

**Minutes of the
Irish Universities Athletics Association
Annual General Meeting**



Saturday 12th October 2013

**Dublin City University
Glasnevin, Dublin 9**

Organised by Dublin City University

In Attendance:

IUAA Universities Committee Members: Cyril Smyth (Chair), Eric Brady, Enda Fitzpatrick, Stephen Lipson, Claire McGlynn

Members: Darren Weldon (Dundalk IT), Simon Turnock (DCU), Timmy Crowe (DCU), Brian Kelly (DCU), Keith Fallan (DCU), Conal Campion (TCD), Donal Foley (TCD), Maria O'Sullivan (TCD), Gerard Claffey (TCD), Christina Furlong (UCD), Aisling Watters (UCD), Joshua Essuman (IT Tallaght), Lawrence Baran (IT Tallaght), Caoimhe Morris (IT Blanchardstown), Olwen Kennedy (UL), Jenny Higgins (UL), Michael Ready (WIT), Andrew Connick (WIT), Shane O'Rahilly (WIT), Richard Lucus (WIT), Jamie Skelly (CIT), Kieran James (UCC), Martina Nolan (AIT), Dearbhail Foley (AIT).

Apologies: Garret Dunne (IUAA), Damian Walsh (IUAA), Barry Upton (IUAA), Paul butler (IUAA), Dermot McDermot (IUAA), Stephen Prentice (QUB).

The Chairman Cyril Smyth (CS) welcomed all attendees to the AGM 2013.

1. Minutes of the 2012 AGM.

The minutes had been available on the website. The minutes of the 2012 AGM were summarised by Cyril Smyth.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not on the Agenda.

3. Review of the 2012–13 Championships

3.1. Road Relays – NUI Maynooth – November 2012 [hosted by NUI Maynooth]

Possible date clashes were discussed and options of moving the event to earlier or later in November were debated.

3.2. Indoor Track & Field Championships –Athlone Institute of Technology– February 2013

It was raised that the 3000m should be seeded into two semis one with A athletes and one with B athletes. It was agreed to do this in 2014. The fact that the timetable over ran slightly and that we were under pressure to vacate the stadium were discussed.

3.3. Cross Country Championships –University of Ulster– March 2013 [hosted by UU]

Eric Brady (EB) explained that the some schools athletes had run in the IUAA race and that a schools race had been started while the IUAA race was still taking place and that some had run down the finish shoot of the IUAA race and that these schools athletes were very upset. Enda Fitzpatrick (EF) stated that he wasn't impressed with the schools organisation and that both of the IUAA races should be in the middle of the timetable and not at the end. Andrew Connick (AC) agreed with this

assessment. The lack of a starting gun and late changes to the course to satisfy the schools hadn't helped. CS expressed the view that the current format of hosting with the schools excludes smaller colleges from being able to host the XC and that the number of possible venues for such a large event were very limited. CIT in 2012 was a good venue but that IUAA can't force colleges to host annually. Claire McGlynn (CMG) asked what had the IUAA gained by hosing the event jointly with the schools. EF explained that the schools provided officials.

3.4. Outdoor Track & Field Championships – Mardyke/Sonia O'Sullivan Track & Bishopstown– April 2013 [hosted by UCC]

The view was expressed that all medals should be presented trackside and that only trophies should be presented at the meal. The UK timing company had proved very cheap but also very good. It was requested that windspeed be recorded for the jumps.

3.5. International T&F – Tallaght Stadium– June 2013 [hosted by IUAA]

CS explained that there had been issues with the marking of sectors and a leaking water jump. That the facebook site had worked very well in contacting athletes. It was agreed that having 4 athletes in the 5k wasn't ideal. The Scots were very happy with the event and the hospitality shown by the IUAA.

4. Ratification of Future Intervarsity Hosts

4.1. 2013–14

The following venues and dates were confirmed by the AGM:

Road Relays	NUI Maynooth – Saturday 23 November 2013
Indoors Track & Field	Athlone IT – Friday 7 February 2014
Cross-Country	CIT – 8 March 2014
Outdoors Track & Field	WIT – 11/12 April 2014

5. Financial Report

Eric Brady gave a brief overview of the finances of the IUAA. In short net expenditure was approx. €500 and the balance although small was healthy when compared to recent years.

Expenditure Totalled €16,598.

6. FISU World University Games – Kazan, Russia – 6–17 July, 2013

CS outlined the main points including that 9 athletes had traveled, 7 of whom had made finals.

7. FISU World Cross Country Championships–Entebbe, Uganda– 22 March, 2014

Considering the location and the decision by the AAI to only send teams that could medal it was unlikely that a team would be sent.

8. Internationals for 2013/14

CS explained that he was arranging a T&F meeting with the Scottish Universities in Grangemouth, near Edinburgh and that the Welsh Universities had said that they would send a team.

9. AAI Report

CS explains that he can only provide a limited overview as most topics can't be discussed outside of the AAI board meeting. He did state that the relationship with the IUAA was good, but that very few topics at the board meetings affected the IUAA.

9. Chairman's Address

CS addressed the meeting saying that he had been elected for a 2 year term and that he had summarised most points during the Championship review earlier in the meeting but that in addition he wanted to thank the executive for their work and Brian Foley for all his work on the results database.

10. Motions

No motions had been received however the possibility of reviewing the points scoring system for the T&F was raised however no decision could be taken other than for members to put it forward as a motion next year.

11. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

- Chairperson: Cyril Smyth still had one year remaining as chair
- Assistant Chair: Damian Walsh [Proposed by Cyril Smyth, Seconded by Stephen Lipson]
- Hon. Secretary: Stephen Lipson [Proposed by Enda Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Claire McGlynn]
- Finance Officer: Eric Brady [Proposed by Claire McGlynn, Seconded by Enda Fitzpatrick]
- Competition Officer: Timmy Crowe [Proposed by Brian Kelly, Seconded by Keith Fallon] (Andrew Connick was also nominated, however both Brian Kelly and Enda Fitzpatrick questioned his integrity for this position, to which Eric Brady pointed out that there was no charge against Andrew Connick. Andrew withdrew his nomination to so as to avoid any ill feeling).
- Development Officer: Enda Fitzpatrick [Proposed by Claire McGlynn, Seconded by Cyril Smyth]
- PR Officer: Claire McGlynn [Proposed by Enda Fitzpatrick, Seconded by Darren Weldon]
- General Officers:

The following candidates were proposed and seconded:

- Paul Butler*
- Barry Upton (UL)
- Alan Danagher (DCU)*
- Garret Dunne (TCD)
- Andrew Connick (WIT)*

Delegates voted by ballot for up to three of the candidates. The votes were scrutinised by Cyril Smyth. The three candidates asterisked received most votes and were deemed elected.

10. A.O.B.

Enda Fitzpatrick congratulated Cyril Smyth

Brian Kelly asked if the start of the Road Relays could be moved further along the straight to give a longer home straight following the sharp last corner.

Stephen Lipson said that the various reports for the XC and T&F were online and that the Fees and online entry passwords would be posted with the Road Relay invitations.

Claire McGlynn asked that if anyone knew of any possibly sponsors if they could contact her.

Enda Fitzpatrick said that it was great that there were so many small ITs present at the championships and the AGM.

Andrew Connick asked if people would be happy to go back to the Tower Hotel so soon after the meal following the previous years XC.

Cyril Smyth thanked Paul Davis (NUIM), Stephen Rooney (UU), Kieran James and Shane Mahar (UCC), John Foley and Ciaran O'Cathain (AAI), IUAA committee, Brian Foley, DCU for hosting the AGM and Ian O'Sullivan for his work on the International T&F in Tallaght Stadium.

Darren Weldon asked if there was a way to give smaller colleges access to equipment. Enda Fitzpatrick suggested that the proposed new AAI indoor league might help. Caoimhe Morris said that it was very daunting for the smaller college when turning up at big IUAA championships.

[Minutes compiled by Stephen Lipson]