

## IRISH UNIVERSITIES ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the IUAA held in Trinity College Dublin on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2002.**

#### **Executive Members in Attendance:**

Mr. Eric Brady, (EB) Hon. President.  
Professor Cyril Smyth, (CS) Immediate Past President.  
Mr Tim O'Connor, (TOC) Vice President.  
Dr. Stephen Lipson, (SL) Vice President.  
Dr. Keir McNamara, (KMN) Hon. Secretary.  
Dr. Siobhan O'Keeffe, (SOK) Committee Member.  
Professor Michael Hillery, (MH) Committee Member.  
Professor Cyril White, (CW) Committee Member.  
Dr. David Maley, (DM) Committee Member.

#### **In Attendance:**

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| Mr. Noel Lawlor, AIT (NL)         | Mr. David Kelly, IT Tallaght (DK) |
| Ms. Diane Cashman, CIT (DC)       | Mr. Luke Davis, DCU (LD)          |
| Mr. Gary Park, DCU (GP)           | Mr. John Toner, NUIG (JT)         |
| Mr. Paul Lynas, QUB (PL)          | Mr. Diarmaid O'Meara, UCC (DOM)   |
| Mr. David Hanley, UCC (DH)        | Mr. Andrew Coleman, UCD (AC)      |
| Ms. Anne-Marie Carroll, UCD (AMC) | Mr. Tony Lilley, UL (TL)          |
| Ms. Maria Sheehan, UL (MS)        | Mr. Edward Niland, UL (EN)        |
| Mr. Brian Foley, TCD (BF)         | Mr. Karl Fahey, TCD (KF)          |
| Ms. Lesley O'Connor, TCD (LOC)    | Mr. Patrick Cassidy, TCD (PC)     |
| Mr. Michael O'Shea, UL (MOS)      | Mr. Joe Rafferty, TCD (JR)        |

No delegates from Dublin Institute of Technology, Dun Laoghaire Institute Art, Design Technology, Dundalk IT, IT Carlow, IT Tralee, Letterkenny IT, Limerick IT, NUI Maynooth, Portobello College, Royal College of Surgeons, The Incorporated Law society of Ireland, The National College of Ireland, University of Ulster, and Waterford IT were present.

#### **1. Minutes of the 2001 AGM.**

The meeting was called to order at 2:17pm. Seeing as the minutes had been made available prior to the meeting they were taken as read.

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

No comments were made on these minutes. They were proposed by Cyril White and seconded by Brian Foley.

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

Seeing as the report had been made available prior to the meeting it was taken as read. It was proposed by Cyril White and seconded by Dave Maley.

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

Michael Hillery pointed out that the costs of running the indoors was very expensive. Dave Maley said that two years track hire was included in that figure. Stephen Lipson said that the cost of electronic timing was getting more expensive. Both Stephen Lipson and Cyril White commented that the level of service from the electronic timing company was not as good as they would like. It was suggested from the floor that the IUAA could consider buying some timing equipment. Michael Hillery told them that it would cost at least €50,000, and so wasn't a viable option.

Eric Brady told those attending that we were thinking of increasing fees as we are having difficulties making ends meet. Dave Maley further added that it takes over €7,000 to run the IUAA each year. If anything extra arose during the year, extra money would have to be found. The proposed fee increase would be about 15%. This would mean institutions with <6,000 students would pay €375, those with 6000 to 10,000 would pay €525, and those with >10,000 would pay €675 in affiliation fees.

Someone from the floor asked if there were any other ways of raising money. Stephen Lipson said that the IUAA were pursuing sponsorship, but if any was got, it would be used for extra activities. Joe Rafferty asked how last years sub-committee on sponsorship got on. Eric Brady and Stephen Lipson told him that they had spoken to two companies, and that the IUAA was on a list with a company that finds sponsor for a commission. He told all that he wanted a deal in the region of €10,000, and that all sports bodies were finding it hard to get sponsorship. Joe Rafferty asked about approaching the company that sponsors schools athletics. Eric Brady told him that the ISAA would not look favourably at such an approach. Tony Lilley asked about how to handle sponsorship deals colleges hosting championships might make and potential conflicts with IUAA sponsors in the future. Eric Brady said that we would have to be very careful in such situations. Paul Lynas told of QUB experience in hosting the BUSA cross Country. Halifax was the main sponsor and they had no problems with additional sponsors once it wasn't another bank.

The proposal to increase affiliation fee was introduced at this stage. It was proposed by Michael Hillery and seconded by Noel Lawlor. There was some discussion on how small colleges might deal with the extra cost, but the consensus was that an increase was the only way to deal with our financial problems. The vote was carried by the majority.

The Hon. Treasurers report was proposed by Siobhan O'Keeffe and seconded by Stephen Lipson.

#### **5. Report of the Hon. Competitions Secretary.**

There was no Hon. Competitions secretaries report.

#### **6. Review of the Championships.**

Cyril White began by thanking all the organisers and officials involved in Cork and commiserated with them on the bad weather both days. John Toner committed on the fact

there was no first aid on the weekend. Tony Lilley informed everyone that it had been booked but that the people never turned up.

Edward Niland asked if the hosts could consider minding the cups over the duration of the championships so that they won't go missing. Eric Brady said it was possible if that is what the hosts wanted to do. Stephen Lipson added that the hotels could be asked to do this. Eric Brady added that a motion for the IUAA to keep the trophies a couple of years ago was defeated as winning teams wanted to keep the cups and they took full responsibility. Cyril Smyth added that it is the captains responsibility to keep an eye on their trophy.

Stephen Lipson took those assembled through new advances with the online entry system.

New events:

The 35lbs for distance event for men and 16lbs for women is to be added to the indoor T&F programme. The introduction of the women's event will be subject to enough interest in it.

The combined-events are also to be included as a scoring event in both the Indoor and Outdoor T&F.

Gary Park asked if combined-event athletes can score in the individual events of the competition. Cyril Smyth told him that all combined-eventers would be in a separate heat. The points for the multi-events will be on a 7,5,4,3,2,1 basis.

Eric Brady stated that the steeplechase for women had been discussed by the executive and would be included when suitable barriers become available.

## **7. Hon. Presidents Address**

Seeing as the report had been made available prior to the meeting it was taken as read. Cyril Smyth thanked Eric Brady for his efforts, saying that it can be a difficult and tiring job. He said that Eric Brady had done an excellent job and had tried to bring the IUAA forward. Michael Hillery asked to be associated with those comments adding that Eric Brady appeared on the university athletics scene in the 1980s and had written the IUAA constitution with him, adding that Eric Bradys efforts over the past 14 years has been outstanding. Cyril White also asked to be associated with these comments, saying tremendous progress had been made during Eric Bradys presidency, and extended Eric a very sincere vote of thanks.

Eric Brady mentioned the hall of fame, commenting that we are not very good at honouring our past athletes and administrators. It means he said we can celebrate our athletes and officials and their contribution. A section of the website could be given over to this. With this year being the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IUAA, it was a very good opportunity to begin this tradition. People could be honoured posthumously and that the presentation could be made at the T&F dinner. Paul Lynas added that it was a good idea which will attract PR. Cyril Smyth added that with four year cycles of students, it will make new members aware of the IUAA's history.

## 8. World Student Games Cross Country.

Dave Maley told those assembled that he struggled to put teams together for this event held in Spain in March 2002, with many athletes dropping out with short notice. David Kelly said that the main reason this event isn't attractive to the best athletes is that it is on too late in the season. Noel Lawlor commented that it was terrible athletes had to be encouraged to compete in a world event.

## 9. World Student Games Track and Field, Korea 23<sup>rd</sup> –31<sup>st</sup> August 2003.

Eric Brady said that the standards were on the IUA website and that this event would be clashing with the IAAF World T&F. Joe Rafferty asked where nominations for manager/coach positions should be made. Eric Brady stated that they should be made to the IUA. David Kelly asked that the four best IUA 400m athletes make a concerted effort to get the qualifying time. Cyril Smyth commented that in 1999 we had a team drawn from the individual event and that this would probably happen again.

## 10. Election of officers.

The following officers were elected to the executive positions:

| Position       | Nominee                  | Proposed by     | Seconded by     |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| President      | Stephen Lipson           | Leslie O'Connor | Karl Fahy       |
| Hon. Secretary | Paul Lynas<br>(declined) | Paddy Cassidy   | Leslie O'Connor |
| Hon. Treasurer | Noel Pollock             | Stephen Lipson  | Dave Maley      |
| Hon Comp Sec   | Siobhán O'Keefe          | Stephen Lipson  | Cyril White     |
| Hon. PRO       | None                     |                 |                 |
| Vice president | Tim O'Connor             | Tony Lilley     | David Kelly     |
| Vice President | Cyril Smyth              | Lesley O'Connor | Paddy Cassidy   |
| Committee      | Ian O'Sullivan           | Keir McNamara   | David Hanley    |
|                | Cyril White              | Keir McNamara   | Noel Lawlor     |
|                | Michael Hillery          | Siobhán O'Keefe | Maria Sheehan   |
|                | Ian O'Neill              | David Maley     | Siobhán O'Keefe |
|                | David Kelly              | Karl Fahy       | Lesley O'Connor |
|                | Dave Maley               | Paul Lynas      | Siobhán O'Keefe |
|                | Tony Lilley              | David Kelly     | Stephen Lipson  |
|                | Lesley O'Connor          | Paddy Cassidy   | David Kelly     |

Joe Rafferty expressed reservations about Ian O'Neill as he wasn't present.

Eric Brady expressed reservations about all people on general committee not going for officer ships

## 11. Motions

### (i) Eligibility

Gary Park asked about VEC athletes in DCU. Michael Hillery said he would need information on the course and Dave Maly said they'd have to actually be students in DCU.

The motion being discussed was to be inserted as 5.2.2as would be worded as follows: *Athletes other than those covered in section 5.2.1 and who are pursuing programmes of study where the terminal qualification carries a minimum of 120 credits based on the European Credit Transfer System, shall be considered for eligibility by the IUAA Executive.* Cyril Smyth said it wouldn't alter the number of entries from affiliated institutions, Edward Niland asked if there were colleges waiting to apply. Cyril White said that we were dealing with European wide standardised legislation. Joe Rafferty asked that a subcommittee be set up to check each college. Cyril Smyth said it's up to each individual and their institution to make their case. Lesley O'Connor asked if the IUAA executive would consider these cases? Eric Brady said yes once they had confirmation from Registrar that they have 120 credits

Vote: For: 23; Against: 0

(ii) To remove the words CAS and UCCA from 5.2.1 as they were now obsolete. This was passed unanimously.

(iii) The IUAA executive were proposing to replace the existing 4.6.1 which read *Changes to Part I of this Constitution can only be enacted on a three-year cycle starting with the Annual General Meeting of October 1999* with a new rule which read *Changes to Part I of this Constitution can only be enacted at the end of the first year in office of a newly elected IUAA President.* This motion was carried unanimously.

(iv) DUHAC proposed a motion that the existing rule 4.6 which read *Changes to this Constitution and to the Rules of the IUAA championships shall be a reserved function of an Annual General Meeting*, should be changed to read *Changes to this Constitution and to the Rules of the IUAA championships shall be a reserved function of an Annual General Meeting. All motions concerning amendments to the IUAA Constitution (Part I) and Rules of the IUAA Championship (Part II) must be submitted to the IUAA fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the IUAA. Motions may only come from members of the IUAA, as defined in 3.1, or from the IUAA Executive. All motions must be made available and known to the membership of the IUAA, by the Honorary Secretary of the IUAA, at least seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.* The motion was carried with one against

(v) IT Tallaght proposed a motion to reduce the men's cross country scoring team from 6 to 4 and the ladies from 4 to 3. A detailed discussion followed and the motion was defeated 17 votes to 6 with 3 abstentions.

## 12. Championship Dates

The dates for the forthcoming intervarsity championships were confirmed as follows:

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| Road Relays          | Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2002                | Maynooth      |
| Indoors              | Fri/Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> December 2002 | Nenagh        |
| Cross County         | Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February (provisional)       | D.C.U.        |
| Celtic Cross Country | Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                        | To be decided |
| Track & Field        | 25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> April               | N.U.I.G.      |

Eric Brady said that these dates will be included in AAI calendar

**13. AOB**

UCC asked if they could put BOI sponsor on vests. Eric Brady said yes once within IAAF regulations.

Noel Lawlor said that the entry forms for ISSA X-country in Athlone on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov are available

Tim O'Connor asked about managers for Celtic X-country. Eric Brady said that these would be decided in Maynooth.

Gary Park asked about DCU VEC athletes. Eric Brady said that he could apply and can guest if FISU eligible.

Anne-Marie Carroll asked about alternating the indoors before & after Christmas

Meeting Ended 5.00pm

Proposed by.....  
Seconded by.....

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Stephen Lipson.  
Hon. President IUAA

Date.....