

MINUTES

Meeting: *Annual General Meeting*

Date: *Wednesday 13th March 2019*

Venue: *Pavilion Stormont*

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from;

Ms Heather Cousins

Mr Brian Murphy

Mr Michael Carson

Mr Dennis Millar

Mr Denis Hamill

Mr David Reilly

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the 66th AGM (2018) were adopted by agreement of all present.

3. Annual Report 2018

The CEO, Mr Gerry Kelly reported on the key achievements of the Association during the year which were set out in the 2018 Annual Report.

In particular he highlighted several achievements including; the recruitment of 804 members and growth in membership which ended the year at 8494 including 1196 NICS Social Club and 239 Activ members. He also reported that the membership team had delivered 55 membership roadshows and established 5 new workplace clubs.

Under Training and Development through Health Works, FindOut and the WELL Programmes the WELL team had delivered over 27 mental Health events, 68 Nutritional events, 25 Personal

development events, 40 Physical Health events and trained 31 new workplace WELL Champions.

On the activities front the Association delivered 9 membership events including the Family Fun Day, the Easter Extravaganza, and numerous pantomimes and theatre and day trips throughout the country including shopping trips to Kildare and Dundrum. The Pavilion hosted numerous events during the year including Camp Yolo with 300 participants, cricket events involving Ireland and Afghanistan and 12 Ulster Hockey fixtures for Schools and Clubs.

Under Facilities the Social Club hosted over 100 conferences, 50 sporting & recreational dinners and social events, and over 15,700 lunch and dinner covers and 93 birthday parties.

In concluding his report Mr Kelly advised everyone that a full and more detailed copy of the Annual Report was available online for information.

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Mr Cliff Radcliffe and Ms Lynda Sloan.

4. Honorary Treasurer and Auditor's Report

In the absence of Michael Carson, Honorary Treasurer the NICSSA CEO Mr Kelly provided an overview of the financial performance of the Association in 2018.

The following points were highlighted by Mr Kelly;

- Income and expenditure had dropped in 2018. The net result was a surplus of £42,000 for the year.*
- The balance sheet shows that the Association's fixed assets have continued to depreciate.*
- Bank loans are being paid off on time which puts the organisation in a good financial position to borrow in the future. Also during 2018 the final payment was made on the 1.2 million loan in respect of the First Trust Bank for the 2003 Capital Development Project.*

- *In relation to subscriptions, he reported an increase in revenue due to the small increase in the subscription rate and the increase in recruitment over resignations.*
- *PlayBall continues to be an important pot of income, however a number of days were lost in the year due to poor weather conditions and the FIFA World Cup which was reflected in a marginal reduction in income.*
- *In terms of expenditure, costs are tightly controlled and are on a downward trend year on year.*

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mr Colin McWhirter and seconded by Mr Billy Gamble.

5. Election of Honorary Treasurer

Mr Michael Carson was re-appointed to the position of Honorary Treasurer. This was proposed by Mr Radcliffe and agreed unanimously.

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 Radcliffe and seconded by Mr Billy Gamble. Mr Kelly acknowledged and thanked Mrs Elizabeth Tohill and Mr Paul McAreavey from PGM for their support and work during the year.

7. Election of Members to Council

Mr Ferguson reported that six positions existed to serve on the Council and that six nominations had been received for those positions. Therefore the nominees Mr Colin McWhirter, Mr Brian Murphy, Ms Lynda Sloan, Mr Val Russell, Ms Caron Alexander and Mr Tom Kennedy were elected.

The 6 regional representatives were formally endorsed as new Council members. They were as follows: Belfast Region: Geraldine Heaney, Gavin McCann and Karen McConnell; South Region: Brian Vincent; and North Region: Kitty Brown and Siobhan Smyth.

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

All were accepted by acclamation.

Mr Ferguson reported to the AGM that the final two positions of Chair & Vice-Chair were to be filled by the current Vice-Chair Heather Cousins as the Chair and Bertie Ellison as the Vice-Chair. Mr Ferguson asked for formal approval from the floor. Both were approved by acclamation.

8. Proposal to Increase Subscriptions

Mr Kelly briefly outlined the case for an increase in the membership subscription rate in July 2019. He explained that the rate was increased by a modest amount over the last few years. 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 and increase junior membership to £10 per annum.

The motion for an increase in subscriptions by £1.44 per annum and increase junior membership to £10 per annum was proposed by Ms Lynda Sloan and seconded by Mr Billy Gamble.

Mr 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 2019.

9. Any Other Business

Mr Cliff Radcliffe spoke to those present and on behalf of all in attendance and members more generally he thanked Mr Ferguson for his service as Chairman of the Association over a 15 year period from 2004. Cliff expressed his gratitude and paid tribute to Mr Ferguson for leaving the Association in such a good position. Cliff also praised David for his leadership, passion,

commitment and drive in taking the organisation forward over 15 years and on behalf of everyone wished him the very best in the future.

Mr Ferguson thanked Cliff for his kind words.

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