

Thursday 15th October 2015 @ 8pm

Terenure Badminton Centre

Present: Tommy McGrath (President, in the chair)
Roy Cobbe (Chairman)
Siobhán Dollard (General Secretary)
Breda Connolly (BI President, Leinster Executive, Aer Lingus)
Dave Murphy, Vinod Pillay, Catherine Smyth (Executive Committee)
Brian Herman, Declan McGinn (Trustees)
Mike Cronin (Cronin & Company)
Dick O'Rafferty, Tom McGrath, Joe Buckley, PJ Cooney, Gay Dinan, Muriel Moles, Gay Sullivan, Joe Buckley, Gabriel Dinan (Honorary Life Members)
Brian Kelly (Ex PRO)
Ronan Rooney (BI Chairman)
John Kelly (Leinster), Lesley Cobbe (SWLBL Secretary), Chris Fusco (Mt Pleasant), Nigel Boyne (Mt Pleasant), Ronan Sweeney (Old School), Avril Dungan (Ex L&C's), Lynn McCrave (Dublin Schools), Veronica Farrelly (L&C's)

Apologies: Jean Kelly & Mary Dinan (Vice-Presidents), Seamus Halpin (Leinster Executive), Loftus Warren (Life Member), Catherine Hughes (Holywell BC), Donal Mangan (Old School), Francis Reed (St Brigids)

Before the meeting starts Tommy McGrath asks everybody to stand for a minutes silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the recent Carrickmines tragedy.

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

Tommy would like to pay special thanks to Roy Cobbe, Siobhán Dollard and Brian Herman who have worked tirelessly to get the accounts up to date.

On behalf of the Leinster Executive Tommy would like to apologise for bringing everyone back to approve 2014 Leinster Accounts. The 2014 Draft Accounts were approved by the Leinster Executive at last night's meeting. He hands over to Mike Cronin from Cronin and Company to go through the proposed 2014 Leinster Accounts.

Mike explains that compiling the 2014 accounts was a more complicated task than initially thought but with the help of Roy Cobbe and Brian Herman they have compiled full financial statements for 2014 showing a surplus of €16,660. He will give the meeting an overview of figures and asks that questions are held until he has finished.

Mike brings the meetings attention to pages 6/7 and goes through income/expenditure, explaining that they tried to break down figure as much as possible, there is a decrease in income compared with 2013-2014. He then refers to page 17 which lists expenses, there is a figure against bad debts but as there was no one on hand to explain this figure they had to reverse the 2013 figure as discussed with Roy and Brian. Mike then runs through the Assets

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and Liabilities of the Branch and the Cash Flow Statement for year ending 2014. He opens the floor for questions.

Tommy thanks Mike for the comprehensive explanation of the 2014 financial statements and invites questions.

Declan McGinn (Trustee) asks for the figures for Bank Charges can be explained - €17,940 on page 8 and €3,608 on page 17. Mike clarifies that €17,940 was interest only and €3,608 was Bank Charges only.

Joe Buckley (Honorary Life Member) asks why the position of Honorary Treasurer is vacant. Tommy explains that there were no figures / financial information being provided by the Treasurer for some time so the Leinster Executive had no alternative than to ask him to step down from his position as Treasurer.

Dick O'Rafferty (DOR) ask if the Auditors can investigate the monies owed by Midland to Leinster Branch (page 10) as it states that €54,955 is owed to Leinster but will Leinster ever receive this money, it is misleading. Mike confirms that this would be a Committee decision but suggests figure could be moved from current assets to long term assets, alternatively a footnote could be added that monies owed are not reclaimable in one year. RC confirms that this has to be shown as a figure but can be looked at differently in the future.

Avril Dungan (Ex L&Cs) asks that if the Branch only made €16,660 profit last year then how they can afford to pay over €6,000 a month in loan repayments. Mike explains that there were repayments to loan of €75,000 made last year and more borrowings were drawn down which wouldn't be happening every year, repayments should be decreasing year on year.

Brian Herman supports DOR re figure relating to Midland and states that a note is needed explaining that it is not due to be repaid within one year.

Gay Dinan questions why there is a decrease in court hire and asks if court hire used during Branch Events is shown in figures. Tommy states that courts were closed due to repairs which could have impacted court hire. RC states that court hire during Branch Events should be included, this will have to be looked at.

Chris Fusco (CF) queries juvenile rate after 6pm in Baldoyle. Joe Byrne (JB) confirms there is a daily rate and evening rate in both Centres which applies to adults and juveniles. David Murphy can review this with Baldoyle Committee.

CF asks why there was a big decrease in coaching/squad income 2013's figure is €45,942 down to €19,941, JB confirms these figures have to be investigated further as this was already highlighted by the Executive.

Lynn McCrave (Dublin Schools Badminton) asks are the Schools League Fee's included in competitions figure? Lynn states that she is involved in schools badminton for many years and

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has never seen schools fees in the accounts, she would like to know what proportion of fees go back into schools badminton. RC responds that as new Chairman he has got bogged down with non-badminton related issues but he has Ciarán Flynn's details and will arrange a meeting to discuss Schools Badminton, Lynn can be involved in this meeting also.

Gay Sullivan asks could the court hire figure for Baldoyle and Terenure Court Hire appear separately. Mike states that for 2015 accounts if the Committee agree they can work towards breaking down the figures into more sub-categories to give better clarity on amounts.

John Kelly would like to commend the Executive on getting to this point as a lot of time is spent discussing accounts, it's good to see the Executive have a system in place to ease the workload of accounts. Tommy adds that the Executive are working on putting measures in place so accounts are kept up to date and past mistakes are not repeated.

Ronan Sweeney asks for an explanation for the decrease in 2014 figures for Cleaning and Light & Heat. BH states that Kay Eaton retired in April 2014 which could account for the decrease in cleaning figure, also the heat and electric bills were moved to Energeia which allows for savings in 2014.

With no further queries, adoption of the 2014 Accounts was proposed by Brian Herman and seconded by Gay Sullivan and agreed by the Meeting.

RC would like to clarify as there is no sitting Honorary Treasurer he will sign off on accounts as Leinster Chairman, this is agreed by the meeting.

With no further business, Tommy McGrath thanks everyone for attending tonight and brought the EGM to a close.