



**Terenure Badminton Centre
(Midland Branch Badminton Club)**

Report to Leinster Badminton AGM

For Year ended 31st December 2019

Committee Members: Joe Byrne (Chairman), Grainne Kinnerk (Honorary Treasurer),
Catherine Smyth (President Leinster Badminton)
Jean Kelly, Ita Marron, David Murphy, Eamon McKay , Adrienne Taylor,
David Murphy, Eamon Mc Kay

Trustees: David Hogan

Midland Secretary Anne Kelly resigned during the year. We would like to express many thanks to Anne for all her hard work over the many years in which she served as the Secretary on the Midland Committee.

New committee member seconded to the committee during the year – Eamon Mc Kay.

The following clubs are resident in Terenure Badminton Centre in 2019/20 Season

- Ailesbury (Adult/League)
- Pembroke (Adult/League)
- Viking (Adult/League)
- Old School (Adult/League)
- South Dublin (Adult/League)
- The Titans (Adult/League)
- De La Salle (Adult/Social)
- Flying Trojans (Special Olympics)
- Whitehall Juvenile (Juvenile)

In addition to courts, the centre also has the following amenities which are provided by third parties on a rental basis.

- "Amazing Minds" Montessori School (Mon – Fri Mornings)
- Barbara's Art Classes (Winter Months - Tuesday & Wednesday)
- Slimming Ireland (Every Thursday Evenings) – New Operator
- Physio & Massage Therapists (By Appointment)



Bar & Functions Operations

Last season the committee continued with a high activity “Calendar of Events” within the bar to try maximize this Centre's asset, these included organised in-house activities which involved the following:

- A third season of Table Quiz League fun over 5 months
- Special music Nights by RUGS and a Sing- A-Long night
- A second Christmas Festive Craft fare
- Christmas Party for the centre
- Continued promotion of the “Corporate Night “ Package
- Provision of Food for all Leinster Badminton Activities in the Centre
- External Parties / Functions / Table Quizzes, etc

Together with these in-house activities we have also encouraged our resident and local badminton clubs to make use of the Terenure bar facility for their own fundraising activities and / or for social and celebration purposes.

We would like to like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those clubs for considering and using the Terenure Centre for their own Club functions and to all those members that have supported and come along to the many and varied Centre's activities we have run.

As a result of the continued “high activity” within the bar this has ensured that in 2019 the bar generated a profit of €5,500. The final figure is subject to the Draft Terenure accounts being audited. Thanks to Grainne for looking after our accounts – it is very much appreciated.

Maintaining a high activity requires constant activity and energy and really requires the employment of a part time Bar Manager. Regrettably we have not had any success in retaining or recruiting a bar manager, and since February 2019 the bar and activities have been managed by the committee on a voluntary basis.

The continued hard work by all the Bar Staff is very much appreciated by all the committee.

The majority of our bar staff have been working in Terenure for a number of years, operating without the guidance of a Bar Manager. Many have worked on their own initiative and all have shared tasks as required. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank them for the commitment and hard work.

Last year the Committee made the decision to take a three-month Summer break by closing the bar activities from June to September coinciding with end of Badminton season. This decision was taken to save operational expenses during the quieter summer period. It also allowed the opportunity to undertake a complete re-paint and make over take place in the Bar.

Many thanks to all the committee for their time and effort in doing this work and to other volunteers not on the committee, most notably Mary Byrne, Philip and Niamh McKeown, for help in the painting and decorating. The upgrading of the bar turn out really well, a lot of positive comments.



We also made a number of decisions during the year which impacted on our income but were deemed necessary for safety of staff and to have a more focused Club friendly Terenure Centre.

This involved the decision to

- (A) Host no more 18th Parties, unless personally known to us and family focused,
- (B) Cessation of Terenure partaking in the Pool League and applying a more stringent Pavilion Policy.

The impact of Covid in late March has seen the Bar closed and its future opening uncertain. This will generate new and tougher challenges for the Midland committee and the Centre operations overall, both in the bar and the function rooms. A more holistic approach will be needed to navigate through these new times. The Midland Committee looks forward to working with the Executive Committee and Office / Centre Staff in that regard.

On a personal note, I wish to retire as Chairman of the Midland Branch having managed it for past three years. It has been hard work but rewarding in that we have seen the upgrade of the bar and, the accounts return to profitability.

I would like to thank each and every one of the committee for their hard work and commitment.

Joe Byrne

Chairman Midland Branch – July 2020