



Terenure Badminton Centre (Midland Branch Badminton Club)

Report to Leinster Badminton AGM

For year ended 31 December 2015

Committee Members: Joe Byrne, Anne Kelly (Honorary Secretary), John Scully, Ronan Sweeney (Honorary Treasurer), Barbara Chivers, Fearghal Kearney (Chairperson), Barry Gallagher, Tommy McGrath (President)

Trustees: Joe Buckley, Brian O'Connor

The committee welcomed new members Joe Byrne, Barbara Chivers and Ronan Sweeney in 2015 and also two new trustees in Joe Buckley and Brian O'Connor whom have been heavily involved at committee level for a long number of years. The committee would like to extend its thanks to outgoing trustees Brian Herman and Dick O'Rafferty for their valued years of service and advice that spanned a number of decades.

The following clubs are resident in Terenure Badminton Centre in 2015

- Ailesbury (Adult/League)
- Pembroke)Adult/League)
- Viking (Adult/League)
- Old School (Adult/League)
- South Dublin (Adult/League)
- Eire Friends (Adult/League)
- De La Salle (Adult/Social)
- Flying Arrows (Special Olympics)
- Whitehall Juvenile (Juvenile)

The court usage continues to be high particularly at peak times from Monday through Friday with a number of schools renting courts during daytime hours. Weekend court usage, while steady, has room for improvement outside of tournaments. Better visibility and access to bookings for the paying public is a priority that is being examined.

In addition to courts, the centre also has the following amenities which are provided either by a third party or direct

- Art Classes (Winter months – Mondays)
- Yoga (Evening classes)
- Pilates (Evening classes)
- Montessori School (Mon-Fri Mornings)
- Physio & Massage Therapists (appointment)



The committee are delighted to welcome the new Montessori school that commenced operations in the main function room in September 2015.

Bar & Function

The bar and function had a comparable year in terms of revenue to 2014. Club bars continue to face challenges in attracting footfall. The committee are continually exploring avenues to drive more traffic by way of events and parties.

The two pool tables and reintroduction of darts playing area are having a positive impact on bar sales. A number of pool tournaments are now held on an ongoing basis and the club has two teams in the Dublin south-west pool challenge.

Hall & Grounds

The continuing upkeep and maintenance of the centre and grounds is a costly affair. While the centre underwent a significant upgrade in 2010, there are areas that require attention which are the carpark and roof. Intermittent issues with moisture on the roof of the 4 court hall has resulted in some disruption and this is a priority area for the committee to address in conjunction with the Leinster Executive.

The carpark has fallen into a state of serious disrepair particularly at the front of the centre. This is due to a number of bad winters and lack of surfacing investment over the past number of years. Costs are currently being sought and a proposal will go to the incoming Leinster Executive to address this from a health and safety perspective.

Outlook for 2016

The committee has set an aggressive budget for 2016 and as of 31 March is on target to meet it. There is good visibility on revenues for the bar and function room to the summer and the committee is now focused on the second half of the year.

A number of fundraising events have and will take place. The next event is a Race Night which will take place on Saturday 21st May next. We encourage you to attend if not, buy a horse while you still can!

A charity graded open is scheduled for Saturday 11th June in aid of Dogs for the Disabled which is being run in conjunction with Old School BC. This will be followed by a table quiz that night.

The sustainability of the centre is dependent on its patrons whether they be in the bar, attending classes or playing on the courts. The continued hard work and passion of the staff and volunteers is appreciated very much by the committee and we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank them.

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