

Ireland Lacrosse

Annual General Meeting

Friday, 10th April 2015

7-9pm, Room 5/6/7, upstairs in the new UCD Student Centre

Minutes

Ireland Lacrosse CEO Michael Kennedy (MK) opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

1. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the AGM of 11th April 2014 (*circulated*)

2. Elections to Ireland Lacrosse Executive Board positions

- a. **Chief Executive Officer (and Secretary)** – Michael Kennedy was nominated, seconded and elected.
- b. **Financial Director** – John Frame was nominated, seconded and elected.
- c. **Membership Director** – Colm Murphy was nominated, seconded and elected.
- d. **Director for Coaching Development** – Sean Bodie was nominated, seconded and elected.
- e. **Women's Director** – Katelin Billups was nominated, seconded and elected.
- f. **Women's Development Director** – It was proposed, and approved, that this position be re-titled as simply 'Development Director'. This was in recognition of the great work that Aisling Casey has been doing to promote lacrosse development, especially at school-level, for both boys and girls, men and women. Aisling Casey was nominated, seconded and elected.
- g. **Women's ILL Co-ordinator** – this was proposed, and approved, as a new position, and Evanna Murphy was nominated, seconded and elected.
- h. **National Teams Director** – John Cavanaugh was nominated, seconded and elected.
- i. **Indoor Lacrosse Development Director (Web Administrator)** – Sean Gibson was nominated, seconded and elected.
- j. **Ireland Lacrosse Clubs Committee Chairperson** – Martin Scanlon stepped down from this position, and was thanked for his work to-date in relation to this role. He outlined a number of challenges and frustrations in relation to this role and co-ordination with clubs and running the league more generally. A volunteer was sought to undertake this role for 2015-2016; no such volunteers were forthcoming. It was proposed and agreed that this position could be abolished and turned into a scaled-down non-Executive Board position as an 'ILL Co-ordinator'. The Chair agreed to consider this matter further and liaise with the Clubs Committee with a view to finding a solution.
- k. **Communications and Marketing Director** – Conor Walsh stepped down from this position, and was thanked for his work to-date in relation to this role. As with the preceding position, it was proposed and agreed that this position could be abolished and turned into a scaled-down non-Executive Board position as a 'Communications and Marketing Officer'. Ciaran Boylan was nominated, seconded and elected.
- l. **Any additional or new positions**
 - i. **EC2015 Women's Team Sports Information Officer (*non-Executive position*)** – it was reported that, as with the men's 2014 World Championships in Denver, where Tom Beary had been appointed as Sports Information Officer, this position would also exist for the Women's EC2015 team. The Executive Board, at its meeting of 21 March, approved v2.0 of the Tournament Business Plan for this tournament which included the nomination of Assistant Coach Catherine Conway for the role of Sports Information Officer for the EC2015 team. One of the key aspects of this is that Catherine will be provided with access to the Ireland Lacrosse website and all of its social media accounts to promote the EC2015 team.
 - ii. **Ireland Lacrosse summer intern** – Michael Kennedy reported that Ireland Lacrosse, working with the UCD Centre for Sports Studies, would be hosting a summer intern for an 8-week period from 16 June to

7 August. This internship was co-ordinated by a company called Global Experiences, and Michael Kennedy conducted a Skype interview with the candidate, named Katharina Elberti. Katharina has previous experience working as a volunteer at the FIL Men's World Championships in Denver, with the Chesapeake Bayhawks of the MLL, and with the men's club team at Virginia Tech, where she is a current student. This internship provides a great opportunity for Ireland Lacrosse and Katharina will be working on the Media Guides for the women's EC2015 team and the men's WILC2015 team, as well as on the 2015 Celtic Open in Limerick. There is no cost to Ireland Lacrosse for hosting this internship.

3. Ireland Lacrosse 2015-2016 schedule & planning *(circulated)*

The draft schedule for the 2015-2016 season was discussed by the members. It was noted that to facilitate publicisation and participation, especially in one-off events (ex. games against visiting travel teams) that the preferred method is to create a facebook group for these events. With respect to the 2016 Celtic Open in July in Limerick, it was noted that this is now an open event (and not just U19) – this is to enable us to attract teams from abroad. It was agreed by the members that the Newtownards Cup Gameday #1 scheduled for 3 October was too soon, and that instead this should be held on 17 October. The second gameday should then be held on 7 November, with the finals on 14 November – this date for the finals is earlier, as it was agreed that it was preferable to finish the autumn season earlier. It was also noted that players find it difficult to travel to Newtownards as it is a considerable distance. As the dates are set and hereby approved by the members, it is up to the Clubs Committee to determine the locations for all the gamedays across the whole 2015-2016 season. It was agreed that once confirmed by the Clubs Committee, the schedule should be posted on the Ireland Lacrosse website.

4. Coaching Development – Level 1 Training course (Saturday, 23 May)

It was reported that the Ireland Lacrosse Level 1 Training course would be delivered on Saturday, 23 May at UCD. This was being co-ordinated by Sean Bodie. The course is available for men and women and the cost of participation will be €15 for Ireland Lacrosse members and €25 for non-members. The course will be publicized on the Ireland Lacrosse website and interested individuals should contact Sean Bodie directly to register.

5. Financial Report

Michael Kennedy presented the Financial Report on behalf of John Frame. It was noted in particular that the organization was now seeking to extend its insurance policy – at present there is only a public liability policy, but the organization is seeking personal injury and travel insurance also. It was noted that the cost for this additional coverage would likely be derived from a €100 levy on each national team player for each tournament, which would be part of the budget for each tournament and included in the respective Tournament Business Plan.

6. Vision for the Future of Irish Lacrosse

Michael Kennedy presented this Vision document, which was drafted following a meeting of the Irish Lacrosse Foundation Board of Directors in January in Baltimore which he attended, and this was subsequently circulated to and discussed by the Ireland Lacrosse Executive Board. The purpose of the vision document is to set-out an overview of the key principles that inform the activities of Ireland Lacrosse, its aims and objectives, its policies and procedures, and an outline of its governance and administrative structures which illustrate how all of its various activities are connected and co-ordinated. This vision document is an important pre-cursor to submission of the application for official recognition to the Irish Sports Council. In the discussion regarding this document, it was noted with respect to the Éire team, that given that the women's Éire team competes annually in the Home Internationals tournament in the UK, the men's Éire team should likewise seek to participate in the British National Championships – this was agreed and Michael Kennedy will explore this further.

7. Ireland Lacrosse – US Chapter *(circulated)*

As part of the vision document, and as discussed by the Ireland Lacrosse Executive Board at its meeting of 21 March, this was a proposal to establish a 'chapter' of Ireland Lacrosse in the US, with a view to harnessing the general support of individuals based there, and exploring possibilities in relation to fundraising and other lacrosse development-related activities. Establishment of this chapter was agreed by the members.

8. National Team tournaments

These events were noted by the members, with some additional comments.

- a. **2015 Women's European Championships** – 6-16 August 2015, Czech Republic
- b. **2015 World Indoor Championships** – 18-27 September 2015, Onondaga Nation & Syracuse, New York, USA
- c. **2016 Men's World U-19 Championships** – 7-16 July 2016, Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada
 - tryouts: 26-28 June 2015 at the University of Limerick
 - Celtic Open: 2-5 July 2015 at the University of Limerick
- d. **2016 Men's European Championships** – 25 July-3 Aug 2016, Godollo, Hungary
 - tryouts: 23-25 October 2015, it was noted that the location for this tryout was to be confirmed, with the likelihood that it will take place at UCD. There is also a plan to run a women's open training camp with the women's national team coaches also on this weekend – further details will be made available in due course.
- e. **2017 FIL Women's World Cup** – 13-22 July 2017, Guildford, Surrey, England
- f. **2017 European Indoor Championships** (dates to be confirmed) – it was noted that Sean Gibson, who is a member of the Ireland Lacrosse Executive Board, is also the indoor co-ordinator for the European Lacrosse Federation (ELF) and it is thanks to Sean that this new tournament has been initiated. The bidding process for this event is now underway and further details will be made available in due course.
- g. **2018 FIL Men's World Championships** (dates to be confirmed) – Manchester, England

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Nothing to report.