

MINUTES

Meeting: Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday 15th March 2017

Venue: The Pavilion Stormont

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from David Ferguson, Cliff Radcliff and Carol Warke.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the 64th AGM (2016) were adopted by agreement of all present. They were proposed by Dennis Millar and seconded by Lynda Sloan.

3. Annual Report 2016

The CEO, Gerry Kelly reported on the key achievements of the Association during the year which were set out in the 2016 Annual Report.

In particular he highlighted several achievements under the delivering services to members including establishing 5 workplace clubs. He also highlighted 700 members have participated in NICSSA events and that the Membership Plus Scheme continues to provide 1800 offers to the Association members. There have been 4900 registrations on the Membership Plus App.

Mr Kelly also commented on the continuing success of PlayBall which has attracted over 175,000 users in 2016. He also reported that the Pavilion has hosted numerous charity events as well as 12 events in the Estate including cricket ODI's, Ulster Hockey finals and the UK Pipeband Championships.

Health And Wellbeing continues to grow through Health Works and the WELL Programme. The Programme has now received 38,000 unique visits to the WELL website and has 215 trained workplace WELL Champions.

Regarding training services, the FindOut Team delivered over 20 Health Promotion events in 2016 and has new clients including Viridian.

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

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Nic Leitch and seconded by Ward McConkey.

4. Honorary Treasurer and Auditor's Report

Michael Carson, Honorary Treasurer provided an overview of the financial performance of the Association in 2016.

The following points were highlighted by Michael Carson;

- **Income for 2016 has dropped but so has expenditure which shows how well we control our costs. This resulted in a surplus of £38,000 for the year.**
- **The balance sheet shows that the Association's fixed assets have continued to depreciate (fall) and that the reserves have increased to £767,000.**
- **In relation to subscriptions, income was down due to the loss of members through the voluntary exit scheme within the NICS.**
- **Health Works income has increased by £16K as a result of additional courses to NICS departments.**
- **PlayBall continues to be important in generating income however it has reached a peak.**
- **Deferred income has dropped by over half but this is due to the revaluation by the accountants of the Association's fixed assets to reflect a more appropriate depreciation period.**
- **In terms of expenditure, grants to clubs have dropped due to people resigning through the VES and therefore the size of clubs is dropping also.**
- **Depreciation has decreased dramatically but we have reviewed the life of our assets.**

Acceptance of the accounts were proposed by Colin McWhirter and seconded by Brian Murphy.

5. Election of Honorary Treasurer

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

6. Election of Auditor

PGM Accountants were proposed as the appointed Auditors.

PGM Accountants were appointed as NICSSA's Auditors by acclamation. Gerry Cosgrave welcomed Elizabeth Tohill and Paul McAreavy from PGM.

7. Election of Members to Council

Gerry Kelly 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, Ward McConkey, Lynda Sloan, Conor McGeown and Brian Murphy were accepted by acclamation.

Mr Kelly explained we have been carrying a vacancy for a few years though the regional representatives in the clubs so there is provision to put someone in that place. This has been elected through the affiliated clubs and the nominee is Paul Lawson from Lanyon Plaza and he was duly elected.

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 subscriptions in July 2017. He explained we have increased the subscriptions by a modest amount over the last few years. There has been a decline in membership and 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 subscriptions annually by £1.44 per year.

Gerry Cosgrave asked for a show of hands for the proposal and it was a unanimous decision to increase the subscription rate by the recommended amount from July 2017.

10. Any Other Business

With no further business Gerry Cosgrave (Vice Chairman) closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.