



## Minutes of 2024 AGM of Irish Tenpin Bowling Association

Date: Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at 7.45pm

Venue: Irish Sports HQ (NGB Building), National Sports Campus, Abbotstown, Dublin 15

**Apologies:** Ursula & Stephen Ekermans, Yvonne Randall, Kathleen Lyons, David Staines, John Dunne, and Conor Hipwell.

**Attendees (36):** Christopher Sloan, Áine Lebioda, Jim Donagh, Paul Green, Noel Kellegher, Tom Nolan, Barbara Sloan, Stephen Masterson, Tommy Fetherston, Abby McKeever, Martin McKeever, Tom Byrne, Ray Bergin, Kieran Shortt, Phil Joyce, Marianna Apostokaki, Rovertos Krampovitis, Cliff Lebioda, Gareth Shannon, Paddy Doyle, Paddy Kilduff, Donna Brady, Sarah Stott, Peter Murphy, Linda McDaid-Fetherston, Aoife Hall Chandler, Paul Chandler, Joseph Ridgeway, Alan Grant, Gillian Duignam, Grant Dugan, Adrienne Dunne, Lauren Dugan, Roisin Cloake, and Anthony Byrne.

### Minutes

#### 1. **President's Address**

Christopher Sloan opened the meeting:

I would like to welcome and thank everybody for their attendance this evening.

2023/2024 has been a pivotal year for growth and change within the Association and I would like to commend everyone who has contributed their time on a Committee or as a Volunteer throughout the year.

I would like to give a special thanks to our Executive Officers Aine Lebioda (Secretary) and James Donagh (Treasurer) for all of their hard work in the background and taking up extra work in my absence while competing on the P.B.A Tour.

I would also like to express my appreciation to those who contributed to the organisational support in key areas such as Anti-Doping, Garda Vetting, IT, Women in Sport, Public Relations and Membership.

A special thanks to Sport Ireland and Sport Ireland Coaching for their continued support both Operationally and Financially with all things I.T.B.A related.

To those who are stepping down from the Executive or a Sub-committee I would like to thank you for the service and devotion you have given over the last year or many years in some cases.

Lastly, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the N.I.T.B.F Council for working with our Association over the past year to bring forward the I.T.B.A and N.I.T.B.F merger vote helping to develop the sport as a whole here on the Island of Ireland.

Key Success in the past year:

Adoption of the EBF Coaching Program

Development of Clubs Program (Blanchardstown Junior Club)

I.T.B.A Grand Prix relaunch

Acquirement of Capital Grant Equipment

Website Redevelopment

Dom Barrett Showcase Event

Women in Sports Night

Pat Holmes Gold Medal at ESBC

European Youth Championships Girls Team Bronze (Hannah Masterson, Ciara Lawlor, Anna Lawlor and Laura Grant)  
European Youth Championships Silver Medal in Girls Masters (Hannah Masterson)  
European Youth Championships 300 Game (Hannah Masterson)  
European Men's Championship 300 Game (Fran Puzzuoli)

## 2. Minutes of AGM 2023

Minutes distributed at meeting.

Minutes approved as correct record. Proposed by Paul Chandler and seconded by Joe Ridgeway.

## 3. Motions

As the Senior Triple Crown team were travelling very early on the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024, the Chair took the motions to be voted on ahead of the other business to enable the team and those attending World Youth Championship training to leave the AGM after the votes on the motions had taken place.

### **Motion 1: Establish a 32 County National Governing Body, (NGB)**

*"This AGM votes to approve and consent to the creation of a 32 County National Governing Body (NGB) for Ireland."*

*Question 1 – Paddy Kilduff – Is a vote here adequate or does it need to go to Members?*

A vote is adequate and an EGM will be held later in the year where the Constitution etc will be voted on.

*Question 2 – Paddy Kilduff – Have you spoken to other bodies?*

Christopher Sloan – yes, IRFU.

*Question 3 – Tom Byrne - Is there the same funding opportunity with Sport NI?*

Grant Dugan – yes, there is National Lottery funding and Cross Border funding which would be available to be apply for.

*Question 4 – Roisin Cloake – Who do we bowl for? What happens to Members?*

Christopher Sloan – Members will still compete for Ireland.

*Question 5 – Roisin Cloake – Have you considered approaching Corporation Ireland?*

Christopher Sloan – No but we will take this board.

Paddy Kilduff and Adrienne Dunne appointed to oversee and count the votes.

The vote was taken by secret ballot and votes were counted outside of the room.

The Motion was carried 33/2 and 1 abstention.

### **Motion 2 Non-Irish passport Holders:**

*Sub-Section 5.6 Selection Committee Regulations, 5.6.4 (b) of the ITBA Constitution to be changed:*

#### **FROM:**

5.6.4 (a) *Panel membership shall be open to review based on performance in practice. sessions, leagues, tournaments, and other competitive play.*

(b) ***Panellists must be current members of the ITBA and hold a current Irish Passport.***

(c) *Teams and individuals required to be selected for "top-flight" international competition shall be chosen from those players currently named as Panel members.*

**TO:**

- 5.6.4 (a) *Panel membership shall be open to review based on performance in practice. sessions, leagues, tournaments, and other competitive play.*
- (b) **Panellists must be current members of the ITBA, in good standing, and**
- i. hold a current Irish Passport or**
  - ii. be a non-Irish passport holder, resident in Ireland at time of application for selection for a minimum of 2 years and must not have represented any other country at international level within the last 2 years.**
- (c) *Teams and individuals required to be selected for "top-flight" international competition shall be chosen from those players currently named as Panel members.*

*Question 1 – Tom Byrne – Will this need to re-looked at again given motion just passed and differing criteria across countries?*

Christopher Sloan and Grant Dugan – Yes, it will be re-looked at and voted on at EGM, however will be updated in line with criteria specified by the International Bowling Federation (IBF).

Paddy Kilduff and Adrienne Dunne appointed to oversee and count the votes.

The vote was taken by secret ballot and votes counted outside of the room.  
Motion was carried 33/3.

**4. Secretary's Report**

Secretary's report was distributed at the meeting.  
No comments.  
Accepted.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurers report was distributed at the meeting.  
Consolidated Audited Financial Statement to 31st December 2023 accepted without any questions or clarifications and Treasurer's Report was also accepted.

**6. Group Sub-Committee Reports**

The Group Sub-committees reports were distributed at the meeting: Juniors, Team Ireland, Seniors, and Coaching.  
No comments  
Accepted.

**7. Confirmation of Auditor**

It was agreed to stay with the current Auditors for the coming year.  
  
Proposed by Gillian Duignam and seconded by Gareth Shannon.

**8. Anti-Doping Officer Update**

Anti-Doping Officer report distributed at meeting, no comments, and report accepted.  
  
New Anti-doping Officer will be required with training provided by Sport Ireland regarding duties by way of online course). No nominations received, Executive to discuss at first meeting.

## 9. National Children's Officer Report

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| National Children's Officers distributed at meeting, no comments, and report accepted |
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## 10. PRO Report

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| Report was made available to meeting but not discussed. |
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## 11. Executive Committee Elections

Prior nominations were received for the positions of Treasurer, Executive Member, and Junior Representative, and as there were no other nominations were deemed elected: Jim Donagh (Treasurer), Lauren Dugan (Executive Member), and Phil Joyce (Junior Representative).

Nominations were invited from the floor:

Chairman: *Christopher Sloan* validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Noel Kellegher and Elaine Kelly*.

Secretary: *Áine Lebioda* validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Paul Green and Aoife Hall*.

Executive Member: *Barbara Sloan* validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Áine Lebioda and Gillian Duignam*.

Executive Member (Seniors): *Joseph Ridgeway* (until end of May 2024, Chair to be found at Senior Grand Prix), validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Jim Donagh and Áine Lebioda*.

Executive Member (Team Ireland): *Paul Chandler* validly nominated and deemed elected. Nominated by *Aoife Hall and Barbara Sloan*.

It was also noted that the election of the eight Executive members met with gender balance requirements as set out in the ITBA Constitution.

## 12. Group Sub-Committee Elections

### **Senior Sub Committee:**

No prior nominations received. Nominations received from the floor for the following to be elected until the end of May 2024 for a Senior Sub Committee to be found at the Senior Grand Prix:

Chairman: *Joseph Ridgeway* (Also Executive Member) validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Jim Donagh and Áine Lebioda*.

Secretary: No valid nominations. *Maeve O'Reilly* would need to be co-opted on at first Executive meeting at she was not in attendance tonight.

Treasurer: *Peter Murphy* validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Kieran Shortt and Tommy Fetherson*.

Sub Committee Member: No nominations.

### **Team Ireland Sub Committee:**

Prior nominations received for the positions of Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer and as there were no other nominations were deemed elected (*Aoife Hall, Elaine Kelly, and Paul Chandler* respectively).

Nominations were invited from the floor:

Sub Committee Members: *Sarah Stott* validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Donna Brady and Elaine Kelly*. *Anthony Byrne* validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Gareth Shannon and Aoife Hall*.

CS added his thanks to Dinna Brady for her work throughout the year on the Team Ireland Sub Committee and as Team Ireland Executive representative.

**Junior Sub-committee:**

Prior nominations received for the positions of Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer and as there were no other nominations were deemed elected (Phil Joyce, Stephen Masterson, and Alan Grant respectively).

Nominations were invited from the floor:

Sub Committee Members: *Martin McKeever* validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Barbara Sloan and Paddy Doyle*.

**Coaching Sub-committee:**

Prior nomination received for the position of Chairman (Grant Dugan) and as there were no other nominations was deemed elected.

Nominations were invited from the floor:

Secretary: *Gareth Shannon* validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Anthony Byrne and Barbara Sloan*.

Treasurer: To be overseen by Executive Treasurer (to be discussed at first Executive meeting).

Sub Committee Members: *Abby McKeever* validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Aoife Hall and Lauren Dugan*. *Gillian Duignan* validly nominated, deemed elected. Nominated by *Gareth Shannon and Aoife Hall*.

**13. Honorary and Life Membership Proposals.**

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| No nominations received. |
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**14. AOB**

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| Proposed that reports go on the ITBA website. |
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Meeting commenced at 7.45pm (Chair delayed the start time, by 15 minutes, as traffic delays on M50 and to allow for Coaches at Junior Training Session at Leisureplex, Blanchardstown to attend) and closed at 8.45pm.