



## Chairman's Report 2018/2019

I have now come to the end of my 4 years as Leinster Chairman. The last year has been extremely busy on and off the court.

On the court Knat and some of our other young players continue to impress and get great results in tournaments around the globe. Well done to all of them that represent us so well. YACS can take credit for most of these as they have come up through the system. Well done to all our under age teams as well that achieved so much during the season with success in the Celtic Challenges , The Inter pros and across the water in Nottingham and York . My thanks to the YACS for all they do for the top Juvenile players in the province.

Well done to the Leinster Inter county winners Laois grade 1, Dublin grade 2, Meath grades 3 and 4, and Dublin Grade 5. All these teams went on to represent the province in the BI All Ireland competition where the only winner we had was Meath in grade 4. Well done to them and the other counties that were unlucky on the day. Well done to the juvenile Inter county winners as well- Dublin under 13, Kildare under 15 and Dublin under 17.

Congratulations to the Leinster inter league winners Kilmessan grade 1, Old School grade 2, Roundwood grade 3, Ardee grade 4 and Loughgar in grades 5 and 6. All the best to these teams who now go on to represent the Province in the All Ireland competition later in May in the NIA .

Our senior team gained promotion to the premier league in the English Inter Counties last season and performed really well to gain enough points to remain in the grade. Well done to all the players involved and to Aishling Ryan who took on the task of manager for the season. A job well done.

I would like to thank a very hard working executive committee for all their work during the year and a special word of thanks to Kevin who gives up a huge amount of his time working for LB.

My thanks to our Trustees for all their help and advice not just this year but for the last four years. My thanks also to our sponsors Yonex and Turkish Airlines - It's very much appreciated.

Over the last 4 years I have depended on our staff to do lot of work to help me and I would like to thank Siobhan, Jean, Iris, Marie and Betty for all they have done to help.

Last year the members gave us permission to enter a contract agreement to sell part of the site in Terenure. We did agree a contract and signed it but because of planning problems and a slightly depressed market for the type of house they had planned building there they came back to us with a reduced offer for the site. We could not accept this offer and the deal was called off. The positive outcome for us here is that we now know that with strict guidelines planning would likely be passed for

this site and we now are looking for another developer to make us an offer for this. We will of course go back to our members if we get an offer for approval.

Leinster Badminton, I feel, is in a very good and strong place at the moment. This is due to a huge amount of people that volunteer to help running the sport whether its opening or closing the hall each night, coaching beginners young and not so young, arranging and running leagues or inter county events or even coming along to support .I do feel the potential for more players is huge and that has to be our goal for the future.

Before I finish I would like to thank my family who have always helped me and supported me with this role and the other roles I find myself involved in. I could not do it without them.

*Roy Cobbe*

Chairman

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