

**Minutes of Pro Silva Ireland Annual General Meeting
Knockrath
Saturday, 3rd of October, 2015.**

Present: Pdraig O'Tuama, Cathy Fitzgerald, Liam Byrne, Paddy Purser, Faith Wilson, Manus Crowley, Jan Alexander, Sean Hoskins, Michael Purser, Helen Purser, Philip Qusted
Apologies: Donal O'Hare, Jim Simpson, Robert Scott.

Agenda:

1. Welcome by Chairman

2. Minutes of 2014 AGM.

3. Officer's Reports:

- - Chairman
- - Treasurer

4. Election of New Committee Members.

5. All Other Business.

1. Welcome by Chairman:

Pdraig O'Tuama welcomed Pro Silva Ireland members and committee members to the AGM.

2. Minutes of 2013 AGM:

Taken as read.

3. Officer's Reports:

- - **Chairman:** As appended.
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- - **Treasurer:** As appended.

4. Election of New Committee Members:

Liam proposed Jan re-join the committee for 2016 and was seconded by Manus. All in favour.
Liam also proposed Kevin O'Connell of Teagasc be elected as a committee member. Cathy seconded.
All in favour.

Pdraig then stood down as chairman and Liam, as vice-chair, took over chair duties to oversee the election of a new chair.

Liam said he would like to express his sincere gratitude on behalf of the committee to Pdraig for his time in the role of chair.

He said Pdraig had worked as chair for 5 years with a few additional months as acting chair previously. Considering Pdraig lived in West Cork and managed to chair an organisation covering 32 counties was a great feat.

Liam said Pdraig had brought great vitality to PSI and had done very valuable work in engaging Coilte and bringing CCF to them.

A significant innovation on Pdraig's part had been the introduction of teleconferencing which was a fantastic facility and meant a lot to PSI.

Pdraig had also played a significant role in the LISS project and had also initiated a review of PSI's own resources and aims this year, which had led to better productivity for PSI.

Liam then called for proposals for 2016 chair.

Jan nominated Paddy Purser. Sean seconded. Paddy accepted. All in favour.

Liam agreed to stay on as vice-chair.

The chair would set the date for the first meeting of the new committee at which officers for the coming year would be appointed.

5. A.O.B

No other business.

As recorded by Sean Hoskins 3/10/2015