

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2024 AGM OF OLYMPIC HANDBALL IRELAND

Monday December 2nd, 2024 @ 18.30 hrs.

Irish Sports HQ & Online.

The attendance is listed on the Attendance Sheet which is separate to this document.

- OHI Secretary, Michael Moloney (MM), called the meeting to order and carried out a roll call of those members present. A quorum of members was present and so the meeting could proceed.
- MM was elected as the meetings Chairperson, and he began by thanking all those present in Irish Sports HQ and those participating online for attending the meeting. He introduced the Board members that were present, including Ms. Pamela Bastable and Ms. Maria Byrne who were co-opted on to the Board earlier this year following a recruitment campaign in association with BoardMatch.
- It was agreed by the members present that the election of the OHI President would be by a secret ballot while the election of the 3 Ordinary Board members would be by a show of hands.
- The Draft minutes of the 2023 AGM which had previously been circulated to the members were taken as read.
 - **Proposed by Tomas Martinonis and seconded by Amina Zaiter.**
- **OHI Annual Report.**
 - OHI Director, Fintan Lyons then took the floor to discuss the annual report of the Board of Directors and the key achievements of Olympic Handball Ireland for 2024. Topics covered included marketing and anti-doping. There followed a discussion on kids' and schools' involvement was linked which was raised by Tomas Martinonis. Also discussed was how to improve the link between school participation and clubs which had contributions from Tomas, Sina Heins, Boris Selak, Vlad Khryslych and Ivan Vrnoga).
 - The representative from University College Cork intervened and mentioned increasing awareness of new handball courses and the good work done by OHI staff on development of Third Level Handball.
 - OHI Treasurer, Maria Byrne then presented the Audited 2023 Financial Accounts. There were no questions arising about the

accounts. A discussion took place regarding the refurbishment of the School Hall in North Dublin and the costs around it.

- **Acceptance of the accounts were proposed by Amina Zaiter and seconded by Tomas Martinonis.**

- **Election of Officers of Olympic Handball Ireland**

- Mr. Peter Caulfield was chosen as the scrutineer of the election. There were six votes cast, and all six votes were valid. The result was that Mr. Fintan Lyons was elected while Mr. Boris Selak was unsuccessful.

- **Election of Directors of Olympic Handball Ireland**

- Before the election took place the Board thanked Ms. Daniela O'Sullivan and Mr. Peter Caulfield who were both stepping down for their contribution to Irish handball.
- The nominations of the OHI Board and the nomination of Astra Handball Club, Balasz Bilhari were elected unanimously by the members.

- **Appointment of Auditors.**

- The OHI Board were given the mandate by the members to appoint auditors and decide on the level of remuneration.
 - **Proposed by Richard Otrashchenko and seconded by Joao Ferreira.**

- **Membership fees for the 2024/2025 season.**

- The Board announced that the membership fees would remain the same.

- **Other Business**

- OHI's Technical Director, Andrea Ongaro reported to the membership on the work that he is involved in with the European Handball Federation and their new coaching curriculum. He also discussed new initiatives around referee training and electronic scoresheets.
- Professor Dominic Crognole from University College Dublin's school of Human Performance delivered a presentation on the research carried out by one of his students on injuries in handball. The research was displayed at a scientific conference in Glasgow earlier this year. All eyes are now turning to the European Handball Federations scientific conference in Zagreb in 2025.

- It was announced that Mr. Peter Caulfield is being made an Honorary Life Member of Olympic Handball Ireland. And tokens of appreciation were presented to both departing Board members

- **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

- The Proposal to adjourn the meeting was proposed by Fintan Lyons and seconded by Michael Moloney. The meeting was declared adjourned and concluded at 09.01 p.m.