

Minutes of the Carrigaline Tennis Club A G M held on Monday 21st of November, 2016.

Present: 35, as per attached sheet.

Apologies: 24, as per attached sheet.

Matters arising: No matter arising.

The minutes for the 2014 A.G.M. were proposed by **Eddie Pierce**, and seconded by **John Gargan**.

Treasurers Report: See attached Club accounts. Tom noted sponsorship was down on last year, partly because of the score board sponsorship Ron had arranged last year. Membership affiliation fees have gone up, we now have to let Munster Tennis have access to our accounts. There has been an increase in entry fees to competitions because of the number of teams we are entering, and also an increase in tournament capitation fees because of the numbers participating.

The treasurer's report and accounts were proposed by **Sheila Stokes**, and seconded by **Frank O'Sullivan**.

Captain's report: It was another busy year with a lot of demands on the courts. A number of internal events were run, the Turkey Tournament which ended up being a Spring Chicken tournament due to rescheduling because of bad weather. An internal league was run in February and March which had over 50 participants. 28 took part in the Fergus Slyne tournament. Three summer special club nights were run in the summer which were well supported. 113 players took part in the Club Closed in early October, and finally the Catherin Mulhare memorial vets was also well supported in late October.

Two Opens were held, the sponsorship by Stephen McCarthy of Astra Construction was greatly appreciated.

Last year Argideen Vale finals were held on the first Saturday of our Summer Open and Munster Branch scheduled Summer Cup matches on the first Sunday. We wrote to Munster Branch asking why this was allowed but have not received a reply. The only information we have at present is that opens are limited to 8 days and sanctions will be made against clubs who breach that rule. If this continues the tournament committee will have to look at ways of fitting matches into a restricted schedule, and subject to numbers we may hold championship tie-breaks instead of 3rd sets in the Opens next year.

Our Club took part in the Civil Service Cup, Bulman Cup and Tommy Jackson trophy this year.

We have 13 senior teams and 4 junior teams taking part in Winter League competitions this year. Last year our grade 5 ladies got to the final of the Winter League and Summer Cup.

Brian thanked the selection committee, the tournament committee and of course Mary. He finished by wishing Fiona Crumplin the best of luck as Club Captain next year.

Junior report: Alan started by thanking Mark and Tim for their continued efforts coaching the juniors. The Wilson U12, U14 and KBS cups were run successfully during the Winter with Carrigaline teams getting to the semi finals in both Wilson Cup competitions. Alan thanked Noel Roynayne for his help and Wilson Lock & Safe and Kerry Bioscience for their sponsorship.

180 players took part in our Junior Open in April. Alan thanked Noelle for running the kitchen.

Several friendlies were run throughout the year with different clubs, the highlight being a visit from a combined Kinsale/Spanish team in May. Sunday match plays were popular and the annual parent/child tournament was a great success. Many of our players took part in Junior Opens throughout the year and got great results. Our U12 team got to the final of the Munster shield competition. Our Closed tournament took place in November, it had a small entry with no U 16 or U 18 events taking place.

Our Junior Club marathon took place on November 19th with over 1000 euro being raised for the club. Alan thanked Ken, Noel, Tim, Kasha and especially Majella for organising and running this event.

Alan finished by thanking the junior committee for their work throughout the year – Brian, Noel, Tim, Noelle, Mark, Majella and Kasha.

Chairman's report: Ollie thanked everyone for coming to the AGM. A tremendous amount of work has gone into keeping our club successful and maintaining our clubhouse and courts to a high standard. We have new neighbours and a new road. He thanked everyone who took part in the committees, especially Mary Malone for running our kitchen during tournaments. Ollie thanked our child protection officers Frank O'Sullivan and Siobhan Beamish, Myriam Cotter for running our website, our club night committee, John Gargan for running our round robins and Lisa Ryan & Fiona Geary for looking after our clubhouse. He noted that our club night is not as busy as it was in the past, and the club is looking at ways to improve this.

He thanked Maria on the fundraising committee and Pauline for our social nights. He noted that the development committee has been very busy and he thanked Simon Brewitt, Brian, Ann and Eddie. He also thanked Councillor John Collins and our solicitor Colm O'Rourke. The road will be finished as soon as the Council put in road lighting and take over the road.

He went on to thank the selection committee, the junior committee especially Alan for all the work he does encouraging our juniors to take an active role in the club. He also thanked Mark and Tim, and noted that the coaching Tim does with the Community School is a fruitful source for new club members.

He thanked the main committee. Maurice, Fionnuala, John, Paul and Maria will be stepping down this year. Sheila is our Munster Branch liaison and has done tremendous work in ensuring that our club is compliant with all child protection guidelines.

He thanked Tom for being treasurer and thanked our sponsors including Kerry Group, PepsiCo, GSK, Celtic Sea Minerals, Murphy construction, Ahern, Roberts, O'Rourke, Williams & Partners, Astra Construction and all the Friends of Carrigaline Tennis Club. Ollie also thanked Susan Griffin for preparing our accounts every year.

He appealed to new members to step forward and take part in committees.

Ollie then stepped down as chairperson and Tom Noonan took over the meeting as our new chairperson.

Election of officers; The following officers were elected:

Chairperson Tom Noonan Proposed by Ollie, seconded by Brian.

Captain Fiona Crumplin Proposed by Maria, seconded by Brian.

Secretary

Treasurer Antoinette Mulcahy Proposed by Ollie, seconded by Eddie.

Committee members

Ollie Power

Brian Desmond

Sheila Stokes

Alan Kelly

Jack Daly

Eddie Pierce

Frank O'Sullivan.

The following selectors were elected:

Alan Kelly, Liz Christie, Noel Ronayne, Janet O'Sullivan.

A.O.B. : John Gargan noted the changing Round Robin fixtures from first to 10 games, to first to 8 games has been successful. He asked players to play the fixtures early in the month and proposed scratching pairings that have not played for 3 months. This was seconded by Jack.

Jack proposed a change to family membership, to keep members who are U 23 and in full time education as part of the family membership. This was passed by show of hands. Myriam noted that some individuals are in full time education after the age of 23, Tom said we can always look at these cases individually.

Myriam thanked everyone who completed the survey on club night. 214 members got the survey and 53 replied. Some comments made about club night

- It's like a beginners night
- Losing appeal to longterm members
- Unfriendly to new members
- No competitive games
- Social appeal has been lost

Suggestions included having longer games and having coaches present to advise players. Liz noted that it is a longer night when more people attend so maybe starting at 7 would be a good idea. Ann asked should we get names the night before to have the draw done before people come down. Brian noted that people entered the summer specials by text on the day so the draw was done beforehand and it might be worth getting a new club mobile for this. Jack asked should we have more prizes but Myriam said everyone who answered the survey was happy with the tennis balls as prizes. It was suggested that people running it do a few weeks in a row in order to get to know player's abilities and be able to arrange more balanced games. Ann replied that there are only 4 pairings running clubnight and it is a big commitment. Liz suggested doing 3 x 20 minute sessions instead of 4 x 15 minute. Tom said we need to get people arriving at 7:45 not 8 o'clock. Tom noted that he played with Monica and Diarmuid on his first clubnight and it would be great to get longstanding members back playing clubnight. Maria said she was sorry to hear that people did not feel welcome at clubnight as that has not been her experience. Jack suggested starting at 7 to encourage more people to come and this was passed by a majority at the meeting. This will start in the new year. Mark asked if we could run a 'special' club night once a month, Brian said he will look into this. Ann hopes to do a Christmas clubnight on the 15th.

Alan proposed asking a junior member to be on the junior committee. Ron seconded this.

Monica asked if it was still free to book Friday nights and was told it is.

John Gargan said the new round robin changes will start in January and members will be informed by Facebook and email.

Majella asked if we could change from McGurk vouchers for our Opens as they don't have a huge selection of tennis gear, Mark said Cummins in Douglas may be an option. The tournament committee will look into this.

Verona noted that January 6th is a Friday and it would be a good night for a Women's Little Christmas social night.

Tom brought the meeting to a close.

Maria O'Reilly

Hon. Secretary.