

# THE IRISH LIFESAVING FOUNDATION LTD.

## 1st Annual General Meeting

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2004 in The Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

### Directors' Report

1. The Foundation came into existence officially on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2003 when it was issued a number ( CRO 368309 ) by the Irish Companies Registration Office, The Irish Lifesaving Foundation Limited was born as a *Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital* . Some months later, on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2003, the Foundation was recognized as an Irish charity by the Revenue Commissioners and issued with the charity number CHY 15102.

2. The following five persons are the current Directors of The Irish Lifesaving Foundation Ltd. ;

Mr. William John Britton	Donegal Town	Jeweller
Dr. David Browne PhD	Dublin City	Chemist
Mr. John Connolly	Waterford City	Primary Principal
Mr. Brendan Donohoe	Co. Dublin	Systems Analyst
Mr. Vincent Flynn	Co. Kilkenny	Printer

Mr. John Connolly is the Company Secretary.

3. The registered offices of the Foundation are at

11 Iveragh Close, Lismore Lawn, Waterford City, Ireland.  
phone : 051 376773 Fax : 051 351839  
e-mail : lifesavingfoundation@ireland.com

4. The Foundation has a current account in Bank of Ireland, Lisduggan, Waterford City : 906216 a/c 18573923

The following Directors are authorized to sign cheques ;  
Dr. David Browne, Mr. John Connolly, Mr. Vincent Flynn  
( any two signatures )

Mr. Vincent Flynn is Company Treasurer

5. The Company Auditor is Mr. Barry Kennedy of Park Chambers, Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors 96 Lower Yellow Road, Waterford City.  
phone : 051 877965 fax 051 849000

6. The Foundation had 19 members on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

7. The Foundation Directors met twice since the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2003, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2003 and on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2004. Communication between these meetings was by e-mail or phone.
8. During 2003, while the legal work setting up the new foundation was being processed Brendan Donohoe and John Connolly represented the Foundation at the RLSS Commonwealth Championships in Durban, South Africa ( in July ) where in addition to acting as competition officials they trained the Lesotho Team and ran the Championships Simulated Emergency Response Competition. This required 5.30 am starts and 9.00pm finishes – all on a voluntary basis. Before the championships started a problem arose with the Sri Lanka National Team – they had no money. Promised government aid had been diverted to flood aid leaving the team with non-refundable air tickets to Durban and no living money. The Championships Committee organized accommodation and food for the first night but were unwilling to set a precedent ( paying for their accommodation and food ) that could be used by other countries to get extra money. The Foundation solved the problem by providing the Sri Lankans with sufficient money to stay in modest accommodation and compete in the competitions. During their time in Durban they took part in meetings discussing the development of national lifesaving organizations in southern Africa and were present when a formal development agreement was signed. The fact that we are an Irish charity was very important. Following the championships Brendan and John travelled to Maseru, capital city of Lesotho, with John Long, RLSS Secretary General. There we continued with the training begun in South Africa and met with various officials including the Irish Consul, representatives of the British High Commission and the Lesotho Minister for Youth, Sport and Gender. The high point of our visit was an hour long audience with King Letsie III, who agreed to become patron of The Lesotho Lifesaving Society. He later granted it the title The Royal Lesotho Lifesaving Society. Although much was achieved in our two week stay in Africa it was only the beginning.

**Drowning is the biggest accidental killer of young men in Africa.**

9. Two publications were produced, an A5 membership leaflet and an A3 folded leaflet on the Foundation's activities. Both are included in the members' pack.

This report has been compiled by Company Secretary, John Connolly, on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Signed : John Connolly Date : 28/05/2004