



Ireland Lacrosse

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2017

HELD AT: Room A105, Newman Building, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4

ON: 31st March, 2017

Minutes

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

1. Minutes of AGM of 8 April 2016 and Matters Arising (circulated)

It was noted that full documentation for the AGM (including the minutes of the previous meeting) (“AGM Documentation”) was posted on the Ireland Lacrosse website and through various Ireland Lacrosse social media channels. The minutes of the previous AGM were approved.

2. Minutes of EGM of 28 January 2016 and Matters Arising (circulated)

It was noted that these minutes were included in the AGM Documentation. The minutes for the EGM were approved.

3. Reports from the Ireland Lacrosse Board of Directors

- a. **Chief Executive Officer (and Secretary)** – MK summarized the key activities of the past year including the US Lacrosse Convention; the debut of the men’s U19 team in the Men’s U19 World Championships 2016; the development of the women’s U19 programme for participation in the 2019 Women’s U19 World Championships and the appointment of coaches for same; the upcoming participation of the senior women’s team in the Women’s World Cup in July 2017 and the upcoming participation of the indoor team in the European Box Lacrosse Championships in July 2017. MK also reported on the focus being placed on youth and schools development domestically.
- b. **Financial Director** – MK reported on behalf of John Frame, noting that the new membership system has now brought all members under the Ireland Lacrosse expanded insurance cover which includes public liability, personal injury and travel insurance. The registered address of Ireland Lacrosse has also changed to the following: 40 Wainsfort Crescent, Terenure, Dublin 6W, D6W XC90.
- c. **Director for Coaching Development** – Sean Bodie reported on the delivery of Level One coaching courses with the next course to be run in May 2017.
- d. **National Teams Director** – John Cavanaugh (JC) reported on the ongoing work around the 2020 Men’s U19 World Championships to be held in Limerick. JC reviewed Ireland’s participation in the Men’s U19 World Championships which took place in July 2016; the participation of the men’s senior team in the European Championships that took place in August 2016; the appointment of the coaching panel for the first U19s women’s team for participation in the Women’s U19 World Championships in 2019 and the potential involvement of a team in the Women’s U20 European Championships in 2018. JC noted that there were two upcoming tournaments this summer: the European Box Lacrosse Championships to take place in Turku, Finland in July and the Women’s World Cup to take place in Guilford, England in July 2017.
- e. **Women’s Director** – Aisling Casey reported on behalf of Katelin Billups (KB). It was noted that KB has been acting as the first point of contact for all information relating to our women’s programme, and then has communicated onwards to other key individuals involved in the women’s game.
- f. **Women’s ILL Co-ordinator** – Evanna Murphy reported on the work undertaken to manage the women’s league.
- g. **Men’s ILL Co-ordinator** – MK reported on behalf of Arthur Cullinan on the work undertaken to manage the men’s league. It was noted that the men’s and women’s leagues are now separate and that Evanna Murphy/Cillian Murphy will draw up separate terms of reference for the Women’s Co-ordinator and Men’s Co-ordinator roles.
- h. **Development Director** – Aisling Casey (AC) reported on the development in promoting schools lacrosse. This included attendance of MK and AC at the PEAI conference in Blarney in October 2016 and the loan and sale of equipment and instruction manuals to schools. AC noted that there is significant interest from schools in integrating lacrosse into their PE programs and that while coaches are provided where possible there are some requests that

we cannot cater for at this time. AC also noted the importance of good policy and child protection guidelines and the need for all coaches (volunteer or otherwise) to be vetted prior to working with young people.

- i. **Indoor Lacrosse Development Director (Web Administrator)** – MK reported on behalf of Sean Gibson. It was noted that Ciaran Boylan was the in-country person responsible for managing the indoor league. It was also noted that SG has been instrumental in establishing the European Box Lacrosse Championships tournament, the first iteration of which will take place in the summer of 2017 in Finland. This has been achieved in his capacity as indoor co-ordinator for the European Lacrosse Federation (ELF).

4. 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. **Director for Coaching Development** – Sean Bodie was nominated, seconded and elected.
- d. **National Teams Director** – John Cavanaugh was nominated, seconded and elected.
- e. **Women’s Director** – Katelin Billups was nominated, seconded and elected.
- f. **Women’s ILL Co-ordinator** – Evanna Murphy was nominated, seconded and elected.
- g. **Men’s ILL Co-ordinator** – Cillian Murphy was nominated, seconded and elected.
- h. **Development Director** – Aisling Casey was nominated, seconded and elected.
- i. **Indoor Lacrosse Development Director (Web Administrator)** – Sean Gibson was nominated, seconded and elected.
- j. **Any additional or new positions**
 - i. **Membership Director** – it was agreed that position would manage the online membership registration system and become the point of contact for insurance matters/policy. This includes an ‘Insurance FAQ’ for Ireland Lacrosse members. Arthur Cullinan was nominated, seconded and elected.
 - ii. **Communication and Marketing Officer** – it was agreed that this non-executive/non-voting role would large involve the reporting of domestic activities including videoing games, reporting on the league, game analysis and interviews as well as endeavouring to attract sponsorship. Ause Abdelhaq-Braike was nominated, seconded and elected and is to develop a role description for this position.

5. Youth Development

It was noted that increased focus is being placed on youth development and that this gaining traction, particularly in schools. MK reported on the new Sticks4Schools programme aimed at increasing the flow of equipment into schools around the country. It was noted that the next step envisioned the introduction of youth camps, and that the development and training of coaches is essential in this regard.

6. Ireland Lacrosse 2017-2018 – draft schedule & planning (circulated)

The draft schedule for 2017-2018 was reviewed and discussed. It was decided that Evanna Murphy and Cillian Murphy would determine dates for the women’s and men’s leagues and circulate same in due course. It was noted that key upcoming dates included the East Africa 7’s in August; Ken Galluccio in September and the BNCs (now called the NKI) and Home Internationals.

7. National Team Vision

The National Team Vision was discussed at length along with the introduction of ‘ID’ camps in the United States and in Ireland. It was agreed that participants may only attend one ID camp and that these are to act as preliminary tryouts with a view to the October tryout/training camp being a final selection of limited numbers. This means that all players selected for the October tryout/training camp will earn either a roster or alternate position on the relevant team. It was agreed that no exceptions could be made for players who cannot attend a preliminary ID Camp, and that such attendance is a mandatory prerequisite of being invited to attend the October tryout/training camp.