

# Irish Clay Target Shooting Association

## **Minutes – 85<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Irish Clay Target Shooting Association, which was held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin**

### **Present**

Present were Peter Hanifin (Chairman), Declan McQuillan (Hon. Secretary), Conor Mooney (Hon. Treasurer), Darragh Fitzgerald, Paul O'Hara, Ken Rowlands, Evan Hoban, Malachy Quinn.

Also, present was the Auditor, Mr. Cormac Gilsean, of Woods and Partners, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, 16 Melifort Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

In total 33 members were present, constituting a quorum

### **Welcome by the Hon. Chairman**

The Chairman, Peter Hanifin, welcomed everyone to the meeting and he pointed out the fire exits. He asked for a minute's silence to remember those members who had passed away during the year.

The Chairman advised that the meeting was being recorded for minuting purposes and that those who wished to speak should stand, identify themselves, quote their Name and membership number.

### **Apologies**

The Chairman stated he had received apologies from two directors Kieran Harney and Noel Conroy. It was also stated from the floor that Pat Hickey from Crossmore would not be able to attend. Conor Mooney advised that Cian Merne was on holidays and would not make the meeting.

### **Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

The minutes had been published on the website for all members to read prior to the AGM.

The adoption of the minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, as previously published on the website, were proposed by Eric Conway and seconded by John Lee. The minutes were adopted.

### **Matters Arising**

The Chairman asked if there were any matters arising from the Previous AGM minutes. - There were no matters arising.

### **Honorary Chairman's Address**

The Chairman delivered the following address

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, I would like to welcome you all here tonight to the 85th AGM of our Association.

The year passed has truly been a long one and I would like to apologise for the delay in holding our AGM. We took the decision to postpone the AGM twice in order to facilitate members attending two major DTL competitions and a third time when it was brought to our attention that we didn't have proper notice posted on the website which could have led to the legality of the AGM being challenged if it went ahead.

So on a positive note the last 14 months have seen the association continue its growth through lapsed members and new members joining. I'm delighted to say our current membership is at 805 as of today's date, whereas we only had 829 in total last year. We also had two more grounds join this year, Mac's Valley and Batterstown CPC. We have also seen numbers increase in attendance at our events held by grounds around the country. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the grounds for all their hard work. It's not easy at times but much appreciated! We have also continued to invest in our National Shooting Grounds by purchasing 3 new International Promatic traps and are currently in the process of purchasing a new trench layout. This will further enhance and develop our National Shooting Grounds.

I'm also delighted to confirm that we have been awarded the ICTSF World Sporting Championships which will be held in Ireland in July 2019 for the first time ever. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our association to showcase Clay Target Shooting in Ireland.

I'd like to congratulate all our members who took part in International and World events both at home and abroad. It is clear that the standard of shooting within our membership has grown from strength to strength and it's great to see the large collection of silverware our teams and individuals have won to date. I must give special mention to Paddy Peters on his phenomenal performance in winning this year's Kreikhoff held at Mid Wales shooting grounds.

I would like to again thank Sport Ireland for their continued support of our association. We have maintained our Funding of € 36,000 and € 25,0000 for high performance with Ian O' Sullivan and Aoife Gormally both receiving carding. This is a result of the continued good relations we have with Sport Ireland and their confidence in us as an NGB and I'd like to thank Conor Mooney and Shane Corrigan for their involvement in making this possible.

On a slightly negative note, the last 14 months have not been easy for anyone involved in the National Executive. It can be very disheartening to find after volunteering in the hopes of trying to promote and better our sport that unfortunately a small minority of people with self-agendas try to undermine our association. This in turn means many hours of volunteer's time and energy is misdirected in dealing with these issues. It can in turn become very frustrating as our responsibilities and progress can be jeopardised.

I would like to finish by sincerely thanking the National Executive for taking the time to deal with all matters arising during the year with dedication and professionalism. A special mention of thanks to Cian Merne, who stepped down earlier in the year as Anti-Doping Officer due to other commitments. I would also like to sincerely thank those volunteers who maintain the leaderboards, along with those involved in various task groups and all other individuals who help in the smooth and successful running of our association.

Once again, it's important to remember that the board is run by volunteers giving up their own personal time to help in the successful running of our association and I would to take the opportunity to invite other members that may feel they have something to offer in the running of the association to come forward.

And to finish off I want to wish all our members the very best of shooting in the coming year and be safe while doing so.

### **Honorary Secretary's Report**

Ladies and Gentlemen First of all I would like to welcome you all here tonight to our Annual General Meeting of the Irish Clay Target Shooting Association and a special welcome to those who have not been here before.

Directors 2017 /2018 were 15 in total and currently stands at 10:

Peter Hanifin, (Chairman)

Declan McQuillan (Hon Secretary) Ken Rowlands (Leinster)

Kieran Harney (Connaught)

Noel Conroy (Munster)

Charlotte Kennedy (Ulster resigned) Tom Cummins (Leinster resigned) Pat Broderick (Munster resigned)

Conor Mooney (Treasurer) Malachy Quinn. (Ulster)

Paul O'Hara (Leinster)

Evan Hoban (Connaught) Darragh Fitzgerald (Munster)

Barry Lynch (Ulster resigned) Mick O'Dwyer (Munster resigned)

Attendance of the directors at board meetings throughout the year was on average 94% (that's 94% of those who were on the board for the full term). I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the board and also the sub-committee of Ulster, Leinster, Connaught and Munster for their hard work and commitment which they have contributed to this association throughout the year.

There were 14 Executive board meetings since the last AGM and I have outlined some of the items that were agreed at these meetings in this report.

The total number of items on these 14 agendas total 321 for the year I have only listed forty of these to give you an idea of some of what we either agreed or dis-agreed. When you look at the forty items and also the director's hours (which I have listed with this report) you will see the commitment that this board has made to try to resolve the issues put forward by you the members and others.

The total number of man hours spent at board meetings alone totals 9389 hours for the term. This does not include the hours which each individual board members contributed to your association outside of the board room meetings. You can be sure that this figure would at least quadruple.

There have been many achievement made by you the general members on the field during the last sixteen months that I have been on this board and I apologise for not mentioning you individually as there are far too many to mention.

On behalf of the board of the ICTSA I would like to thank all who contributed towards the sport of clay target shooting throughout the year.

To all shooters and all teams for the sacrifices they made during the year and the enjoyment they gave to their friends, families and country North, South East and West.

To the managers, mentors and coaches for the time they put into preparing their teams and the contribution they have made to make the sport more enjoyable.

To the Clubs and Grounds for their sponsorship's and continued support by holding shoots and hosting competition, both domestic and international. Without you this association would simply not exist.

There is however one person who I feel deserves recognition for the effort he has made throughout the year and I make no apology for singling him out. A person who single handily took on the role of running Ashbourne Shooting Grounds. With his unselfish commitment and resolve to make it work he stepped in when others who had made the commitments and promises to do so failed to even turn up.

Gerry Kearns deserves all the credit he can get, and I thank him for being there.

Let us not forget, that not too long ago this association was in a bad place and there was an air of uncertainty about the association as to whether it could continue to exist. Some very strong individuals stepped up to the plate and took this association and dragged it from its knees.

The commitment that these individual made to this association is unmeasurable and I have watched and listened as their integrity has been questioned and accused of wrong doing.

Let us not forget for one moment the very reason we are here, and that is to promote and foster our sport of clay target shooting and this board has made that commitment to participate fully and grow its vision for the success of this associational and to try to inspire others to do so.

I have been inspired by certain members of this board in the short sixteen months I have sat in this chair. I now leave this position with a knowledge that our association is in very good hands with this board taking care of its affairs.

To conclude.

As mentioned I have outlined in this report some items and events that we have agreed over the year that I feel would be of interest to you as members and although the list is not long I see them as highlights of my agendas during my tenure as Hon Secretary of the ICTSA.

As there is a new EU Data Protection Directive (95/46/EC) and in order for me to comply with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) I cannot list all the items on all agendas.

I would like to thank everybody that has helped me throughout the year to fulfil my role as best I could as honorary secretary of the ICTSA and once again they are too many to mention.

Unfortunately, I will not be putting myself forward for the position of Honorary Secretary again this year and I would like to wish this board and whoever it may be that is taking my place all the very best for the future.

### **Honorary Treasurers Report**

The Hon. Treasurer outlined that he would give a detailed report on the deficit of €21k on the financial statement of 2017 and then give an outline of other areas he was involved in during the previous year. He would then take questions on his report before he hands over to Cormac from Woods and Partners to give the auditor's report and opinion on behalf of the directors.

Treasurer stated that the deficit was principally based on a reduction in the membership fee and expenditure not budgeted for in 2017. He stated it had been agreed to reduce membership from €125 to €95 in 2016 which took effect in 2017. This was to encourage an increase in membership to the association which it did in part. There was an increase in membership of approx. 100 members. He detailed the non-budgeted amounts throughout 2017 of €43k.

Matt Dunne (L5355) stated that the financial report should be available in hardcopy.

Mick Murphy (L10434) stated that we should have the agenda printed out also and the minutes. He said it was the first year that they don't have printouts of the minutes, agenda and financial report at the AGM.

The treasurer stated it was on the website. After some discussion it was agreed to continue with the report.

Matt Dunne (L5355) stated that he did wish the treasurer to continue but he wanted it recorded that it is not right to not have a printed hard copy of the financial statements.

The treasurer stated that while there was a significant increase in non-budgeted expenditure in 2017. It is important to consider that the funds were available to meet those requirements. Which is as a direct result of profit made in previous years. The balance sheet for 2017 may show a deficit but the association is still very much financially sound. The board is very conscious of sticking to the budget, but it can be difficult to predict every eventuality.

As of today, we have 88k cash at bank and 30k in prize bonds so the net cash value of the association as of today is 120k. Costs likely to incur for the remainder of 2018 not budgeted for are as follows:

Website -Improvements to the current website to make it more user friendly for mobile devices

Ashbourne -Committal to the trench layout in Ashbourne which is supported by capital funding to the tune of €28k

Erig Conway (L8435) queried how much was committed to the trench layout by the association. The treasurer

stated approx. €12K.

Legal -GDPR Risk review currently under way by LEMAN Solicitors to develop new policies which will secure and stream line how we record and store data members data. Office 365 will be mandatory – previously resisted by directors. No personal data on director’s private phones or laptops will be allowed. Membership – will require consent - so some changes there and there may be changes to membership numbers. Possible new numbers issued if you leave for an amount of time i.e. 3 years.

The treasurer requested questions from the floor.

Peter Meade queried the figure of €10K towards the world sporting and FITASC teams. The treasurer stated it was payments to each member of the sporting team towards the cost of attending the worlds approx. €500 each and the entries were paid for the 4-man FITASC sporting team that won a silver medal in the Europeans.

The Treasurer stated he had attended a general assembly meeting of the ICTSF in Australia back in March. He stated he had been elected unanimously at that meeting to the position of President of the ICTSF. He stated the position was for 3 years. He further outlined that the position was an individual election of the person not the country and stated that if he resigned from the position the vice president would take over who was Mal Dyson from Australia. The Treasurer stated he had areas of improvement that he would like to make during his term as president which would be to ....

Erig Conway (L8435) interrupted the treasurer and requested that he stick to the financial report and but this under AOB

The treasure stated that he was making his report which included all aspects of his work for the association during the year.

Erig Conway (L8435) stated that the treasurer should be making a financial report and not a Conor Mooney report.

The treasurer stated his report included other matters that were important for the members to hear.

Mick Murphy (L10434) stated that Conor Mooney was also company secretary and should be let make his report. The treasurer agreed.

Erig Conway (L8435) stated that he (Treasurer) is making the financial report and should just get on with it.

The Treasurer stated he was finished.

Barry McGann (L9245) stated the treasurer had put the work into the report and should finish his report.

The Chairman requested that Eric Conway should allow the treasurer to continue and requested the treasurer to finish the report.

The Treasurer advised the chairman he was finished.

#### **Anti-Doping Officer Report**

**Note: The anti-doping report was read by Conor Mooney in the absence of Cian Merne**

This is a short address to communicate to you all the current situation for shooters regarding compliance with Anti-doping requirements and to highlight some of the resources that are available to you on the subject.

Anti-doping is administered by Sport Ireland (formerly the ISC) and the ICTSA is required to be in compliance with their Anti-doping rules. One of the duties of the Anti-doping Officer is to submit annual compliance reports to Sport Ireland and we cannot receive any funding if we fail to do so. This address is a required part of that compliance.

Anti-doping is taken very seriously by Sport Ireland and in 2017 nearly €1 million was spent just carrying out tests on Irish athletes. €1.75 million was spent in total on the Anti-doping programme. Domestically, over 1000 tests, both in and out of competition, are carried out by Sport Ireland in annually.

In the event that one of our athletes was to fail a dope test, it is Sport Ireland and not the ICTSA that deals with the situation and hands down sanctions in the event that a doping infringement has taken place. Bans currently range from 2 years to life. That ban would include participation in any of the ICTSA's domestic events such as registered shoots.

Therefore, it is very important that everyone eligible for testing is made aware of their responsibilities as athletes to be in compliance with the regulations. Currently, all ISSF/ESC and FITASC shooters are eligible for testing as the International Bodies are fully signed up with WADA. A number of Irish shooters have been tested at international events in the last few of years and with anti-doping becoming an even bigger issue facing sport the likelihood of a shooter being randomly tested is increasing all the time. It's not just those competing at internationals that may be tested. Sport Ireland can test eligible ICTSA members here in Ireland at any time.

Individual shooters can educate themselves about Anti-doping very easily. A number of useful resources are available on the Sport Ireland website under their Anti-doping section and all members are strongly urged to visit this website.

If you are taking any medication at all, either over the counter or prescription, it is strongly recommended that you visit the Eirpharm website at [www.eirpharm.com](http://www.eirpharm.com) or follow the link on the Sport Ireland website to ascertain whether your medication is compliant or not. It only takes a couple of minutes and is very user friendly, you just type in the name of your medication, there is no need to research active ingredients, just use the brand name. There is also a smart phone app which you can download which will allow you to check your medicine on the go. Be careful to search the exact remedy you plan to take. For example, Lemsip is OK to take but Lemsip Max is not.

If you find that you are taking a medication which is banned or restricted in sport such as steroids, insulin and some types of blood pressure medications, you can apply for a therapeutic use exemption or TUE to prove that you need the medicine and are not taking it for performance enhancing reasons. Again, the procedure for applying for a TUE is outlined on the S.I. website. TUE's are issued when there is a genuine need for a particular medicine and no alternative is available. Some ICTSA members have been issued with TUE's so we know the issuing process works well. In a recent development, the ISSF now requires that you also furnish them with copies of your application to Sport Ireland for a TUE. This is in response to the alleged abuse of the TUE process by certain athletes in other countries and in other sports that have been well publicised.

Please be aware that many over the counter remedies such as certain nasal decongestants and painkillers containing codeine will result in a positive test. Check everything you take, not just medications prescribed by your doctor. Also, be aware medications purchased here that are safe to use may not contain the same ingredients when purchased abroad. Take a domestically purchased supply away with you when you travel to avoid an accidental infringement.

Also available online is Sport Irelands cleangreensport e-learning course, an interactive education programme about anti-doping. The ICTSA urges all members to do the course. Once you create a user account you can do it as and when it suits you and you will receive a certificate upon successful completion.

Another area that you need to be aware of is that of Dietary Supplements. These are an absolute minefield. Even if the ingredients on the package all check out as safe, there is no guarantee that what is actually in the

packet is what it says. Recent laboratory tests showed that 14% of dietary supplements were contaminated with banned or restricted substances. Again, the Sport Ireland website provides information on how to check your supplements, but this comes with a warning – supplements are not regulated like medicines and just because one batch of supplements tested clear, it does not mean the next batch to leave the factory will do so. Issues with cross contamination and continually changing ingredients are very real risks for consumers. Advice is to avoid supplements unless you really need to take them. If you must take them, follow all the advice and guidelines on the Sport Ireland website to minimise the risk of a failed dope test.

Remember, athletes are solely responsible for ensuring they are compliant with Anti-doping regulations. It's your body – your responsibility. It will not be the ICTSA's fault if you failed to educate yourself and fail a test. Please take the time to inform yourselves.

Remember, doping is cheating, and we all have a duty to keep the sport of clay pigeon shooting clean and a level playing field for all.

Mick O'Dwyer (M506) queried if Sport Ireland had done many spot checks for anti-doping during the year. The Chairman stated that he is not aware that they did any checks.

Mick Byrne (L11066) stated that we had paid for the sporting shooters entries at the worlds but queried what the €500 was for. The Chairman stated that the €500 was part of a shooters fund which was gathered up in previous years by sporting shooters of €1 per entry at sporting shoots. The Treasurer further stated that the €500 was to contribute towards the travel expenses of the shooters.

#### **Financial Statements and the Reports of the Auditors for the year ended 31st December 2017**

Cormac Gilsean of Woods and Partners stated as follows:

Woods & Partners have audited the financial statements of Irish Clay Target Shooting Association for the year ended 31 December 2017, for the purposes of the minutes of the meeting we can confirm we are presenting a clean unqualified audit opinion. In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2017 and of its loss for the year then ended. The Financial Statements have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Financial Statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

#### **Remuneration of the Auditors**

A motion to authorise the Directors to fix the Remuneration of the Auditors, Woods and Partners was proposed by National Executive at € 2,583. It was passed by a unanimous vote and was declared carried by the Chairman.

#### **Election of Officers and Executive Committee**

The Chairman stated that there were no nominations for any of the officer's positions. He stated he was willing to go forward for another year and handed over to the secretary to chair the meeting.

Bill O'Brien (6572) proposed Peter Hanifin for the Chair. Seconded by Mick O'Dwyer (M506). Unanimously elected. No abstentions.

Following his election, the chairman stated they had a vacant position for the secretary. The chairman received no nominations for the position and moved on to the treasurer.

Erig Conway (L8435) proposed Conor Mooney for Treasurer. Seconded by Mick Moriarty (L9223). Unanimously elected. No abstentions.

The following were proposed as provincial directors. Unanimously elected. No abstentions.

Provincial Directors nominated by Leinster Province

Ken Rowlands     Paul O'Hara

Provincial Directors nominated by Connacht Province

Evan Hoban      Kieran Harney

Provincial Directors nominated by Ulster Province

Malachy Quinn    Vacant

Provincial Directors nominated by Munster Province

Noel Conroy      Darragh Fitzgerald

### **Resolutions received in accordance with regulation 17(b)**

#### *Motion 1:*

*“Leinster motion would be for the National Executive to appoint an dedicated person to carry out all of the relevent documentation on behalf of Athleates who are not Carded that qualify for ISSF events, this documentation will include the routing and booking of Flights, Transfers if needed, Hotel Accomadation, Entries and Firearm Permits. Athleates who are funding themselves will then pay the ICTSA the relevent Fees for the Above by EFT”.*

Barry McGann Chairman of Leinster stated the motion was put forward as a result of the experiences of Leinster shooters namely Mick Byrne and Chris Moriarty attending world cups. He stated that the lads work hard for two years to make a world cup. He stated Mick Byrnes trip did not go well and Mick was here and may like to talk on his difficulties and the lack of clarity. Barry felt if we had a single individual person available. It might stop these issues occurring again, considering these trips cost the lads between €5000 and €6000 and if they have difficulties travelling over it can affect performance.

Mick Byrne (11066) stated he had qualified for Korea this year and was looking forward heading over to the event. He stated he was under the care of Shane Corrigan the high-performance director. He stated that when he arrived in Hong Kong his gun permit was wrong despite him having send this information to Shane Corrigan several times and Shane giving out to him that it was not sent in on time. He had to wait an hour and a half to get a new gun permit after traveling for 23 hours. When he arrived at the hotel there was no room booked for him, but there was a room booked for Ian O’Sullivan. He advised the hotel that he had paid for 10 nights and had a receipt. They allowed him to stay. He got up the next morning arrived at the range and was told they had no entry for Michael Byrne only Ian O’Sullivan. He stated he could not understand how he got an invitation through the ICTSA to the world cup but there was no entry. He stated it was 7:30 in the morning he was due on the line at 9:00am and he still had no credentials or ammuniton and he still had to get his gun out of the armoury. He went on the line and when he came off, he had to go and get more ammuniton and he had to fill in paper work every time and when he got his gun out of the armoury. He now wants to know what was going on and why this happened to him. He stated he had spent € 4000 to go to this world cup and he came out of it not wanting to do another one and has pulled out of shooting since. He now wants to hear from the board as to what happened.

The Chairman stated that he was involved in a small way by making the entry.

Mick Byrne requested the chairman to state how he had entered him.

Chairman stated that he had arranged that with Conor Mooney through the ISSF website and stated that he forwarded a copy of that entry to Mick Byrne by photograph.

Mick Byrne acknowledge this.

Declan McQuillan stated that he had been involved with advice to Mick Byrne at the early stages and was not involved with the entries and was not aware that Ian O’Sullivan was entered.

Mick Byrne queried if he was entered did ICTSA pay his entry fee. The Chairman stated no we do not pay the entry fees.



Mick Byrne stated it was strange that the people in Korea had no knowledge of him but had all the details of Ian O'Sullivan. Conor Mooney clarified that both Ian O'Sullivan and Mick Byrne had been entered for Korea, but Ian pulled out of the competition.

Mick Byrne further stated that there was no knowledge of him in Korea and the hotel bill was 16 euro short and he had to pay that as well.

Declan McQuillan stated that he had travelled many times over the years to many events with Butch Kyle and they always booked and paid for everything. He stated the association never arranged or booked anything for him other than register him. Butch agreed and stated the only thing you needed from the association was the official invitation.

Declan McQuillan further stated that it is not easy travelling around the world to these type of events particular with a firearm and having to make several stops. He also stated that he had advised Mick Byrne not to travel to Korea for his first world cup event.

Chris Moriarty stated that he had completed all the forms and submitted them 2 ½ months before the event and he wasn't entered for Austria. He was the only person not entered for Austria so where is the glitch and who is responsible. He stated it cost a lot of money to attend these events and it is very disheartening.

Conor Mooney stated that the motion was a no brainer and should be supported. If some one is willing to volunteer to assist the shooters than we should facilitate the creation of the position.

Erig Conway stated that if we are outsourcing the secretarial duties that person should do that job as well.

Butch Kyle stated that Shane Corrigan should do all the entries, if he is doing the 2 high performance athletes, he should do the rest. We are only taking about 6 shooters per event.

The chairman stated that the high-performance director is contracted to look after the carded athletes only. He further stated he has travelled all over the world shooting and organises all his own entries.

Butch Kyle stated that he still thinks the HPD should do the job. He stated Jeffrey McCready had a great thing going when he was here and would give a lad a leg up to go shooting. He stated they had a meeting with Shane Corrigan and it was the most negative meeting he was ever at. He stated it would turn you off shooting. There was no encouragement. He stated since Jeff left everything has gone down the tubes.

Mick Byrne wanted to know what the Sports Council think of shooters been blocked from this.

The Chairman stated that Sport Ireland are only dealing with the carded athletes.

Mick Moriarty stated the association should be trying to get more shooters carded or do something for the shooters. He stated the association are doing nothing for the shooters.

Conor Mooney stated the position should be passed by the floor and advertised on the association website and get the person in place to assist the shooters. He furthered stated he would second the proposal.

Mick Moriarty stated that if the association has to register the shooters should that not be done by the person in the association like Conor who has access.

Conor Mooney stated that the board can give access to the ISSF website to register the shooters to the new position holder.

Kimberley Irwin stated that when she was entering competitions, Conor Mooney was always very helpful in assisting her. She stated that the hotel and flights is not the issue. Its been aware of the official team hotel and the arrangements for the team to travel together. If the shooters were aware of this, then each shooter can make the decision how they travel.

It was put to the floor and Motion passed unanimously and to be advertised on association website for 21 days.

The chairman requested if anyone was interested in the job.

Mick Byrne wanted to know if the person who gets the job will be paid. The chairman stated it would be a volunteer position.

#### *NO OTHER MOTIONS*

#### **AOB**

The chairman called for any other business.

Bill O'Brien stated that at the last AGM there were questions from the floor on the finances in Ashbourne. He called on the chairman to update us on that.

The Chairman called on the treasurer to give the update as he was the finance man.

The treasure requested that Bill be more specific but felt he was talking about the questions that were put to Bill at the AGM

Bill O'Brien stated that he is specifically referring to the financial position of Ashbourne over a ten-year period and if Ashbourne was subsidised some years by the members.

The treasurer stated that the board did commission our auditors to make a financial review of Ashbourne for a six-year period prior to 2017. But the board have not seen it yet.

Bill O'Brien requested if the report could be read out now. The chairman stated that he would prefer if the board viewed the report first.

The Treasure proposed that he could meet with Bill O'Brien and Mick Murphy after the board have viewed the report and go through it with them, if the board agreed.

Mick Murphy agreed to this.

Bill O'Brien stated that the previous comments were made in public and this report should be made public to clear up an email that was sent by him to the board. He stated when the board approve the report it should be published like the other financial statements. He stated aspirations were made against him and he wished to see the audited report to clear the matter up.

The chairman stated that the board will review the document and arrange a meeting with Bill O'Brien and Mick Murphy. They the board will than make a decision on publishing the document after the meeting with Bill and Mick.

#### **Date for the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

The date for the next AGM was set for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

#### **Meeting Closure**

The Annual General Meeting was brought to a close.