



## **Ballinteer St Johns GAA Club AGM Minutes 2nd December 2022**

### **Agenda**

The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:

- (a) Adoption of Standing Orders.
- (b) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
- (c) Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary.
- (d) Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s).
- (e) The Chairperson's Address.
- (f) Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.
- (g) Notices of Motion.
- (h) Any Other Business

The Chairman Darren Chambers welcomed everybody and thanked them for attending, he also read the Standing Orders.

The Chairman stated there were two motions before the AGM and stated the rules around a member making a proposal.

The chairman then invited The Club Secretary Gerry Watchorne to present the Secretary's Report for 2022 and thanked him for his five years of service.

### **(a) Adoption of Standing Orders.**

Standing Orders were adopted unanimously

### **(b) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting (as read by Gerry Watchorne)**

The adoption of standing orders by the Chairman

The Treasurers report was read by Anne Keane ;

The Secretary's report was read by Gerry Watchorne.

The club accounts were read by Anne Keane which included the consideration of the auditors report

## **(c) Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary.**

2022 has been a memorable year for Ballinteer St John's celebrating our forty years as a club. We are lucky to still have so many of our founder members still active in the club to see their vision and dream come to fruition and grow to one of the biggest clubs in the Country.

This club has always been open and welcoming. I first started as a mentor in the Nursery 20 years ago and still retain the friendships made with mentors and players as we all continued our individual paths through club teams and committees. Our strength comes from our volunteers and so I would appeal to all members to volunteer and take part in any capacity as it all helps to keep the club strong and able to contend with all the new challenges as they arise.

Our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations continued throughout the year, commencing with the planting of 40 trees in Marlay Park to mark our 40 years. At Halloween weekend a film was produced telling our story and commemorating the forty years. In November we will have a Gala fortieth Anniversary dinner.

On administration, we have had ten full executive meetings since the last AGM and in addition many sub meetings to deal with particular issues as they arose. The executive review Registrations, child welfare, treasurer updates, health and wellbeing, bar, and team updates and many other issues. In March we commenced a recruitment campaign for a new coaching Officer and in October we welcomed Paraic McDonald joining us as Director of Coaching & Player Development, focusing on the key areas of coach education and player development from the nursery to senior level.

This year we were still recovering from the impacts and threat of Covid but in spite of that we had a very successful year in sport. The introduction of new initiatives such as the U19 competitions impacted hurling and football as players were in demand across many teams but thanks to managers and mentors working together we were able to meet our commitments.

Our year book contains detailed reports and photographs from all our teams so I will just give a short overview of each code below.

In Camogie 2022 saw large numbers coming through our Juvenile section and the retention of players feeding into the Adult section. This year we fielded 35 teams across CCC1, CCC2, Minor and Adult. We are currently fielding 24 teams in Go Games and 7 teams in our CCC2 section.

This year we entered a Minor team in League and Championship and ended the year as Division 3 County Champions. Well done to the players and their Management team, Padraic O'Heithir, Colm O'Callaghan and Neil Leslie.

We fielded three adult teams in Senior 2, Intermediate 2 and Junior 5 in League and Championship. Our senior team managed by Karl O'Keeffe and his backroom team had tremendous success and ended the year as unbeaten Champions in both League and Senior 2 Championship. We look forward to a return to Division 1 in 2023.

Thanks to all mentors and volunteers and to Lorna Doran, BSJ Camogie Secretary, County Board Delegates, Conor Dolan and John Wall. Conor is stepping down from the role of delegate to the County Board after many years and we acknowledge the huge contribution he has made both in his role as Mentor to our Juvenile and Adult camogie teams and the tremendous work he has done on behalf of the club.

In Ladies Football there are currently 797 adults, youths and G4MO (Gaelic for Mothers and Others) players registered with Ballinteer St. Johns. This is the first year that we had a G4MO section and we must thank Niamh Minogue-Jones for her work in this area. The club had three teams competing at every age group except u-16 and minor this year. The Ladies Football Games and Co-ordination committee started work this year and it is hoped that the work of the committee will contribute significantly to the growth and development of ladies football in the club in the coming years.

Thanks to all mentors and volunteers and to Paul Leahy LGFA Secretary and Board delegate. Thanks too to Eamonn Naughton and Alan Garvin who are stepping away this year who have contributed so much to the development and success of the Ladies Senior team over the last years.

Our Senior Hurlers season started with Division 1 league match in February and completed the season in October in the semi-final of the Senior 2 Hurling championship in Parnell Park. Good luck to senior team manager Jim Maguire who is stepping down after three years in the role as manager and five years with the club. Our Intermediate hurlers had a

disappointing league in Division 4 however undaunted this team contested the Junior A championship reaching the quarter final against a strong Commercials side that went on to win the championship. The Junior hurlers had a good league campaign winning 8 out of 11 matches to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 8 and reaching the semi final in the E championship. Our under 17 hurlers played in Division 2 of the league and ended up 2nd to be promoted for next year and contested the U17 A championship.

Thanks to all mentors and volunteers and to the hurling committee Head of hurling Ken Sheehan and County Board delegate Sean Lane.

The senior footballers had a tough season due to the unavailability for long spells of a high number of players on county duty. However in the league they retained their Division 1 status for the 2023 season. In the championship the senior footballers reached the quarter final. The Intermediate team finished mid table in Division 4 and had a great run to the semi final of the Junior A championship. The Junior A team also retained their league status and will play in Division 7 again next year and also retained their Junior B championship status. The Junior C team struggled in both league and championship mainly due to difficulties in trying field teams. The under 21s went all the way the 2022 B championship final where they had a great win against Cuala. This year our under 21s started the A championship with a convincing win against St Sylvester's. Congratulations to Kieran Brennan club trustee who was inducted to the Laois hall of fame in 2022. Kieran won five Laois senior championships with his club St Josephs and represented his county between 1966 and 1978 receiving an All-Star nomination.

Thanks to all mentors and volunteers and to the Football committee Head of Football Chris Grady, Gerry O Donnell and County Board delegate Pat Smith. Well done to our All Stars who had a great day out in August at the National inclusion day in Croke Park.

Thanks to our Bingo, Lotto, Shop and bar committees who worked hard to get back in action following the on off demand of Covid and lockdown. In other events we had very successful summer camps in July, our family fun day returned this year and was a great success thanks to Keith O Meara and his team of volunteers. In July we also had our Golf Classic and a hugely demanding Longitude festival, thanks to all our organizers and volunteer stewards, this is a major source of revenue for the club. In May we had Darkness in to light for Pieta. This year, we have lost a number of club friends and members and we send condolences to their families and friends.

Thanks to all who have assisted me and the club this year and to all co coordinators, mentors and committee members that do so much for the club. This is my final AGM as secretary having served five terms in office. Thanks to the outgoing executive committee for all the hard work and dedication and best wishes to the incoming executive. Here's looking forward to the next 40 years.

**Secretary's Report was presented by Gerry Watchorne**

#### **(d) Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s).**

Hello everyone. Once again I'm here to present the club financial statements to you and to run through some of the key financial events of the year. Fortunately we have been less impacted by covid this year than the previous two years, although we can still see some of the impact of covid on our numbers, as I will discuss as we run through the key financial points.

Lets look at page 6 of the financial statements, and to the slide on screen (extra year included). As you can see, for the year ending June 2022, we are delighted to present a surplus of €86k. Where did this surplus come from?

There are a lot of factors in play here, but in summary we saw increased revenues, controlled costs, and MOST IMPORTANTLY, benefitted from covid supports.

The revenues detail is on page 13, and we see strong revenues in most areas, including lotto and bingo, which are both back at pre covid levels. Both committees have done great work in restarting and promoting these important revenue generating activities. Our members continue to support the club both through registration income and through our camp offering. Sponsorship revenue is also increasing and thanks to all our old and new sponsors and also the Executive members who work in this area! Our clothes bins are worth a mention, and we have to thank Kieran Brennan for his tireless attention to these and for his relentless search for recycled clothes to generate income. Finally the shop has also done really well this year and I thank our shop committee including Barbara, Niamh and Irene.

Moving on to expenses, (page 14) costs in most categories have increased, but this was to be expected as we had a full year of play and training this year as opposed to the covid impacted year last year. Team expenses are increasing, and the slides we look at now show team costs as a percentage of registrations increasing. Overall I think we have done a great job in controlling costs. Over the past 3 years I can see more mentors and managers getting on board with cost control and I think its important that we continue this into 2023.

Now moving to the bar, on page 15 ,we see that the bar is still loss making, but is doing much better in terms of revenue generation than it was last year. The new bar committee have done a great job in restarting the bar after covid, and revenues from this area are increasing month on month. I know the committee are also looking at new ways to promote and grow the bar area.

The Executive are delighted with this result, however as I usually do I am going to draw everyone's attention to a few factors that make this coming year challenging for us. On the slide now, I have taken our profit and added back the factors that we need to take into account. Covid supports on rates and insurance will not be available in 2023. **But the biggest challenge facing the club is undoubtedly the energy crisis.** We work with a broker to keep energy bills as low as possible but unfortunately as everyone knows, gas and electricity costs have risen by over 50% in the past few months. We estimate that this could cost us an additional €55k in the next year at least. We are working on a project to reduce energy consumption on both the awp and the clubhouse but these projects don't happen overnight and require capital investment.

We have revenue from many sources, including a few large sponsors, and again we thank all our sponsors, large and small, for their generous contributions to the club. However we must recognise the risk that one or more sponsors will be unable to continue support for 2023, therefore leaving us with a significant revenue gap.

We are also very aware that the GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association are likely to increase registration fees in 2023.

With the factors above, 2023 will be a challenging year, and therefore we have requested registration fee increases across most categories. We know this is a blow for some and we will never turn anyone away from the club for financial reasons. The increase is needed to fund the running of our club and all our teams. Without a fee increase, it may be necessary to limit our use of the all weather pitches and cut back on equipment and other supports for our teams.

Finally I want to thank all the people who have made my time as Treasurer so enjoyable and interesting. In particular Kieran, Rose and Mark, who run the clubhouse from day to day and make it such a great place to visit! I would like to thank the auditor Tim Regan, from Regan & Co. for his work this year and in previous years. And finally I need to thank my fellow executive members, who put so much extra time and effort into running the club from day to day.

**Treasurer's address, club accounts and Auditors Report read by Anne Keane.**

**The Chairman's address was given by Darren Chambers.**

## **Ballinteer St Johns – The Next Chapter**

As we conclude our celebrations for our club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary so wonderfully encapsulated in a fantastic evening of celebration a few weeks ago in the Raddison St Helens at our Gala Ball, I wish to acknowledge the tremendous vision, determination and hard work of the inspirational and forward-thinking people who founded our wonderful club. The legacy of what was started back in 1982 is really quite astonishing.

Today our club is the focal point and heartbeat of our local community. It provides so much more than simply a sporting outlet for our beloved Gaelic games. Ballinteer St Johns at 40 represents a community that welcomes all, and it is really something to be proud of.

At last year's AGM I spoke about our fantastic facilities – from our magnificent clubhouse where we are all meeting in tonight, to our All-Weather Pitch, and our facilities in Marlay Park, Broadford, and Loreto. I touched on what has been built here and achieved, has been secured not by good fortune, but by the countless hours of hard work by our many volunteers.

I am continually reminded of this as I see the challenges our growing club presently faces and will continue to face in the coming years. Our ambition as a club must always be looking to the future. The next chapter. We cannot stand still on the achievements of the past. We must continually look to improve our facilities to ensure our teams have the very best opportunities available to help them maximise their abilities.

This will take many forms – from continuing to work with our partners in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, local schools and evaluating other development projects for the club to consider.

We have long spoken about the importance of a ball wall, and I am delighted with the progress our committee overseeing this had made over the last 12 months. I wish to thank Mairead Scanlon and the committee for their hard work progressing this effort.

The investment in capital projects is something the club is firmly committed to, and the ring fencing of all monies raised from club stewarding at the concerts emphasised this. In the new year we will also install LED lights on our All-Weather Pitch. We are also actively planning other capital projects including the replacement of the All-Weather Pitch surface in 2024.

My commitment to our greatest asset – our players – was always to place them at the centre of all decisions I have made as chairperson of Ballinteer St Johns. It is crucial from the earliest possible age that our players are exposed to the very best coaching practices to ensure they develop as players and their potential maximised. To ensure this happens we must make sure our coaches have the best resources and training programs available to them. The appointment of Paraic McDonald in the newly formed role of Director of Coaching and Player Development is a significant and exciting development for the club. Paraic will work closely with the club executive and the strategic coaching group focussing on the key areas of coach education and player development from the nursery to elite status. He will liaise with local schools on ways the club can support the development of children in the area. We welcome Paraic and his family to BSJ and wish him every success in his role.

Whether it is on pitches coaching teams, or working on committees in the background, volunteers are the backbone of our club. I cannot stress the importance of the role these people play often enough.

As we experienced our first “normal” year in two years since covid took over our lives the need for people to volunteer and help in all areas of the club was clearly demonstrated. Volunteerism is a part of the great GAA tradition and culture, and we need *still more* people to join in and help us continue to grow and thrive.

Undoubtedly the pandemic significantly impacted on people’s willingness to volunteer. In my final address as chairperson of our great club I’m asking everyone here to consider stepping forward and doing what you can (if you are not already doing so). Whatever your skillset, whatever your experience, we will find a meaningful & worthwhile role for you. Come talk to any member of the Executive here tonight if you think you have something to offer.

Managing the finances responsibly of a club like Ballinteer St Johns is an enormously challenging one. We are incredibly fortunate to have had expert guidance in this area over the last number of years with successive Treasurers who have done an outstanding job. It has been brilliant to welcome people back to the clubhouse for events this year.

For a bitesize context, the club costs about €1000 a day to run. A good proportion of this comes from our registration fees however the remainder is from many and varied sources – and this is just to break even. In the coming year this figure is likely to increase significantly with inflation, insurance costs and energy prices. Therefore, it is so important that our finances are prudently managed. For this reason, it is vital that we support the executives motion to increase annual registration fees.

Sadly, we lost some of our members during the year, and as we reflect on the year past in particular, we remember our former chairperson Chris Grace, former player & club legend Dermot Desmond, and one of our great supporters Joe Cosgrave, we thank them and their families for their contribution. We also think of our club members who have lost loved ones over the past year including Kieran Brannan’s two brother’s Gerald and Leo who passed away within a few days of each other in September. We also think of those within our community who have passed away this year in particular Scott Skinner a much-loved friend of many of our young members. May they all rest in peace.

No AGM could be complete without a long list of thank-you to those club members that go above and beyond. Before I begin this, I wish to thank everyone who plays a role in keeping our club running daily. I also want to thank every one of our wonderful players; from those in their fledgling days in our nursery to our elite senior team players. The pride you bring for your efforts wearing the tangerine and black is the reason this club exists.

- The Club Executive have the often-thankless task of managing the day to day running of the club. I wish to thank each and every person I have served with not only this year but also over the last five years I have served on the executive. My sincere thanks to each of them for their many & varied contributions. I want to acknowledge those on the executive who are stepping down this year in particular our secretary Gerry Watchorn who has been a rock of support to me during my term as chairperson.
- To Kieran Brennan, our clubhouse caretaker, central to BSJ for so many years. Kieran was the recipient of last year’s Chairpersons special merit award and I delighted to see Laois followed my lead and introduced him into their Hall of Fame for 2022. Congratulations and well-done Kieran.
- To all our mentors, coaches, co-ordinators and FLO’s, thank-you really doesn’t cover it this year – your work was incredible. I am in awe of the level of effort put in to keep our children playing, and our adults competing. Well done to each one of you.
- Our All-Weather pitch is vital to the functioning of the club. Jim Deveraux served this role impeccably for 10 years and as he steps away, I wish to thank him and his family for the fantastic work in support of this facility.
- To all our county board delegates who give up so much time to represent the club at important county board committees. In particular Elaine Dolan who this year was vice-chairperson of the Dublin CCC.
- To the whole team that keeps the clubhouse running on a daily basis. In particular Rose Murphy and Peter Byrne.
- Our club shop has done very well this year. Our incredibly strong, visible branding right across the community is a testament to the work this group puts in. Thank you to Barbara Chambers, Anne Keane, Niamh Aherne and Irene Nic Dhonncha.



- Thanks to each and every one of the 1136 volunteers who came out to help with community stewarding over the six nights of the Marlay Park concerts this year. The income from this and the vitally important service it provides our local community with provides significant benefit to the club way beyond the financial benefits. I also wish to thank our incredible organising committee who put months of work in prior to the event. Just the 7 concerts in 2023. No pressure.
- To Emily Naughton and all the team who managed the bar – and continue to manage the bar - during and post covid times. Emily has now stepped away from this role however I wish to put on record our thanks to her for her invaluable contribution over the last number of years.
- To our PRO Trish McGrath who has done a brilliant job throughout the past year keeping everyone updated on what is happening in the club.
- To our senior football manager Sean Dempsey, senior hurling manager Jim Maguire and Ladies Senior Football manager Eamonn Naughton who all stepped away after several years managing and developing these teams.
- Our pitches and management of them remains an ongoing challenge and I wish to thank all who have helped in any way with them. This includes those who line the pitches, work on rostering, liaise with local authority and assist with maintenance. Special mention to Darren Hedden who manages the rostering.
- To Mairead Scanlon for her much-valued assistance in many projects throughout the year.
- Paul Lundy has been an incredible servant to the club over the past decade capturing our highs and lows with his camera in hand. It is now part of the tradition after a big win to get the players or family photo with him. Thank you Paul for all you incredible work.
- Our Gala Ball was a highlight of our BSJ40 celebrations – massive thanks to Avril McArdle for all her work on this. A one-person committee in her own right.
- To those to have provided advice to me on various matters throughout the year – in particular, those whom I asked for it from (🙏)
- To Brian O'Rourke – when I became Chair one of my goals was to have an onsite club physio. We are very lucky to have Brian working with our teams.
- To Enda Nolan who officially was our vice-secretary this year but covered a multitude of advisory and hands on roles with everything from safety statements, tender applications, storage solutions, DLR liaison and a whole lot more.
- The contribution to this club by John Gillick and AIG in recent years is almost without parallel in the club's history. For obvious reasons I have not put this in print, but I speak for everyone when I say all members owe him a massive depth of gratitude to Johnny for his support and generosity.

In the past I and previous Chairperson's have used this opportunity to acknowledge special contributions people have made to our club. This year the award goes to an equally deserving club person. Rather than apply my words I will paraphrase those of a grateful parent whose son is one of many over the last 20 years to benefit from the inspired coaching and management of tonight's recipient.

- It is always hard to completely encapsulate the thoughts, feelings and impact that someone has had on one's life. Without a shadow of a doubt, he has had a profound positive impact on our boys lives from professional to personal.
- A true ambassador for our club, there aren't enough words to do this man justice. He has taken the concept of giving back to the highest level.
- As a leader he is a great role model teaching our boys to take control, empowering them to become leaders.
- He has created memories for life for the boys, team building days out, off pitch training, swimming, boxing. Not to mention the Championship win with each boy presented with framed photo of the team.
- In a nutshell he is a rare gem, a fantastic manager and his time with our boys has been invaluable source of inspiration.

In addition to this

Hurling Board delegate

Member of hurling committee

Member of hurling subcommittee Finance

Member of hurling subcommittee Senior Manager recruitment

Member of ball wall committee  
Juvenile hurling coordinator  
Minor Football Manager  
Minor hurling Manager  
Hurling analyst for Sunshine FM and the Evening Herald  
Photographs in Clubhouse

Over four decades he has won 10 county championships and 8 county leagues. Also, in that period managed Dublin minor and u21 hurling teams, winning the u21 Leinster Championship in 2007 which was the first time in 35 years.

Ladies and Gentleman our BSJ Person of the year 2022 is the one and only Sean Lane

The theme of my speech is “The next chapter” and as I step away as chairperson of Ballinteer St Johns and the club enters its 5<sup>th</sup> decade in existence there really is much to be positive about.

The buzz about Ballinteer St Johns has been building throughout this year. We have talented players on the pitch, and we have enthusiastic supporters on the sideline.

There is an excitement and a belief that we can bring home the silverware – and we have done that this year on several occasions. I truly believe next year will be even better! Keep coming out and supporting our teams. I can’t count the times this year that someone commented to me in Marlay on the sideline of some game or other ‘What could be better than this?’ and they were right.

It would be remiss of me not to mention some notable achievements of our teams and individual players over the past year. Before doing so I want to congratulate all those who have worn the BSJ jersey and brought so much pride to our club over the last year.

One of the highlights of the year was the stunning success of senior camogie in winning the double league and championship and going unbeaten all season. The team captained by Amy Burke and managed by Karl O’Keeffe gave us so many great days. The success of senior camogie was quickly followed up a few weeks later with a super championship success for minor camogie showing the conveyor belt of talent we have in the club at camogie. Well done to the management led by Colm O’Callaghan.

Our men’s senior football team reached the knockout stages of the Dublin Championship for the first time in many years.

Our senior hurling team also had an excellent run in the championship before losing out in an epic semi-final to Whitehall. Our minor men’s footballers have been a revelation this season under the management team headed by Sean Lane with excellent runs in both league and championship.

We are a Dublin GAA club, so it is always such an honour to see that BSJ name under any player wearing the blue of our capital. Furthermore, were once it was a rarity it is now commonplace for us to have representation at county level across all codes and ages. Well done to all our players who have been recognised at inter county level this year but in particular Luke Breathnach who made the 20 Under 20 selection for his performances this season Ben Millist who was called up to the senior panel, Dylan Bannen who represented us on the Dublin minor hurling team, Katie Moran Tighe who won an All-Ireland medal with the Under 16 footballers and Orlagh Nolan who remains a crucial part of the Dublin team.

Finally, it has been the honour of my life to have held this role over the last four years. In signing off I just wanted to mention a few personal thanks.

I have been blessed to have to incredibly loyal and reliable wingmen as vice chairs – Niall Joye for the first three years of my term and Anthony O’Connor for the past 12 months. Both are people I am proud to call as friends and the unwavering and loyal support they provided was hugely important during some challenging times. In Anthony we have an exceptional,



charismatic and gifted Chairperson to lead our club into the future, and I pledge my 100% support to him and look forward to working for him during his tenure.

To Kieran Brennan who I rarely went a day without speaking to over the last 4 years. Thanks for everything.

I would like to thank all our members for their support, guidance, friendship, and advice over the past four years.

I wish to give particular thanks to our former BSJ chairpersons who were so generous with their time whenever I sought advice or opinion from them.

I have already mentioned all of those whom I served on the executive with during my term, but I would like to particularly signal out Trish McGrath, Anne Keane, and Mary Deveraux who have provided above and beyond support to me.

Finally, and most importantly I want to say a massive thank to my family – Barbara, Finan, Issy and Rúibín. In taking on this role I have, on many occasions prioritised the club at the expense of my family. During my tenure they have been a mainstay of support to me, and I am eternally grateful to them. I also wish to thank our members for the utter decency shown to all my family during my time as Chairperson.

Thank you once again. The privilege has all been mine.

BSJ Abú!!!

(f) Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.

2022 Nominations

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairperson	Anthony O Connor	Darren Chambers	Anne Keane
Vice Chair	Sarah Davis	Anthony O' Connor	Enda Nolan
Treasurer	Anne Keane	Trish Mc Grath	Darren Chambers
Secretary	Enda Nolan	Gerry Watchorn	Trish Mc Grath
Player Rep	Belen Swords	Enda Nolan	Sarah Davis
Juvenile Chair	Dermot Stevenson (boys)	Niamh Minogue	Belen Swords
Juvenile Chair	Niamh Minogue Jones (girls)	Dermot Stevenson	Niamh Minogue
PRO	Trish McGrath	Darren Hedden	Anne Keane
EDI Officer	Louise Hayes	Belen Swords	Darren Hedden
Games Committee Rep :	Darren Hedden	Anne Keane	Dermot Stevenson
Culture	James Aherne	Sarah Davis	Anthony O' Connor
Bar & Clubhouse	Paul Nolan	James Aherne	Louise Hayes
Registration	Gillian Buckley	Paul Nolan	James Aherne

Clíodhna Purdue has been appointed Children's Officer

(g) Notices of Motion.

## Motion 1 Fees

Motion to amend BYE-LAW No 2 2007 (amended at AGM 2009,2011,2013,2014 and 2018)

It is proposed that the annual charge for members in the below categories be amended with effect from 1st January 2023 as follows: -

- Youth (Under 18) and Student Player (Over 18 in full-time education):

- o €180 - Child 1 or €150 if the child is in the Nursery

- o €120 - Child 2

- o € 70 - Child 3

- o Subject to Maximum charge for children/students in a family of €420

- Adult Player €220

- Adult Player also Mentoring € 80

- Unwaged Player €180

- G4MO €100

Players who are exempt from annual subscription charges because of Life Membership are subject to an annual charge of €50 to cover Referee/Facility fees. Additional Voluntary contributions by players in this category would be appreciated.

Every child must have at least one Parent/Guardian who is a member of the club.

**Proposer Darren Chambers**

**Seconder Anthony O Connor**

## Motion 2 Strategic Plan

“In view of the continued growth in playing membership and resultant increasing demand for additional player infrastructure, that the incoming Club Executive completes a Strategic Plan at the earliest possible date and that the Club commits to ongoing strategic planning with regular Plan renewal thereafter.

**Proposed by: Michael Hand**

**Seconded by: Alan Garvin**

## Motion 3 Clubhouse

Recommendation

That the club establishes a Clubhouse Committee whose function it is to ensure the smooth running of all areas of the clubhouse and surrounding areas. It specifically includes the resourced promotion of the Bar and Function Room activities and the operation of adequate Health & Safety procedures. This Committee should be established as soon as possible by the incoming Executive.

**Proposer: Kieran Duffy**

**Seconded: Maurice O Connell**

## Motion 4 Marlay pitches

propose as follows:

☐ That's the club uses all of its available energies, resources and contacts to prevent all rival G.A.A. clubs from outside our established catchment area having playing or training facilities within the confines of Marlay Park.

**Proposer: J.J. Duffy**

**Seconded: Brian Goggins**

## **Motion 5 Winter training facility**

Motion: Propose that the Executive include in budget for the year 2023 provision to rent extra floodlit winter training facilities during the winter training calendar for 2 hours per evening Mon - Thurs.

The club should look to rent slots from one of the many facilities close by, including, but not limited to Wesley college, Three rock rovers, De La Salle, Marlay Park, CDETB Terenure This is to ensure all teams have access to appropriate facilities to train during mid week.

**Proposer Eoin Wrenn**

**Secunder Darren Hedden**

## **(h) Any Other Business**

*Items raised in AOB included;*

A question for Darren Chamber- What was the biggest challenge we would face in the year ahead which was Covid and all it would throw up.

The clubs biggest challenge to the club in the year ahead , the chairman answered this question stating the biggest challenge was covid and the problems the club would have getting back to where we were pre pandemic.

A second question about pitch availability for younger age groups was answered by Darren Hedden this included investment in Marlay Park, The Good Shepherd National School, The realignment of Marlay Park pitches which happened earlier in the year.

A question from Kieran Duffy and JJ Duffy on how long Kilmacud will be in Marlay Park, Darren Chamber explained that he had met with Kilmacud Crokes an DLRCC representatives, the arrangement for Kilmacud Crokes was until Parc De Burca alterations were completed.

A question from Shane Casserly on the use of the AWP in Marlay, answered by Darren Hedden that the soccer clubs had those pitches rented out.

A question from Dermot Quinn on the possibility of building a hurling wall at the mini all weather pitch was answered by Darren stating that we will be meeting with DLRCC about the location of a hurling wall and a sub-committee would be set up to explore options.

A question on line asking did we look at an option of purchasing land, this was answered by Enda Nolan stating we had looked at club italia it was a long way from the clubhouse it wasn't the right size and was currently occupied by an Archery club.

*Another question on line was the change from minor to U19 and U17, the reply was this is a trial by the GAA which will have to be discussed with the team management and mentors.*

*At That stage the meeting was closed*

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