

# Revised Root and Branch Review Committee –

## Summary Minutes of Meeting 6

The sixth meeting of the revised group for the Root and Branch Review took place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011 in the Louis FitzGerald Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin at 7:30pm

### Attendance:

Original Review Committee Members:

Joe Corcoran  
James Coleman  
Dermott Quigley

Convenor: Michael Irvine.

Region A: Paul Lyons  
Sean McHugh  
Region B: Roy Stewart  
Region C: Ed FitzGerald  
Region D: Ray Heney  
Region E: Nial Murphy  
IRCA:

Apologies: Ann Stevens  
Angela Henehan  
Frank O'Mahony  
Kevin Barrett  
Noel Devlin  
Ger Healy  
Kathryn Keogh

### Matters Discussed:

#### 1. Minutes

Minutes of last meeting, having already been circulated, were approved. Noted also that Summary Minutes were already published on MI website as per protocol agreed at last meeting.

#### 2. General Discussion on Regional Documents

MIrvine initially invited each group to summarize their document as presented at last meeting.

MIrvine then summarized his interpretation of common/majority view points re Organisation & Representation. Following some discussion and Clarification of implications of names and functions of various existing committees/Commissions/Councils, these common points were identified as having some form of Overall Council "on top" with limited membership, (function largely equivalent to current Executive Council) a second layer with larger membership who would "run" the overall sport (function largely equivalent to current MSC), and also the need for a "Civil Service" with a CEO to act as Secretariat and undertake the day to day administration, with some form of division between disciplines commencing at levels under this. Agreed also that all of this structure would exist/be required independently of the issue of "ownership" of the sport, and that this issue was not part of this meetings agenda, but would be discussed separately.

#### 3. CEO – Functions:

Functions agreed included Day to day running of Sport, normal staff matters in Office, control of Finance. Agreed further discussion required on this, but this to be for another meeting.

#### 4. Functions of New "MSC Level" body

Agreed that this "new MSC" would broadly co-ordinate work of individual committees & disciplines, but would very much depend on them to "run" the sport. Not to be involved in day-to-day administration. Agreed further discussion required on this, but this to be for another meeting.

#### 5. Membership of New "MSC Level" body

Some suggestions of a 7 member "commission", but it was generally felt that while efficiency might indicate that a smaller number would be better, the need for democracy & sufficient representation dictated a greater number. MIrvine suggested that this seemed to indicate a majority desire, or at least acceptance, for/of a membership of 15>18, this agreed, details to be discussed again.

#### 6. Other Levels:

A brief discussion took place on these, with agreement again that the current CAC had lost much of it's power/relevance, dealing mainly now with dates, and giving Clubs a voice, albeit not a very powerful or effective voice.

It was agreed that the National Committees for the various disciplines was where much of the power within a discipline was, or at least should be, that further discussion was required on this, that the Functions/powers for these National Committees would be similar for all disciplines, but that representation strictures might vary to suit the variation between, for instance, rallying with a very dominant focus and strong membership in respect of a relatively narrow area, and, again for instance, "off road", with many individual sports, some with quite limited participants.

Noted also that clarity required on issue of delegates, properly nominated by Clubs, being subject to ratification at National Level

**7. Precise Functions/Powers of Various Committees/Advisory Groups:**

Most agreed that, independently of whether there currently was clarity or not, reform/modification of the current Appendix 101/102 was required

**8. Circulation of Documents from Individual Members:**

It was suggested that it might be in order for any member who so desired to circulate thoughts/suggestions to all other members. All agreed this entirely desirable.

**9. AOB**

The question of Clubs again feeling left out of the W/Fwd process was raised. It was noted that Summary minutes were being posted on the MI website, but it was agreed that a progress report should be given by JCorcoran & JColeman at the forthcoming meeting with the rally clubs (on 20<sup>th</sup> July).

**10. Next Meeting:**

**Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Naas Road Dublin**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Wednesday 27th July 2011**