

Irish Squash Federation CLG Minutes of 18th Annual General Meeting

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| Date | 11 th June 2023 at 1pm |
| Venue | Irish Sport HQ, NSC, Dublin 15 and virtually |
| Chairperson | Rosie Barry (RB) |
| Attendees in person | Rosie Barry (RB), Christine Mooney (CM), Anne Costello (AC), Christine Lowry (CL), Ann Sheppard (AS), Peter O'Halloran (POH), Paul Nugent (PN), Kevin Quirke (KQ), Alan Sheehy Skeffington |
| Attendees virtually | Eugene Walker (EW), Gerry Galvin (GG), Paul Bree (PB), John Dineen (JD), Gerry Callanan (GC), Lynda Dunlop (LD), Dan Greenway (DG), Eamonn Kelly (EK), Eugene Maher (EM), Dan Golding, |
| Apologies | Eoin Ryan, Arlene McVeigh, Lee Healy, |
| Proxy Votes | None received |

1 **Notice of Meeting**

The notice of the meeting was read by AC which was circulated in accordance with the Memo & Articles.

2 **Attendance and Apologies**

Attendance was noted, and apologies were read by AC.

3 **Minutes of 2022 AGM of Irish Squash Federation CLG**

Minutes of the meeting were approved.

4 **Matters arising from Minutes**

There were no matters raised arising from the minutes.

5 **Report of the Board for 2022/23**

No matters arising. Report adopted (CM proposer, CL seconder)

6 **Adoption of accounts for year ended 31-12-2022**

RB thanked CM for all her work on the accounts/financial matters, CM has provided great clarity on financial matters and board decisions are based on sound information. CM noted that there is currently money left over from Covid years, Sport Ireland encourage money to be spent not carried over from year to year. Irish Squash have spent significant money on grass roots and development in 2023. No queries received prior to AGM.

The accounts were adopted following proposal from POH and seconded by AS.

- 7 **Election of officers 2023/2027**
The following officers were deemed to be elected to the Board of Directors as per Nomination forms received by 3rd June 2023
President – Rosie Barry (second 4-year term) Refereeing Secretary – Lee Healy (second 4-year term) Coaching Secretary – no nomination received
Junior Secretary – Christine Lowry (second 4-year term)
National Children’s Officer – Ann Sheppard (second 4-year term)
Tournament Secretary – no nomination received
- 8 **Nominees to the Board from Provincial Associations**
Munster - Eugene Walker
Other Provincial representatives are within their 4 year term and are remaining on the board.
- 9 **Appointment of Auditor**
OSK are the current auditors and were reappointed as auditors by the meeting (proposed by CM and seconded by AC)
- 10 **Reports from Provincial Associations**
Reports were enclosed in the Annual Report presented to the meeting. No matters arising. Report adopted as for Report of the Board (CM proposer, CL seconder)
- 11 **Motions presented (within 28 days’ notice to the Hon Secretary)**
No motions presented.
- 12 **Short statement by Chairperson**
Rosie said that she was honoured to remain on to serve a second term as President of Irish Squash, it is a great privilege working with both the board and the many volunteers involved. She thanked Sport Ireland and the Federation of Irish Sport for all their help and expertise and believes that Irish Squash has a good working relationship with them both. The Irish Squash Strategic Plan provides a sound basis for building the sport of Squash and in keeping with this, significant organizational change, both at board level and in the office is planned within the next year. This aligns with Sport Ireland’s request that all NGBs become more professional.

Rosie thanked all for attending the AGM, both in person and on line. Rosie also thanked Paul Nugent, COO Irish Squash for all his hard work which is much appreciated.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

Anne Costello
Hon Secretary

Irish Squash Federation CLG

Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting

Date: March 25th, 2024 @ 19.00
Venue: Virtual meeting held online via Google Meet

Chairperson: Rosie Barry (RB).

Attendees: Andrew Gillespie, Ann Sheppard, Anne Costello, Barbara Reamsbottom, Christine Lowry, Christine Mooney, Dan Greenway, Eugene Walker, Frank Ford, Garret Buckley (GB), Gavin L'Estrange, Gerry Callanan, John Dineen, Laura Neill, Lee Healy, Lisa Murray, Lynda Dunlop, Mark McGugan, Noel Storey, Pat Hanley, Paul Bree, Peter O'Halloran, Sam Buckley

Hosts: Paul Nugent (PN) and Scott Graham

Apologies: Arlene McVeigh, Robert Garvan,

Proxy Votes: Pat Hanley for David Hannam, Noel Storey for Arthur Moore

Quorum: 15 members required at an EGM, 24 members present

Abbreviations: Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Irish Squash (IS), Sport Ireland (SI),

Minutes

1 Notice of Meeting

AC, as Honorary Secretary, read the notice of the meeting which was circulated in accordance with the Memo and Articles.

2 Attendance and Apologies

AC read out the apologies (as noted above) and the proxies (as noted above)

3 Motions for consideration and voting

RB addressed the meeting, welcoming all to this very important meeting. RB went through her presentation, which included "Background & Process", "Key Changes to Constitution", "New Irish Squash Structure", "Interprovincial Forum" etc.

Then RB asked for questions/comments.

GB thanked board members for their work on behalf of Sutton LTC.

GB queried where Sport Ireland say that IS need independent board members to get more funding? SG replied that Sport Ireland are big on governance structures with independent directors and high-performance groups.

GB queried timeline for high performance group and noted that it is not great for players to be fundraising to go to the worlds. RB noted that GB's points are not being ignored.

AG queried, why CEO as head of interprovincial forum? RB noted that CEO is the person who is between the board and the provinces and that the CEO is constant whereas IS and provincial boards change.

Then meeting went on to deal with the motions:

| Motion No | Numbers Attending | Valid Votes | Votes Accepting | Votes Rejecting | Motion Passed/Rejected |
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| Motion 1 | 27 | 23 | 21 | 1 | Passed |
| Motion 2 | 27 | 23 | 21 | 1 | Passed |
| Motion 3 | 27 | 23 | 21 | 1 | Passed |
| Motion 4 | 27 | 24 | 21 | 1 | Passed |
| Motion 5 | 27 | 24 | 22 | 0 | Passed |
| Motion 6 | 27 | 24 | 22 | 0 | Passed |
| Motion 7 | 27 | 24 | 22 | 0 | Passed |
| Motion 8 | 27 | 24 | 22 | 0 | Passed |
| Motion 9 | 27 | 24 | 21 | 0 | Passed |

RB again thanked everyone for attending and voting.

Immediate effect is that those board members whose roles no longer exist now step down from the board. President, Hon Treasurer and Hon Secretary roles remain active. To have a functioning board some of the previous board members will be co-opted onto the board until the next AGM. A few previous board members have indicated that they are willing so we will have a functioning board.

Next the nominations committee will look at what skillsets are required from board members and try to fill the gaps. All to keep an eye on the website and social media for requests for people to join the board. The AGM will be brought forward to May.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded.

Anne Costello
Hon Secretary