

Minutes of OLSC AGM
11th October 2024
Lansdowne RFC

OLSC Committee in attendance

Bebhinn Dunne President
Mary Carroll Secretary
David Ryan Treasurer
Audrey Heavey
Laura Lysaght

Leinster Rugby in attendance

Marcus Ó'Buachalla
Eamon De Búrca

Election of new committee

There were twelve nominations for the Committee, but three people withdrew their nominations prior to the meeting. As there were now nine people for a total of nine places, the following were deemed to be the new committee:

Mary Carroll, Bebhinn Dunne, Stuart Gethings, John Hassett, Audrey Hevey, Laura Lysaght, Alan Mooney, Shay Mulhall, David Ryan

Each committee member introduced themselves to the room.

There were three nominations for president but with two withdrawals, Alan Mooney was deemed voted as president. A show of hands in the room and online showed approval of this election.

There was a short break for a committee photo by Sportsfile

Leinster Rugby Update

The representatives in attendance from Leinster Rugby were.
Marcus Ó'Buachalla – Senior Communications and Media Manager
Eamon De Búrca – Commercial and Partnerships Manager

Marcus Thanked the Committee, Bebhinn and the wider OLSC community as well as the supporters for all their help. Especially having come out of COVID where there was little anyone could do but the sense of community was outstanding..

At no time was this sense of committee more apparent than over the past few months towards Bebhinn and her family Gavin and Rory, after the recent tragic loss of Andrew. He paid tribute to Andrew and to Bebhinn for carrying on in her role under such difficult circumstances

A lot of the update had been covered by Bebhinn in her presidents so Marcus added the following

After COVID we are getting back on track, one full season back won't quite get us back to where we would like to be. Season ticket sales are already up this season and delighted with the amount sold.

It was difficult for everyone to lift themselves up after the ending to last season, but ticket sales have shown the enthusiasm for the new season.

RDS

Redevelopment – a new planning application was submitted and approved without objections. Watch this space for further developments but all on the right track.

Revenue

Still making our way out of covid. Making really good progress on on recuperating after this. Hugely important to have the commercial partners on board.

Castore are the new kit partners and Leinster have listened to supporters regarding what they want from kit manufacturer

Season ahead

We will have some challenges regarding RDS redevelopment but will keep everyone informed.

Will have more themes at games, better match day entertainment.including big screen for World Cup final.

Energia coming on board with sensory bus etc

New website coming in the next few weeks together with a new app

There have been new additions and changes in LR staff. New ceo is Shane Nolan. Guy Easterby is now chief operations manager Matthew Dowling is Chief commercial officer

Anouka has joined Eamons team and Bernardo has joined Marcus as videographer. This is All linked to a new look and fresh ideas

The following were questions from the floor answered by Marcus

Q . What will happen to people in Anglesea stand during redevelopment ?

A. All avenues are being explores at the moment. This matter is ongoing and all avenues will be explored

Q. Plastic tickets can you pay, will they be reintroduced? Even with a N option to pay ?

A. Leinster Rugby Made a decision as an organisation in sustainability etc. they won't be coming back

Q. Can the OLSC look at other options to produce a card ?

A. Yes

Q. Will we get a ticket which can be used for every game instead of downloading every time

A. Working with ticketmaster on this but not at the moment

Q. For family tickets will we still have to separate them

A. Again working with Ticketmaster on this

Q. What us the breakdown of Season ticket holders between Dublin and outside Dublin ?

A. Not exactly sure but this can be checked

Q. can we run a competition or campaign to choose a song for supporters to adopt at matches

A. Happy for the OLSC to run with that.

Q. Complained about a speaker in Block C Anglesea stand being too loud

A. All decibel levels checked regularly. Volume can vary due to crowd size etc

Q. Will there be castore discount similar to Lifestyle?.

A. There will be but on a random basis. These occasions will be advertised on social media

Wind up

The following questions from the floor were answered by Bebhinn

Q. Were premium upgrades given to first time volunteers and not to regulars ?

A. Premium tickets were given to volunteers who did early morning flagging each match. Volunteering for this was open to everyone. Early morning volunteers were in from 8am Unwrapping flags and flagging the stadium. There was a limited number of tickets and they were given to these volunteers. Committee members involved in early morning flagging did not receive tickets

Q. From same person – was there a volunteers end of season night. Heard from some people that there was?

A. No this didn't happen. Slattery's gave Bebhinn wristbands for her and her friends (for admission not drinks) in a personal capacity as it is their local.

There had been plans to have a volunteers night which due to unforeseen circumstances Didn't happen. This is still on the cards to organise
We have signed jerseys which we plan to raffle among the volunteers

Q do we know allocation for LaRochele match .?

A 20%

Marcus reminded about upcoming coaches night on 26th in Old Wesley

There being no further questions, the meeting ended

Signed

Bebhinn Dunne
Outgoing President 2022/23

Alan Mooney
President 2023/24