



## Minutes of 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

### Irish Underwater Council

Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co Westmeath

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 ,

#### Executive Committee members present

Mike Orth, President, Ciaran Kissane, Vice President, Karen Bolger Treasurer, Alice O Sullivan, Secretary, Dermot Moynihan National Diving Officer, Martine McCarthy National Snorkelling Officer, Claire Kavanagh, Scientific Officer

#### Delegates present from:

Aughinish SAC, Burren SAC, Inbhear Sceine Kerry, Kilkee SAC, Limerick SAC, Lough Derg SAC, University of Limerick SAC, Hook SAC, Kilkenny SAC, Galway SAC, Pucan SAC, City of Derry SAC, Miriam Feely SAC, Donegal Bay SAC, Dungannon SAC, Monaghan SAC, Pisces Snorkelling Club, Athlone SAC, Roscommon SAC, Shannonside SAC, Blackwater SAC, Cork SAC, Aquatec SAC, Bluewater SAC, DCU SAC, Dundalk SAC, Irish sAC, Omega SAC, Portmarnock SAC, Viking SAC, Curragh SAC, Dalkey Scubadivers, Naas. sAC, Tident SAC, True blue SAC, UCD SAC

### 1.0 Opening the Meeting

The President Mike Orth formally opened the meeting.

### 2.0 Apologies

There were no apologies. It was established that there was a quorum for the meeting could proceed.

### 3.0 Draft Minutes of the AGM 2016.

The minutes were proposed by Dave Jackson and seconded by Alex Buda.

### 4.0 2016 Annual Report

Louise Gilligan (General Manager) presented to the meeting the role carried out by the



IUC Office. Louise requested a show of hands of those who received and read the report. It was noted the majority of the room read the report.

The office is manned by a mixture of paid staff and volunteers. Louise summarised the list of tasks carried out by the office which included Member Services; Finance; Company Administration (governance, exec & TC admin; Contract tendering and Data Protection).

New projects progressed/completed this year included; role out of E Vetting; system tender (redeveloping/replacing Coms); Dublin Bay; Club Development Forums; New Medical Officer and Diving into Space.

Membership in 2015 was 1,942 and it has dropped further in 2016 to 1,877 members. Louise outlined what was carried out in 2016 to address the drop in membership. Initiatives included club development forums; development of stand-alone snorkelling products; Try a Dive Facebook. The office also worked with external agencies to raise the profile of the IUC.

Louise summarised the feedback from the 8 No. club development forums which were held in Q4 2016 across the regions. Over 160 members attended and there was active participation. Regional reports were minuted by the facilitators and forwarded to HQ. From these reports- common threads were summarised and these were developed into a finalised report. The final report was sent to all participants and this report will be addressed via the strategic report.

Louise provided a summary of the common threads related to the 'club development' which were raised at the forums and how these issues will be addressed in the short, medium and long term.



Louise outlined developments in Snorkelling over 2016 and thanked Tony Wright and Martine Mc McCarthy for their time and work.

Louise advised Dr Bury was unable to attend the IUC AGM and that he would be stepping down from the medical officer role. The newly appointed medical officer is Dr Richard O'Regan who is based in Enniskillen.

## 5.0 Officers Reports

The President informed the meeting that the Officer's reports were taken as read and requested any questions on the reports to be raised. There were no questions related to the Officers' reports.

## 6.0 Hon. Treasurer's Report – Approval of 2016 Draft Apologies

Draft accounts were circulated before the AGM and there were no questions related to these. However a number of members raised the issue of not receiving the email with the accounts. Gearoid McCarthy queried on whether the accounts etc could be circulated to all member. It was agreed that Louise could advise on Ezine that the accounts etc are available on Coms.

Approval of the 2016 draft accounts was proposed by Bernie McCarrick and seconded by Finbarr Murphy.

It was recommended that there would be no change in the IUC subscriptions for 2018.

It was recommended to remain with the current auditors O' Neill Foley for the coming year. This was proposed by Alex Buda and seconded by Colin Cantwell.

## 7.0 Draft Strategic Plan

Ciaran Kissane outlined the approach in the development of the IUC Strategic Plan. The plan has a similar structure to previous plans. However the vision developed is different to previous plans as it highlights that the IUC looks at the underwater world in totality. This approach structured the mission and fed into the goals.

Proposed by Medhi Enterzary and seconded by Nigel Kelleher.

## 13.0 Election of Officers to the Executive Committee & Technical Commission: 2017 \ 2018

The following were elected to the executive committee by the meeting:

No.	Role	Name	Proposed by:	2 <sup>nd</sup> P
1	<b>President</b>	Jean Kelleher	Lucinda Creighton	Sinead
2	<b>National Snorkelling Officer</b>	To be co-opted		
3	<b>PRO</b>	Derry O'Donnell	Remained for a second term	
4	<b>Publications</b>	Shane Stanley	Colin Cantwell	Alex
5	<b>Secretary</b>	Sinead Burke	Aoife Mooney	Finbar
6	<b>NCO</b>	Fidelma Carroll	Ray Furlong	Gearoid

The following were elected to the technical commission by the meeting:

No.	Name
1	Ray Yeates
2	Don McCarthy
3	Dave Jackson
4	Damien Ryan
5	Medhi Enterzary
6	Joe Fagan