

Irish Gymnastics Ltd  
EGM 2008  
18<sup>th</sup> May 2008  
Days Hotel Park West

Minutes taken by Sarah Lowe

Apologies: Aodhnait Culley(Janz), Monika Gorniakowska(Janz), Zoe Higgins(Janz), Amy Morrison(Janz) and Rick O'Mahony(VP Acrobatic), Adam Smith (Phoenix), Andrew Healy (Phoenix) .

Attendance: Jim O'Leary(President IG), Gerard Rellis(VP Finance), Pauric Dooley(Vice President IG), Ciaran Gallagher( NDD), Sally Filmer(CDM), Aimi Baker(Carlow), Marie Baker(Wexford), AnnMarie Barr(Northern Stars), Monica Boyle(Killeevan), Janice Brett(Dynamo), Gilly Carson(VP Men's), Leslie Culliton(VP Trampoline), Linda Dempsey(Janz), Frank Duffy(Tuam), Fionnuala Dooley(Tuam), Stuart Harper(Cumann Eireannach), Tom Dillon (Phoenix), Wayne Healy(Phoenix), Olena Hogan(VP Rhythmic), Emer Kavanagh(Clondalkin), Roisin Kavanagh(Markav), Aideen Kavanagh(Wexford), Orla Lee(Dynamo), Pat McGrath(Indo), Pauline Molloy(Olympian), Colm Murray(Skerries), Tim O'Donovan(Douglas), Ciara Palmer(Old Bawn), Natasha Preston(VP Women's), Carolanne Tighe(VP Gymnastics for All), Julia Toomey(Clondalkin) and Terrie Watson(Athlone).

President Mr. Jim O'Leary opened the EGM & welcomed all to the meeting. Jim then handed over to Ger Rellis as Chair of the meeting. Ger asked that all questions and comments come through the chair for the meeting to run effectively.

Ciaran Gallagher (National Development Director) then gave a presentation on the proposal put forward by the Irish Gymnastics Board of Management. The second item on the EGM agenda, Disciplinary procedure was deferred to a later date.

Ciaran outlined the purpose of the EGM and highlighted to the membership that the BOM was hoping for constructive debate in relation to developing a defined structure for our Technical Committees based on the suggested structure in the BOM proposal, submitted suggestions from members and discussion from the floor.

(See copy of presentation EGM Presentation May08 – available on downloads section of website).

The proposal was put to the room and the following questions and comments were put to the Board of Management.

- It was suggested that the structure of the technical committees be separated from the appointment of VP's, VP is elected at AGM and VP then puts forward names for their committee which the IG BOC would ratify.
- There was concern from some members that an elected VP would select their 'friends' to be on their committee often leading to a technical committee being dominated by one club or one region.
- The role of regional representation was discussed at length and on numerous occasions by the membership during the discussion of positions on a technical committee.
- Ciaran Gallagher pointed out that with the upcoming consultation in relation to the strategic planning process the issue of regional committees could be investigated further.
- A concern was raised that with the new structure and the limited positions on technical committees weaker regions in a particular discipline would lose their voice.
- The counter concern was expressed that Technical Committees are designed to focus on national governance of disciplines therefore regional representation was not required.
- It was suggested that regional representatives have no vote on a technical committee as they would not necessarily be technically minded.
- It was pointed out to the BOM that a similar proposal was put forward 4 years ago and was rejected at the AGM.
- A concern was expressed that may lead to an improvement to the structure of technical committees, but more roles may be needed for the development of grass roots.
- It was questioned why the proposal was proposed to an EGM instead of BOC for adoption in rules and regulations. Ciaran explained that based on the original proposal from the BOM a vote could lead to adjustment of the Articles of Association in relation to election of officers therefore in order to cater for that possibility the proposal had to be considered by an EGM.
- It was suggested that the proposal would be discussed completely point by point and a vote taken after.
- It was pointed out that only technically minded members of the discipline should be on a technical committee.
- Position of chair that was proposed was agreed on.
- Position of financial liaison proposed was agreed on.
- Position of judging coordinator was agreed on.
- Position of coach development proposed was agreed on.
- Position of competition organiser was changed to events organiser and was agreed on.
- Position of national squad coordinator proposed was agreed on.

- Position of child welfare officer was agreed on but would not be required until the post of Policy Officer for Irish Gymnastics was appointed.
- Position of 'Grass roots development' is made available to liaise with regions on judging and coaching.
- It was also suggested that a development officer position be made on technical committees, to develop the discipline from grass root levels to elite levels.
- It was agreed that the quorum at Technical Committee meetings of 5 people be changed to a percentage (66%) rather than a number – agreed by all.
- The remaining points of the proposal were agreed upon.
- The BOM was questioned on the urgency of putting the proposal forward. It was explained that in entering into another year of election at the AGM in June the BOM felt it was necessary to clarify structure and guidelines for the Technical Committees as currently there are none. IG BOM also stated that IG is developing for the future and it would be concerning to enter yet another year without a clear set of operational guidelines & structure for the technical committees.
- The question of compulsory co-option was brought up as some technical committees do not have enough volunteers to take up the positions. As in the original BOM proposal co-options would be non-voting.
- It was agreed that if a committee did not have enough volunteers that someone sitting on a technical committee already could take up another position but only carry one vote.
- Roisin Kavanagh proposed regional representation on the Technical Committees and was seconded by Frank Duffy. This proposal was carried...
  - 12 FOR
  - 11 AGAINST
  - 1 ABSTAINED
- Gilly Carson withdrew her seconding for BOM proposal based her belief that the amendment of regional representation changed the structure on the newly developed proposal past a point where she could support it.

The IG BOM then asked for a vote on the proposal:

- 2 FOR
- 12 AGAINST
- 11 ABSTAINED

**Proposal not carried.**