



Minutes of Irish Moiled Cattle Society AGM via Zoom on 6th August 2025 at 7.30pm

Attendance

Michelle McCauley (Chairperson)	Nigel Edwards (Hon. Reg)
Seamus Holmes (Rol Comp Sec)	Brian O'Kane (Hon Treas. & UK Comp Sec)
Anthony Gilsenan	David Scott
Robert Davis	Dan Bull (Vice Chair)
Karen Gray	Nathalie Chitty
Rachel Armour	Joan Simpson
Dermot Gardiner	Caroline Maxwell
Cian Elliott	Trevor Chadwick
Robert Boyle	Chris Ball
Joe Boyce	

In Attendance – Guest Speaker PJ Budler and Breed Secretary Gillian Steele

Chairperson Michelle McCauley warmly welcomed those present and thanked everyone for joining the virtual AGM including those in Peru and Greece. Michelle McCauley stated that all AGM documents including the Directors Report were available on the IMCS website should anyone wish to refer to them and gave a brief overview of the proceedings before the official business was conducted by Brian O'Kane (UK Company Sec).

Michelle McCauley highlighted that the Society work is very much a team effort as it continues transition since Brexit. The breeding programme continues to be implemented, reviewed and updated. Developments also continue with classification reports, online timed auctions and regular updating of the Herdbook on Grassroots. Three IMCS National shows within the three constituencies will be reported on as well as the smaller shows up and down the country. The IMCS Online Show sees upwards of 100 entries, bull semen collection has been possible via grant aid, beef box workshops have taken place, Irish Moilie beef continues to be promoted, heritage events have been attended, a new website including web shop was launched and semen sales continue to rise.

Michelle McCauley continued by announcing three retirements with in the society. Derek Steen, Chris Ball and Seamus Holmes. Michelle commented that all three have always put the Society to the fore and committed to what was best for the breed. Chris Ball retires after twenty-seven years as a director, nine of which were served as Chairperson and Michelle was delighted to announce that Chris was appointed as the new Irish Moiled Cattle Society President 2025-2028. Thanks were expressed to all three retiring directors.

Guest Speaker, PJ Budler of Global Livestock Solutions in Canada spoke on 'feeding for breeding'. PJ is an international business manager of Trans Ova Genetics and consultant and as a 5th generation farmer whose ancestors originated from Kilkenny in Ireland, he has travelled extensively assessing all cattle breeds. PJ spoke on how he felt that livestock farmers are the real heroes in this world as they first and foremost feed the nation. PJ gave a very interesting overview on his thoughts of calving cows at two years old and the benefits compared to that of three years old. PJ touched on some very interesting facts including:

- second trait profits and cow glands functioning to the correct levels
- farmers focused on muscle and weight and cows needing to be physically proportioned
- cattle adapting to environments and nutrition and muscle and fat balance
- full bodied females and hormonal balance and the importance of longevity
- The possibility to have seven calves in six years
- the need to focus less on the tools and more on the product i.e. the cow
- waiting to calve at three can upset the natural hormones

Questions were invited and a short discussion took place around the benefits of calving younger. This included the smaller cow being able to rear just as good a calf as a bigger cow as she will have surplus calories, she needs to eat

less to achieve this and is lighter on the land. PJ concluded by stating that it is important that the Irish Moiled breed plays to its strengths. PJ Budler was thanked for his informative talk and, when asked, that he would consider Judging Irish Moileds in the future.

The AGM was conducted starting with the RoI agenda:

1. **Register of Proxy forms.** Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were only accepted by Proxy Form.

One Proxy Form was registered 'for' all resolutions.

2. **Ordinary Resolution 1** - To approve the Minutes of the previous AGM.

Minutes dated 30th July 2024 were approved to be a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Michelle McCauley and seconded by Nigel Edwards

Resolution 1 was passed unanimously.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from Minutes dated 30th July 2024.

4. **Ordinary Resolution 2** - To receive and approve the Director's Report and RoI Company Accounts for year ending 28th February 2025.

Proposed by Robert Boyle and seconded by Nigel Edwards

Resolution 2 was passed unanimously.

It was previously approved that all Directors elected, will serve for both the RoI and UK companies, under one Irish Moiled Cattle Society.

5. Ordinary Resolution 3

Appointment of NI Directors –

Ordinary Resolution 3a – To appoint Robert Davis, Robert Boyle and Rachel Armour to serve as Directors for the Northern Ireland constituency, each for a three-year term.

Proposed by David Scott seconded by Nigel Edwards

Resolution 3a was passed unanimously.

Appointment of RoI Directors -

Ordinary Resolution 3b – There are no further appointments in the RoI Constituency

Resolution 3b was passed unanimously.

Appointment of GB Directors –

Ordinary Resolution 3c – To appoint Cian Elliott to serve as a Director for the Great Britain constituency for a three-year term. Proposed by Robert Boyle and seconded by Anthony Gilsenan.

To appoint Lyn Arrowsmith and Nathalie Chitty to serve as Directors for the Great Britain Constituency. This was determined by lots. Lyn Arrowsmith will serve for one-year term and Nathalie Chitty will serve for a three-year term.

Proposed by Dan Bull and Rachel Armour

Resolution 3c was passed unanimously.

6. Any other business – As no other business was notified to the RoI Company Secretary by 02.08.25 the official business of the IMCS RoI AGM concluded at 8.25pm

The AGM was concluded with the UK agenda:

1. **Register of Proxy forms.** Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were only accepted by Proxy Form.

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2. **Ordinary Resolution 1** - To approve the Minutes of the previous AGM.

Minutes dated 30th July 2024 were approved to be a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Michelle McCauley and seconded by Nigel Edwards

Resolution 1 was passed unanimously.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

There were no matters arising from Minutes dated 30th July 2024.

4. **Ordinary Resolution 2** - To receive and approve the Director's Report and UK Company Accounts for year ending 31st December 2024.

Proposed by Robert Boyle and seconded by Nathalie Chitty

Resolution 2 was passed unanimously.

5. **Ordinary Resolution 3**

Appointment of NI Directors –

Ordinary Resolution 3a – To appoint Robert Davis, Robert Boyle and Rachel Armour to serve as Directors for the Northern Ireland constituency, each for a three-year term.

Proposed by David Scott seconded by Nigel Edwards

Resolution 3a was passed unanimously.

Appointment of RoI Directors -

Ordinary Resolution 3b – There are no further appointments in the RoI Constituency

Resolution 3b was passed unanimously.

Appointment of GB Directors –

Ordinary Resolution 3c – To appoint Cian Elliott to serve as a Director for the Great Britain constituency for a three-year term. Proposed by Robert Boyle and seconded by Anthony Gilsenan

To appoint Lyn Arrowsmith and Nathalie Chitty to serve as Directors for the Great Britain Constituency. This was determined by lots. Lyn Arrowsmith will serve for one-year term and Nathalie Chitty will serve for a three-year term.

Proposed by Dan Bull and Rachel Armour

Resolution 3c was passed unanimously.

6. Any other business – As no other business was notified to the UK Company Secretary by 02.08.25 the official business of the IMCS UK AGM concluded at 8.30pm

Michelle McCauley thanked Brian O’Kane for conducting the official business and extended thanks to Seamus Holmes and Gillian Steele for the background work in preparation for the AGM. Michelle welcomed two new Directors, Lyn Arrowsmith and Nathalie Chitty. Michelle stated that her three-year term as Chairperson now ends but delighted to announce that Dan Bull GB will be taking over the Chairperson’s role for the next three-year term. Anthony Gilsenan was appointed as Vice Chairperson for a three-year term. Lyn Arrowsmith and Nathalie Chitty thanked the board for accepting their nominations, commenting that they are both dedicated to the Irish Moiled breed and look forward to their roles.

Chris Ball proposed Sam Smiley to be added to the list of Vice Presidents, this was seconded by Nigel Edwards and unanimously agreed.

Michelle McCauley thanked Mark Logan, commenting that Mark had been invaluable to the Society and that his wisdom and attendance at meetings often steadied the ship. Michelle continued by thanking Gillian Steele for keeping the Society active, considering that registrations are at an all-time high and the workload involved.

Further thanks were extended to the ‘behind the scenes’ teams in setting up events and joining sub committees. Thanks were extended to Nigel Edwards as Hon Registrar with creation of reports, Rachel Armour and Caroline Maxwell as merchandise officers, to Robert Davis for his work with Social Farming, Sally Crowe for setting up new sale formats and to Brian O’Kane for his role as Hon. Treasurer. Michelle concluded her thanks by stating that the size of a role does not matter as all help is very much appreciated.

Dan Bull (incoming Chairperson) thanked Michelle McCauley stating that her three-years as chairperson were second to none and that he is very glad that Michelle will be staying on as a director to offer help and advice. Dan concluded by saying that Michelle is a great people person, always thinking of solutions and extended further thanks on behalf of all everyone in the IMCS in thanking her.

Gillian Steele thanked the board for supporting her as Breed Secretary and highlighted the following events:

- Tullamore Show RoI – 10th August 2025
- Bunratty Castle RoI – 17th August 2025
- Irish Moiled Online Show entries close 30th August – show day 6th September 2025
- Fields Good Event NI – NI 6th September
- Westmorland Show GB 10-11th September
- Magnificent Moilies Online Sale – 25-27th September 2025 – closing date for entries 30th August

All information will be placed on the Society website and social media platforms. Everyone was reminded about the importance of sending photos and details to the PRO for coverage.

Outgoing President Mark Logan and Chairperson Michelle McCauley received a small token of appreciation. The meeting ended at 9pm.

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Dermot Gardiner NI
Michelle McCauley NI
Dan Bull GB
Lyn Arrowsmith GB
Trevor Chadwick RoI
Brian Dolan RoI

2027

Nigel Edwards NI
Brian O’Kane NI
David Scott NI
Anthony Gilsenan RoI
Ciara Kehoe RoI
Sally Crowe GB

2028

Robert Davis NI
Robert Boyle NI
Rachel Armour NI
Cian Elliott GB
RoI Vacancy
Nathalie Chitty

President & Chairperson term 2025-2028