



Presidents report AGM 23/9/26

Good evening everyone, and thank you all for joining us for the 19th Annual General Meeting of the Official Leinster Supporters Club. It is a great privilege to stand here as President of the OLSC and to have the opportunity to look back on another busy year for our supporters club. We are back in Lansdowne FC tonight which has been our fanzone for the past few seasons and thanks must go to Elayne for always making sure all facilities were available to us. And to Niall and all the bar staff for making sure we never went thirsty. I would like to welcome Matthew Dowling Chief Commercial Officer, Eamon DeBurca Head of Commercial and Partnerships and Sinead Doherty Head of Brand and Marketing representing Leinster Rugby for giving up their time to join us and update us from Leinster's point of view. Also huge thanks to our members. The OLSC is, and always will be, about the supporters. Whether you are at the RDS every week, travelling around Ireland and Europe following the team, joining us for events, or simply supporting Leinster from further afield, your passion and loyalty are what make this club so special. It has certainly been another long season. And we are so proud to be back to back URC champions

Throughout the season, we have continued to bring supporters together, both on matchdays and away from rugby. Our events have given members the opportunity to meet players, former players and fellow supporters, while our trips and matchday activities have once again created some fantastic memories. One of the things I am most proud of is the sense of community within the OLSC. Rugby obviously brings us together, but the friendships that develop through the supporters club go far beyond the eighty minutes on the pitch. There is something very special about arriving at a match and seeing familiar faces, meeting supporters who have travelled from all over the country and, quite often, all over Europe, and knowing that we are all there for the same reason — to support Leinster. And of course, following Leinster is never boring! There have been great performances, memorable wins, a few stressful afternoons and evenings, and occasions when our nerves have certainly been tested. But through all of it, the support from the stands has remained incredible. Away trips continue to be a huge



part of what we do. Anyone who has travelled with Leinster supporters will know that the journey is often every bit as memorable as the match itself. There are always stories to be told afterwards — although perhaps not every story needs to make it into the AGM minutes!

As well as providing bus transport for the interpros, Leicester and Bayonne, we organised a huge sea of blue for the Investec final in Bilbao which saw some people flagging the stadium in scorching temperatures and distributing 1,000 pairs of sunglasses in the fanzone. Phenomenal work despite the result. Which is what we do win or lose. None of what the OLSC does would be possible without the people working behind the scenes. I want to sincerely thank every member of our committee - Alan, Audrey, Antoinette, Shay and John for the time, energy and commitment they gave throughout the year. Much of the work involved in organising events, trips, communications and matchday activities happens quietly in the background, and it takes a tremendous amount of effort. There is work happening on a daily basis which is largely unseen and completed on top of regular jobs. Also we have been lucky over the last six years to have had the brilliant services of Michael Donnelly and his Company Woolly Mammoth Design as our voluntary graphic designer. He is the reason for the innovation on our social media posts. Why do we do it ? - because we love Leinster Rugby pure and simple. I would also like to thank Leinster Rugby for their continued cooperation and support of the OLSC. We greatly value the relationship we have built and the opportunities it gives us to represent the voice of Leinster supporters.

Thanks also to Bank of Ireland who sponsor our away guides and provide our match day flags - and to Noel Anderson and the partners of The Bridge for sponsoring the Dublin guides. This season's charity was Aoibhinn's Pink Tie and with our charity Quiz and Raffle we raised a total of €8,555. Again thanks to everyone who supported or provided prizes, in particular Slattery's, The Bridge, JWT, Best Menswear, Leinster Rugby among others. It was also an honour for us to present Cian Healy with a Framed OLSC legends T Shirt and crystal on his retirement after a record breaking career. A special thank you must also go to everyone who volunteers their time to help us. Whether it is helping on a matchday, or simply stepping in when an extra pair of hands is needed, your contribution is greatly appreciated. You are the people helping us spread the blue. Everybody is welcome to join our volunteers list anytime. I am very fortunate to work alongside people who genuinely care about the supporters club and about making the experience of following Leinster as enjoyable and inclusive as possible. Looking ahead, there is plenty for us to be excited about.



We want to continue developing the OLSC, attracting new members, organising enjoyable events and trips, and ensuring that supporters continue to have a strong connection with Leinster Rugby. We also want to hear from our members. This is your supporters club, and your ideas and feedback are extremely important to us. If there are things you would like to see us doing, please speak to us. Email OLSC@leinsterrugby.ie.

Being President is something I am extremely proud of, and seeing the friendships, laughter, passion and sense of community within our membership makes all the work worthwhile. We may not always agree on the team selection, the referee, or when exactly the ball went forward — and we certainly never agree with the referee when it goes against Leinster — but we are united in our support for the blue jersey.

The Leinster Rugby match day staff deserve special thanks for always including and assisting us - especially Gary, Philip, Erin, Sarah, Claire, Paul, Anouk.

Here's to another year of great rugby, great trips, great company and, hopefully, plenty of reasons to celebrate 5th star.

Thank you all for your continued support of the OLSC, Welcome back to our home in the LAYA arena in the RDS. And, as always...Come on you boys in blue.

Mary Carroll

OLSC President 2025/26