



Report of Irish Squash Board Meeting

Date: June 26th, 2011

Venue: Sport HQ, Parkwest

Chairperson: Gavin Doherty

Attendees: Ed Dunne, President
Shane Braodberry, Coaching Sec
Edwin Brennan, Connacht Rep
Steven McMurry, Tournament Sec
Joe Ruddy, Referee Secretary
Roland Budd, Senior Convenor
John O Connor (Past President)

Henry Gillanders, Junior Sec
Frank Marks, Ulster representative
Eddie Murphy, Munster Rep
David Corbet, Leinster Rep
Rory Gillen, Treasurer
Cathy Quinn, Operations Manager

Apologies: Gerry Connaughton, NCO, Dermot McNamara, Database Admin, Frank Donnelly, Masters Secretary

1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting June 12th, 2011

Minutes from June 12th meeting were proposed for approval by Ed Dunne and seconded by Rory Gillen.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Correspondence

A letter was received by Munster Squash President, Lee Healy in relation to three issues

- a) Conflict of Interest and Irish Squash President, Ed Dunne
- b) Co Option of Roland Budd and Dermot McNamara
- c) Use of Proxy Votes at AGM

Gavin Doherty addressed issues B and C and is satisfied that both were carried out in a correct and appropriate manner with guidelines laid down in Articles and Memos. Gavin will write to Lee and will address his concerns assuring that it was discussed at Board level and that all the board are in agreement that the matters were dealt with in the correct manner.

On Issue A – Conflict of Interest and Irish Squash President, the board outlined that they would like to move on from issues of the past. Frank Marks indicated that he would not be able to move on without highlighting some issues that he felt were unreasonable and not dealt with correctly in the interest of Irish Squash.

A discussion took place around these issues and Frank proposed a motion of no confidence in Ed Dunne, Rory Gillen and John O Connor. If the motion failed then Frank would tender his resignation.



Board expressed their regret that things had come to this and asked Frank to reconsider both the motion and his intention to resign. The new board members again expressed their wish to move on while acknowledging the mistakes of the past. Frank again proposed the motion which was then seconded by Eddie Murphy. Rory, Ed and John left the room to facilitate the vote which was duly taken.

As the Board does not have the power to remove individual board members, the results were then presented to each individual and each was asked if they would like to remain on the board or resign. All members confirmed they would like to stay on the board giving assurances that they would work in the best interests of Irish Squash.

Frank Marks expressed his disappointment and tendered his resignation.

The Board thanked Frank for all his work and asked him to reconsider. Frank thanked the board for their sentiments but felt he was left with no option but to resign. Frank then departed the meeting.

Edwin Brennan and Eddie Murphy want to return to Connacht and Munster respectively before they can commit to continue on the Board of Irish Squash.

Shane suggested that an email be sent to provinces indicating that the board was united and wanted to move on to develop squash.

Other Matters

Henry gave a brief update on letters that were sent to juniors inviting them to a squad in July with Hadrian Stiff. He also indicated a junior plan was being worked on. Edwin expressed

regret that the junior sub committee had not been contacted. Henry assured Edwin that the plan would be all inclusive for provinces and each club would have opportunity for inputs.

Deirdre Faul was congratulated by the board on winning squash gold at World Transplant Games.

The use of AOB on future agendas was discussed. It was agreed to change this to "Information Sharing".

The meeting concluded at 2.30pm.