



Irish Universities Swimming & Waterpolo Association

Annual General Meeting 2011

Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast, 03/04/2011

Chairperson: Jeff Walsh (TCD)

Secretary: Colin Broderick (DIT)

Re-cap of the Year:

Swimming varsities were very successful and a special thank you was extended to Martin McGann and NUIM for stepping in to host the varsities on the short notice after the difficulties with the committee in UL.

Waterpolo:

UCD are organising the varsities and unfortunately they were postponed due to problems with the Trinity pool. The varsities are still to go ahead and we will need a pool within three days or else we will be booking the National Aquatic Centre on a reduced rate.

Celtic Nations:

Great Weekend and a big thank you to all who made it happen!

Finances:

All of this years finances went towards the funding of the Celtic Nations weekend which cost in the region of €13,000. Money is kept aside each year in order to bolster the funding available for Celtic Nations when our turn to host comes around again.

It is proposed that we will talk to Swim Ireland and try and wing some funding from them as there is always money set aside for university sport however it has not been taken up before. We would like to use this money to train up our own officials in order to reduce our dependency on the availability of Swim Ireland officials to run varsity weekends. To train:

- Waterpolo Refs
 - Swimming officials (stroke judges, referees, timing system operators)
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Constitution:

A draft of the modified Constitution was circulated to all those present at the AGM. Everyone was made aware that anywhere in the draft which referred to President that it should be changed to Chairperson due to legal issues of being an affiliate association of Swim Ireland.

Summary of Changes to the circulated draft:

- Treasurer: Three signatories shall be signed onto any accounts and cheque books, two must be the Chair and the Treasurer.
- Formal request that non-voting officers shall not remain for prolonged periods at Executive meetings so as not to influence decisions being made.
- Only 2 representatives per member institution shall be on the committee
- Years Grace:
To clarify that if graduate from an institution and pursue another course in another member institutions you forfeit your years grace at your original institution.

On expulsion you automatically forfeit the years grace.

The years grace is not a calendar year, it is a college year i.e September - June

- Where any officers are removed by the executive committee an EGM must be called and the officers post be filled at the EGM.
- The Swim Ireland Rep. and the IWPA Rep. cannot be removed by the executive committee. Swim Ireland must be petitioned for their removal.
- Hosting of Inter Varsities:
Host institution will be part of the standing committee for the respective event.

Section 5 (2)(b) should read coordinator

The purpose of this section is to make sure that the students of the host institution remain in control at all times.

- Section 6: The reference to the events which must be part of each varsity competition has been removed in order to allow flexibility at the newly introduced events.

Swim League - aimed at the sprinters

Swim Varsity - broader range of events (more distance)

A varsity event in Swimming, Lifesaving and Waterpolo must be held each year.

All changes to the Constitution were put to a vote by those present at the AGM and the draft was deemed acceptable by those present and will come into immediate effect revoking all previous constitutions.

Votes - In Favor: 2 TCD, 2 NUIM, 1 Sligo, 1 DIT, 2 NUIG

Against: 0

Election of Officers:

People were nominated for each position of the executive committee and those elected are as follows:

Chair Person -	Katie Ryan (UCD)
Vice Chair Person -	Grace Doyle (UL)
Hon. Treasurer -	Conor Hillick (UCD)
Secretary -	James Caulfield (NUIG)
PRO -	Helen Broderick (DIT)
Swimming Coordinator -	Donna Marie Oprey (NUIM)
Waterpolo Coordinator -	Adam Caulfield (NUIG)
Lifesaving Coordinator -	Liam Williams (Cork IT)
Sports Leader -	Martin McGann (NUIM)
Swim Ireland Rep -	To be appointed
IWPA Rep -	To be appointed

There were no objections and all were deemed elected.

Discussion of Calendar for 2011 / 2012:

Waterpolo:

Declan Shannon, representing the IWPA on behalf of Stephen O'Brian (IWPA Secretary), made the meeting aware that there are 3 weekends available for hosting the Waterpolo Varsities. These are all on the weekends of the Junior Cup's.

Any Saturday in October for Novice Varsities

Surf Lifesaving:

Entries forms will need to be made available in May in order to secure the necessary funding from each college to enter the event.

It is proposed that it will take place in October before the sea is too cold.

NUIG said they will be able to host the event with the various county teams providing the gear for the event.

Details to be given to the committee by May.

Waterpolo Varsities 2012:

Given that the weekend proposed by the IWPA are not the most convenient for the hosting of the inter-pros it was proposed that it be moved to a mid week event in November.

Queens made the committee aware that it would not be willing to host the 2010 varsities.
NUIG will host in 2012.

Swimming Varsities 2012:

Will be hosted by UCD and will form the opening event of the new pool. They informed the committee that it will be a much higher quality affair than previous years. It will take place between February and March.

There will be sponsorship, television present and many institutions from outside of Ireland.

It was proposed that there be a lifesaving exhibition at the event and this should be promoted through the lifesaving clubs.

This will event will showcase Irish University swimming at its best.

Celtic Nations:

Hopefully at the end of March 2012 and are to be hosted in Scotland possibly in Edinburgh.

Swim League Finals:

Swim Ireland informed the committee that any weekend between the Dave McCullagh gala and LC Nationals is available for the finals.

The IUSWA Swimming standing committee should be able to organise this event.

Jeff Walsh the outgoing Chairperson made a final thank you to all those who attended the meeting and the AGM was closed.