



**IRISH ATHLETIC BOXING ASSOCIATION**  
Meeting Notes

**AGM/ BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

Chairman: Joe Christle (JC)  
Board: Pat Ryan (PR), Des Fitzgerald (DF), Ciaran Kirwan (CK), Garry O’Gorman (GO’G), Joe Herson (JH) David Kearnes (DK)  
Company Secretary: John Nangle (JN)  
Others: CEO Fergal Carruth (FC) Treasurer : Larry Morrison (LM)  
Apologies : Bernie Harold, Kevin Duffy

**Treasurer Presentation**

LM presented a report to the board on how he would like to reimburse referees and judges. A discussion took place where the directors agreed that the treasurer needed to ensure that he allocated a portion from his 2017 budget towards this expense and to ensure that the IABA had a fair and equitable policy.

LM agreed that he would work out what he has left in his 2017 budget costing this out for the period Jan 17 – Dec 17 on a pro-rata basis, allocating the funds available towards Referees and Judges. Then a policy needs to be presented to the board as to how this figure is distributed in 2017. Further LM agreed that a policy needs to be formulated for the payment of these expenses in 2018, plus a detailed overall budget to be submitted for 2018.

**Chair’s Welcome**

The Chairman was satisfied that there was a quorum and declared the meeting open. He advised that Joe McKeever has stepped down as a director of the board due to work commitments and that Garry O’Gorman, barrister of law and currently the handicapper for flat horse racing employed the Turf Club, was nominated to replace Joe McKeever. Round the table introductions were made. JH acknowledged Joe Christle as the properly constituted Chairperson of the IABA.

**ITEM 1  
(Financial Statements)**

JN presented the annual accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. Round the table discussions took place and it was agreed to adopt the Directors Report and audited financial statements. Proposed DF seconded CK.

**ITEM 2  
(Reappointment of Auditors)**

Resolved, that the Company’s auditor, BKRM, be, reappointed as auditor of the company for a period ending on the date of the next annual general meeting. Proposed by CK, seconded by GO’G.

**ITEM 3 (Minutes)**

Approval of the board of directors minutes 14<sup>th</sup> June 17. Proposed by CJ, seconded DK.

**ITEM 4  
(Governance)**

**JC** stated that Boards of National Governing Bodies need to be practicing the highest standards of corporate governance. Good governance will not only increase transparency by informing our stakeholders how the organisation is being run, it will also contribute to managing risk, achieving the strategic goals and optimising the use of all resources  
The election process is underway and has encountered an issue surrounding the interpretation of rule 1.1. Legal advice was sought and circulated to board members. It was clear from this legal opinion that the sitting Ulster Boxing Council was at variance with the legal opinion and custom and practice of previous elections.

	<p>After a lengthy debate many of the directors felt that rule 1.1 was rather confusing in its interpretation as it did not clearly state the consequence of failing to affiliate before the 31<sup>st</sup> May and the rule set out three different dates in its wording. Consequently, members were unaware of the strict interpretation of this rule given that in the past they had been allowed to vote notwithstanding their affiliation after the 31<sup>st</sup> May.</p> <p>PR felt that the interpretation of the rule was that the club needed to be affiliated before the 31<sup>st</sup> May for voting rights in any election. Many strongly felt that this conflicted with the legal opinion and precedent and that it was the board's responsibility to ensure that all election processes were fair and transparent to all members.</p> <p>A majority of the board of directors voted in favour of declaring the Ulster election null and void and calling on it to be rerun. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Ulster Council stating that the election would have to be rerun and overseen by the IABA's independent auditors, BKRM.</p> <p><b>Proposal Extra Ordinary Convention 10<sup>th</sup> September 17</b></p> <p>A discussion then took place on the proposed meeting above that was scheduled to take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 17. CK,(who had stepped in as chair of the meeting as JC had to leave) said that this proposed extra ordinary convention is invalid as it is not in accordance with the current rule book adopted by the IABA on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 17. The proposed agenda for the extra ordinary convention concerned the changing of certain rules in the said rulebook.</p> <p>CK pointed out that rule changes can only be made in the manner set out in Rule 41 sub-section 3 of the rulebook June 17. This rule sets out that proposed rule changes should be sent for consideration by the rulebook subcommittee and then for approval by the full board of directors. In the circumstances the CEO was directed to send a letter notifying clubs that the proposed extra ordinary convention was invalid as it has not been called in the appropriate manner in accordance with the IABA's current rules adopted 14<sup>th</sup> June 17.</p>
<p><b>ITEM 4 (Other Matters)</b></p>	<p>The policies on Data Protection and Protected Disclosure were considered and approved by the Board.</p> <p>WSB was discussed and it was agreed that a feasibility study should be undertaken.</p> <p>HR - FC advised Louise Welch and Liam Corr had recently joined the IABA on fixed term contracts and that Geraldine McTavish has left the organisation and her position in club development has been advertised.</p> <p><b>The meeting then concluded.</b></p>