



Trinity Sport Union Executive Committee

Minutes of Meeting #4 - Hilary Term 2025/26

Thursday, 29 January 2026 - 17:00 - Trinity Sport Centre Board Room

In Attendance:

Jane Prendergast (Chairperson), John O'Hara (Hon. Secretary), Ciara Mulligan (Vice Chairperson), Prof. Cyril Smyth (Chair of the Pavilion Bar Committee), Caitríona Kennedy (Pavilion Bar Committee), Sharon Campbell (Advisory Board), Prof. Anil Kokaram (Advisory Board), Ian Beatty-Orr (Advisory Board), Iain Nash (Advisory Board), Robert Otway-Norwood (Advisory Board), Agathe Seiler (Club Representative), Lilia Goh En Ying (Club Representative), Ryan Molinare (Club Representative), Russel Bolger (Club Representative), Aisling Mulligan (Club Representative), Carmel Maher (Club Representative), Luke Sellars (Club Representative), Zia Ahmed (Club Representative), Lisa Bierman (Post-Grad Representative), Natasza Kundycka (Hon. Secretary of Captains Committee), Niamh Digby-Bratton (Club Operations & Development Manager, ex officio), Michelle Tanner (Director of Sport & Physical Activity, ex officio).

Apologies:

Sam Ledoux (Junior Honorary Treasurer), Marcus Boggan (Senior Honorary Treasurer), Kate McFadden (DUFC Representative, ex officio), Liam Bean (Pavilion Bar Committee).

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed members, and wished all a positive start to Hilary Term.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 8 December 2025 were approved. Proposed by Ciara Mulligan and seconded by Ryan Molinare.

3. Election of Further Advisory Board Members

The appointment of Lisa Biermann (DU Ladies Hockey Club) as Postgraduate Representative on the Advisory Board and Ian Nash (DU Rifle Club alumnus and Pinks recipient) as an Advisory Board member was approved by Student Officers.

4. Follow-Up on Issues Raised by Club Representatives

Updates were provided on issues raised at previous meetings, including facility usage by DU Climbing Club, boat storage and financial queries from DUSAC, fundraising support for DU Netball, staffing updates following the departure of the Clubs Communications & Executive Officer, and access to TSU Executive minutes. It was noted that outstanding matters are being addressed by relevant committees.

5. Update from the Chair of the Pavilion Bar

Prof. Smyth presented the six-month financial report. Turnover for the period reached €708,700, representing a 17.5% increase year-on-year. Gross profit stood at just over 61%, exceeding the target of 60%, with a net profit of approximately €68,000. Strong growth in hot food sales and improved control of staff costs were noted.

6. Update from the Director of Sport & Physical Activity

Michelle Tanner provided an update on Student Life reporting, high levels of facility usage, and the department's continued operation within a deficit. It was noted that this is the final year of the current strategy, with several infrastructure projects delayed. Recruitment of a Sport & Physical Activity Inclusion Officer is underway.

7. Update from the Club Operations & Development Manager

Niamh Digby-Bratton reminded clubs to submit end-of-year accounts. Updates were provided on staffing, SSI competitions, Women in Sport initiatives, and upcoming grant opportunities.

8. Pavilion Bar Grant Scheme Update

The Chair outlined the Pavilion Bar Grant scheme. Forty applications were received requesting €93,000, with €45,000 available for allocation. Applications will be reviewed by the Finance Committee, and clubs will be notified in due course.

9. Pinks Review Group Update

Ciara Mulligan presented proposals for a revised Pinks Committee structure and the introduction of a retrospective Pinks process in exceptional circumstances, ahead of the centenary of the award. The proposals were noted and welcomed.

10. Club Fundraising & Sponsorship Working Group

An update was provided on the development of best-practice fundraising guidance for clubs, including alumni engagement. A questionnaire will be circulated to clubs to capture successful fundraising approaches.

11. Club Sport Visibility Working Group

Updates were provided on the establishment of a PRO network, improved information flow to Trinity Sport communications, and plans to further develop club visibility through enhanced content.

12. Constitutional Evaluation Group Update

The Chair noted that further work is ongoing to finalise wording for proposed constitutional amendments, which will be brought forward to the AGM.

13. Club Affairs

DU Men's and Women's Hockey Clubs raised issues relating to Letters of Absence and access to Santry grounds. These matters will be followed up by Trinity Sport staff.

14. Any Other Business

The deadline for Trinity Trust grant applications was noted as Friday, 6 February 2026.

15. Date of Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 25 February 2026 at 18:00 in the Trinity Sport Centre Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned.