

## **MINUTES**

*Meeting: Annual General Meeting*

*Date: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018*

*Venue: The Pavilion Stormont*

### **1. Apologies**

*Apologies were received from Gerry Cosgrave and Brian Murphy.*

### **2. Minutes of the previous AGM**

*The minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> AGM (2017) were adopted by agreement of all present.*

### **3. Annual Report 2017**

*The CEO, Gerry Kelly reported on the key achievements of the Association during the year which were set out in the 2017 Annual Report. He explained we have changed the format to a more user friendly and visual report.*

*In particular he highlighted several achievements under the delivering services to members including delivering 42 roadshows and establishing 5 key workplace clubs. There was a net loss in the year of 35 members.*

*Health Works and the WELL Programmes have delivered over 100 WELL seminars, trained 69 workplace WELL Champions and completed 1549 health checks in the NICS.*

*Regarding training services, the FindOut Team delivered 30 Health Promotion events to clients including Viridian, Waterways Ireland and Energia.*

*Mr Kelly reported the Association had invested in upgrading the floodlights for the hockey pitches as well as upgrading the cricket wickets. The hospitality, restaurant and bar facilities were also upgraded through a loan from Tennents.*

*On the activities side the Association held the Family Fun Day, an Easter Extravaganza, surf day, pantomime and theatre trips throughout the country. The Pavilion hosted numerous events during the year including the Gran Fondo, cricket and hockey matches and played host to the German, Swiss and Northern Ireland football teams.*

*In conclusion the CEO advised everyone that a full copy of the Annual Report was available online for information.*

*The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Lynda Sloan and seconded by Denis Hamill.*

#### **4. Honorary Treasurer and Auditor's Report**

*Michael Carson, Honorary Treasurer provided an overview of the financial performance of the Association in 2017.*

*The following points were highlighted by Michael Carson;*

- Income and expenditure had dropped in 2017. The net result was a surplus of £61,000 for the year.*
- The balance sheet shows that the Association's fixed assets have continued to depreciate (fall).*
- Bank loans are being paid off on time which puts us in a good position to borrow again in the future.*
- In relation to subscriptions, income stayed the same due to the small increases each year.*
- PlayBall continues to be an important pot of income.*
- In terms of expenditure, costs are tightly controlled and are on a downward trend year on year.*

*Acceptance of the accounts were proposed by Cliff Radcliffe and seconded by Dennis Millar.*

#### **5. Election of Honorary Treasurer**

*Michael Carson was re-appointed to the position of Honorary Treasurer. This was proposed by Denis Hamill and seconded by Colin McWhirter.*

#### **6. Election of Auditor**

*PGM Accountants were proposed as the Association's appointed Auditors.*

*PGM Accountants were appointed as NICSSA's Auditors by acclamation. This was proposed by Mr Cliff Radcliff and seconded by Mr David Jackson. Mr Ferguson thanked Elizabeth Tohill from PGM for her support and help during the year.*

#### **7. Election of Members to Council**

*Mr Ferguson noted that Mr Gerry Cosgrave was standing down from the position of Vice Chairman of the Association after 13 years in the post. He commented that Mr Cosgrave had made a huge contribution to the work of Council and has been a tremendous support to Mr Ferguson and he appreciated the help, support and friendship over the years.*

*Mr Ferguson was delighted to announce that Heather Cousins from the Department of the Economy will be the new Vice Chair.*

*This appointment was proposed by Lynda Sloan and seconded by John Deyermond.*

*Mr Ferguson also noted that the longest standing member of Council, Mr Ward McConkey, was stepping down after over 50 years on Council. He wanted to place on record his own personal appreciation to Mr McConkey.*

*Mr Ferguson reported that six positions existed to serve on the Council and that six nominations had been received. As none the positions were in contention the nominees, Bertie Ellison, Colin McWhirter, Brian Murphy, Lynda Sloan, Conor McGeown and Val Russell were accepted by acclamation.*

*Mr Radcliffe also endorsed Mr McConkey's work and commitment to Council.*

*The 6 regional representatives were formally endorsed as new Council members. They are as follows:*

*Belfast Region: Geraldine Heaney, Gavin McCann and Karen McConnell*

*South Region: Brian Vincent*

*North Region: Kitty Brown and Siobhan Smyth*

#### **8. Election of Pavilion Based Clubs Representative**

*Only one nomination was received for the position of Pavilion Based Clubs Representative. As a consequence Chris Heatley was duly elected by acclamation.*

#### **9. Proposal to Increase Subscriptions**

*Michael Carson briefly outlined the case for an increase in the membership subscription rate in July 2018. He explained that the rate was increased by a modest amount over the last few years. There has been a decline in membership due to the VES. He confirmed that there is a clear business case to generate additional income to sustain the range and volume of activities by NICSSA to its members as well as to keep pace with inflation and fund future capital development.*

*It was proposed to increase the subscription rate by £1.44 per year.*

*There was a discussion about the junior members' fees being increased by £5-£10 per annum. Mr Kelly set out the background to the fee which applies to junior members of Pavilion based clubs. The fee was set in 2011 and hadn't been increased from that time. It was agreed after discussion that the issue would be looked at in more detail. In the meantime the fee would remain at £5 per annum.*

*The motion for an increase in subscriptions by £1.44 per annum was proposed by Cliff Radcliffe and seconded by Colin McWhirter. David Ferguson asked for an acclamation for the proposal and it was a unanimous decision to increase the subscription rate by the recommended amount from July 2018.*

**10. Any Other Business**

*With no further business David Ferguson closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.*