all aspects of activity within the organisation.
- This is a huge task that kicked off with Administrative overhaul & re-structure in January 08.
- Unfortunately ISC did not sufficiently allocate funding to the goal 1 to enable the full-time employment of a Policy Officer.
- However the BOM has been able to successfully gather the funds for the post and will release Job Description and Application information for the post of IG Policy Officer this week.
- The aim is to make an appointment to the post by September 08.

Strategic Planning

- With the absence of funding for a Policy Officer the BOM & management staff recognised 'while funds were being sought the process needed to start in other areas.
- At the recent Board of Control in May 08 the following new policies were adopted as 'working policies to be adapted from time to time in line with best practice'.
- These policies are...
 - IG Child Protection Policy
 - Safe Sport Away
 - Code of Conduct
 - Head of Delegation

Strategic Planning

- In the coming months we will be actively engaging in a consultation process with Technical Committees, Regions, Clubs and members. We will be going on a road show around the country in order to further develop and launch the new Strategic Plan.
- It is our aim at the end of this process that we will have an agreed document mapping out the future development of Irish Gymnastics.

Other issues worth noting...

- This year IG established & built on a good working relationship with the Irish media...
 - Two major events on RTE (OB Sport) & Setanta (Sports Monthly) in relation Northern Europeans & Celtic Cup.
 - Tumbling item on RTE Radio one drive time
 - Articles in major Irish Papers (Irish Times, Independent...)
 - Internationally we have maintained articles/coverage in International Gymnastics Magazine & website

Questions?