

Minutes of EGM 26/11/05.

Quorum was met for the meeting to proceed.

Topics discussed were:

1. Dissatisfaction with the IUSWA
2. Vote of Confidence in IUSWA
3. A.O.B

Swim Ireland representative stated that they wanted to support the IUSWA, and to formally elect a member onto the committee. They wanted the committee to progress and establish links with it. Swim Ireland offered to arrange conference calls for meetings, and to include the University I/Vs in their calendar. It was decided that Swim Ireland will notified of future events happening, and that they will also be sent the internal committee emails, with the aim of guiding the committee.

TCD stated that the events from previous swimming intervarsities, made the current IUSWA work vital. It was perceived that the Chairperson had not done the work necessary so far this year, in particular not establishing communication with the committee members. They reiterated that communication was essential for the future Swimming, Waterpolo and Lifesaving Intersvarsities to work.

DCU agreed with TCD on this matter, and TCD proposed that more work was necessary. The Chairperson explained that there had been no contact as there had been nothing to report. TCD told the chairperson that it appeared that he did not support the intervarsities. The chairperson reputed this by explaining that information had been provided to the organisers in September of the year.

Joanne Hanna explained that it was a common responsibility of the committee and the committee role was to ensure that Intersvarsities were organised and hosted and rotated around colleges, that a celtic nations team was picked and organised, affiliation fees were paid by participating colleges and to liase with the governing bodies and CUSAI, to which QUB agreed that the committee needed to realise their responsibilities. RCSI stated that there needed to be a leader, which had not been apparent in this committee. Chairperson asked whether there was a need for change of chairperson. SIT told the committee that they should have dealt with the problems before meeting all the committee.

TCD complained of lack of contact details. There were suggestions of having standard email addresses to contact the universities every year. It is EACH CLUBS responsibility to ensure the passing on of information to the IUSWA and informing their new committee members of the IUSWA's role. This is for the running of both clubs and the association and vital in keeping records up-to-date. WIT suggested written contact at the beginning of each year through the sports coordinators.

UCD complained that the IUSWA were not acting as a governing body like Swim Ireland, as they had no date confirmed for Waterpolo intervarsities. It was confirmed that

the date set for Waterpolo I/Vs was the second weekend in February as written on the website, and would occur then, pending availability. Further discussion decided that the dates would be fixed and the pool booked within the coming weeks.

The Chairperson requested guidance, and stated that he did know how to be a chairperson. He decided that he wanted to stand down, as he did not have time for the position, and recommended that the new person did have time. Waterpolo representative Frank O'Connor said he would be willing to take the position as chairperson and this was proposed and seconded. New Chairperson of the IUSWA is Frank O'Connor. His position as Waterpolo representative position was given to Mark Mc Loughlin from DCU.

A.O.B. The Treasurer proposed increasing the affiliation fee to €300 in order to have money in reserve for the next Celtic nations in Ireland. There were no objections, and it was confirmed that invoices for the fees would be sent in the coming weeks. NUIG told the meeting that they were in discussion for hosting the lifesaving intervarsities. SIT stated that if this is not possible they would host them.

Any unresolved issues can be brought up at the next committee meeting. Date yet to be confirmed.

Best Regards
Deirdre Healy

A large, light green, stylized logo for IUSWA. The letters are thick and blocky, with a slightly irregular, hand-drawn appearance. The 'I' is on the left, followed by 'U', 'S', 'W', and 'A' on the right.