

**Minutes of 2015 NACB Annual Convention**

December 11-12, 2015  
Austin, Texas.

*University of Texas Student Hall and Radisson Hotel.*

## **Friday December 11th, 7pm.**

### Secretary's Report – presented by Liam Moloney.

- Bertie Penny (*WDB Chairman*) thanked NACB Board, Divisions and clubs for the support (*both financial and otherwise*) provided in the wake of the Berkeley Tragedy during the summer.
- There was some minor discussion around the NACB Player Insurance program, but it was agreed to defer more involved discussion until Saturday

Report was adopted as presented.

### PRO Report – presented by Liam Moloney.

Report was adopted as presented.

### Registrar's Report – presented by Lizzie O'Connor.

Report was adopted as presented.

### Youth Officers Report – presented by Liam Hegarty.

Report was adopted as presented.

Meeting was adjourned until Saturday, December 12th

## **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am:**

Meeting was convened at 9am by Gareth Fitzsimons

Opening addresses were made by Gareth Fitzsimons (*on behalf of NACB*), Pat Doab (*on behalf of Austin Celtic Cowboys*) and Aogan O'Fearghail (*An Uachtaran, CLG*), who all welcomed the delegates and wished them a successful convention.

Standing Orders were adopted

### **Presentation of Reports:**

Games Development Report – presented by Paul McCarthy.

Report was adopted as presented.

Hurling Development Report – presented by Colm Egan.

There was some discussion involving concerns around Super-11's Hurling being marketed in NACB area, without prior involvement of any NACB Hurling groups, and the negative impact this could have on grassroots hurling.

Report was adopted as presented.

Treasurers Report – presented by Paddy McDevitt.

Report was adopted as presented.

3-year Strategic Plan – presented by Lizzie O'Connor and Joey Carton.

Report was adopted as presented.

Chairman's Report – presented by Gareth Fitzsimons:

Report was adopted as presented.

### **Registration of Delegates:**

After registration of delegates, it was deemed that 185 votes were counted as present and entitled to vote.

### **Motions:**

Prior to Lunch Break, the following motions were presented.

1: Proposal to include clubs in Sanction Approvals Process:

***Passed by Show of Hands***

2: Proposal to address clubs entering second teams solely to avail of extra sanctions for their first teams:

***Passed by Show of Hands***

3: Proposal regarding the grade of LGFA Sanctions:

***Passed by Show of Hands***

4: Proposal regarding clubs wishing to regrade teams:

***Passed by Show of Hands***

5: Proposal that NCGAA be recognized by NACB:

***Passed by Show of Hands***

*Break for Lunch*

Prior to resumption of Motions, a ruling was issued in response to a query from Paul McGarry (*Chairman, Northwest Board*), that clubs may only issue proxy votes to delegates from within their own division.

6: Proposal regarding Youth Escrow funds:

***Passed by Show of Hands***

7: Proposal reducing the number of Non-Irish players in Junior C Hurling:

***Failed by Show of Hands***

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- 8: Proposal regarding Junior D grades:  
***Deferred in Favour of Motion 25, which was moved up the agenda.***
- Motion 25 proposal to open up Junior D Football to resident Irish-born players.  
***Motion 25 failed by Show of Hands;***  
***Motion 8 was subsequently withdrawn***
- 9: Proposal to rotate NACB Convention on a scheduled basis:  
***Passed by Show of Hands***
- 10: Proposal to remove Non-participation penalty from Playoff Regulations:  
***Combined with Motion 11: Proposal to include Refundable deposit for Playoffs***  
***Failed by Show of Hands***
- 11: Proposal to include Refundable deposit for Playoffs:  
***Combined with Motion 10***  
***Failed by Show of Hands***
- 12: Proposal to create a new Heartland Division (*Proposed by Indianapolis*):  
***Failed by Show of Hands – achieved a simple majority, but failed to reach the required 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Majority.***
- 13: Proposal to create a new Heartland Division (*Proposed by Kansas*):  
***Ruled out of Order***
- 14: Proposal to modify Resident Players requirements in Senior, Intermediate and Junior A Football:  
***Withdrawn***
- 15: Proposal regarding changes to Junior D Football:  
***Withdrawn***
- 16: Proposal to modify Resident Players requirements in Senior and Junior A Hurling:  
***Withdrawn***
- 17: Proposal to redefine All-American grades:  
***Withdrawn***
- 18: Proposal regarding Resident requirements in Hurling:  
***Proposing club not present;***  
***Ruled out of Order***

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19: Proposal to redefine All-American grades:

***Proposing club not present;***

***Ruled out of Order***

20: Proposal to modify Resident Players requirements in Senior, Junior A and Junior B Ladies Football:

***Withdrawn***

21: Proposal to redefine All-American grades:

***Withdrawn***

22: Proposal to redefine All-American grades in Camogie:

***Withdrawn***

23: Proposal to strike references to non-Irish born players:

***Withdrawn***

24: Proposal to apply formula to grade teams between Junior A and Junior B

***Withdrawn***

25: Proposal to open up Junior D Football to resident Irish-born players

***Moved up the agenda prior to Motion 8;***

***Failed on Show of Hands.***

26: Proposal to remove “if time and facilities permit” from Regulation covering Shield games at Playoffs:

***Passed by Show of Hands***

27: Proposal related to Concussion Protocol:

***Withdrawn***

28: Proposal related to sanction players who return to Ireland as allowed in Regulation 3:

***Passed by Show of Hands***

29: Proposal to Rename NACB Competition to USGAA Competition

***Withdrawn***

30: Proposal to move to individual fee-based registration

***Withdrawn***

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## **Other Business:**

1. Question related to motions:

Paul Keane queried why motions proposed by the “*NACB Workgroup to Review Sanctions*” were not presented to the NACB Convention – it was felt the lack of any prior explanation was discourteous to the members of the subcommittee whose Terms of Reference included proposing the referenced motions.

2. A moments silence was held for those that had passed during the year, including:

Bridie Uniacke  
Coley Lydon  
Dave Quaid

### **Election of Convention Chair and Secretary:**

Harry Costello was proposed and elected as Convention Chair;  
Mary Ruane was proposed and elected as Convention Secretary.

Count of Delegates deemed that there were 183 votes present and entitled to vote.

### **Election of Officers for 2016:**

Chairperson: Gareth Fitzsimons was the only nomination, and accepted the nomination. He was duly elected as Chairperson.

Vice-Chairperson: Bernie Connaughton was the only nomination, and accepted the nomination. He was duly elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Secretary: Liam Moloney and Paul Keane were nominated. Liam Moloney declined; Paul Keane accepted the nomination. He was duly elected as Secretary.

Treasurer: Paddy McDevitt and Steve Shannon were nominated and both accepted the nomination.  
Paddy McDevitt won the ballot and was duly elected as Treasurer.

Registrar: Lizzie O'Connor was the only nomination, and accepted the nomination. She was duly elected as Registrar.

Youth Officer: Liam Hegarty and Oliver McElhone were nominated. Oliver McElhone declined; Liam Hegarty accepted the nomination. He was duly elected as Youth Officer.

PRO: John Cunningham, Daithi O'Caoimh and Brian White were nominated. John Cunningham declined; Daithi O'Caoimh and Brian White accepted the nomination.  
Daithi O'Caoimh won the ballot and was duly elected as PRO.



Central Council: Malachy Higgins, Tracey Rivera and Paul McCarthy were nominated. Paul McCarthy declined; Malachy Higgins and Tracey Rivera accepted the nomination. Malachy Higgins won the ballot, and was duly elected as Central Council Delegate.

Honorary President: John Keane and Joe Begley were nominated, and both accepted the nomination. John Keane won the ballot and was duly elected Honorary President.

## **New Business:**

The 2016 Board Officers took their position and the following items were addressed:

1. Delegates were reminded that the implementation of the 3-year Strategic plan would require volunteers to participate on committees, and that their clubs should be open to providing members to fill positions.
2. The Convention was informed that NACB have entered 4 All-American teams for the 2016 World Games to be held in Dublin on August 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> next.  
Teams will only be allowed to represent at the World Games if they have shown commitment to attending the NACB Playoffs in Seattle (*if they have also qualified for NACB Playoffs*).
3. There were 2 nominations to host the 2016 NACB Convention: San Francisco and San Diego.  
Both cities accepted, and San Diego was selected after a show of hands.
4. Brian White (*Seattle Gaels*) presented an overview of the 2016 NACB Playoffs, which will take place in Seattle on 2016 Labor Weekend.

## **Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was accepted at 3:50pm.