



MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 24th April 2016 @ 2pm

Baldoyle Badminton Centre

Present: Tommy McGrath (President, in the chair)
Roy Cobbe (Chairman)
Kevin McGrath (Hon Treasurer)
Joe Byrne, Séamus Halpin, Dave Murphy, Jenny Ni Mhaoileoin, Catherine Smyth, Vinod Pillai (Executive Committee)
Brian Herman & Declan McGinn (Trustees)
Dick O'Rafferty, Tom McGrath, Joe Buckley, PJ Cooney, Gay Dinan, Mary Dinan
Ita Marron, Brian Kelly (Honorary Life Members)
Jean Denihan (Baldoyle Centre Manager)
Badminton Ireland: Michael Watt, Ronan Rooney

Club Representatives:

Ailesbury, ABC, Baldoyle District BC, ESB, KADCA, Old School, Pembroke, Raheny, St. Brigids, South Dublin, Terenure College Jnr BC, Eire Friends, Mount Pleasant, Portarlinton Parochial, Carlow LTC, Johnswell, La Sallian Ladies, Meath BC, Dundalk BC, Roundwood BC, St. Brigids, Pembroke, Clontarf Parish, St Patricks, Vikings.

Apologies:

Breda Connolly (Executive Member) Muriel Moles (Honorary Member), Har Allison (Trustee), David Grimes (Honorary Member), Loftus Warren (Honorary Member), David Hogan (Hon Member), Mike Cronin Auditor. Siobhan O'Neill Rush BC.

Before the meeting starts Tommy McGrath asks everybody to stand for a minutes silence in memory of all past members of Leinster Branch.

Tommy then opens the AGM by welcoming all Leinster Members, Club Secretaries and reads the apologies.

a) Minutes of Previous General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM and 2015 EGM, having already been issued, were taken as read. As there were no matters arising from the Minutes, they were proposed by Brian Herman and seconded by Declan McGinn.

b) Presidents Report

Tommy McGrath read through his report outlining the highlights of the past year.

He congratulated all the players who represented the province and country this season. He finished up by thanking the Leinster Executive, the many committees, staff & volunteers for all their work over the year. He particularly thanked Tom McGrath and his team of umpires and referees for their professionalism and commitment throughout the year.

c) Consideration of the Presidents Report:

The President's report was Proposed by Pat Marron and seconded by Avril Dungan and accepted by the meeting.

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A round of applause was held for Tommy McGrath.

d) Chairman's Report

Roy Cobbe read through the Chairman's report in which he thanked all the members of the Leinster Executive for their hard work and support during the season. He detailed the achievements of Leinster and said it had been a phenomenal one for Leinster teams and the players. He said the new Premier League was a popular innovation. He particularly thanked Kevin McGrath and Brian Herman for their trojan work and acknowledged the support given by his wife. He thanked the Leinster Sponsors in particular Vinod for the Turkish Airlines sponsorship. He apologised for the absence of Michael Cronin (Accountant) who was unable to attend. He complimented the wonderful volunteers for their outstanding work and encouraged all players to get involved to keep the sport going.

e) Consideration of the Chairman's Report:

The report was proposed by Pat Marron and seconded by Owen Marron and was accepted by the meeting.

A round of applause was held for Roy Cobbe.

Tommy McGrath thanked Roy Cobbe for all the work he has put in over the last year.

f) Honorary Treasurer's Report

Kevin McGrath addressed the meeting and presented 2015 Financial Statements for approval. He took the meeting through the Accounts. He noted the small surplus of €15k Income over expenditure. Court hire was down on previous year which may have been caused by additional tournaments. Payroll is down but offset by increased contract cleaning costs. Overall Income is stable though we continue to seek new sources of rental income. Kevin acknowledged the work done by Michael Smith and Ronan Sweeney, treasurers at Baldoyle and Midland for their efforts with the Accounts and it is hoped by next year, there will be full separation of the Accounts between the three entities. He also advised that Michael Cronin (Accountant) had phoned and apologised for his absence. Kevin then asked for question from the meeting and clarification was sought and provided by Treasurer on the following :

- Contract cleaning on the number of staff employed.
- Payment methodology for coaches
- Status of Capital expenditure and the target date for completion of the Museum.

DOR took the opportunity to thank the current Executive for their support in setting up the Museum.

g) Consideration of Honorary Treasurer's Report:

The Report was proposed by Brian Herman and seconded by Mike Smith. Brian then took the opportunity on behalf of the trustees to thank Roy, Kevin and the Executive Committee for their work during the year. He also added a big thank you to Breda and Aoife.

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h) Election of President to serve for two years:

The following has been nominated for election:

- Tommy McGrath (Roundwood BC)-proposed *by: Breda Connolly (Aer Lingus BC)-seconded by Brian Herman(Honorary Life Member)*

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As Tommy was the only nomination received, he as deemed to be elected as President of Leinster Badminton to serve for 2 years.

i) Election of not more than three vice-presidents to serve for two years.

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- Mary Dinan (Honorary Life Member) – *Proposed by Christina Smith (Baldoyle District BC) – Seconded by Michael Smith (Baldoyle District BC)*
- Jean Kelly (YAC's) – *Proposed by Joe Byrne (Ailesbury BC) – Seconded by Roy Cobbe (Portarlinton)*

J) Election of Three members of the Executive Committee to serve for two years consecutively

The following have been nominated for election:

1. Catherine Smyth (KADCA JNR BC) – *Proposed by Breda Connolly(Aer Lingus) – Seconded by David Murphy (PSLC)*
2. Aoife Lennon (Old Bawn BC) – *Proposed by Joe Byrne (Ailesbury BC) – Seconded by Karen Nelson (Old Bawn BC)*
3. Mark Topping (South Dublin BC) – *Proposed by Ken Edgeworth (South Dublin BC) – seconded by Philip McKeown (Old School BC)*

The members of the Executive Committee who have retired according to the Rules of the Branch are: Breda Connolly (Aer Lingus BC) & Jenny Ní Mhaoileoin (Old Bawn)

k) Election of Honorary Treasurer

1. Kevin McGrath (Raheny BC) – *Proposed by Roy Cobbe (Portarlinton) – Seconded by David Murphy (PSLC)*

l) Approval of Executive proposals for rule changes

A lot of work was put into this project by both Dick O'Rafferty and Brian Herman. The President thanked them both for doing so. Clarification was sought on a number of issues

Rule 3.8 was raised by Amanda Dunlop who asked if the amount quoted in it was per annum,, some discussion took place and it was decided that this rule be reviewed and brought back to meeting next year.

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As the proposed changes were accepted, the amended rules were proposed by Michael Smith and seconded by Veronica Farrelly.

M) Presentations of Honorary Life Membership

- Avril Dungan (Ex Leagues & Cups) – Proposed by David Murphy (PSLC) and seconded by Tommy McGrath (Roundwood BC)
- **Jim Callan (Louth BA) - Proposed by Jenny Ní Mhaoileoin (Old Brawn BC) and seconded by Kevin McGrath (Raheny BC)**

Tommy McGrath welcomed Avril and her family and friends to the meeting and handed over to David Murphy who spoke of Avril's lifelong love of the game, welfare of the players and her personal commitment to both Whitehall Road and the League and Cups Committee and looked after all three accordingly.

Avril accepted the Certificate and said she enjoyed every minute of it, thanked everyone and said Badminton is all about the club players. She thank the Executive and in particular Joe and David and commended the new BPL.

Tommy McGrath then welcomed Jim Callan to the meeting. Jim's family were delayed in traffic and it was agreed to proceed without them. Tommy handed over to Damien Kelly to say a few words.

Damien talked about Jims accomplishments and said Jim is a most worthy recipient of this honour. He talked about how he played at the highest level, his efforts to promote the game, his success and dedication to coaching. He summarised by saying Jim always went beyond the call of duty for the game.

Jim accepted the award and thank everyone and said he greatly appreciated the honour.

The Chairman then made the following Presentations to:

- i) Mark Topping and Cheryl Evans to mark their achievements in the Masters.
- ii) Breda Connolly as a token of thanks for her contribution to the game and Leinster while she was a member of the Executive committee.

N) AOB

1. Brian Kelly asked that it be recorded that best wishes are sent to Scott Evans and Cloe, who are en route to the Olympics. Everyone agreed with this.
2. A query was raised about the website and RC advised a new one has been launched and asked everyone to access and use it. RC mentioned that suggestions for changes/improvements are always welcome. It was suggested that if events are on the front page, it would be more user friendly.
3. Garda Vetting: Kevin mentioned that the Garda Vetting process is changing dramatically and will in future be linked to Data Protection. Clubs need to be aware- These changes are advised on the Badminton Ireland website
4. Aidan spoke about workload of Umpires and asked if people could get more into umpiring. Tommy asked if clubs could promote getting players involved as Umpires.



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Tommy welcomed and thanked Jim Callan's family as they arrived. He thanked the Office Staff for their work over the last season.

The Chairman then presented the general secretary with a bouquet and wished her well as she commenced her maternity leave.

With no further business, Tommy McGrath thanked everyone for attending and brought the AGM to a close.