

Kendo na hÉireann
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Sunday 4th December 2016

Participants

Jason Clouston	Martin Kiosew	Kathryn Cassidy
Mihailo Lalevic	Mark Kawa	Lionel Clause
Esteban Blanco	Adrian Moloney	Dirk Bakker
Marek Zabłocki	David McGlynn	Gavin O'Reilly
Sergio Milani	Szymon Gardzielewski	Anna Mahon
Maya Peters	Sophie Pierce-Melly	Marija Sotnikova
Orla O'Neill	Daniel Mulcahy	John Kennedy
Willie Derwin	Carl Dorrington	Avril Whelan
Martino Newcombe	Aaron Kelly	Masahito Goshowaki
Oscar Breathnach		

There were 28 members present constituting 32% of the current membership.

Cork Budokai, Dublin Kendo, Galway Kendo and NUIG clubs were represented, forming 66.67% of Federation Clubs.

The meeting was Quorate.

Appointment of meeting chair

Daniel Mulcahy was appointed as meeting chair.

Annual Report

Kathryn Cassidy summarised the Annual Report, listing some of the highlights of the year including the Tashiro sensei seminar, visits from the Belgian squad, Young Park, and the WKN On-Tour event. She pointed out the growth and success of Iaido as well as competitive successes in Kendo over the year. Our engagement with the Irish Martial Arts Commission was also highlighted.

Financial Report

Martin Kiosew outlined the current state of the Federation's finances and explained that we had had an issue with debit card fraud during the year. This was swiftly dealt with and all but 18 euro have been refunded by the bank, but it has given us further impetus to set up online banking. It was agreed that this should be a priority.

Election of Officers

The following officers were confirmed in their roles:

- President: Jason Clouston
- Vice-president: Raul Fernandez
- Treasurer: Martin Kiosew
- Secretary: Kathryn Cassidy

Election of Non-Executive Officers

Kathryn praised Oscar Breathnach's work as Child-protection Officer and proposed that he would remain in this position for another year. Will Brennan who had been Anti-doping Officer had indicated that he could no longer commit to this and would prefer to stand down this year. The following officers were appointed:

- Anti-doping Officer - Lionel Clause
- Child-protection Officer - Oscar Breathnach
- Coaching Officer - Kathryn Cassidy

Motion to adopt the Kendo na hÉireann policy for new dojos

Kathryn Cassidy summarised the policy, in particular the requirements of dojos and pointed out some areas where existing dojos are still not fully in compliance. It was agreed that bringing all dojos into compliance would be a priority for 2017.

The federation will organise a First Aid course, and will hold another Level 1 Coaching Course in 2017. We will also continue to share information about Safeguarding courses and it was agreed that all dojos would nominate a Child Protection Officer and Adrian Moloney volunteered for the Cork Club.

There were questions raised over whether the Safeguarding training was required for dojos who do not have juniors training, but Kathryn pointed out that the law also applied to vulnerable adults and thus all dojos were legally required to nominate a Child Protection Officer and complete Safeguarding training and National Vetting.

Jason asked if we could check the language of our insurance policy and ensure that it was appropriate for laido. Kathryn agreed to do this.

It was agreed that the Daniel Peeters from Cavan would be informed of the new policy so that the Cavan club could be made a full member of the Federation as soon as possible.

Update on the Irish Martial Arts Commission

Kathryn gave a brief overview of some of the ongoing work with IMAC, such as the Level 1 training, development of a Level 2 course, Safeguarding training and National Vetting. She also explained that some money had been made available via IMAC from the Sports Capital Grant for the purchase of non-personal sports equipment and that the Federation has requested some shinai, bokuto, kote and other equipment that would be distributed to the clubs in the new year. She stressed that this equipment would remain the property of IMAC and clubs should keep track of it.

Kathryn promised to send a written summary of some of the work the Federation was doing with IMAC during the year.

Sergio Milani asked about the possibility of purchasing some kids equipment. Adrian Moloney said that much of the bogu that the Federation has is in small sizes and promised to perform an inventory of this equipment and let us know what was available.

laido & Jodo report

A letter from Raul Fernandez was read to the meeting which described the growth and successes of laido this year. Kathryn also congratulated our two new Jodo Shodans, Batman O'Brien and John Kennedy.

New Membership forms explanation

Kathryn explained the new change in the Federation forms for club compliance with Data Protection legislation and asked that clubs use these new forms in future.

Constitution review

The following people volunteered to be involved in a constitutional review in 2017:

Adrian Moloney

Daniel Mulcahy

John Kennedy

Kathryn Cassidy

Any other business

No other business was raised.