

## IRISH SOUTH ROAD FEDERATION 2018 AGM

**The ISRF pays out over €70,000 in pools and prize money in 2018.**



### Top 10 ISRF fanciers based on points presented with a framed diploma.

The 2018 league can be viewed on the ISRF web site

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| 1  | MM S HUNT and FAM  | Sarsfield RPC           |
| 2  | MR MRS J HAYDEN    | Dublin North East       |
| 3  | CARL COURTNEY      | Greenhills And District |
| 4  | KEEGAN and DARLING | Donnycarney             |
| 5  | C BRENNAN          | Cabra                   |
| 6  | JAMES KELLY        | Rialto                  |
| 7  | PAT BYRNE and FAM  | Sarsfield RPC           |
| 8  | J AYLMER           | Cabra                   |
| 9  | P and D DONNELLY   | Shelbourne Premier      |
| 10 | J MCGOVERN         | Dublin North East       |



**Secretary Michael Roche, Chairman T Henry Byrne, Treasurer Willie Butler,**



**Approx. 100 members were in attendance**

## **MINUTES OF THE IRISH SOUTH ROAD FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018.**

President G Daly, Chairman T Henry Byrne, Secretary Michael Roche, Treasurer Willie Butler

Held on Sunday 6th January 2019 at 10.30am in the Clann na Gael GAA club Sean Moore road Ringsend Dublin 4.

MEMBERS PRESENT 96

A minutes silence was called for the deceased members by the chairman.

A summary of the 2017 minutes was given out to all the members that were present and read out and they were passed.

A presentation of a framed diploma to each of the top 10 fanciers in the ISRF 2018 was made.

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – G DALY** was not available.

3. **CHAIRMANS REPORT, Henry Byrne**

The chairman said financially the ISRF was at a cross roads.

He felt the racing went well up land and on the channel with a few difficult races but returns were quite good over all. . He felt that the secretary "Mick Roche "and the treasurer "Willie Butler" did a great job and the rest of the committee.. He said he was bringing forward the issues the PRO has raised on the agenda.

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT -Michael Roche**

### **ISRF SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018**

I want to thank the ISRF committee, the treasurer the chairman and the club secretaries for all their help in 2018. I want also to thank the conveyors & the liberator of the pigeons for the excellent job they did for you and ISRF this year.

This was my fourth **year** as secretary and as far as I know I did not make any major mistakes this year but if I did they were not intentional.

As much information was given to the ISRF members as possible through the year. **The I S R F official web site** <http://www.isrf.ie> is still up and running.

### **THE FOLLOWING IS ON THE WEB SITE**

The ISRF race program and calendar,

Updated rules,

Weekly federation results which are updated every week.

List of clubs in ISRF Contacts

Weather INFO about the ISRF

Minutes of AGM and some ISRF committee meeting during the year

**A Draft IHU 2018 ring lists**

Videos of the liberation sites were put on the web site when required  
A contact e mail on the web [info@isrf.ie](mailto:info@isrf.ie)

### **Videos**

The videos of the liberations were originally put in place to see how many birds were getting out of the transporters before the official liberation and to date no birds have been see getting out before the federation liberation time.

The ISRF were the first federation in Ireland to have live liberations on face book this brought the ISRF liberations on to the phones and computers of pigeon fanciers and non-fanciers around the world. Some fanciers felt this a step in the right direction and others felt it was not.

With the best will in the world some liberations don't go as planned and some fanciers have decided to use these video's to criticise the ISRF committee members and the conveyers on social media sites.

### **Results**

The WEEKLY and OPEN results were put up on the **ISRF and PigeonLink** web sites and also given out every week at the transporters on a weekly bases.

**The ISRF weekly running averages** and averages were displayed this year on the **ISRF** site.

The weekly ISRF Section and Club results were displayed on the internet.

**The members and birds competing** in each section was put on the section diplomas on a weekly bases where possible,

The system of texting the full members every week was continued this year with 25,000 approx texts sent out in 2018 informing the members when the birds were out and other information. As far as i know most fanciers are still happy with the texts.

### **PROVISIONAL WEEKLY RESULT**

The top 6 of each club result in the ISRF competing in the ISRF Open Races was texted to the fed secretary on the day of the **Open Races** and as a result a more accurate result of **the top 50** was texted to the each club secretary on the day of the each Open ISRF race. Some clubs don't comply with this fed rule and as a result an accurate top 50 cannot be compiled.

The open races were completed with pools most weeks and a hard copy was also given out at the transporters on a weekly basis provided there were no problems with the result.

The ISRF committee meetings were kept to minimum, this year

I helped the Treasure to present a breakdown of the open races and the balance sheet this year. The ISRF balance sheet shows the ISRF has balance this year with **37,000** in the bank.

## THE FOLLOWING ISRF RESULTS BASED ON POINTS WAS PUBLISHED THIS YEAR 2018

ISRF TOP 20 CLUBS IN 7 CHANNEL RACES 2018

ISRF TOP 20 CLUBS IN 11 OPEN RACES 2018

ISRF TOP 20 CLUBS IN 18 OLD BIRD RACES 2018

ISRF TOP 20 CLUBS IN 12 OLD BIRD INLAND RACES 2018

ISRF TOP 20 CLUBS IN Y/B AND O/B 23 INLAND RACES 2018

ISRF TOP 20 CLUBS IN 11 YOUNG BIRD INLAND RACES 2018

ISRF TOP 20 CLUBS IN 12 YOUNG BIRD RACES 2018

ISRF TOP 20 CLUBS IN 30 RACES 2018

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ISRF TOP 20 BIRDS IN 30 RACES 2018

All the info required to print the diplomas for the fed and section races was sent to the printers.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2019

**RESULTS** All going well it is proposed in 2018 to continue publishing results on the **ISRF web site** with the aid of the pigeonlink.com on a weekly bases as follows:

#### The ISRF

Section results

Weekly running averages for each section

Running averages for each club in the ISRF

A possible facility provided by pigeonlink may be available before the race season to allow clubs to provide a provisional ISRF result on a weekly bases on the day of the race .

Also Members will be able to check their running averages every week in the ISRF results, section, and his club races on the ISRF web site.

### Finances of the I S R F.

The main income for the federation is through the members ISRF fees and the birdage.

Prize money is approx. **35000 euro a year and the ISRF** is the only fed that gives such prize money.

The membership is falling to **643** members this year. Three new clubs joining the ISRF a welcome boost to the ISRF membership.

## **Summary**

As far as i know everything that was needed to be done was done by the committee and me as secretary I wish the members and the ISRF committee the best in the coming season 2019.

M Roche

## **7 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Willie Butler

The treasurer thanked the Auditors for all their help in preparing the balance sheet and thanked the secretaries and treasurers for their help over the years and had no real problem.

He felt the general income and expenditure was similar every year and the biggest problem was the loss of members.

He was happy to answer any questions on the balance sheet.

## **8 TRANSPORT MANAGER'S REPORT**

**S Read**

The year went well this year and he wanted to thank G Daley and all the sects and N Side club for all their help over the year..

**J Roberts J R** felt the same and the year went well and thanked Willie and the south side clubs for their cooperation.

## **9 LIBERATOR'S REPORT**

Good year and good returns the French race had a fairly good result, he felt a new liberator should be elected if possible.

## **10 AUDITORS' REPORT E Fitzgerald, P Fagan,**

EF The books were presented well by the treasurer 100% and he felt the ISRF had one of the best treasurers in the country. The balance sheet shows a loss in income of 9000 and an increase in expenditure of 50000 so the biggest problem is the loss in members over the last 5 years.

The ISRF has the biggest prize money in Europe he felt. Sickness has a major impact on the birdage also. Maintains of the trucks is an ongoing cost. Other organisations had lost thousands in 2018 also due to sickness.

## **Conveyers**

Explained the procedure when looking after the birds and said the drinkers were cleaned out every week.

## **11 Pro/Development Officer. 2017 J O Brien Clondalkin.**

J o Brien

The chairman said motions 23,24,25 will be dealt with now.

There was two documentaries on pigeons coming out produced by RTE. **This is me**, ( nearly finished) and **the Secret life of pigeons**. (Proposed) .

A pigeon auction would be a good idea for charities' and have it well published. People in their 30s he felt may take up the sport of pigeon racing. A committee of a few members with a few ideas would be a start to promote the sport and educate the general public regarding the pigeon racing.

A campaign to raise awareness regarding the pigeon sport and show how keeping pigeons can help the mental health of people.

The chairman agreed with most of the points the PRO made and felt the auction for the purpose of promoting the sport would not be a problem.

## **12 BALANCE SHEET**

The chairman pointed out the breakdown of the open races and the negative balance he races were incurring.

Channel races were not being supported. An increase of 15 euro in the ISRF fee was needed rather than increasing the birdage. The lack of Y Birds in the last YB races is affecting the income of the ISRF also.

Expenditure in up this year and income is down. Drug testing became very expensive as a blanket approach. Questions were asked regarding the balance sheet 9000 on transporters and the cleaning of the transporters.

Some small repairs are still needed going forward.

Balance sheet was passed.

## **12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019**

### **Election of officers**

President, G Daly  
Chairman. H Byrne ,  
Senior Vice Chairman, J Roberts  
Junior Vice president, S Read  
Assistant Secretary, Val Flood  
Secretary, M Roche  
Treasurer, Willie Butler,  
Assistant Treasurer, J O BRIEN  
IHU Delegates S Read, S Hunt,  
Liberator H Byrne,  
Transport managers S Read J Roberts  
Auditors E Fitzgerald, P Fagan,  
P R O/ Development Officer J O Brian,

### **Resignations**

Navan  
Old castle

### **Applications**

Sallynoggin  
Bray South End  
Ballybrack

## **13 NEW MEMBERS OUT SIDE I.S.R.F RADIOUS**

### **Trim club**

- a) PATRICK DEANS/DARRELL LONG /MARK LONG
- b) ALAN BRADLEY
- c) WALTER PICKENS
- d) D BROWN
- e) J MC NAMARA

It was proposed to open the ISRF boundary and let any of the above new members in to the ISRF if they were outside the ISRF Boundary.

**Passed**



## RACE PROGRAMME 2018

### OLD BIRDS

13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL THURLES  
 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL THURLES  
 27<sup>ND</sup> APRI MALLOW  
 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY CASTLETOWN  
 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY SKIBBEREEN  
**18<sup>RD</sup> MAY BARLEYCOVE OPEN**  
 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY PILMORE BEACH  
**25<sup>TH</sup> MAY TALBENNY OPEN**  
 1<sup>TH</sup> JUNE CASTLETOWN  
**1<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TALBENNY OPEN**  
 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE SKIBBEREEN  
**8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE PENZANCE OPEN**  
 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE SKIBBEREEN  
**15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE PENZANCE OPEN**  
**21<sup>TH</sup> JUNE BARLEYCOVE OPEN**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE ST. MALO OPEN**  
 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY SKIBBEREEN  
**6<sup>TH</sup> JULY PENZANCE OPEN**

### YOUNG BIRDS

13<sup>TH</sup> JULY THURLES  
 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY THURLES  
 27<sup>ST</sup> JULY PILMORE BEACH  
 3<sup>TH</sup> AUG MALLOW  
 10<sup>TH</sup> AUG CASTLETOWN  
**17<sup>ND</sup> AUG BARLEYCOVE OPEN**  
 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGS THURLES  
**31<sup>TH</sup> SEPTTALBENNY OPEN**  
 31<sup>TH</sup> SEPT PILMORE BEACH  
 7<sup>TH</sup> SEP MALLOW  
 14<sup>TH</sup> SEP CASTLETOWN  
 21<sup>TH</sup> SEP **BARLEYCOVE OPEN**

## Motions passed at 2018 ISRF AGM

### **Open races**

1. The race program will be for the next 5 years if possible. Chairman Passed.
2. 15 For Open Channel Races

All birds timed on race day from the channel to be notified ( by text) within 1 hour to the club secretary . Not passed

All clocks on the channel races to be returned to clubs for 7 pm .

No clocks accepted after 7 pm.

No clocks to be printed before 7 pm.

Birds clocked after 6pm to be returned to the club at 7pm the following evening. Passed

#### For Open Inland Races.

All clocks to be returned to clubs for 5pm or within 2 hours if clocking later than 3 pm (Saturday & Sunday).

No clocks to be printed before 5pm.

Stations open for 1 hour.

For weekday open races (Monday to Friday) all clocks to be returned to stations for 7pm or within 2 hours if clocking later than 5 pm.

Committee Passed

3. Channel open races is a 3 day race.  
The French channel race is a 4 day race.  
COMMITTEE Passed
4. That all inland races be marked on Friday nights when possible  
COMMITTEE Passed
5. The YB Open Races will not clash with the Skibbereen I. N.F.C. race.  
COMMITTEE Passed

#### GENERAL RACE RULES

6. To encourage small team fanciers to send to open races

On a trial bases it is proposed to introduce a European points system (loft performance ) for open races.

500 euro sponsorship by Pigeonlink. Plus 500 euro from the ISRF.

1000 euro divided between the first 3 lofts ,500,300,200 euro.

Birds must be carded in the first ISRF 100 positions.

Points per bird for each race = bird limit/birds sent = points per bird

Eg 50/25 birds sent = 2 points per bird.

Total points for each fancier is added up each week and added to a weekly league of points.

Pigeonlink will supply a weekly running average for this league.

COMMITTEE passed.

7. Water system to be improved when necessary  
Rialto R.P.C Passed
8. Every race lib. to be video recorded  
Rialto R.P.C Passed
9. The fed fee be increased by 15 euro.  
COMMITTEE Passed
10. Clubs must text the transporter managers the total number of full crates before the full crates leave their club. Each week.  
COMMITTEE Passed
11. All other organisations in Ireland that want to travel with the ISRF will be accepted provided the ISRF has room and the ISRF committee has been informed before the racing season has started.  
The cost per crate will be decided by the ISRF.  
COMMITTEE Passed
12. The federation in conjunction with the union should take promotion of the sport seriously and give all support needed to the PRO.  
Clondalkin. Passed
13. Treat the dwindling numbers over the last few decades as the biggest issue facing the sport and take action.  
Clondalkin. Passed
14. Start the country wide campaign to look for recognition as a sport or similar status with the goal of securing funding which will allow for the sport to grow.  
Clondalkin. Passed

END