



**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND LIMITED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
27TH APRIL 2019
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
SANTRY
DUBLIN**

MINUTES OF AGM 2019

Minutes of the AGM held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry at 12.30pm on Saturday the 27th of April 2019.

1. Georgina Drumm opened the AGM and delivered the President's address. GD welcomed Gerry Dunne (Legal Advisor) to the top table.

I am delighted on behalf of Athletics Ireland to have you with us today to participate and share in our 2019 Annual General Meeting. Thank you for coming.

That many of you have travelled long distances to be here serves as a reminder to all just how important you take your responsibilities in the administration and delivery of athletics. As parents, coaches, officials and administrators we must prepare ourselves to be challenged, excited and inspired, our task collectively is to make it possible, we want all to achieve their full potential by providing practical assistance and support.

2018 a year that will live long in our memories with captivating performances from our under age athletes 3 Gold and 2 silver individual medals across the various championships, Sarah Healy, Rhasidat Adeleke, Sophie O Sullivan European Youth and Sommer Lecky World Junior along with a thrilling team medal performance from Molly Scott, Gina Akpe Moses, Patience Gumbo Gula, Ciara Neville and Rhasidat Adeleke 4 x 100m at World Junior Championships. Our young stars set the stage for the Senior European Championship a tall act to follow however Thomas Barr delivered a bronze medal performance.

While all the excitement of the Championships was about to commence in Berlin we got the dreadful news that our offices in Northwood was on fire. After many weeks with various leads there is no conclusion as to the why or who. Nevertheless we dusted off and got on with finding a new temporary premises and continued with our fixtures. I would also like to put on record the support received from Sport Institute of Ireland at short notice found accommodation within their set up for us until we had secured our current location. With tremendous appreciation I sincerely thank the staff of Athletics Ireland under the leadership of Hamish Adams for their unstinting work ethic during a very difficult time along with the various committees who in the best possible way carried on regardless.

I will like this opportunity to welcome our new staff members officially to Athletics Ireland Daragh Browne Marketing and Communications , Lizzy Broderick Competitions , Bee O Callaghan Performance Support , Barry Pender now leading the Recreational Department with a new appointment of Paul Murphy , Olivia O Rourke Child Safeguarding . Shane Aston Colette Quinn, Gerard O Donnell, Dermot Mc Granaghan Regional Development Officers with Matt Lockett Endurance. The staff level is now at 32.

Our CEO Hamish Adams is 1 year in the job bar a few days and what a baptism of fire literally, a great supporter of our staff and volunteers, a seamless transition from his previous role to our sport which is greatly appreciated and admired. We have recently met Sport Ireland and I am pleased to say that we are considered to be an organisation of best practice receiving over €2million per annum. Sponsorship avenues have been pursued with some success which is very encouraging. I was encouraged with the stats showing the figure of 50,000 membership the earliest that this mark has been achieved. Coaching workshops, squads, camps are ongoing with great success. Hamish will cover these subjects in his report shortly. 2018 gave me the opportunity along with our CEO to travel to the Provincial meetings to update you on the various activities undertaken and update you personally on the fire at our offices, we enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the various delegates and

also listening to the feedback. In addition, I was also able to attend many of the provincial indoor championships and to witness at first hand the tremendous work undertaken by our provincial boards and officials. Nationally our events continue to grow from Underage right through to Master athletics who recently returned from Poland with honours. Records tumble on a regular basis. The success of our sport at grass route level is testament to the work undertaken at club level resulting in greater participation and greater performances right through the structure, club, county, provincial and national level.

A major project undertaken in 2018 was the Launch of the Daily Mile with Frank Greally as Ambassador, to date we have over 750 primary schools signed up reaching approximately 150,000 school children daily, this initiative will only get bigger and better. Well done to all involved.

The work of the Olympic Federation of Ireland is ongoing, and I am delighted to say that a considerable amount of work has been undertaken to ensure a new constitution was prepared and accepted by the member federations and the International Olympic Council. Compliance with Governance Code is almost completed. Funding has been reinstated from Sport Ireland and new sponsorships achieved. Additional staff are in place including a full time Chef de Mission for Tokyo. Preparations are ongoing for the European Youth Championships, European Games, Winter Olympics and Summer Olympics with all stake holders fully involved in the planning process. Minute notes of all our Board Meetings are now forwarded to all governing bodies. While a lot of long hours and hard work was undertaken, I am happy to report that all members of the OFI contributed and played a role in this new face of Olympic Sports and I believe an enormous step forward for all. Congratulations are due to a number of Athletics Ireland Officials who have been appointed to major events John Cronin, P'O Callaghan, Ronan O' Hart, Shaun Gallagher and Suzanna Costin covering 20 events ranging from European Championship to World Championships and the Olympic Games Tokyo, Athletics Ireland extends our congratulations to all and are delighted to see our officials honoured in this way.

I am also delighted to inform you that Pierce O Callaghan has been reappointed to the European Competitions Commission for a second term while Nick Davis who has been a member of the Development Commission since 1995 was also reappointed, acknowledging the contribution of Ireland within European Athletics. I will also state that European Athletics were extremely supportive at the time of the office fire, while in Berlin at the European Championships I was offered a loan with minimum interest to help us through a difficult time which I greatly appreciated.

2019 has started where we left off in the medals table with Mark English and Ciara Mageean both winning Bronze medals at the European Indoors in Scotland, we hope that this medal table will rise with a number of very prestigious events upcoming. Notable performance also of Fionualla Mc Cormack finishing 18th at the World Cross Country in Aarhus, Denmark the second European crossing the line.

Over the course of the last number of years many questions has been asked on what exactly does our insurance cover, Peter Hanlon representing our Insurance Broker Mc

Mahon Galvin has visited county boards with updates and advise and is again here today to speak with us on this complex issue. An area we are addressing is primary school events run

by clubs, we propose to introduce a primary school permit application which will support clubs promoting these much needed and welcomed school initiatives. We will over the next week after we have finalised the detail send out the criteria to you all and I believe it will be much welcomed. Looking ahead. A robust bid was prepared and presented to European Athletics to stage the European Cross Country Championships once again in Ireland, we were delighted that we have been given that opportunity as we look to you all to support and contribute to the success of the event as you all have in the past, the bid team led by Liam Hennessy are to be applauded.

Liaison Meeting with Ulster Athletics, Athletics Northern Ireland and Athletics Ireland continue with various topics discussed and worked on with Jackie Newton ANI sitting on the AAI High Performance Committee. Entry systems for competition, registration systems, Child Welfare issues and reporting structures, training camps, team selection are been addressed. Changes within the governance structure of ANI are been monitored.

The Board of Athletics Ireland are very conscious that we must continue to grow and review our structures, with this in mind we approved and agreed in 2018 a Governance review which will take place this year 2019, it is my intention to visit the provincial and regional councils again this year after this review is complete to keep you all informed of the recommendations and seek your advice on the way forward if needed. In the same vein I would like to also inform you that Athletics Ireland is fully governance code compliant, another milestone achieved.

2019 marks 40 years since the unforgettable success of Team Ireland in Limerick with individual honours and team success, today Athletics Ireland are celebrating that glorious year in the History of our sport with a much-anticipated time to reflect with the members of the teams and enjoy their company. I hope you will join us and celebrate along with the team members, the management team and members of the local organising committee.

Finally I wish to thank all of you for your enormous contribution to our sport, our officials are again from club county provincial and national the cream of the crop, our staff are hugely committed, the principle committees are productive, energetic and engaging in their respective areas. The Board of Athletics Ireland are committed entirely to our sport, debate is healthy and robust at times but at all times with the sport of athletics to the fore. I feel privileged to be part of it all.

Thank you again for taking the time to be with us today. I look forward to meeting with you all later.

2. Roll call recorded 94 delegates present at the AGM.

ROLL CALL - AGM - DUBLIN 2019			
		Present 2019	Members 2018
Antrim		0	4007
Armagh		0	436
Carlow		0	805
Cavan		1	561
Clare		0	1794
Cork		15	8459
Derry		0	1017
Donegal		3	2685
Down		0	2675
Dublin		14	9146
Fermanagh		0	420
Galway		1	4090
Kerry		3	1639
Kildare		2	2646
Kilkenny		2	1853
Laois		2	1161
Leitrim		3	722
Limerick		3	1518
Longford		0	332
Louth		4	2127
Mayo		2	2594
Meath		7	4422
Monaghan		1	1312
Offaly		3	1488
Roscommon		0	576
Sligo		5	1549
Tipperary		1	2263
Tyrone		0	853
Waterford		1	1584
Westmeath		0	978
Wexford		2	1936
Wicklow		1	1647
Connacht		2	
Leinster		0	
Munster		1	
Ulster		0	

Board	15		
Total	94		

3. Minutes of the 2017 AGM were proposed by Michael Quinlan and seconded by Dermot McGranaghan.
4. The Auditors report was presented by Joe Fitzgerald from Mulcahy O’Neill Fitzgerald.
5. The Financial report was presented by George Maybury as Chair of Finance and Risk.

Questions on the Financial report:

What was the cost of the contactless payment devices? (Collette Kelly)

€150 per unit (Hamish Adams)

Is there an insurance implication because of the office fire? (Collette Kelly)

Yes, there will be. (George Maybury)

What is the European Athletics loan? (Joe Walsh)

European Athletics has offered AAI a low interest loan of €100,000. (George Maybury)

Should AI Enterprises pay fees to the loss adjuster? (Bill Allen)

Payments are paid out of AAI and not AI Enterprises. (George Maybury)

Peter Hanlon spoke to clarify the management of the insurance claim.

Proposer for the financial report was Michael Heery and it was seconded by Martin Fitzgerald.

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Income – Other Grants			
€000	2018	2017	2016
DTTS Sports Capital Equip Grants	55	63	174
EAA/IAAF	46	63	37
Erasmus +	3	11	5
Disability Funding	7	18	0
Miscellaneous	1	4	2
Total	112	159	218

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AGM 2019

Income & Expenditure			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Income	5,038	4,743	4,675
Expenditure	5,035	4,729	4,672
Surplus	3	14	3
Exceptional	50		
Loss after Exceptional	(47)		

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Income – Misc Income			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Insurance Claim	100		
Misc	3	2	1
Total	103	2	1

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Income – Sport Ireland			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Core	812	812	809
Performance	790	835	815
Carding	224	236	220
Hosted Events	85	85	78
Get Ireland Running	162	80	107
Women in Sport	35	35	40
Tokyo Prep	50		
Euro XC	56		
Total	2216	2083	2069

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AGM 2019


Costs – Wages			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Staff Wages	€1377	€1215	€1190
Full Time	27	23	23
Part Time	11	12	10
Sport Ireland Core /HP Grants	€812/€790	€812/€835	€809/€810

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Income – Coaching & Development			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Coaching	80	86	102
Development	34	18	11
Total	114	104	113



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Costs – Coaching			
€000	2018	2017	2016
National Squads	35	24	22
Coach Networks	4	24	21
Coach Education	37	66	53
Endurance Squad	14	14	12
Tutor Training	5	3	4
Staff Expenses	4	4	6
Admin /Phones	2/1	2/1	2/1
Committee	2	2	3
AAi Coach Video	4	10	
Total	108	150	125



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Costs – Coaching & Development			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Coaching	108	150	125
Development	163	115	96
Total	271	265	221



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Income –Development			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Development Workshops	6	2	2
Regional Squads	28	16	9
Total	34	18	11



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Income – Coaching			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Coach Education Level 2	10	4	5
Coach Educ Level 0/1	58	63	71
Coach Networks	11	15	21
Child Welfare Training	1	2	2
National Squads	0	2	3
Total	80	86	102



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Costs – Development			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Regional Squads	49	28	22
Get Ireland Running	58	45	18
Development Days	9	4	13
Staff Expenses	32	32	36
Phones	6	6	7
Consultant	9		0
Total	163	115	96




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Income – Competition and Marketing			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Competition	282	347	298
Marketing	211	128	164
Total	493	475	462



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Costs – Competition			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Travel	118	105	113
Accommodation	119	96	101
Track Hire	63	71	68
Medals, Chip timing etc	40	39	43
Venue Set up	84	71	49
Programmes & Tech Support	48	38	47
Other	36	28	34
Sub total	508	448	455
Juv/School Internationals	43	114	58
Hosted Events	85	85	78
Total	637	647	589



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Costs – Competition and Marketing			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Competition	637	647	589
Marketing	156	181	190
Total	793	828	779



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Income – Commercial			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Sponsorship	204	120	157
Irish Life Health, CX Sport,GT Spar Ireland ,Muller ,DCC, Fingal ,Inneos ,Affidea, Last Lap,			
National Awards	7	8	7
Total	211	128	164



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Income – Competition			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Entry Fees Senior	103	94	111
Juvenile	44	63	51
Gates Senior	37	33	39
Juvenile	78	71	70
Schools	11	15	23
Sub Total	273	276	294
Star Awards	5	4	4
School Intl /Celtics	4	66	0
Total	282	347	298



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Costs – Commercial			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Awards	24	31	28
Registration Costs	16	14	26
TV & Streaming	20	22	42
Sponsor Costs	11	39	16
Website	13	13	13
Photography	25	27	27
Consult	22	15	15
Other Marketing	25	20	23
Total	156	181	190




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Income – Registration & Affiliation			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Affiliation	51	51	51
Senior	409	411	401
Juvenile	435	437	414
Schools	50	50	43
Total	945	949	909



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Costs – Performance			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Sport Ireland Carding	206	236	220
Athlete Support	141	180	192
Competition Travel	149	168	166
Competition Accommodation	86	78	84
Medical	151	157	194
Preparation	81	93	92
Admin	34	32	17
Consulting	4	23	21
Total	853	967	986



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Income – Recreation			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Owned Events	703	519	581
Managed Events	202	331	223
Summer Camps	113	87	51
Permits	36	36	47
Total	1054	973	902



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Costs – Administration			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Insurance	315	307	286
Rent	84	84	84
Board	24	32	32
Legal/Consult	45	61	114
Staff Travel/Car Pool	44	40	38
IT & Phone	29	28	30
Post & Stat	45	51	50
Insurance Claim	100		
Property Costs	15	21	23
Other	24	41	29
Total	725	655	687



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Costs – Recreation			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Owned Events	640	430	413
Managed Events	100	150	110
Credit Card Charges	23	24	29
Titan Consulting	3	21	7
Admin & Marketing	21	17	14
Summer Camps	102	82	47
Total	889	724	620



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Ath. Assoc of Iri Ltd Balance Sheet			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Fixed Assets	90	133	193
Investment	485	485	485
Debtors/Stock	547	339	369
Cash	101	92	114
Creditors	(684)	(565)	(583)
European Ath Loan	(106)		
Creditors Over Year	0	(4)	(110)
Reserves	433	480	467




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Governance Code			
Principle	Sub Principles	Compliance Rate 2018	Compliance Rate 2017
Leading our organisation	14	14	13 (93%)
Exercising control over our organisation	17	17	16 (94%)
Being transparent & accountable	13	13	13 (100%)
Working Effectively	17	17	11 (65%)
Behaving with integrity	14	14	13 (93%)
TOTAL	75	75 (100%)	66 (88%)




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Operational Risk

Health & Safety at Events

Key Volunteers /Staff leaving



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Reputational Risk

Code of Ethics Violation

Poor Senior International Athlete Performance



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**ATHLETICS IRELAND
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Compliance Risk

Legal Challenges


Doping Issues



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€000	Budget Income & Expenditure	
	Budget 2019	Actual 2018
Income	5068	5038
Expenditure	5048	5085
Surplus	20	(47)




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Budget Income		
€000	Budget 2019	Actual 2018
Sport Ireland Grants	2207	2216
Other Grants	66	112
Registrations & Affiliations	1126	945
Competition & Related	569	492
Coaching & Development	171	114
Recreational Events	928	1054
Miscellaneous	0	103
Total	5068	5038



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Athletics Ireland Enterprises Ltd Income Statement			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Turnover	343	248	261
Admin	(321)	(205)	(215)
Interest	(3)	(3)	(3)
Revaluation	0	0	0
Tax	(8)	(12)	(13)
Surplus	12	28	28



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Budget Expenditure		
€000	2019 Budget	2018 Actual
Wages	1525	1386
Coaching & Development	228	271
Performance	1010	853
Competition & Related	695	793
Administration	830	725
Exceptional		50
Recreational Events	745	889
Depreciation	13	70
Euro XC 2020		57
Total	5048	5085



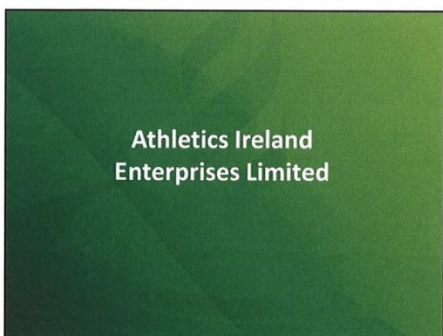
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Athletics Ireland Enterprises Ltd - Income			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Merchandise	9	8	8
Night Run	153		
Book Sales	1		
Irish Runner	112	172	185
Property	68	68	68
	343	248	261




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Athletics Ireland Enterprises Ltd - Costs			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Merchandise	0	0	0
Night Run	153		
Book Costs	18		
Irish Runner	96	157	156
Property Admin	23	23	24
Depreciation	31	25	35
Loan Interest	3	3	3
	324	208	218




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Athletics Ireland Enterprises Ltd Balance Sheet			
€000	2018	2017	2016
Fixed Assets	813	833	849
Debtors	81	76	41
Cash	34	8	13
Creditor less Yr	(435)	(371)	(319)
Creditor over Yr	(831)	(896)	(962)
Reserves	(338)	(350)	(378)



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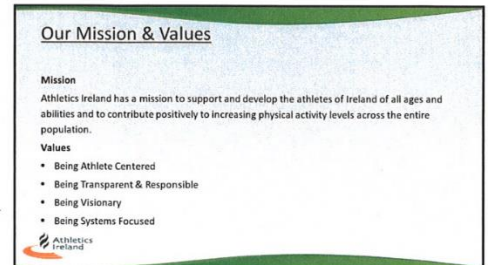
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6. Appointment of the Auditor
Mulcahy O'Neill Fitzgerald were unanimously returned as the Auditors for 2019/2020.
This was proposed by George Maybury and seconded by Darren Butler.

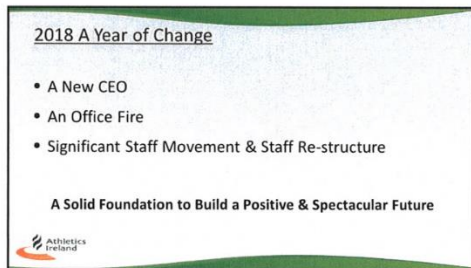
7. Chief Executive Officers report delivered by Hamish Adams.



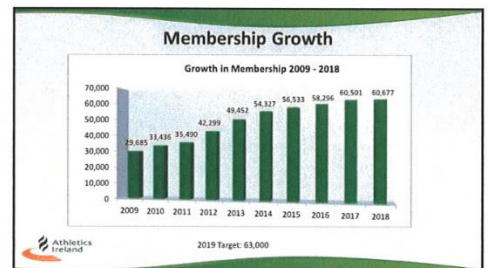
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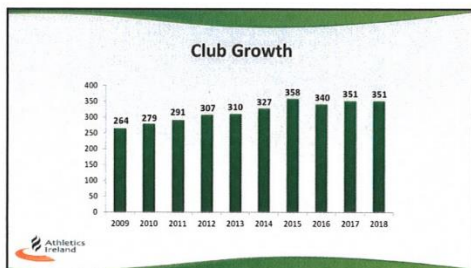
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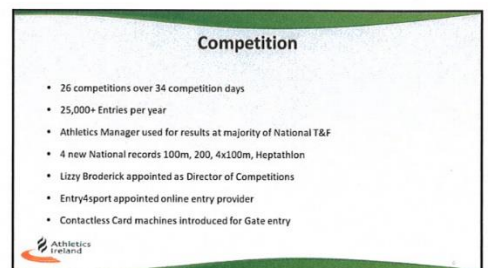
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Marketing

Sponsorship: Irish Life Health, Grant Thornton, Bank of Ireland, Muller, Spar, Affidea, CX Sport, bhka
Management: Providing full sponsorship support servicing with activation for clients

Social Media:

- Continued growth throughout 2018;
- Facebook: 11.7k likes (+14%)
- Twitter: 25.5k followers (+9%)
- Instagram: 11.1k followers (+26%)

Website Stats 2018: *Busiest day on the website was August 9th – the day Tom Barr won his bronze medal

- Number of Sessions: Remains at 1.1 million
- Number of Page Views: 2.5 million
- Number of Users: 419k Users an increase of 6%

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Coaching

	2017		2018	
	Courses	Participants	Courses	Participants
Athletics Leader	27	449	28	402
Assistant Coach	33	317	22	381
Endurance Coach	7	110	8	152
Level 1	9	182	10	221
Level 2	1	68	1	69
Total	77	1266	81	1225

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High Performance

Highlights:

2018 Euro Champs – 1 medal
 Thomas Barr 400m Hurdles Bronze

2018 World U20 Champs – 2 medals
 Sommer Lecky High Jump Silver
 Girls 4x100m Silver

2018 Euro U18 Champs – 4 Medals
 Sarah Healy 1500m & 3000m Gold
 Rhaidat Adeleke 200m Gold
 Sophie O'Sullivan 800m silver

2019 Euro Indoor Champs – 2 Medals
 Mark English 800m Bronze
 Ciara Mageean 1500m Bronze

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High Performance

HP Coaching Team expanded in 2018 & 2019

- Daniel Kilgallon appointed full-time National Sprints Coordinator
- Matthew Lockett appointed full-time National Endurance coordinator
- David Sweeney appointed full-time Field Event Coordinator

Along with existing part-time Event Coordinators

- Hayley Harrison – Hurdles Coordinator
- Michael Lane – Walks Coordinator

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High Performance

- 3rd Sport Ireland Carded Athletes - 2019
- 3rd Podium:
 - 3rd Thomas Barr
- 3rd World Class:
 - 3rd Fionnuala McCormack; Mark English; Ciara Mageean; Leon Reid; Brian Gregan
- 3rd International:
 - 3rd Brendan Boyce; Alex Wright; Phil Healy; Marcus Lawler; Women's 4x100m
- 3rd Total SI Investment of €192,000
- 3rd A further 80 athletes supported via Carding Programme

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Anti-Doping

Sport Ireland Programme

National Governing Body	In Competition Tests	Out of Competition Urine tests	Out of Competition Blood Tests	Total
Athletics Ireland	20	73	71	164

Over Pass	Total
National Governing Body	164
Athletics Ireland	164

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Irish Schools

	2012	2016	2018
Championships	37,000 Participants	39,000 Participants (660 Schools)	39,000 Participants (667 Schools)
Mini Challenge		18,200 Participants (81 Schools)	Moved to The Daily Mile
Summer Fun		30,000 Participants (88 Schools)	30,000 Participants (88 Schools)
Totals		6,000 Participants (28 Schools)	39,000 Participants (202 Schools)
B Championships		8,000 Participants (24 Schools)	8,000 Participants (24 Schools)
The Daily Mile			75,000 Participants (128 Schools)
Total	37,000	87,000	173,000

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Child Safeguarding

- Implementation of the Children First Act
- Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment developed & distributed
- Successful compliance Audit of ANI Child Safeguarding Statement by Tula
- Three levels of Safeguarding training available to clubs
- Club Captains workshop & Club Youth Awards developed and piloted
- Partnership with HSE & the Sports Health Alliance for Healthy Club plan
- Smoke Free Sport promotions delivered with Tobacco Free Ireland
- Inclusion Charter signed with Cara related policy published

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Item	Amount	Description
Full-time Field Event Coordinator	€20,000	Steve Conroy appointed as full-time Field Event Coordinator in Feb 2019 with a remit covering Jumps, Throws and Field Events.
Event Coordinator Preparation Budget	€20,000	Enhancing the capacity of Event Coordinators to support their event groups
Coach Mentor Scheme - Sprints	€20,000	Sprints Mentoring Scheme up and running since 2013. To date, weekends with Jacques Burke and Ralph MacBoulton have taken place, along with Psychology workshop. Impressive buy in from supported coaches and very positive feedback.
Coach Mentor Scheme - Endurance	€20,000	Endurance Coordinator currently trialling programmes for 2019-2020. Steve Magness, Steve Grant, Mary Vassilopoulou, Honorio Havelit all approached and keen to be involved. Criteria and format will be similar to Sprints initiative.
Coach Mentor Scheme - Field Events	€20,000	Field Event Coordinator appointed Feb 2019, and currently formulating plans for Field Event Mentoring Programme.
Coach Carding	€15,000	Coach Support programme structure and criteria ready. Roll-over of 7.5k from 2018 DFI support to be added to 25k. Further application to DFI for funds in 2019 & roll-out Q2 2019.
Workshop Development	€15,000	The "Run, Jump, Throw" workshops are being rolled out. 10 courses organised already. Higher level workshop in hurling close to launch. On course to reach target of 30 events.
Development Activity	€50,000	SDOs new in place in all areas and has in conjunction with DCC. Communication channels enhanced. Club Development workshops being rolled out. Club support programme expanded.
Total	€180,000	

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2020 Strategic Measurables

- Grow our membership to 70,000.
- Grow our participation programme to 202,000.
- Vetting of 1600 members and Safeguarding training of 400 members annually.
- Deliver 1550 Coach/Leader/Teacher trained volunteers.
- Training squad opportunities for 700 athletes + 150 HP athletes.
- Grow to 112,500 recreational initiatives.

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8. Insurance update delivered by Peter Hanlon on behalf of McMahon Galvin covering a diverse range of information. Georgina Drumm noted that Peter Hanlon is available to be contacted directly for any insurance matters.
9. Standing orders
Appointment of scrutineers: John Holian, Michael Quinlan. Proposed by Georgina Drumm and unanimously approved by the delegates.
10. Motions

CONSTITUTION

Motion 1.

THAT: article 25 be amended to reflect the name change “Just Sport Ireland” to “Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland “

Rationale

To reflect the official name change in the Constitution.

BOARD

Proposed: Georgina Drumm

Seconded: Martin Fitzgerald

Result: Motion carried

Motion 2.

THAT: The Memorandum of Association 4 (xi) and Articles 1 (a); 9 (a); 13 (a) and 23 be amended to reflect the name change “Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children’s Sport” to “Safeguarding Guidance for Children and young People in Sport”

Rationale

To make us compliant with the new Sport Ireland Safeguarding Guidance which replaces the Code of Ethics.

BOARD

Proposed: Georgina Drumm

Seconded: George Maybury

Result: Motion carried

Motion 3.

THAT: article 20 be amended to reflect the name change “Olympic Council of Ireland” to “Olympic Federation of Ireland”

Rationale

Official name change of OCI to OFI.

BOARD

Proposed: Georgina Drumm

Seconded: Neil Martin

Result: Motion carried

Motion 4.

THAT: article 78 (e) (iii) be amended as follows:

“A Finance and Risk Committee which shall consist of a Chair elected at Congress and six (6) individuals, three (3) of whom shall be elected at Congress and three (3), at least one of whom must be a Board member, will be appointed by the Board.

Rationale

To comply with a best-practice recommendation from the governance code.ie of three Board members sitting on the Finance & Risk Committee. In this case the Chair, President (ex-officio) and Board appointment as per above.

BOARD

Speaker: Are we compliant with the Code? (Michael O’Hart)

Response: Subject to passing this motion we will be compliant (George Maybury).

Proposed: George Maybury

Seconded: Bernie O’Callaghan

Result: Motion carried

Georgina Drumm clarified that we were deemed to be compliant in advance of the AGM due to the noting of this exceptional item to the governance code committee regarding the composition of the Finance and Risk committee. Following the approval of this motion we will not have any exceptional items outstanding.

ADMINISTRATION**Motion 5.**

THAT: Athletics Ireland would accept all forms of payment including cheque and all electronic methods of payment

Rationale

Forms of payment such as cheque, cash, transfer, etc. are still legal tender and should be accepted by Athletics Ireland on that basis so as to facilitate and enable all clubs and county boards with payments. The motion also recognises the inability of some clubs to obtain a bank card. The delays which occur in processing applications and other factors which may thwart clubs’ attempts to acquire a card.

GALWAY/ CONNACHT

Colette Kelly spoke about the use of cheques and payments in clubs stating AAI is a voluntary body not a company.

Michael Godley spoke about considering alternative options for payment should the motion be withdrawn.

Bill Allen spoke about the safety of cheques when safeguarding against fraud.

George Maybury spoke about the board’s awareness of the issues and is investigating alternative options.

Ronan O’Hart remarked on the dual system with cheques that is not available with a debit card.

Proposed: Brian Bruton
Seconded: Bill Allen
Result: Yes 59 delegates, No 29 delegates, motion carried.

Motion 6

THAT: Where an athlete is seeking selection for inclusion in any of the National teams and seeks dispensation not to compete at the National Championships that this information is made public AHEAD of the National Championships. This information should include the name of the athlete and the reason for the dispensation.

Rationale

This is for the transparency of the selection process and the information of other athletes.

GALWAY/CONNACHT

Proposed: Peter Hynes

Seconded: Colette Kelly

Neil Martin spoke about the constraints of GDPR in disclosing personal reason for a dispensation and suggested a possible recommendation on this motion.

Gerry Dunne advised that it may be inadvisable to disclose personal athlete information.

Georgina Drumm sought approval from the delegates for Paul McNamara, High Performance Director to speak and approval was granted. Paul detailed the technical requirements of the selection process and the impact this motion would have on that process. There was further debate.

Peter Hynes agreed to the amendment to remove the reason for dispensation and that the motion would become a recommendation.

Result: Motion amended to a recommendation

COMPETITION

Motion 7.

THAT: AAI introduce a minimum age of 13 to compete in a 5k run, jog, walk permitted events.

THAT: AAI introduce a minimum age of 15 to compete in a 10k run, jog, walk for permitted events

Rationale

Motion 24 (THAT: Road Permits Recommended / Distances become mandatory for Juveniles) passed at Congress 2018 presented practical challenges for the association to discharge the motion, upon consultation we reverted to the original formula of recommended distances until 2019 AGM.

We have researched and consulted with our Insurance Brokers to find a solution to ensure that all our clubs, county, boards and organisers are not exposed to any difficulties. We are proposing the introduction of a minimum age as the best solution for the 5k and 10k events thus ensuring there is an age limitation and appropriate distances charted for organisers of these events.

BOARD

Proposed: John Cronin

Seconded: Claire Bergin

Result: Motion amended to a recommendation

Points of note relation to this discussion;

John Quigley spoke about the need to enforce these rules.

Brendan McDaid spoke about the restriction impacting on community events.

Brendan Meade spoke about the risks of the pressure of children racing on the roads against adults.

Joe Walsh queried if this motion relates to road racing only.

John Cronin replied that it relates to permitted events and clarified that it is the age of the child on the day of the event. Clarification was sought from Peter Hanlon re the insurance implications of this discussion.

Amendments proposed from the floor;

Recommendation to divide the motion into two separate motions A and B based on the ages described.

Proposed: John Quigley

Seconded: Bill Allen

Age on the day of competition for a maximum of 5k to be 13 years and maximum of 10k for 15 years of age:

Proposed: John Cronin

Seconded: Joe Walsh

Change "compete" to "enter".

Proposed: Michael Quinlan

Seconded: Bernie Dunne

There was significant debate regarding this motion. The President asked the AGM to allow the Board to formulate the appropriate wording based on all the information and recommendations discussed.

Seconded: Brendan Meade

Result: Unanimously Agreed.

Motion 8.

THAT: gun/finish times be merged in road races of mass participation involving waves with staggered starts to ensure that athletes in wave 2 or subsequent waves are not disadvantaged by having their start times recorded as though they were in wave 1.

Rationale

The Dublin Marathon has been run on the last Sunday of October from 1980 through 2017 and on the last Monday of October in 2018. From 1980 through 2008 all athletes started each race from the same location at the same time and covered the same course to the finish. Because of the increase in the numbers of entries from and including 2009 onwards the athletes were assigned by the organisers to waves which started from the same location but at staggered times and continued the same course to the finish. From 2009 through 2017 the waves, each of which was started separately in accordance with Rule 240.6 of the IAAF Competition Rules, were merged for results purposes. This resulted in a very fair, just and true finish/gun time for all - representing, as it did, the time elapsed from when the signal was fired for the start of each individual wave until the athlete in that particular wave crossed the finish line. It is to be presumed that this method of calculating Gun Time in those years was in accordance with IAAF Rules. The Irish National Marathon has been run in conjunction with the Dublin Marathon in recent years and under the same IAAF Rules. It appears that the timing for this jointly run event has been in the hands of TDL Event Services since and including 2012, at least. The organisers of the 2018 Dublin Marathon assigned entrants to four waves, commencing at 9.00 a.m., 9.15 a.m., 9.30 a.m. and 9.45 a.m. respectively. Each wave was started separately by a Starter in accordance with Rule 240.6 of the IAAF Competition Athletics Rules. However, unlike when the waves were merged for results purposes from 2009 through 2017, the finish/gun times in 2018 were determined as though all athletes had started at 9.00 a.m. Effectively, this meant that athletes in waves 2, 3 and 4 were penalised 15, 30 and 45 minutes respectively compared to those in wave 1 and resulted in a most unfair and unjust outcome for athletes, other than those in wave 1, as regards placings for medals and prize money. The changed application of the Rules in 2018 appears to be in violation of Rule 100 of the IAAF Rules which prohibits giving more rights to some athletes than they would have obtained applying the Rules in the fashion of earlier years. It also appears to be in violation of Rule 125 which requires that a variation from any relevant Rule should not provide an athlete with any advantage over another athlete competing in the same event. Furthermore, the radical change implemented in 2018 was not announced in advance, as is required by the Rules. It appears to me that the four waves could have been merged, for results purposes, in the 2018 mass participation - in excess of 16,000 finishers - marathon and that such merging, as happened in 2009 through 2017, would not be in conflict with the IAAF Competition Rules.

I ask the AAI Competition Committee to review the Rules applied in 2018 and revert to the fairer method used in 2009 through 2017.

GALWAY

John Cronin stated that the Competition Committee agrees and will revert to gun timing and ensure that AAI revert for national championships.

Proposed: Andrew Talbot

Seconded: Brian Bruton

Result: Motion carried

11. Presentation of the Inter Club Cross Country Club of the Year was made to Raheny Shamrock AC 2018/29 season after a very close and hard-fought competition.
12. Close of AGM by the President, Georgina Drumm with the announcement of the next AAI Congress in Jacksons Hotel in Ballybofey, Co Donegal on 25/04/2020.