

**Irish Field Archery Federation**  
**MINUTES: Committee Meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2013, 8pm**

**General**

1. Decision on how committee voting will be conducted for the year
  - Chairman's vote: Casting vote or Vote plus casting vote (as ratified at AGM)  
AGREED AT AGM – NON-ISSUE
  - Do we record the names against yes / no votes for transparency  
AGREED – Names against votes AGREED
  - Recommendation for non-abstention, a vote whatever it is a welcome one! Notwithstanding a persons' right to abstain cannot be denied  
AGREED – with the proviso of abstention not being 'unallowed'
  - Use of proxy votes or email votes and SKYPE/Conference Calls to participate in&/or hold meetings  
PROXY VOTES and TELEPHONE VOTES discussed. PROXY VOTES are part of company law and therefore should be allowed for COMMITTEE (paper, email, phone based on agenda items)

2. EGM, specifically item 2:

1. That the decision of the Committee and/or Governing Body of the Company to suspend the membership of Mr. James Waters is rescinded with immediate effect and that an apology be issued to Mr. James Waters on behalf of the Company.

At law, apparently, the IFAF have the right to expel someone but not suspend. The suspension was applied in error.

There is a disagreement about whether there is an

Letter of an apology is a sticking point. Letter from this committee welcoming Jim back. Where Jim drops the legal case a letter of gratitude for is issued.

Can an letter be issued that meets the criteria that does not use the word apologise or sorry. The letter should be short, concise.

Jim made a decision to go legal rather than attend the meeting, which would have avoided any costs which have come about.

If this goes to court then Adrian is likely to back-charge

Andy (V) dictated a letter & John took it down long hand. Andy will sign the letter on behalf of the Committee. In Lynn's absence, vacation planned, John is going to type-up the letter, as decided at the meeting, and email to the committee for reference, also.

- 3.Clubs withdrawing from IFAF: IAC and Aos Dana (known), Dunbrody and Loughcrew (TBC), and others (unknown)

Andy has been speaking to people asking them to give this new Cmte a chance to bring in some of the changes which would be up until the membership renewal (1<sup>st</sup> Oct)

IAC and Aos Dana are still 'out'/'unknown on their opinions

Dunbrody and Loughcrew have given the Cmte 'a chance'

General problems

- Conduct of certain people at the AGM
- People turned-up in an 'official capacity'

Andy V's proposal to ease tension in IFAF

Give every member who's been in IFAF 2 yrs or more they get free membership for 1 year.

...OR....

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Split IFAF – NLD/WARBOW/PHOENIX are pro-IFAA and then there are other, the ‘majority’ who want to just shoot at home. Would it better to be split, a new association that is IFAA affiliated and IFAF retains the ‘domestic’ market.

Eddie Proposal – NLD is not allowed in IFAF. Period.

JP said that IAC stepped back because Clubs can’t affiliate to IFAF.

Helen K: The carry-on at the AGM, not coming in together, shouting from the back of the room, not sitting with & amongst other archers, and Adrian speaking in a legal manner to the Committee and other members

Andy V said Helen K’s points were mentioned to him. NLD members are guilty by association. ITFAs Clubs can’t join/register with IFAF but members can join as Independents.

How do we split – General Steps

This Committee shall contact every club suggesting that IFAF rescind the IFAA franchise. What happens if someone goes and sets-up a new association that applies for and gets the IFAA affiliation. There is a cross-membership fee which is in addition to the respective association fee. (e.g €35 to IFAF Domestic or €35 to IFAF International and where a member wishes to shoot at both they pay an additional €5 but are ‘governed by’/linked to/associated with their PRIMARY association (the one to whom the €35 membership fee is paid)

Set-up an umbrella group that has IFAA affiliation. One group is ‘domestic’ and the other is ‘international’ Everyone gets to shoot under the ‘Irish’ banner but are affiliated with their respective bodies.

John is to type up the proposal letter for splitting IFAF into a ‘Domestic’ and an ‘International’ branch under the IFAF banner (in Lynn’s absence). The letter will be circulated to the Cmte for review before being posted to every member of IFAF who has a voting right (adult members/those 17 and over)

4. Defining our intent for the year ahead.

See Andy’s proposal.

--- NOT DISCUSSED ---

**Helen O’C**

1. Complaints Procedure: Is there a proper procedure in place for complaints on the day of a shoot (as there is in rugby or sailing), and if not should one be implemented to avoid hearsay after the fact?
2. Facebook: Set-up an official IFAF facebook page at some point during the Committees’ tenure
3. Informational - Helen to review current best practice regarding children in sport/related Garda vetting etc and get back Cmte

**Lynn**

1. Remove existing directors Don Priestley & Sean Crowe as per email dated 13-Aug-13 & Martina Downey. Register new directors Andy Vagg, Eddie Ryan & Lynn Ellingworth in accordance with IFAF Bye Laws Section D, #7

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2. Setup email address specific to Exec Roles on Cmte e.g. IFAF-President@[tbc]mail.com
3. IFAF phone (mobile) – dedicated number. E.g. with <http://www.48months.ie/deal> you can get unlimited texts, unlimited calls, 5gb data and 60 mins of landline calls for €20 per month. Provider operates on the O2 network.

**John**

1. Open letter to all members [statement of intent by Cmte]
2. Transition of control of the IFAF website from Don Priestley/Alex Jude
3. Appointment of a webmaster

--- MEETING RESUMED ---

**AOB**

Michael Hambley was re-suggested as a webmaster as we have no knowledge/experience of how to administer the website with the effective withdrawal of additional support during the transition period by Don Priestley or Alex Jude. Andy Vagg is going to ring Michael to discuss running of the same.

Contact Clubs regarding the idea of splitting IFAF

Andy: Don P re getting website updated with information &/members contacted

Stephen: IAC/Eric & Donegal

Helen: Dunbrody

Andrew: Aos Dana / South Cork

Eddie: Limerick

JP: Mayo

Keith: NLD / Phoenix for forwarding to West Cork via John Orr or Helen

John: Carramore & Littlewood & Cavan & Warbow

FYI, from Stephen, the Club contact details are listed on IFAF website for reference

Three new email address set-up

[ifafsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ifafsecretary@gmail.com)

[ifafmembersec@gmail.com](mailto:ifafmembersec@gmail.com)

[ifafpresident@gmail.com](mailto:ifafpresident@gmail.com)

Room hired at The Brandon House cost €60. John Shiel discharged direct with the Brandon House.

Keith, Eddie, Stephen, Helen K, Andrew W and Lynn each contributed €5 to the bill.

John 'out of pocket' by €30

Names above 'out of pocket' by €5.

All will need reimbursing once Treasurer duties are handed over to Helen (upon finalisation of the 2012-2013 accounts by Martina Downey)

Andrew W asked to review the minutes sent by Lynn and add additional information he captured from the meeting over the weekend so that a consolidated draft can be distributed.

Suggestion (writing minutes): If minutes acceptable to Cmte, they can either be emailed to Adult members or a notice be added to website that they are available via email on request from the Sec