

## **Irish Universities Athletic Association**

### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 30/10/04, in University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.**

#### **Executive members in attendance:**

Stephen Lipson, Hon. President  
Cyril Smyth, Vice President  
Michael Hillery, Vice President  
Rebecca Haworth, Hon. Secretary  
Gavin McBride, Hon. Treasurer  
Ian O'Sullivan, Hon. Comp. Secretary  
Enda Fitzpatrick, Committee Member

Apologies: Eric Brady, Kieran Lambe

#### **Member representatives present:**

Philip O'Learnaigh, Maurice Donoghue, UL  
Mary Dallat, Conor Pollock, QUB  
Claire Bergin, Patrick Boylan, DCU  
Andrew Moore, Dundalk IT  
Robert Kelly, IT Tallaght  
David Gillick, Mark Donlon, Lorcan Kinsella, DIT  
Aidan Hogan, TCD  
Noel Lawlor, AIT

Apologies: IT Carlow, Letterkenny IT,

President Stephen Lipson opened the meeting. Introduced the executive. Thanked all those present for coming.

#### **1. Minutes of 2003 AGM**

Cyril Smyth ran through the minutes. No matters had been raised from the previous year. The secretary's report focused on the CIT award and the World XC championships. The treasurer's report mentioned the amounts spent and the cost of trophy repair. The competition secretary's report focused on the officials, large numbers participating and that the Indoors was moved to February. The minutes were proposed by Enda Fitzpatrick and seconded by Paddy Boylan.

#### **2. Matters arising from the Minutes**

Stephen Lipson mentioned the championship dinner costs and felt that IT Carlow seemed to be profiteering. He advised that Intervarsity guidelines need to be updated and guesting needs to be reviewed. The strategic plan has to be developed in order to obtain sports council funding. He also expressed his concern that the PRO position was not filled.

Micheal Hillery responded that the cost of the championship dinner costs may include more than the meal.

#### **3. Report of Hon. Secretary**

No matters arose from the secretary's report prepared by Rebecca Haworth. The report was proposed by Cyril Smyth and seconded by Ian O'Sullivan.

#### **4. Report of Hon. Treasurer**

Gavin McBride gave the treasurer's report. He accounted for deficits with the cost of timing in the Indoors, track hire for 2002 included in the cost for 2003, orders of extra singlets, a loss of almost €1000. He also asked for small institutions to pay their subscriptions. Stephen Lipson commented on the track hire for last year being included in this years accounts. Michael Hillery felt that the cost of the indoors is very expensive. Stephen Lipson advised that timing drives up the costs. Gavin McBride advised that a quarter of the expenditure goes to timing. The projected costs of the Celtic XS is €3000 and too expensive for the numbers attending. Stephen Lipson mooted the idea of raising subscriptions but felt that if the Celtics are not held, then the accounts should be fine.

There followed a discussion on timing. It was mentioned that timing broke down twice at the indoors and the outdoors and costs were far too expensive. Ian O'Sullivan advised that he would look into alternate means. The report was proposed by Enda Fitzpatrick and seconded by Andrew Moore.

#### **5. Report of Hon. Competition's Secretary**

Ian O'Sullivan gave the competition secretary report. He commented that 3 universities won 11 titles. He welcomed ideas for small colleges to win team events. He was concerned that students not in CAO courses are competing and is anxious to register colleges properly. He was happy with the current situation with officials. He felt that facilities wise, IT Carlow did very well but as no showers were available, had the weather been less favourable, then the situation would have been different. Overall, he felt that Carlow had been one of the best XCs in his 12 years of competing.

One issue raised was that of students competing in club singlets and that college singlets keep changing. Comments were made from the floor and it was agreed that this is a situation to avoid. Michael Hillery felt that colleges should register their singlet with the IUAA.

Cyril Smyth raised a point about the pentathlon timetable and felt that the high-jump should start with the multi-eventers and then do the high-jump only event. The minutes were proposed by Cyril Smyth and seconded by Robert Kelly.

#### **6. Report of Hon. PRO.**

As no PRO was elected the previous year, no report was given.

#### **7. Review of 2003/2004 Championships**

Issues raised were the lack of changing facilities, the indoors in February, the no show of Scotland for the Antrim International, the increase in numbers for the Road Relays and the XC. Several negatives comments were made about the Indoors including the lack of heating and the discontinuation of catering.

#### **8. Hon. President's Address**

Stephen Lipson delivered the Presidents report. Lorcan Kinsella raised the only issue of sponsorship querying why the IUAA do not have this. Stephen Lipson replied that building up the championships is more important at this stage so that the IUAA have

something solid to offer a potential sponsor. The minutes were proposed by Enda Fitzpatrick and seconded by Gavin McBride.

### **9. World Student Games Cross Country 2004 - Review**

No issues arose and Louise Cavanagh and Ian O'Neill were commended for their efforts.

### **10. World Student Games Track & Field 2005 – Preview**

Stephen Lipson advised that CUSAI were looking for coaches and names currently mooted were Patsy McGonagle and Ian O'Neill.

### **11. Motions concerning amendments to the Rules of Championships**

Stephen Lipson proposed changes to the rules of championships. These were to shape the future, to enable efficient running of the association, address inconsistencies and outstanding issues and bring IUAA in line with practise.

7.6.1: closing dates for championships to be changed from 2 weeks to maximum of 3 days prior to event.

7.17: to be deleted

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7.17.2: delete athlete and insert competitors

7.18: deletion

12.2: change to 2 female and 2 male athletes.

The changes were proposed with no dissenting voters.

### **12. Ratification of future varsity hosts**

Stephen Lipson advised that these should only be assigned 1 or 2 years in advance so as to be able to respond to changes.

05/06 XC –TCD T&F – UU

The T&F for 2005 was originally scheduled for WIT. However, as the track is not suitable, it was proposed that DIT would host the championships in Ringsend. DIT representatives were happy with this and the motion was passed.

### **13. Election of Officers for 2004/2005**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<i>President</i>	Stephen Lipson	Enda Fitzpatrick	Ian O'Sullivan
<i>Vice President</i>	Michael Hillery	Enda Fitzpatrick	Stephen Lipson
<i>Vice President</i>	Cyril Smyth	Enda Fitzpatrick	Stephen Lipson
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	Gavin McBride	Michael Hillery	Enda Fitzpatrick
<i>Hon. Comp Secretary</i>	Ian O'Sullivan	Enda Fitzpatrick	Paddy Boylan
<i>Hon. PRO</i>	Ian O'Neill	Stephen Lipson	Cyril Smyth
<i>OCM</i>	Enda Fitzpatrick	Cyril Smyth	Michael Hillery
<i>OCM</i>	Paddy Boylan	Claire Bergin	Enda Fitzpatrick

**14. AOB**

The affiliation of GMT and the Garda College were proposed by Stephen Lipson and accepted. Stephen Lipson reminded colleges that entries must be online and prior to the closing date. He also asked that colleges provide officials at the T&F.

Gavin McBride apologised for the late arrival of singlets for Antrim. He also asked that colleges send in their affiliation fees on time.

Enda Fitzpatrick commended Stephen Lipson on his efforts throughout the year.

Stephen Lipson thanked all present for attending the meeting and closed the AGM.

Proposed by:.....

Seconded by:.....

Stephen Lipson  
Hon. President IUAA

Date:.....

Minutes compiled by Rebecca Haworth, Hon Secretary IUAA