

Balrothery Balbriggan Tennis Club

AGM 29th April 2020

Meeting chaired by - Sinead Cassin, Chairperson

Location – over zoom

Attendees

Sinead Cassin (Chair)

Sheila Gallen (Secretary)

Sally McAuley (Ladies Capt./Covid19 Officer)

Stephen Gormley (Men's Capt.)

Paula McGrath (treasurer)

Ivana Gorman (membership officer)

Alicea Rugg(child protection officer)

Leo Matteo(child protection officer)

Tanya Grazulienie (club coach)

Laura Murtagh

Gillian McGoey

George Blaine

Rosie Duffy

Introduction by Chair

- Thanks to attendees, our first AGM over zoom. Rescheduled from April due to covid19.
- Thank you to outgoing committee members Paula McGrath and Sheila Gallen

Overview of year by Secretary

- Courts upgraded from 3 tarmac to 4 astro with new LED lighting. Out of action from 8th July, reopened 19th September. Upgrade not complete, still awaiting usage of 4th court and lighting of 2 courts. Fingal working with contractor to complete and reopen courts fully to club and public.
- Over 100 hours of club coaching to members and public, very popular since court upgrade
- Club entries in DLTC mixed, summer and floodlit
- Club night / ladies night / men's ladder
- Weekend events / outreach coaching / school coaching
- Growth in membership and demand since courts upgraded
- Ivana Gorman stepped in to help with membership management early 2020, many thanks to her.

Changes to anticipate

- Planning for a new clubhouse facility with Fingal's support, fund raising will be required. Current container too close to upgraded facility, no longer fit for purpose.
- Electricity charges expected to quadruple with new LEDs
- Formalize use of courts from Fingal Council (Swords pay upto €600 a year)
- Capitation fee (per member) for Tennis Ireland, previously waived however membership will need to allow for it.
- Maintenance of the new courts – equipment and contract, between our selves and Fingal Council.

Membership planning

- Currently all interaction is restricted but when restrictions relaxed we need to be able to resume club events / leagues / socials with a larger membership.
- Club constitution and regulations need to be upgraded in line with covid19 restrictions and future relationships with Fingal Council and public access.

Finance by Treasurer

- Overview of records, closing balance up 38% on previous year due to increase in membership fee and memberships.
- Electricity charges greatly increased with upgrade to LED lighting
- Club coaching almost broke even prior to court upgrade, made a small profit since upgrade.
- Proposal to use revolut card to minimize cash usage and increase use of bank account for reconciliation - for review by incoming treasurer.

Membership overview by Membership Officer

- Currently 75 adult members, increase of 25 from last year.
- Over 30 on our waiting list (closed), first time ever!
- 40-50% utilization of courts in booking system
- Proposal to take on new members in coming month
- Proposal to use booking system to run social nights during the next phase

Impact of HSE restrictions by Covid19 Officer

- Successful reopening of club in phase 1, phase 2 underway with reduced supervision and increased access to members.
- Proposal to issue membership cards as membership grows.
- Booking system very successful, thank you to Leo for configuring and managing.

Child protection by Child Protection Officer

- All systems in place, refresh of documents and signage required once junior tennis resumes. No parks tennis or junior tennis scheduled this summer with HSE restrictions.
- Proposal that all committee members be garda vetted. If and when child protection courses recommence, encourage more members to partake.

Coaching – Tanya

- Private coaching busy, no schedule yet for club coaching

GDPR (Secretary)

- Database and contact details up to date and past members removed.
- Updated membership form in use, currently no requirement for junior membership form.
- Annual cleardown of photos online with past members to be completed.

Positions available on the committee

Treasurer – Ivana Gorman

- Proposed by Sinead Cassin
- 2nd by Sally McAuley

Secretary – Aliceia Rugg

- Proposed by Sinead Cassin
- 2nd by Sheila Gallen

Club development officer – Sheila Gallen

- Proposed by Sinead Cassin
- 2nd by Rosie Duffy

All other positions remain.

AOB

Stephen Gorman raised the issue of lack of introduction/integration of new members due to covid19 restrictions. Suggest we encourage all members to introduce themselves when passing to and from the courts. Stephen and Sally continue to engage with their respective whatsapp groups and encourage interaction with new members.