



MEETING NOTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 29th September 2020 Zoom 6.30pm - 10.20pm

(In Attendance)

Chairperson: Ciaran Kirwan (CK)

Board: Andrew Duncan (AD), Garry O’Gorman (GO), Tom Geraghty (TG), David Kearns (DK), Dominic O’Rourke (DO), Kevin Duffy (KD)
Company Secretary: John Nangle (JN)

Others: CEO Fergal Carruth (FC)

Chair’s Welcome

The Chair was satisfied that there was a quorum and declared the meeting open. Amongst the many issues discussed were the following items.

ITEM 1 (Minutes)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July 2020 which had previously been circulated were approved. Proposed GO and Seconded by DK.

ITEM 2 (Licenses)

It was resolved that the annual public singing and dance licenses in respect of the National Stadium be renewed.

ITEM 3 (Governance)

- The board spoke at length in regards to Governance of the organisation and the guiding documents that govern the organisation.
- The individual Board members gave 100% backing to the chairman, CK in regards to the position as Chair. However, CK, in the interest of full transparency requested that a legal opinion is sought in order to clarify the matter of his eligibility to be appointed Chair.
- The board agreed to the Chair's proposal but in the mean-time declared their full support to him.
- The Director representing Ulster who is also the Ulster President, KD requested that his eligibility to be also considered under legal opinion.
- The Board again acceded to this request whilst also declaring their full support for Ulster President, KD in the intervening time.
- A panel of legal senior counsel names will now be provided to the board from the IABA’s legal representative.
- Following, lengthy discussion on the hosting of National competition before the end of the year. Director and National President, DO advised the board that he will bring the thoughts of the board back to the Officer Board at the weekend.
- Return to competition protocols draft version was discussed and comments will be ascertained from Officer Board and Board of Director members before being agreed and forwarded to members.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR /Noms sub-committee of the board – It was agreed, would in time be split into two separate committees one to deal with HR and the other to deal with nominations exclusively. • The HR/Noms committee will continue for now as constituted and set out in the 2019 Rulebook, but will give an open invitation to all other directors who wish to attend their meetings and have an input and make suggestions in terms of the work they are carrying out. For clarity, all recommendations from the sub-committee will be presented to the full board for ratification. • Elections in provinces will be further discussed at a specially convened meeting next week where a decision will be made by the board on this matter. • EUBC Championships – There are a number of upcoming European championships scheduled. The Officer Board will provide a recommendation to the board next week as to what stance the IABA should take in relation to these scheduled championships along with their recommendation on hosting of domestic competition in the coming months. • President, HPD and CEO, will discuss how it may be possible to implement sparring for boxers entering Elite championships from different clubs and not part of HP team. This will most likely involve consultation with SI Return to Sport expert group.
<p>ITEM 4 (Finance)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JN advised that the auditors were nearing completion of the annual financial statements, that there had been a delay due to covid and there is a requirement to obtain a chartered surveyors valuation on the National Stadium which is likely to result in a new accounting policy on stadium depreciation and the revaluation of the carrying value of the National Stadium. On receipt of the valuation report it will be circulated to all board members and can be further discuss together with the audited financial statements at a scheduled board meeting next month. • JN highlighted the financial challenges ahead due to covid-19 particularly with decline of stadium generated income, insurance costs, collectability of affiliation fees and that after 30 years the IABA Bingo operator had curtailed operations. Grant applications had been submitted to Sport Ireland with announcement likely in late October.
<p>ITEM 5 (Covid)</p>	<p>FC provided an overview on return to training protocols, and recent draft return to competition protocols as previously circulated.</p>
	<p>The meeting then concluded.</p>