

Introduction And Chairman's Address

The meeting was attended by in excess of fifty members and apologies were received from one member. Alec Myles (Chairman) opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. Having discussed the agenda (listed below) he acknowledged the work of the committee and outlined how the committee works. He made specific reference to two primary goals since taking office which was the introduction of an online booking system and the development of the club website. He acknowledged the work that Lee Healy has done in support of the website over the year. Kevin Quinlan was also recognised for his outstanding support during the year re provision of tokens for members as the bar was closed for extended periods.

He acknowledged the work of the captains - Timmy McCarthy and Judit Szukács and also that of the club coaches – Kevin Quinlan, Martin O'Donoghue, Lee Healy and Clare Jones, and that of committee members – Ivan O'Mahony and Martin Joseph McDonnell

He acknowledged the work and contribution of John O'Sullivan (Club Secretary) and concluded by thanking the membership for their encouragement and support in the past year.

While he would be stepping down as chairman, he remained committed to support the continuing development and support of the online booking system in the year ahead.

Secretary's Report

John O'Sullivan reported on the key achievements during the year and acknowledged the vision, commitment and leadership provided by the chairman during his term

- New Web Based Booking System & Onsite Terminal
- Squash Club & Court's Renovated, Plastered and Painted
- Court Lighting Improved
- Heating Improved In Dressing Rooms
- Vending Machine Installed
- Continually Added New Members Through The Year
- Great Utilisation of Courts through The Year
- Majority of Members Affiliated With Irish Squash
- Club Website & General Communication Greatly Improved

There still remains a significant amount of work in the year ahead including :

- Both Dressing Rooms In Need Of Significant Renovation
- Resolve Reliability of On Site Terminal
- Regular Cleaning of The Courts, Dressing Room's, Etc
- Replace Tokens with Swipe Card Credit System
- More Open Nights & Regular Club Competitions
- Work on The Development Of Players, Coaches, Etc
- Effective Christmas Competition as 2009 Tournament Did Not Go Ahead

As a result of the 2009 flooding in Cork Highfield Squash extended facilities to other clubs :

- Provided Access to Cricket Club, Sundays Well And UCC From December Through March
- Supported Additional Tournaments On Behalf Of Munster Squash Due To Unavailability of Other Courts, e.g. Munster Individual League

The ongoing coaching and development of the Juniors by Cyril O'Mahony was again acknowledged. This season three from the group have made it to Munster Junior teams for the Interprovincial Championships so well done to Orla Jefferies, Paul O'Mahony and Philip McSweeney. Special mention must be made of

Philip McSweeney Irish U13 Number One who was selected to play in the Internationals against England, France, Scotland and Wales in April. This season Philip, who is coached by Martin O'Donoghue, took the U13 titles at Connacht, Munster and Leinster and crowned a great season by also winning the Irish Nationals in that age group. Not forgetting the Club Championship Men's B title – super achievement !

Treasurers Report

Kevin Quinlan shared the financial summary with all present. The income received and expenditure was discussed in some detail and all questions raised on expenditure were answered by the Treasurer. Any other queries of the financial summary can be made through the treasurer as required.

Election of Officers & Committee

Through nominations and voting by members at the AGM the following were deemed elected

- Club Chairman: Kevin Quinlan
- Club Secretary: John O'Sullivan
- Club Treasurer: Al Lysaght
- Men's Captain: Ivan O'Mahony
- Ladies Captain: Joanna Keohane
- Youth Officer: Vacant
- Committee Members: Bryan Aherne, Kim O'Connor, Deirdre Collins, Alec Myles (Online Booking System Development & Support)

Any Other Business

- That the general parking situation was unacceptable and that this matter be addressed with Highfield Rugby Club
- That the general external lighting situation was unacceptable and that this matter be addressed with Highfield Rugby Club
- That the cleaning and provisioning of the ladies dressing room, showers, toilets was completely unacceptable and that this matter be addressed with Highfield Rugby Club
- An issue was raised that serving committee members should not provide coaching. This issue was discussed at some length by those present and it was clarified that under the club constitution – one of the prime goals was the development of the game – thus coaching is an integral part of the committee function. The members present accept the status quo and there was no good reason why committee members should not provide coaching.
- The topic of visitor access to the club was also raised and discussed at length. While the club has every desire to welcome visitors and provide encouragement to bring on new members, it was also clarified that adequate insurance cover is necessary to provide a level of cover and due care and attention in the event of any accident occurring. The policy with respect to visitors will be clarified further by the incoming committee.
- That the Men's & Ladies ladders be updated quickly and a challenge system be put in place to effect more regular competition among members

Free Membership Draw

- Martin O'Sullivan was the winner of the free members draw for the coming season.

In closing the Chairman thanked all attendees for attending and for very open discussion