



## Leinster Chairman's Report for 2017/2018

I have now completed 3 years as Chairman of Leinster Badminton. The past year has been a really busy and sometimes frustrating year.

On the court Scott retired from competitive badminton and has started a career at coaching. I wish him all the best with that. Nhat continues to impress with some great results in singles in in doubles with Paul. I wish them and all our players well in the coming season.

Well done to Leinster Inter County winners Laois grade 1, Kildare grade 2, Dublin grades 3 & 4 and Westmeath grade 5. Laois grade 1 and Dublin grade 4 also went on to win all Ireland titles. Well done to them. At juvenile level Kildare and Dublin won two Leinster titles each and went on to make it a clean sweep at All Ireland level winning all age groups. A super achievement. Congratulations to Leinster Inter – League winners Johnswell grade 1, Baltinglass grade 2, Kilmessan grade 3, Mullingar grade 4, Nomads grade 5 and Mullingar grade 6 and all the best to those teams in the All Irelands in Limerick.

My thanks to the YACS committee who continue to promote our under age players and got great success at Celtic Challenges, Nottingham and Inter Pros. Due to a clash of dates the Inter Pros and Nottingham events were on the same weekend and it was great to be able to enter a team in both under 17/18 events. Showing the province has strength in depth at this age and both teams did very well.

Our Leinster Senior Team has once again reached the play-offs in the English Inter Counties and we wish them all the very best in that. My thanks to team manager Siobhán and selectors Cheryl and Seamus for all their work.

My thanks to the CAC committee and all the league organisers in the province for all their good work. Without all these volunteers badminton in the province would not be so strong and as always there is plenty of room for more volunteers to get involved.

I would like to thank a very hard working Executive Committee for all their work behind the scenes during the season. A particular word of thanks to Kevin who is doing so much hard work and gives up so much of his time for Leinster Badminton. My thanks to Tommy who steps down as President for all his support since I took this position and look forward to working with the new President.

My thanks to our Trustees for their help and support. Declan is stepping down and two new Trustees are coming on board. I would like to that Declan and welcome Siobhán Grehan and Tommy McGrath to their new roles.

A big thank you to BI and all the staff for their help during the season. They are very approachable and I would impress on you all not to be afraid to contact them with any problem you have. They are really very helpful.

My thanks to all our sponsors for their continued support especially Yonex who signed a new deal during the year and Turkish Airlines.

During the year we had a Special General Meeting at which you the members agreed to allow us sell part on the site at Terenure for houses subject to planning permission being given. As I write this we are still in negotiations with the developer on an agreed contract for the site so hopefully by the time the AGM is on we can have this agreed.

I could not do this job without the help of so many people and I do find it frustrating sometimes that I cannot spend more time on Badminton activities and not on other aspects of the job but I knew when I took it on that that would all be part of the task.

Finally as I said last year it is an honour for me to be Chairman of LB and I could not do this without the support of my family and I thank them for that.

Regards

**Roy Cobbe**