

BALDOYLE BAR COMMITTEE

Secretary's report April 2024

The Baldoyle Bar Committee re-opened the bar in May 2023. The re-opening has proven to be highly successful with all profits generated from the bar being used to fund refurbishment works in the bar and the Centre.

The bar is run entirely on a voluntary basis by the bar committee and by a group of volunteer bartenders. There was also a weekend last October where about thirty-five volunteers attended over a Saturday & Sunday to help paint & renovate the bar and helped to clean and renovate the Badminton Centre building and to arrange planting and general tidying of the outside surrounds of the building. All materials required for the renovations / refurbishment works were funded by profits generated from the operation of the bar.

Initially, we opened the bar every Thursday night and then, from the commencement of the badminton season in September, we extended opening to every Saturday night. The bar has also been opened for the major weekend badminton tournaments, for every night of the LBBUI cup semi-finals and finals and for all the nights of the LBBUI league playoffs. In particular, the week of the cup finals was a resounding success for the bar and the committee are very appreciative of all the compliments offered to us throughout that week.

The bar has also hosted functions such as a quiz night for a local residents' association and several birthday parties. The aim of the committee is to build on the success of this 1st year and to continue to grow the bar business in order to assist in funding the ongoing renovations of the bar and the Badminton Centre.

Whilst there are the obvious financial benefits that accrue from the successful operation of the bar it is also a core objective of our bar committee that the bar is open and available, as a facility, for the use and enjoyment of the Leinster and wider badminton community (such as the week of the cup finals)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for managing the running of the bar, the voluntary bartenders who work behind the bar, all the volunteers from October who spent many hours in the Bar and Centre carrying out the wide range of refurbishment work and those members who continue the refurbishment works on a continual and ongoing basis. I would also like to acknowledge the generous contribution of various "professional" persons who have freely given of their expertise, guidance, equipment, and assistance in areas such as carpentry works, electrical works and interior decorating.

Tom Gorman

Secretary

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