

## 2025 Annual General Meeting

### Minutes

<b>Attendees</b>	Full list of attendees recorded upon arrival.
<b>Chairperson</b>	James McCarthy (JMCC)
<b>Date</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025
<b>Location</b>	Hybrid Meeting – Sport Ireland, Pavilions room & live streamed on MS Teams to registered attendees.
<b>Time</b>	7pm

Agenda Item	
<b>1. Chairpersons Address (James McCarthy)</b>	<p>Apologies were read out.</p> <p>JMcC welcomed all attendees online &amp; in-person and delivered his Address. Highlighted 10 IWA members at 2024 Paralympics &amp; support of family, volunteers &amp; coaches. Expressed thanks to all partner agencies who helped deliver all sporting programmes by IWA-Sport (local, national &amp; international). Also thanked staff of IWA-Sport, NSEC &amp; volunteers.</p>
<b>2. CEO's Address (Ann-Marie O'Grady)</b>	<p>Ann Marie O'Grady highlighted many achievements in 2024 and thanked all who contributed.</p>
<b>3. 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes &amp; Matters Arising (JMCC)</b>	<p>JMcC presented the 2024 AGM Minutes as read and invited queries, noting any matters arising could be dealt with during Members Question time.</p> <p>No queries raised.</p> <p>Minutes were proposed and seconded.</p>
<b>4. 2024 Honorary Treasurers Report (Catriona Griffin)</b>	<p>CFO Catriona Griffin delivered a comprehensive finance presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IWA 2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements approved by IWA Board 10th April 2025</li> <li>- The income and expenditure of IWA Sports is included within IWA Annual Report and Financial Statements</li> <li>- All Sport Ireland grants are fully documented and disclosed in IWA's Annual Return and Financial Statements – Note 22</li> <li>- All Sports Club financial information is summarised and included as part of Designated Operating Activities in IWA's financial statements</li> <li>- In 2021 IWA Sport adopted the Sport Ireland Governance Code for Sport</li> <li>- In February 2025 IWA Board approved the Annual Board Assurance Statement</li> <li>- IWA Sport provide financial extracts of IWA Sport NGB activities which have been circulated in advance of IWA Sport AGM</li> </ul>

- Sport Ireland 2023 Pulse Audit update - All 5 actions have been actioned and are now complete.

	2024	2023
	€	€
External Income	838,436	817,673
Programme & Other Expenditure	(945,825)	(986,908)
IWA Sports (Deficit)	(107,389)	(169,235)
Investment by IWA	107,389	169,235
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#### 2024 Sport Ireland Funding

- €360k Core Grant
- €30K Core Bonus Grant
- €57k Women in Sport
- €5k European Week of Sport
- €80k C-19 National Team Programmes
- €4K Indoor Sports Scheme
- €19k Special Projects & Programmes
- €65K Paralympics Ireland

#### 2024 Sport Ireland Dormant Accounts Funding

- €52.9K Diversity & Inclusion
- €5.4K Her Moves
- €22.6K Volunteer supports
- €33.9K Local Disability Support Fund
- €1.1k Aspire Grant
- €15.7k Sport for All

#### 2025 Sport Ireland Funding

- €380k Core Grant

#### Received in late 2024 for 2025 activity

- €58.5k (DAF) Diversity & Inclusion
- €90k (DAF) Disability Capital Support
- €55k (DAF) Volunteer Supports
- €13.5k (DAF) Her Moves
- €54k (DAF) Disability Programmes

Financial Extract proposed and seconded.

#### 5. 2024 Annual Review

NH provided an overview of the IWA-Sport 2024 Annual Review.

<p><b>(Nicky Hamill – Director of Sport)</b></p>	<p>Advocacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 main focus areas – Policy, Funding, Sports Governance &amp; Research</li> <li>- Lobbied with govt pre-elections and budget &amp; with SI for funding (core grants).</li> <li>- Transition of Para Athletics to Athletics Ireland and potential transition of Boccia from Boccia Ireland.</li> <li>- Commissioned report (Wheels of change) to collect data on number of WC users in Ireland (divided into county, age and gender).</li> </ul> <p>Growth and Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 83 national events, up from 78 in 2023.</li> </ul> <p>Performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 teams / 65 athletes and volunteers competed &amp; attended training camps abroad.</li> </ul> <p>Paralympics overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 IWA members competed (1 representing GB).</li> <li>- Highlighting volunteers &amp; coaches behind the athletes.</li> </ul> <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 132 completed training, up 12% from 2023.</li> <li>- Female volunteers leading the way.</li> <li>- Safeguarding work plan project team strengthened procedures and practices throughout the year.</li> </ul> <p>Women In Sport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women's Cup in Paris (Irish Wheelchair Rugby) attended for 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.</li> <li>- Emerald Rollers became history makers, winning division 3 of the GB League and promotion to division 2 for 25/26 season.</li> <li>- Her Moves in November, aim to grow this initiative annually.</li> </ul> <p>All Volunteers were thanked in context of it being, National volunteer week &amp; IWA 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</p> <p>Financial prosperity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special projects funding for our national performance teams competing abroad.</li> <li>- Dormant Account volunteer support fund covers costs for education and coach supports.</li> <li>- Sponsorship with CEF secured</li> <li>- Thanks to the ongoing commitment of IWA Board for their funding and support.</li> </ul> <p>Identity and profile:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social media impressions decreased but post engagements increased compared to 2023.</li> <li>- Website visits increased.</li> <li>- Approx. 1 in 4 press releases being taken up by media.</li> <li>- There were 386 press releases in 2024</li> </ul>
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<p><b>6. Anti-doping Report (Nicky Hamill)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education engagement decreased compared to 2024 primarily due to the reduction in international competitions.</li> <li>- 1 athlete on registered testing pool.</li> <li>- 7 tests carried out in competition and out of competition which included the athlete on the RTP and other athletes also</li> </ul> <p>NH concluded presentation by thanking Sport Ireland, Paralympics Ireland, CEO, Board, NSEC, IWA sections, committees, volunteers, parents, coaches, clubs.</p>
<p><b>7. Election of National Sports Executive Committee Officers</b></p>	<p>JMcC presented Election of Officers. Two officers eligible for election; Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.</p> <p>Adrian Donoghue elected as Hon Secretary. Lorcan Claffey elected as Hon Treasurer.</p>
<p><b>8. Members Questions</b></p>	<p>JMcC invited questions from the floor.</p> <p>Online Member expressed thanks to IWA-Sport for all their work and support.</p>
<p><b>Close</b></p>	<p>JMcC thanked all for attending, IWA-Sport staff for organisation of AGM and formally concluded the proceedings.</p>