

Minutes of the IUAA AGM, 4th November 2006, TCD

1. Minutes of the 2005 AGM:

IOS opened the meeting and, in the absence of the Hon Secretary RH he presented the minutes of the last AGM on her behalf. IOS mentioned that the role of the secretary had changed over the past number of years and was now a less arduous role on the Committee than in the past since much of the information was communicated electronically and/ or via the IUAA website. Members were directed to the fact that the minutes had been circulated in advance and were also available on the IUAA website. The minutes were proposed by SM and seconded by PB.

2. Matters arising from the minutes:

SL regretted that the minutes of the Captains' Meetings had not been made available on the website.

3. Report of the Hon Secretary:

No report was presented.

4. Report of the Hon. Treasurer:

SM followed with the Hon Treasurer's report. The key points were as follows:

- Association in a strong financial state with c. €9000 in the bank.
- Surplus due in part to the monies saved because of the cancellation of both the Celtic Cross Country and Antrim Internationals last year. These would have had a significant draw on the financial resources if held.
- The proposed reinstatement of the Celtic Cross Country during the coming year will obviously impact on this reserve.
- The Treasurer proposed that the affiliation fees remain as they were for the coming year as the association currently has sufficient funds to carry out its business over the course of the 2006/2007 competitive year.
- He also proposed that the following colleges be suspended for failure to pay their affiliation fees last year.

Dundalk IT
National College of Ireland
Garda College
IT Tallaght
Galway-Mayo IT

The Treasurer's report was proposed by JM and seconded by JS.

5. Report of the Hon Competitions' Secretary:

JS commented on the dominance of DCU in the annual Road Relay Championship finishing 1st & 3rd in the Women's event. UCC Women finished in 2nd place to split two strong DCU teams.

Participation in the Women's event still quite low – although 62 athletes representing 13 teams participated' only 7 colleges took part in the Women's event.

UCD won an exciting men's race of high standard from DCU with UU taking the bronze. Again while 128 athletes ran comprising 23 teams, again only 8 colleges were represented.

JS encouraged Colleges to participate as the Road Relay Championships as a unique team event that caters for all standards, beginner to elite.

Comments

SL congratulated DUHAC on winning CUSAI's Intervarsity Event of the Year Award for the Cross Country. IUAA clubs had now won this award on multiple occasions .

The Competition Secretary's report was proposed by PB and seconded by SM.

6. Report of the Hon PRO:

SL speaking on behalf of CS who had been called from the room explained that no real progress had been made in this area over the past number of years. It was felt that, although no articles of note had appeared in the National press, the website could be used to display more pictures and articles on news and events of the Association. SL asked the AGM if there was anyone in the membership that would be interested in the PR area. Web design and production and journalistic skills were mentioned as good skills for some one in this role to have. A discussion followed as to the merits of either area of expertise and whether there was a need for the PRO to have both. The technology had changed since the website was launched in the 1990's so new skills were required.

The communication gap between the student club member and the IUAA executive, and difficulty caused by this, was mentioned.

7. Review of the 2005/2006 championships:

Comments

JS commented on the haphazard approach to officials at the Indoor Championships and the lack of any in the technical throws events. In fact only for a UU sports development officer who "saved the day" with regard to the shot and weight for distance events, these events might not have taken place at all.

IOS mentioned that unlike in Northern Ireland there was no officials' association in Ireland to call upon for the championships.

JM mentioned that this should change when the new AAI structures are more bedded down.

SL agreed it was not ideal but was still dependent on the colleges bringing people with them who were available and competent to officiate.

JS mentioned the previous difficulties experience by UU and UL in the 4x200 relay

8. Hon. Presidents Address:

IOS summarised his report, that had been available on the web.

9. World Student Games Cross Country 2006 – Review:

10. World Student Games Track & Field 2007 – Preview:

11. Motions concerning amendments to the Constitution and Rules of Championships:

Eligibility criteria were changed to bring the Association into line with the new CUSAI criteria, based on NQAI Level 6 courses.

The Rules of Championships were also changed to reflect the new tiered championships in the Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

12. Ratification of Future Varsity Hosts:

UL and UCD were ratified to host the Cross Country and the Track & Field respectively.

13. IUAA/AAI Integration – Progress to date:

IOS outlined that progress had been slow, but that he had been present at the board meetings and that opportunities did exist to advance third level athletics.

14. Election of Officers 2006/2007:

IOS announced that he was resigning as President. The IUAA constitution did not specifically envisage this situation and the Executive of the Association proposed that in this situation SL, as the Immediate Past President, should see out the remaining year of the elected President's Office.

The following candidates stood for election:

Vice President National Development: Paul Butler, Enda Fitzpatrick.

Vice President International Development: Eric Brady, John Saulters

Secretary: Cyril Smyth, Eoin Higgins

Committee Member: Kevin Grant, Karl Fahy, Sean McMahon

The following were elected:

Vice President National Development: Paul Butler

Vice President International Development: Eric Brady

Treasurer: Simon Murray

Secretary: Cyril Smyth

Competition Secretary: Jacqueline Mulhall

Registrar: John Saulters

PRO: Ian Chaney

Committee Member: Kevin Grant