



## Irish Gymnastics Ltd

Affiliated to F.I.G., U.E.G. and O.C.I.

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010 Sports HQ, Park West, Dublin 12

#### *In Attendance:*

Gerard Rellis (President IG/Indep), Marisa Duffy (Company Secretary/DP Gymnastics), Natasha Preston (VP WAG/Excel), Terrie Watson (VP Trampolining/Athy), Sophie Skillen (VP Tumbling/Clondalkin), Cheryl Keenan (VP Rhythmic), Marie Baker (Wexford), Monica Boyle (Killeevan), Edward Boyle (Killeevan), Valentina Culicova (GNE), Leslie Culliton (Rathdrum), Tom Dillon (Phoenix), Frank Duffy (Tuam), Thomas Farrell (Indep), Donagh McCabe (South Galway), Pauline Molloy (Indep), Colm Murray (Skerries), Mairead O'Callaghan (Douglas), Frank Reilly (Indep), Robert Tsay (Triumph),

#### *Staff members in attendance:*

Ciaran Gallagher (CEO), Deirdre Farren (Admin Manager), Sarah Lowe (Admin Officer)

#### *Apologies received:*

Pauric Dooley (VP IG), Gilly Carson (VP MAG), Carolanne Tighe (VP GFA), Ursula Billings (Excel), Lisa Boyle (Killeevan), Amy Browne (Clondalkin), Eamonn Coleman (Indep), Denise Coughlan (Clondalkin), Linda Dempsey (Janz), Fionnuala Dooley (Tuam), Patricia Downey (Excel), Aoife Downey (Excel), Daragh Downey (Excel), Laura Doyle (Janz), Laura Farrell (Janz), Niamh Farrelly (Clondalkin), Sally Filmer (Millennium), Amanda Fitzgibbons (Janz), Barry Gouldsbury (Clondalkin), Zoe Higgins (Janz), Louise Ivie (Trojan), Patryk Jablonski (Janz), Emer Kavanagh (Clondalkin), Yvonne Kavanagh (Clondalkin), Rachel Kavanagh (Clondalkin), Sinead Lamb (Excel), Ruth Larragy (Excel), Olexander Malinovsky (Excel), Katrina McDermott (Excel), Avril Morrison (Janz), Amy Morrison (Janz), Kim Murphy (Excel), Mary Murray (Skerries), Caomhan Murray (Excel), Patricia New (Cobra), Jim O'Leary (Cavan), Ciara O'Byrne (Janz), Rick O'Mahony (Indep), Stanislav Sevostyanov (Excel), Susann Sills (Janz), Amy Slaughter (Clondalkin), Julia Toomey (Clondalkin), Sarah Toomey (Clondalkin), Sophie Toomey (Clondalkin), Mary Ann Watson (Janz), Bernie White Barrett (Excel), Aoife White Barrett (Excel)

#### **1. Welcome & Introduction:**

The President welcomed all the members to the AGM and chaired the meeting.

#### **2. Apologies:**

The President read out the list of apologies.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising:**

There were only two matters arising from 2009 minutes –

- a. Tim O'Donovan asked whether it was prudent to publish all the minutes of meeting on the website as they could have controversial issues contained in them. The CEO highlighted that this would be standard practice in other similar, however agreed that any potentially controversial issues would need to be reported appropriately and considered by the Board.
- b. Pauline Molloy asked whether the 2008 minutes were finalised. The CEO highlighted that as per the 2009 minutes that Linda Dempsey had agreed at the previous AGM to review at the 2008 minutes and present suggested amendments, he highlighted that to his knowledge this had not occurred. He also reiterated his belief that the 2008 minutes were a true and accurate reflection of the 2008 AGM and that minutes should not necessarily be a running log of every comment made, rather a summary of key discussion and action points. It was agreed by the membership present that the 2008 minutes stand as accurate.

Proposed by: Leslie Culliton      Seconded by: Colm Murray

**4. Adoption of EGM Minutes – July 2010**

There were no matters arising from the EGM minutes.

Proposed by: Tom Dillon      Seconded by: Sophie Skillen

**5. Presidents Address:**

The President read out his address, a copy of which can be found @ <http://www.irishgymnastics.ie/downloads/Presidents%20Address%20-%20AGM%202010.pdf>

Proposed by: Frank Duffy      Seconded by: Tim O'Donovan

**6. Directors & Auditors Report on Financial Statements for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009:**

The Company Secretary gave a brief report on the audited financial statements. The following were the points outlined.

- Very positive news of reduction on deficit from last year to 8443
- This represents a turnaround of approx 88,000 from last years deficit which was 96,165
- Proving that the strategy for sinking reserves into areas such as policy & welfare & coach ed development have now made returns – particularly in relation to coach ed...
- Regards coach ed, as predicted the coaching courses are the primary reason for the large increase in operational income from 2008 to 2009 - €110,000 approx increase
- Expenses have risen only mildly by comparison – considering new staff, more developments etc... this was expected but we are happy that the increases are as small as possible.
- While we are happy that we were able to reduce the deficit for 2009, as we are all aware we received a cut of 20,000 in 2010 from the ISC and going forward into 2011 cuts are again a major concern.

The Company Secretary also confirmed that unfortunately not all regional account information had been submitted as requested by the Board, however confirmed this was being chased up and would be reviewed by the Board following the AGM at their first meeting of the new membership year.

Tom Dillon queried the item ‘subscription affiliation fees & insurance’ on page 7 and asked had there been a drop in membership. The CEO said that the membership numbers had actually increased past the targeted increase for the year – confirming that the target had been to hit 9,500 members by year end and actually we now had surpassed that and hit over 10,100 members. The CEO highlighted just how encouraging this was in the current climate, however explained to the membership that the new accounting system had been re-coded and next year’s audit would show new and more relevant headings that would be easier for the membership to understand.

Tom Dillon praised the new accounts reporting system as a huge improvement and praised the work that had gone into to make the new system work.

Following a query in relation to the regional accounts from Donagh McCabe the CEO pointed out that as part of the ongoing governance restructure the regional accounts system would be assessed for inclusion in the new system, and confirmed he did not see this as a major issue following reviewing the transaction activity of some of the regions.

Proposed by: Natasha Preston

Seconded by: Leslie Culliton

7. **Appointment of Auditors for incoming financial year:**

It was agreed by the members that Power & Associates would continue as the auditors for Irish Gymnastics Ltd for 2010.

Proposed by: Terrie Watson

Seconded by: Tim O’Donovan

8. **CEO Presentation:**

The CEO gave a presentation, a copy of which is available on the website @

<http://www.irishgymnastics.ie/downloads/AGM%202010%20-%20CEOPresentation.pdf>

There were a few questions for the CEO about the presentation.

- a. Tom Dillon raised the issue that the Code of Ethics policy on the website needed to include that the Child Liaison Officers and Designated Persons should be members of Irish Gymnastics as they in turn should be vetted under Irish Gymnastics. He pointed out that at present it does not mention this in the policy. The CEO confirmed that there were proposals going forward to the Board for inclusion in the rules that will encompass this issue.
- b. The sponsorship package from Milano was also brought up by Tim O’Donovan, the CEO stated that there were new proposals on offer from Milano and GK and they would be presented at the next Board meeting for consideration.
- c. Sophie Skillen raised a question about the Springboard programme. She queried, apart from revenue generation, was there any relevance in terms of talent transfer for Irish Gymnastics or other direct benefits for IG members. The CEO confirmed that primarily the initiative was commercially driven for IG, the more finance generated by the programme the more investment could be made internally into our sport, however

he also confirmed that there would be benefits in terms of talent ID, the proposed coaching licensing system with Coaching Ireland and potentially the schools programme.

- d. Valentina Culicova stated that she supported the CEOs presentation but expressed frustration that sport was not well supported by the Irish government and drew comparisons to other countries. The CEO assured that all that could be done to keep sport in the attention of government was being done, highlighting the recent meeting with the Minister along with the 'Sports Matters' campaign and the constant lobbying of the Federation of Irish Sport (of which he is an Executive Committee member).

Proposed by: Sophie Skillen      Seconded by: Leslie Culliton

**9. Discipline Reports (taken as read):**

There was only one report submitted to the AGM from GFA and there were no matters arising from this report. It was agreed that an email needed to be sent to the Vice Presidents from the office to ask them to submit a report for the next BOC.

Proposed by: Leslie Culliton      Seconded by: Pauline Molloy.

**10. Regional Reports (taken as read):**

There were no regional reports submitted to the AGM from the Regions. It was agreed that an email needed to be sent to the regions from the office to ask the regional representatives to submit a report for the next BOC.

**11. Election of Officers to Board as outlined in Article 45 of the Articles of Association:**

The election was held and the following members all accepted their positions and were voted in as the new Board:

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| • <b>President</b> -           | Gerard Rellis   | Unanimous               |
| • <b>Vice President</b> -      | Pauric Dooley   | Unanimous               |
| • <b>Company Secretary</b> -   | Marisa Duffy    | Unanimous               |
| • <b>Vice President MAG</b> -  | Gilly Carson    | Unanimous               |
| • <b>Vice President WAG</b> -  | Natasha Preston | Unanimous               |
| • <b>Vice President ACRO</b> - | Frank Duffy     | Unanimous               |
| • <b>Vice President GFA</b> -  | Carolanne Tighe | Unanimous               |
| • <b>Vice President TRA</b> -  | Terrie Watson   | 17 votes, 2 abstentions |
| • <b>Vice President TUM</b> -  | Sophie Skillen  | Unanimous               |

**12. Presentation of Motions for consideration by the membership present:**

There were no motions for consideration by the membership.

**13. Close of Meeting:**

The president thanked all the members for their attendance and wished them all the best for the coming gymnastics year.

**END OF MEETING**

Minutes taken by: Deirdre Farren  
Administration Manager  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2010