

Irish Wheelchair Association – Sport	Annual General Meeting
MINUTES:	Christine Doyle
ATTENDED BY:	An attendance list was circulated
APOLOGIES:	The Honorary Secretary read a list of apologies. Minutes silence held for members who had recently passed.
CHAIR:	Lisa Kelly (LK) The chairperson called the meeting to order at 2.20pm

Date	22 nd February 2014	Venue:	IWA Clontarf	Time:	2.00pm
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SUBJECT	MAIN POINTS
Minutes	Present by LK
Matters Arising	None: James McCarthy proposed acceptance of the minutes and Michael Hickey seconded the motion
Chairpersons Address	LK congratulated everyone on a successful 2013/2014 season and the number of events that took place throughout the year including the NRH Games in Dun Laoghaire, the WREC in Gormanstown, Ireland winning the Triple Crown in Wheelchair Rugby 7's, the athletes performances at the World Championships in swimming (Montreal) Athletics (Lyon). Lisa wished everyone well for the year ahead.
Honorary Treasures Report	Presented by Ger Scully (GC) €526,069 Income - €526,069 Expenditure (break even) Irish Sports Council funding discussed. €248,000 in 2012, €241,456 in 2013 and €237,834 in 2014. Representing a 15% cut since 2009. GC highlighted the debtors figure of €13,180 which we were confident of returning. IWA thanked for their continuous investment and support. Capital Grants provided by Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport under the Sports Capital Programme were also discussed. GS referred the floor to read over the governance fact sheet that was handed out. Finance Report – Proposed by Michael Hickey, 2 nd by Ronan Rooney.
2013 Review	Director of Sport - NH presented review of 2013 including – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Allowed • NRH multi sports games • Wheelchair Rugby 7's • Participation rates • High Performance athletes • Table Tennis & Power lifting athletes sent to European Championships in 2013

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting of WREC in Gormanstown • Coach Education, training & Volunteers • 2 Athletic introduction courses • 1 Rugby Referees Official training course • 1 Basketball Referees Official training course • 8 Basketball coaching clinics held • Gym activities • PR received on ‘The Underdogs’ TV programme and congratulated the Wheelchair Rugby Team. • Other items that were mentioned were Social Media (Facebook/Twitter). • Bye Laws Review. • Good Practices for Sports Clubs • Introduction of new sports in 2014 (Sitting volleyball/power lifting) • Transfer of Governance to Archery Ireland. • NH noted that Jimmy Byrne received the Order of Merit from Paralympics Ireland. Oliver Murphy & Mick Cunningham was inducted into the Paralympics Hall of Fame. <p>LK thanked NH, the Sports Office, Staff, Development Officers for their work and dedication in 2013. Proposed by Graham Merrigan, 2nd by John Fulham.</p>
<p>2014 Anti Doping Report</p>	<p>ISC advised IWA Sport that Anti Doping be a standalone item on at AGM’s. There are 7 Athletes on registered pool. 2 filing failures (1 appeal successful) 13 tests completed. Education workshop delivered to the Wheelchair Rugby Squad.</p> <p>Proposed by Mark Barry, 2nd by Ciaran Tighe.</p>
<p>Election of Executive Committee Officers & Selectors</p>	<p>Nominations as follows – Chairperson Lisa Kelly – proposed by Michael Hickey – 2nd by Patrick Forbes Treasurer Ger Scully - proposed by James McCarthy – 2nd by John Dempsey Secretary Graham Merrigan proposed by James McCarthy – 2nd by Quentin Barry</p> <p>Elected committee members as follows Ger O Rourke – proposed by John Fulham, 2nd by Mark Barry. John Finn – proposed Rena McCarron Rooney, 2nd by Breda Stokes.</p>
<p>Motions</p>	<p>Presented by Ger O Rourke (GOR)</p> <p>“Resolution to amend the standing orders of IWA Sport”</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inclusion of further membership definitions • The status and functions of sports clubs and sports specific sections <p>Ronan Rooney requested further clarification on the motion. NH presented.</p> <p>John Smith queried sports sections finance practises.</p> <p>Ronan Rooney – Understood the need for good practice but questioned if we are limiting people to have to be members of a sports club. NH clarified this wasn't the case – individual and club members are welcomed.</p> <p>Breda Stokes – queried if fundraising activities/operational activities will be different for each club due to resources. NH stated IWA sport would be there to assist each club. NH advised that clubs were free to fundraise if they chose.</p> <p>Motion passed and adopted.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>A discussion was held regarding the participation levels in the Irish Wheelchair Basketball league. NH advised that feedback from clubs would be considered as part of the end of season review.</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding introducing athletics into the northern regions.</p> <p>Jimmy Furlong raised the issue of the lack of monitoring of wheelchair parking on the grounds of IWA. Collette O Reilly stated that it is being monitored. A number of members stated that the issue of parking on the grounds of IWA, Clontarf was not an item which should be raised at the IWA-Sport AGM but it should be dealt with by management on site. NH will meet JF to address the issues.</p>

Awards Ceremony	<p>2014 awards presentation made by Nicky Hamill</p> <table data-bbox="687 264 1300 488"> <tr> <td>Elite Athlete</td> <td>Ellen Keane</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Athlete</td> <td>Christine Doyle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior Athlete</td> <td>Cian O Neill</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Volunteer of the year</td> <td>Liz Gantly</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sports section volunteer</td> <td>Stuart McLindon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coach of the year</td> <td>Tibor Pofok</td> </tr> </table> <p>Lifetime Achievement award : Noel Brennan</p>	Elite Athlete	Ellen Keane	Senior Athlete	Christine Doyle	Junior Athlete	Cian O Neill	Volunteer of the year	Liz Gantly	Sports section volunteer	Stuart McLindon	Coach of the year	Tibor Pofok
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Closing Remarks	<p>LK & NH thanked all in attendance, and thanked coaches, volunteers, NSEC, IWA Sports Staff, Kathleen McLoughlin, Eileen O Mahoney, Senior Management team, IWA departments, sponsors (Invacare), ISC & Department of Transport, Sports & Tourism</p>												