

Balrothery Tennis Club AGM 2024
Thursday 14th March 2024 at 6:45pm
Balbriggan Library Turret Room

AGM order of Business (circulated in advance)

- 1 Welcome by Chair
- 2 Approval of Minutes 2023 (circulated in advance)
- 3 Motion to accept updated constitution (circulated in advance)
- 4 Captains Report/Director of Tennis Reports
- 5 Secretary's Report
- 6 Club Buildings and Development Report
- 7 Treasurer's Report
- 8 Child Protection update
- 9 Election of New Officers to Committee
- 10 AOB

Members In attendance

Sinead Cassin, Sheila Baxter, Miranda Andrews, Edel Coffey, Steen Larsen, Johanna Maldonado, Leo Matteo (LM) , Sinead Cody, Adele Reddin, Lisa McGrane, Tomas Rubacek.

Committee in Attendance

Sheila Gallen (SG - Chair), Rosie Duffy (RD - Ladies Captain), Ivana Gorman (IG - Treasurer), Aliceia Rugg (AR - Secretary), Anthony Mills (AM - Facilities Development), Jimmy Boylan (JB - Men's Captain)

Apologies

Fiona Farrell, Noel Jordan (NJ – Director of Tennis), Tomas Razinsky (TR – PR), Gillian Murtagh, Katrina Mooney.

1 Welcome by Chair

SG welcomed all and gave overview of the club's year -

- Membership numbers maintained post covid peak
- Increased social and internal competition play
- Public access since January 2024
- Coaching covered by Maria Petina and we welcome back Tanya Grazulis, both coaches will now provide club coaching
- Enjoy Tennis / Parks Tennis continue to operate on courts for the wider community
- Club constitution has number of changes to be ratified – namely
 - Membership access and structures
 - Child protection policy adherence
 - Public Access

- Expanded committee structure
- Waste policy
- Removal of Rules and Health & Safety statement (separate documents)
- See below point 3
- Club investment in facilities and events. New personal accident cover undertaken by the club to cover all members' medical expenses.
- Thanks to departing committee members – IG & AR have been on the committee 4 years, taking the club from tarmac to Astro and members from 40 to 230.
- Welcome to new committee members – new role being undertaken by Edel Gallagher will cover all coaching and community access, and PR/website.

2 Approval of Minutes 2023 (circulated in advance)

Minutes of 2023 were approved.

3 Motion to accept updated constitution (circulated in advance)

Proposed changes were outlined in Chair's report above. The changes were approved.

4 Captains Report/Director of Tennis Reports

Men's Captains Report

JB reported great participation in internal social and competition. New members encouraged and supported to integrate. DLTC success in each league where teams exited the group stage. Internal singles competition generated a lot of play/bookings, out of which a ladder was generated and posted on acebooks. Mixed socials consistently oversubscribed. JB thanked Men's subcommittee on behalf of himself and NJ - Steen, Leo and Stephen AM paid tribute to Jimmy's policy of inclusivity.

Ladies Captain Report

RD reported a successful year for ladies tennis. Increased DLTC entries with two finals reached. Club night through the winter to keep players engaged and help integrate new members. Successful open day last summer opened the facility to the public and our sponsors, with the announcement of our build plans and visit by the CEO of Tennis Ireland. Thank you to her vice Sheila Baxter and all volunteers who help run and maintain the club. Looking forward to an even better year ahead.

5 Secretary's report

AR reported a successful year and a smooth running of operations and planned division of the secretary role. Stepping down, she thanked everyone for the support over the years.

6 Club Buildings and Development Report

AM reported on progress of build plans with Fingal council, originally to commence February, but ongoing back and forth of design and agreement of funding total have hampered commencement. Prep work is now going to tender, which had not been envisioned before. Kevin Tolan is acting on our behalf in managing the bill of works. Expected timeline now -

- April/May – tender & responses
- May/ June – turning a sod, groundworks ready for arrival of prebuilt clubhouse

Weather could be a barrier to commencement of works.

Practice wall not included in initial development.

AM/LM/NJ were working with Balrothery community groups in applying for Community Climate Action Fingal funding, which would potentially benefit the tennis club with solar panels, water station, bike rack, recycling etc.

LM noted that additional volunteers are welcome for this initiative and ability to recycle tennis balls are part of the plan.

7 Treasurer Report

IG provided an update referring to Financials circulated in hardcopy at the meeting. The club's finances are sound with a closing balance of €29,423 as at 31st December 2023 and income exceeding expenses. Following that, there was good discussion amongst the members and encouragement to propose what to spend the surplus on to benefit the club and its members.

8 Child Protection update

AR confirmed that the club is compliant with rules and regulations once constitution change goes through. Current child protection officers certified to level 1, year 2. Liaison Officer required on committee, currently AR. SG will complete level 3 course to comply and undertake the role. Documentation handover to new Secretary in the coming weeks. AR invited volunteers to undertake level one training.

9 Election of New Officers to Committee

Office	Candidate	Proposer & Second
Chair	Sheila Gallen	Sheila Baxter / Miranda Andrews
Treasurer	Leo Matteo	JB / AR
Secretary	Steen Larsen	Miranda Andrews / Lisa McGrane
Membership Secretary	Fiona Farrell	Sinead Cody / Sinead Cassin
Ladies Captain	Rosie Duffy	AR / Sinead Cassin
Mens Captain	Jimmy Boylan	AM / IG
PR & Coaching	Edel Gallagher	SG / IG
Director Of Tennis	Noel Jordan	JB / AM

Development	Anthony Mills	JB / IG
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AOB

Sinead Cassin thanked the Committee for their work.

The Committee thanked Fingal County Council for ongoing support and maintenance.

AGM concluded at 8:00pm