



## Report of Irish Squash Board Meeting

**Date:** October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Venue:** Sport HQ, Parkwest

**Chairperson:** Gavin Doherty

**Attendees:** Gerry Connaughton (NCO)                      Steven McMurray (Tournament Sec)  
Roland Budd (Senior Convener)                      Frank Marks, Ulster representative  
Joseph Ruddy – Referee Sec                      John O'Connor (Past President)  
Rory Gillen, Treasurer                      Cathy Quinn, Operations Manager

**Apologies:** Ed Dunne, Henry Gillanders, Dermot MacNamara, David Corbet,  
Shane Broadberry, Frank Donnelly

**Not Attending:** Eddie Murphy, Munster Rep, Edwin Brennan Connacht Rep

1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting June 26th, 2011

Minutes from June 26th meeting were proposed for approval by Rory Gillen and seconded by John O Connor.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Confirmation of No Conflicts

All those attending the meeting confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest.

4. Company Registrations Office

Forms were distributed and signed. All forms were passed to Gavin for further processing.

5. Sub Committees

Fundraising Sub Committee – meeting was held and ideas discussed that were circulated in the board report. Rory indicated that January 1<sup>st</sup> was target date to start fundraising.

Irish Open - Eoin Kirk may come back as a sponsor which will give Rory an opportunity to sponsor the Irish Nationals.

John O Connor is the tournament director for the Nationals.

Steven McMurray mentioned professional fundraising and possibility of Irish Squash using one of these. Rory has a contact in this area and will follow up further on this.



Event Programmes – look to target key events e.g Nationals Ploughing Championships for fundraising

## 6. Governance

Roland has been reviewing the memo and arts and bye laws for Irish Squash. There is provision in current memo and arts for sub committees so we are covered. Rory commented that this is important and there needs to be provision made for continuity for members. Roland confirmed this provision was in place.

Roland commented that the bye laws in general date back to the early 1990's. Roland will review bye laws with each relevant board member and will be circulated.

Action – Roland identify relevant bye law and Cathy to circulate to board member.

Company Secretary - noted on audit that Chairman should not be Company Sec. Actively trying to get company sec. Cathy will contact Boardmatch again to see if they have suitable volunteers.

Cathy is meeting with Lena Gilvensky about possibility of coming on as Women in Sport Officer.

Rory confirmed that provincial reps on the board of Irish Squash are on the board for Irish Squash purposes and need to leave the provinces issues aside when they attend board meetings. Both Frank Marks and John O Connor also confirmed this and said they had both brought this up at previous meetings. Frank also commented that the provinces are not serving Irish Squash when they are not on the board.

Sage Transition – it is planned roll this out after year end – in January 2012.

## 7. National Coach Contract

Board discussed the proposed contract from Hadrian Stiff that was submitted by Ed Dunne. Frank Marks outlined that it was a 5 year plan which required a substantial investment from Irish Squash. Overall there are 24 coaches mentioned in relation to this plan and a full risk assessment needs to be conducted in relation to it.

Fundraising is needed to meet this as grant will be cut again this year.

Rory added that taking this on is a risk but Irish Squash need to have vision and this need to be part of that process. We need to review plan again on how we can de risk this for Irish Squash.

John O Connor commented if the risk was worth taking - can we afford to take this or can we afford not to take it for the future growth of Irish Squash.

Gavin Doherty reminded the board that it was imperative that the board be satisfied that it could meet the financial terms of any contract with a National Coach



It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting when Ed was present as he was the member who negotiated with Hadrian.

#### 8. Board Report

Core Grant is due November 7<sup>th</sup>. Lot of work to be done to complete the form. Cathy will be in contact with each relevant board member to complete each area.

Finance Report – Accounts and budget for year to date end of August were circulated. Rory outlined that we are running at a loss for the year. Frank requested a breakdown of Men's Worlds budget costs.

John, Cathy and Rory will meet to discuss budget for 2012.

Referee Report - Joe did not have an actual report but discussed some ideas for refereeing. He will draft an outline plan for the next meeting.

Meeting concluded at 2.30pm.

Next Board Meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.