

DUBLIN SOUTH ARCH CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FOXROCK PARISH HALL

TUESDAY 6th February 2018 7.30 pm

Committee present: Pearse Nolan, Tom Traynor, Denise O'Leary, Anto Casey, Maire O' Flynn, Erica O'Connell, Rosie Cahill, Shirley Lynch, Janet McNamee, Grainne McGill,

Fundraising: Sheelagh Stubbs,

Members Present: Amanda Mollard, Anne Fenner, Michael Roden, Sue Hill, Mary Boushel, Helen Spillane, David Mannion, John Kennedy, Angela O'Reilly, Denise Reynolds, Therese Conroy, Leonard Murphy, Phil Byrne, Irene Gaynor, Caroline Courtney, Deirdre Quinn, Claire Hendrick, Colm Humphreys, David Walsh, Niamh O'Sullivan, Laura O'Mullane, Linda McBride, Louise Summerville, Bernard Tonge, Geraldine Burke, Martina Reynolds, Catherine McGee, Sara Mangan Keating, Marta Kadlubowski.

Apologies: Pam Robinson, Nessa Coffey, William Bolton, Maria Doyle Kennedy, Patricia McWalter, Mary Gaw, Adrienne Harwood, Barbara Jordan, Mel Reid, Sharon Curtin, Catherina Woods, Ruth Rowley, Kathleen Hickey, Sam Fitzsimmons, Debbie Packenham, Catherine McSharry, Elva Tiernan, Joan Devlin.

Approval of Minutes of 2017 AGM

Matters arising: None

Proposed: Denise O'Leary

Seconded: Angela O'Reilly

1. Chairperson's Report

Pearse Nolan, Chairperson, welcomed everyone and introduced the club committee, officers, Tom Traynor –Treasurer, Rosie Cahill-Secretary. The club coordinators will introduce themselves when giving their report.

He thanked the committee members, co-ordinators, ty volunteers, members, and parents for their help and support during the last year.

He said the aim of the arch club is to support and facilitate friendship and a sense of belonging among all members and to provide an environment in which they can safely and happily socialise. The club is going from strength to strength, there are now 4 clubs running at maximum numbers. The waiting lists are starting to build despite being cleared last year.

He thanked the co-ordinators for the hard work that goes into the running of each club as they are busy parents like everyone else with many other commitments.

Pearse acknowledged the payment of subscriptions fees, receipt of grants and some very kind donations which allow the clubs to continue to offer a high standard of activities to the members.

He thanked Anto Casey for his work on the new club website and also Tom Traynor for the extra work updating the club policy documents.

He said that the club is a parent led social club and not a service provider and continues to flourish thanks to an ethos of commitment, goodwill co-operation and

a sense of humour! He hoped that a new generation of parents would come forward to take the club to the future.

2. Treasurer's Report & Approval of Accounts

Tom Traynor, Treasurer, presented detailed accounts for 2017, he stated that the committee were very conscious that the money belonged to the club and the finances were open to everyone to view. He presented a sheet detailing club activities and outings over the year and said it showed just how many and varied opportunities the club gives its members. There was a surplus of €4000 and this is probably as there were fewer outings this year. The club received less grants this year. Tom reported that the accounts had been certified by Tony Ferguson and thanked him.

Income 2017:	€38,557.39	(2016 €39,812.92)
Expenditure 2017:	€33,585.00	(2016 €38,641.78)

There is €47,051.17 in the development fund (Fixed term deposit account 6 monthly)

Accounts approved: John Kennedy
Seconded: Geraldine Burke

3. Secretary's Report

Rosie Cahill, Secretary, reported that there were now 134 families who are members of the club. The committee met 9 times during the year.

4. Report from Adult Club Group

Adult club co-ordinator, Pearse Nolan, gave the club report. He introduced the other co-ordinators Denise O Leary also helped by Tom. Pam Robinson is taking a break as a coordinator. 2017 was a busy year for the group with 32 active members. The group have been helped by TY students who have returned for a second year. There are 2 events each month, 1 hall based and 1 outing with a high attendance rate each week for the variety of activities which include, bowling, cinema, yoga, art, boxing, attendance at musicals, panto, ballet, disco, airsoft and archery, GPO tour and rugby match. One of the highlights of the year was a boat trip to Howth with food courtesy of Howth Yacht club.

Pam, Denise and Ann ran a very successful summer camp with 5 activity days spread over 2 weeks, the activities were bowling and a meal, Grease the musical, trip to the zoo, Meadowbrook Sport and swim and the highlight was a trip to Belfast to the Titanic Exhibition and W5. It was well attended by 25 members and a big thank you to Pam, Denise and Ann for organising; the weekend away this year was back to the Arklow Bay Hotel. The weekend was a success and they enjoyed the leisure facilities, a movie in Arklow Town and went to the pub for a meal.

Pearse asked that texts and emails were responded to by the deadline as activities need to be booked. He thanked everyone for their continued support and hoped that some of the younger generation siblings or extended family members may be interested in becoming coordinators.

Senior Club Group Report

Anto reported that the senior club has 47 members. This is a very large number and restricts the type of outings and activities that they can do.

The club is very large and cannot admit any more members and it will need to be split. The club will take everyone on the waiting list and split into 2 groups of approx 30. The club will need 2 new parent coordinators to facilitate the new club. The groups will take it in turn to use the hall and go on an outing. The groups can come together for discos etc.

Anto thanked Joan and Elva the other co-ordinators.

Report from Intermediate Club Group

Maire introduced the coordinators Erica and Rosie. Maire reported that the group have 40 members. The waiting list has been cleared. Most of the activities are hall based and include, playball, drama, Glee, Hi-5, Fit for fun, zumba, Jabba Jabba Jembe drumming, Yoga and the favourite is the joint discos with the senior club. There is a set of club rules which are read out to the members every week and this is going very well.

There was a very successful outing to Causey Farm in September, also outings to Bray Bowl and Panto in Mill Theatre. All the members wear their green hoodies. The club has 11 TY volunteers most of them returning for the 2nd year. Every week 2 parents are rostered on the help in the hall.

Report from Junior Club

Janet McNamee introduced Shirley Lynch and Grainne McGill the 3 coordinators for the club. The age group is 9-12. There are 23 members. The activities are varied drama, yoga, playball, drumming, fit for fun, brixx club, and zumba. There was also a visit from Kinsealy Pet Shop which had a variety of animals. There is an outing approx every 5 weeks, bowling, bouncy castle centre, Glenroe Farm and Pine Forest Art Centre. The Christmas outing this year was to Causey Farm which was a great success. Janet said it was great to see the developing friendships between the members. Shirley will be stepping down in June after 3 years and Janet and Grainne after 2 years. Pam Mccann and Anne Kellegher are ready to step in and take over as group coordinators.

5. Report from Fundraising Committee

Sheelagh Stubbs gave the fundraising report. The quiz is the main fundraising event of the year. Later in the year a walk in Marley Park will be organised.

6. Election of Committees for forthcoming year

The committee stepped down and was re-elected by the membership.

Chairperson said that if anyone wanted to join the committee, it was very open to new members. Even if people didn't want to actually join the committee but had any suggestion or skills to offer they are welcome to come to us at any stage.

7. Website

Anto Casey spoke about the new website which is being developed for the club.

There will be a facility to pay subs online and make donations.

The application and volunteer forms will be available online. The club will need to make sure that we have permission to use photos of members. The website will be easy for the members to access.