

2022 Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Attendees	Full list of attendees recorded upon arrival.
Chairperson	James McCarthy
Date	30 th May 2023
Location	Hybrid Meeting - Sport Ireland HQ Conference room & live streamed on MS Teams to registered attendees.
Time	7.30pm

Agenda item	
1. Chairpersons address	Chairperson James McCarthy welcomed all in attendance and delivered his address.
2. CEO Address	CEO Rosemary Keogh addressed attendees and thanked all for their ongoing commitment to IWA-Sport.
3. 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes and Matters Arising	<p>There were no matters arising.</p> <p>Proposed by John Fulham</p> <p>Seconded by Jack Shannon Cole</p>
4. 2021 Honorary Treasurers Report	<p>Catriona Griffin, (CG) Interim Chief Financial Officer of IWA delivered the Treasurers report.</p> <p>For the 2022 Financial year, IWA Sports section recorded a deficit of €121K which has been funded by IWA. This is a slight improvement on the prior year deficit of €143K</p> <p>External income increased by €200K with Programme and other expenditure increasing €178K</p> <p>Sport Ireland Core grant awarded increased to €315K in 2022, an additional €30K on the 2021 amount.</p> <p>Sponsorship and Fundraising is €14K and the balance of €92K relates to Members contributions and Entry fees, which all have related expenditure.</p> <p>Sport Ireland Grant income released throughout 2022 remained largely the same as prior year with a slight increase in Dormant Account funding</p> <p>Cost of Shared services increased €40K due to the higher level of IWA Sport expenditure around programmes and activities</p> <p>The Sports centre deficit in 2022 was €16K which was a reduction of €56K on the 2021 deficit, due to stronger Gym memberships and sports hall hire.</p> <p>The total amount of deferred income held at the end of 2022 was €523K, made up of mostly Sport Ireland grants</p>

	<p>A number of new Dormant Account funding streams were awarded to IWA Sports in 2022 totalling €120K to be spent in 2023</p> <p>Additionally €200K of Covid 19 funding was received from Sport Ireland, split into a Recovery grant of €100K and National team programmes of €100K to be also spent in 2023</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>John Fulham raised a query regarding the risk around the funding model for IWA-Sport and specifically the continuation of IWA funding.</p> <p>Catriona Griffin responded to say Sport Ireland grants were annual and covered a wide range of programmes and subject to meeting the terms of conditions of funding. IWA investment was an agreed strategic investment approved by the Board of IWA. John Fulham queried the possibility of sourcing other income streams. CG responded to say the sports dept track record of securing funding was strong. NH also responded to say other income streams are needed but are challenging to acquire with limited resources.</p> <p>Graham Merrigan queried the income from the Sports Hall. NH responded to say hall hire income is used to cover running costs of the sports centre.</p> <p>Peter Barron commented that when the hall was opened originally that the minister who opened said that no members should be charged. NH responded that he was never made aware of those comments however in the current day, operational costs needed to be covered by generating income from all users and that IWA-Sport members have a reduced rate for hall hire and gym membership.</p> <p>Jack Shannon Cole queried if priority was given to members. NH said yes where possible.</p> <p>Barry Cooke queried if the National Teams were charged for use of the hall. NH responded that National Teams are not charged for use of IWA.</p> <p>Proposed by Peter Barron. Seconded by John Fulham.</p>
<p>5. Annual Review</p>	<p>Nicky Hamill (NH), Director of Sport, presented a review of all IWA-Sport activities undertaken in 2021. Specific detail to be found in the IWA-Sport annual report available online.</p> <p>Growth and Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outdoor and indoor sport returned in 2022 ○ Sports competitions were highlighted as a welcome return. <p>Strategic partnerships continued in 2022 with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NGBs (Weightlifting Ire and Paralympics Ireland) ○ LSPs (numerous collaborations nationally) ○ ExWell Medical in Clontarf ○ Disability Working Group <p>High Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of all National teams that competed internationally provided including AA Games, IWAS Games, European C Championships in Wheelchair

	<p>Basketball, A/B Wheelchair Rugby Qualification event, World Para Powerlifting Championships.</p> <p>Volunteer Training and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr Oliver Murphy Youth Leadership Programme continued ○ Coach education, governance training and safeguarding training also delivered. <p>Safeguarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comprehensive Safeguarding 1 training continued. ○ Club Self-Audit review process was a comprehensive work programme and the National Safeguarding Officer thanked all Clubs for their engagement which will continue. <p>Women in Sport Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlighted as key initiative launched in 2022. <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Significant progress made in 2022 with social media engagement increasing across all platforms. <p>A brief overview of 2023 plans was given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comprehensive home and international events calendar underway. ○ Club Sport For All Grant scheme will be administered. <p>The following were acknowledged and thanked; Athletes, sports clubs and sections, their committees, Volunteers at all levels, sports staff, colleagues in the various IWA departments, CEO Rosemary Keogh, the IWA Board and Sport Ireland for their continued support and everyone who continues to support IWA-Sport.</p>
<p>6. Anti Doping Review</p>	<p>NH provided a detailed report on the IWA-Sport anti doping work programme in 2022.</p> <p>There was one athlete on the registered testing pool (RTP).in 2022,</p> <p>Athletes returned negative test results on three ‘out of competition’ tests and one ‘in competition’ tests.</p> <p>Additionally, anti doping testing took place at our para powerlifting national championships last November.</p> <p>55 athletes completed Sport Ireland e-training.</p> <p>3 education workshops were delivered by Sport Ireland to National squads competing at International Competition.</p>
<p>7. Election of National Sports Executive Committee Officers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Secretary: Adrian Donoghue (AD) proposed by Peter Barron and seconded by John Fulham ● Treasurer: Iqura Naseem proposed by Daragh Kennedy and seconded by Jack Shannon Cole ● Committee Members: Ciara Staunton (CS) and Deirdre Mongan (DM). Proposed by Graham Merrigan and seconded by Daragh Kennedy.
<p>8. A. O. B. & Open forum</p>	<p>Graham Merrigan queried why there was more IWA-Sports tweets promoting a Transition Year Basketball event than other IWA-Sports events. Discussion followed around benefit of TY</p>

Basketball events where mixed views were shared. NH stated they were a strong source of fundraising income.

John Fulham queried if a new IWA Sports strategy was due. NH responded saying a 'One IWA' approach with IWA strategy was agreed and that a specific Sports dept workplan is implemented annually in line with Sport Ireland requirements.

Query raised regarding updating the website. NH acknowledged this was urgently required and will be actioned.

Collette Byrne queried why IWA Sports events were clashing resulting in Members having to choose between events. JMCC responded to say that due to the volume of sports events it wasn't always possible to avoid clashes.

Discussion had regarding upkeep of sportshall and need to maintain cleanliness NH apologised and committed to the cleaning standard improving.

Jack Shannon Cole queried why National Swimming Championships were cancelled. NH said talks were ongoing with Swim Ireland to cater for and take responsibility for para swimming events.

Mark Barry asked NH if IWA Sport would continue supporting the NRH Games. NH said they would.

Cassie Quigley queried when updates regarding the U19s and Women Academies would be shared and said there was a general lack of communication. NH responded to say he would request a follow up.

Norma Dunne raised a concern regarding IWA-Sport young adults and the lack of social sporting opportunities. NH said that they were aware of this 'gap' and were aiming to look at it closer by specifically understanding the numbers involved and possibilities.

Peter Barron queried the time assigned to games in the Junior Blitz and specifically the length of time for games which can sometimes change on the day, citing frustration when a club has a large team. Katy Byrne questioned why Killester Tigers cannot enter a second team if numbers were high. NH said the ethos of the junior blitz is one of fun and equal opportunity. Winning is not a priority and all players should get equal game time.

Colette Byrne raised concerns about suitability of venues for Senior and Junior Blitzes. Barry Cooke queried how venues are assessed for suitability for disability sports. NH said Clubs were responsible for choosing facilities based on local knowledge. BC suggested that someone with a disability should be assessing the venues.

MB asked if members could get access to NSEC minutes. NH said he would raise query regarding requirement to do so.

Jack Shannon Cole requested the numbers of referees increase for the Wheelchair Basketball league. NH said they ran a referees training course in August 2022 during pre season and had another planned in June 23. NH said IWA-Sport was constantly trying to promote more engagement and recruitment but the interest levels were challenging.

	<p>John Fulham asked if NSEC would consider having an Athlete Representative on Committee. JMcC agreed it was a proposal they could consider.</p> <p>JMcC thanked everyone for the contributions and attending.</p> <p>Meeting closed.</p>
Close	<p>JMcC thanked all for attending and formally concluded the proceedings.</p>

