

Points of Note from Swim Ireland Board Meeting held on 26th August 2014

The Board of Swim Ireland held its third meeting at Sports HQ on the National Sports Campus, Blanchardstown on 26th August 2014 and the following points may be of interest:

- The Board welcomed a new Director, Michael Angus. Michael is the nominee of Swim Ulster to fill the vacancy which has existed for a second Ulster nominee since the Company AGM.
- The Board meeting was attended by the Swim Ireland Commercial and Operations Director Rory Concannon, who presented proposals in relation to the new Leisure Membership category. It is hoped that the new category will be launched in the near future. Some exciting and tangible benefits will accrue to existing members as a result of the proposals.
- A pilot of the Special Membership category has been underway for several weeks and has been very well received.
- The Club Accreditation Programme and a new Club Handbook will be re-launched together in the new season
- The closure of the Irish operations of Danske Bank necessitated a move to another financial institution. The manual changeover to AIB has been completed and the AIB bank accounts are now operational.
- The Board was advised that the integration of the Regional finances will be completed by the end of October
- Swim Ireland are hosting a National Children in Sport Conference on 17th and 18th October 2014 in Sligo. Some excellent speakers will attend the conference and members are encouraged to save the date and book early to avoid disappointment
- Swim Ireland will be launching a 'Mental Health and Well-being' Policy in September
- The final 25% of core grant aid has been paid following a successful mid-year review by the Irish Sports Council
- The Swim Ireland Education Director (Consultant), Mary Garvey, gave an overview of the Education Department to the Board. Tutor upskilling will take place between September and December 2014 based on changes in the British system
- The Board received a full financial update and is happy that the finances are being well managed.
- The Board discussed some ongoing challenges in Water Polo and agreed some actions which will be communicated shortly to the wider water polo community. The Board noted the progress of the development plan group which is on track for presenting a final draft of the Water Polo Development Plan to the Board for approval in December 2014.

The next Swim Ireland Board meeting will take place on Tuesday 30th September 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary McMorrow".

Mary McMorrow
Swim Ireland Company Secretary
3rd September 2014