

## Archery Ireland AGM June 2016

### In Attendance

Derek Kelly	DK
Gina Verjans	GV
Rachael Foley	RF
Daniel Foley	DF
Glen Conway	GC
Martin Conway	MC
Terry Dempsey	TD
Sarah Twomey	ST
Michael Irwin	MI
Carl Bryer	CB
Jay Cullen	JC
James Galvin	JG
Marea Murphy	MM
Hugh Murphy	HM
Paul Cullen	PC
Eamonn Rogers	ER
Deirdre Rogers	DR
Christine O'Sullivan	COS
Dave Reynolds	DR
Vinny Plant	VP
Adria Quinn	AQ
Rob Sweetman	RS
Dave Leen	DL
Mark Higson	MH
Ian McGrath	IMG
Kevin MacDermott	KMD
Gerry Deegan	GD

Apologies Derek Dalton

Minutes Circulated and matters arising

ER.Submitted apologies not recorded

ER Who was the club external who proposed ROD as Hon member, not in current constitution. Proposed by NEC

ER Changes to the constitution must be informed to members in advance.  
DL what rule are you quoting.

General rule that motions are passed to the secretary.

ER Has to be circulated in advance.

How can you look at the implications.

KMD Technical changes, fee changes item 9

ER you could have a full new constitution.

KMD if there are changes which aren't technical they will be informed. AGM two years ago allowed Exec to make change, Fee changes.

ER 2014 minutes never circulated, not corrected because they weren't circulated.  
KMD Until the AGM only draft minutes.

ER Minutes were wrong and as a result they were wrong.

**Counting of votes is not correct in minutes 2014.**

GD Minutes were circulated by email.

GC Stop talking over each other.

DL The matter of requesting constitutional change, only consideration duly proposed  
Are there inaccuracies from 2014.

CAC club grants available, BP question was why do Cork City Archery not know about  
2015 grants, answer was that AI did not advertise it.

Proposed MC

Questions

MI Lobbying for funds, who has been contacted with a package, this is what we can offer.  
Is this actually happening. Has an actual company been approached?

KMD 130 companies have been approached, we are in talks with one of the banks, offered a 3 year term. ATA in North America. Issue is what are they getting for their sponsorship.

DR Is there an upper limit to entries for the World Field Championships.

DL There are three courses so the upper limit is set by the number of athletes you can accommodate on three courses.

KMD Maximum number of athletes per country is 32.

We had our second visit by the Technical delegate and she had no problem with set up.

VP. There is a lot of talk about High Performance etc. What are your thoughts in bringing in a National Coach ?

DL A good question, some of the seniors are knocking on the door of olympic qualification. We examined the prospect of bringing in a national squad coach. There are two or three names we are talking to, I don't want to bring someone in who will destroy the systems we having in place.

CB There is no mention of the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires. You have to be between 14 and 18 to compete. Preparations have to begin now to get qualification.

DL A very good point, and also the Masters games in New Zealand, I am trying to co-ordinate entries to other non world archery championships, so if people bring it to my attention I will do what I can.

ER. World games is the equivalent of the Olympic games for the compound archers, its a competition that must be kept in mind for compound archers.

KMD. A very good point, next years in Poland, and the the only qualifying. games is the World Archery Field Championships.

ST We all have our own niches as archers and its up to us as competitors to pursue that, we can't expect volunteers to know everything.

GC On the question of a national coach, we need to get the work done on the ground.

Bringing in a national coach to the senior squad that is made up of coaches might lead to people not listening. Very expensive to bring in a coach, we need to push our own coaches before we talk about bringing in a national coach.

DL That is a good point, there was a commitment that the coaches will work together, that is working the coaches are beginning to gel and it is up to the coaches to work with a national coach if one is brought in. The seniors are not getting the attention they need. It will come down to the current coaches working with a national coach.

JC What is the plan for setting up a senior Squad ?

DL Basically there is a high performance plan behind what AI wish to do, but at present we can't get time to bring squad together at Harbour House.

JC A lot of the seniors are down at Harbour House anyway, if there is an issue with the exec not having time, then that should be communicated, I'm sure there are people who will organise.

DL The structure is that when there is a competition we try to pull the squad together. I'm trying to facilitate individuals to train together before specific competitions. My next step will be to Sunday junior squad, Saturday senior squad.

JC We re a national body we should have a national senior squad and we need a plan.

KMD We did try and pull a senior squad together two years ago and we met resistance. That is history. We will put plans in place.

Financial report

Recommend re-appointing OSK as our auditors. Proposed GC Seconded VP, Unanimous vote.

Entrance fees and annual subscriptions. One proposal from exec is to raise the level 2 fee which refers to unemployed and those over 60, we are proposing to change that to "eligible for a state pension". There are members over sixty who could afford a full membership. It would be eligible for age related pension. For this year it will 66. The executive will look at changes in state pension ages, in receipt of an age related state pension. Passed unanimously.

Motions on Notice.

1 motions.

1. All amendments to constitution and changes made, circulated to the membership within 2 weeks of the AGM. Proposed by DR and seconded by ER.
2. DR spoke to motion, it is to give people notice of what went on at AGM. Mistakes happen and they can be corrected easily in time.

Motion passed.

2 Motion. Delegate meetings to be held 2 times a year.

DR There are things that archers and clubs want to discuss in a setting like this, provide an opportunity for clubs to meet so that we can sort issues out during the year. Is there some way we can make opportunity available.

GD recommendation made by Sport Ireland that delegate meetings be done away with and the executive run associations.

JC good way for the members to bring issues to exec for resolution.

VP Can we put delegate meetings aside and call them information meetings. 4 or 5 Information meetings a year.

DL Best admitted under the Club Development category. We have an open door policy and an open email policy, if there are issues I want them dealt with as soon as possible. Motion amended to call information meetings during the year. Passed.

Motion of no confidence in the Secretary.

Proposed by ER. Motion was proposed for lack of communications and failing to keep membership informed regarding various issues throughout the year.

GD defended his performance and pointed out that some of the issues referred to were not followed up by the executive and therefore he wasn't responsible for the lack of communication.

Motion was defeated by 21 votes to 11.

Next item is elections.

Position of Secretary. 2 nominations:

Paul Cullen

Gerry Deegan.

Result: 1 spoiled vote. Paul Cullen 18, Gerry Deegan 12 votes.

KMD thanked GD for his work, and the membership voted by applause.

Treasurer: 2 Nominations

Carl Bryer

Sarah Twomey

Result: 2 spoiled

Carl Bryer 10 votes, Sarah Twomey 17

Communications: 1 nomination for Mark Higson to continue.

Passed by show of hands.

Meeting closed at 17.45