

Robert Emmets AGM – 2024

Agenda - Committee Meeting 14th November 2024

- 1. Adoption of standing Orders**
- 2. Minutes for 2023 AGM**
- 3. Chairpersons Address**
- 4. Secretary's Address & Team Reports**
- 5. Treasurers Report**
- 6. Notices of Motions**
- 7. Appointment of Tellers**
- 8. Election of Officers**

Annotated Agenda for Chairperson

AGM 24th November 2022

Robert Emmets GAA Club.

Welcome everyone to the AGM.

1. Adoption of Standing Orders.

Chairperson reads standing orders and asks for show of hands of those who agree.
Then asks for show of hands for those who disagree.

There must be a quorum of 5 club members to proceed with the meeting.

All matters must be discussed through the chair.

Order of business must be approved.

All appointments committee must be approved by a majority at this the meeting

Standing orders are passed or rejected. (If rejected I'm not sure if the meeting can proceed)

2. Minutes of AGM 2023.

Read by secretary

3. Chairpersons Address.

4. Secretary's report & Team reports

Academy

U8 Girls/Boys

U10s

U11s,

U13 girls,

U15 girls,

U16 boys,

Minor boys in conjunction with Crumlin playing as St Agnes,

Adult Men

Gaelic 4 Mother

Dads & Lads

Aodh - Men's

A panel of 27 players trained from early January to the end of November. We won the Division 10 County League Title having won the Division 11 title the year before. We won all 14 competitive and challenge fixtures at home.

In the Junior 2 Championship we won our way to the Clubs first ever Men's is Championship Final which we lost to Beann Eadair on their ground.

We will finish the season by hosting a three team 13 a side tournament in memory of Kieron Mostyn on Sunday 24 November. We look forward to next year.

Pauline - u13 girls

The girls were entered into their first league match at the end of January, it was the first time they played together as a team with some of them very new to Igfa. In the league they didn't do to well. Managed to win one game and almost drew in another. Heading into the championship in August we gained 5 players from st James gaels who were on permission to play with us, giving us strength in both numbers and skill and a good total of 22 players. The girls played well together, but unfortunately we didn't have sjg girls for all training sessions, so full play was given to the R.E. players who turned up regularly to training and S.J.G players were mainly subbed. This worked well and resulted in the girls winning the championship

Barry - Academy

The Academy had a challenging 2024 with our numbers a lot lower than previous years, as well as a drop off in coaches/volunteers. However we did see a small influx of younger players around September so hopefully with further promotion in the schools this can continue to grow. On a positive note, this is the second year in a row we'll have an u8s team coming out of the Academy made up of 2017 and 2018 players. Colin Kenny will take over the academy in 2025. A big thank you to all the coaches Neil, Adrienne, Colin, Phillip, Jody and Barry as well as Donal and the u15 girls who have also jumped in to help out this year.

Paul - u11 Boy's

U-11 boys have had a good year, wining more games than we lost overall and we have seen a great progression in the boys development.

We have had some new joiners that have been a great addition but at the same time also lost 4-5 players for various reasons.

We continue to have challenges with numbers and as we move to competitive fixtures in the new year we will be under pressure when a few players are missing. The boys are really looking forward to those competitive games and we have been lucky to recently add Tommy Orr to the coaching team, assisting Suzanne, Micheal and myself. The parents have also been a great help with pitch set up and that help is always invaluable.

Des - Hurling

2024 was a good year for hurling. We have had a lot of new joiners to the academy which was great to see.

The kids in the team seem to be enjoying matches and training. We were competitive in most matches and we won our first match! We had a young team as some kids born 2015 dropped out for various reasons. We introduced some kids from academy born 2017 & 2018 and they did well. The outlook for u9s next year is positive.

Suzanne - M&O's

Mother & Others train every Monday evening, team members from the Robert Emmets gathered with enthusiasm and dedication, enjoying their training sessions and proudly wearing their new jerseys, which brought a fresh sense of unity to the group.

Special thanks go to their new coach, Peter, whose guidance has helped raise the bar in both skills and fitness.

Throughout the summer, they trained until sunset, moving to more intense sessions on St. Paul's astro pitch as winter approaches

The team played several friendly matches and proudly represented the club at the national blitz in Portmarnock, creating lasting memories and building strong bonds. Beyond the games, this year provided a wonderful opportunity to socialise, support one another, and stay active. Looking ahead, the team is excited to welcome new members and continue growing together in the new year.

Donal – u15 Girls

Team meeting with Parents at the start of March where we set out our intentions and our outline for the season, talked about how we have a small squad so needed the girls to be fully committed the best they can.

We entered into a single code league which we thought would benefit the girls as we could have a game every single week but this wasn't the case as we ended up playing against teams 3/4/5 divisions above us and it unfortunately didn't end well for us and this somewhat unmotivated the girls but they thankfully never stopped showing up which we were very grateful for.

We also got pushed up a league into div 10 without us asking. Once again, this didn't end well. We were playing against big clubs C teams who majority of the time brought 2/3 B team players down who ran the show and didn't make it enjoyable for anybody to watch or even play in.

When we eventually got put back down to division 11, this is where we started to come back into our own and our girls started playing the football we know they can play.

Feile was a great day out for the girls, it was full of joy but also heartbreak near the end. The girls really enjoyed it as a really nice team building day out aswell as a

tournament. The support from all parents present was relentless from the beginning of the first game to the end of the last game.

This set of girls are really enjoyable to coach and we all look forward to taking them into the next season

Stephen Gannon – Dads & Lads

This year, the Gaelic Dad and Lads team had a dynamic season, showing resilience and camaraderie both on and off the pitch. The team participated in a few matches during the year, managing to secure a few notable wins that highlighted the growing strength and skill of the players. The highlight of which was the National Blitz where the team competed against teams from all over the country. This was a great learning curve for future blitzes and showed how to play with less players on the pitch.

There were good numbers in training for most of the year but we also had a lot of training sessions with the junior team to enhance both teams numbers. While the summer months brought some challenges, with a few struggles to maintain numbers, the team made strides with a steady increase in player numbers since September. This boost in numbers has driven up competitiveness and also laughter. A large part of the squad is heavily involved in the club so this initiative has helped foster a stronger sense of unity in the area. One member said he lived in Perrystown for 6 years and didn't know anyone but now since joining Emmets, he can't leave the house without bumping into someone. I don't know if this is a good thing or not.

a lot of players are travelling from all over Dublin to play with this team, this shows the draw of emmets and the love of the family club"

Overall, it was a positive season with solid performances and a growing foundation to build on for the future. The team is excited to take this momentum forward into next year with more matches and blitz planned.

Mick – Minor Lads

Eoin – u10s

We have an amazing team with the U10 girls. We have grown from strength to strength, with an additional 7 girls joining the squad this year

If I think about this team, a couple of words come to mind - Great team spirit, loads of fun and most importantly friendship

We asked the girls to tell us what is most important to them when it comes to GAA and overwhelmingly, the response was they come back to Robert Emmets every week for fun and friendship

They are also thriving on the skills and competitive side, and growing in confidence as they get more matches under their belt. We win some, we lose some, but they are always there supporting each other and keeping their heads held high

Next year, we are looking to focus on match readiness... We need to support the girls on their fitness, their ability to encounter stronger teams and how to handle that but most importantly, build on the team comraderie that we have, as that is what keeps the girls in Robert Emmets and most importantly in sport at this age

Darren – u8s

It has been a great season and last few years for the Robert Emmets U8's. We currently have 20 members, 10 boys and 10 girls. Training is going well. We kept training going all summer and the kids really developed from this. Parents loved it also as you can imagine. Use of the astro turf is really helping the young kids get through the dark winter nights.

As the Manager of the team I'm hoping to introduce a weekly award system for the kids. I plan to award a boy and girl a "player of the week" award where they can keep the trophy for one week then return it to be awarded to another player. I also hope to introduce a weekly "best personal achievement" award to be given to a boy and girl each week. This will be returned and given out again also. If the committee agrees, I'll go ahead with this. I'll finance it myself.

Advertisement of our club at the U8 level would really help. This is needed I think. We struggle to be competitive as we are the only mixed team out there it seems. I have managed to arrange friendlies where I hold boys only and girls only matches. We are hugely successful at this. I'm willing to hand out flyers myself if I can staple a note about the under 8's team with my contact number attached. Having more players would strengthen the team obviously.

We also have a coach (Remi) handling the funds, we plan to maybe take the kids on a trip in the new year, if this is allowed.

In closing, there is a fantastic sense of community here. All parents chip in with set up and make down of equipment, it has been great fun training with U8's. It's all very positive and our current members are here to stay due to the attention the kids get.

Gareth – u16 Boys

Thanks Jack, so this year Ciaran and myself were looking after the U16 boys team, with a lot of assistance from John Tynan. We played in the league and championship and although not a great year results wise the team has continued to improve with great numbers turning up to

matches and training, we currently have a squad registered of 21 up from 17 this time last year, due to recruiting done by the players themselves. In 2025 we will be in the minors which is u18 and will be a big step up as our squad will be made up of 15 players of u17, 5 players of u16 and 1 u18, age wise we will be a very young team. Allied with this is the probable clash with rugby and soccer for Sunday games. As always new players are always welcome. We would like to organise some strength and conditioning for the team over the winter, so if anyone in the club can assist in any way with this, either as they work in the business or know someone who does, it would be most appreciated. Finally our thanks to the club for making sure that we have the footballs, training aids and access to the Astro. To the parents for their continued support and of course to the players themselves who make it all worthwhile.

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5. Treasurer's report.

6. Notices of Motion.

- Dublin LGFA are celebrating 40 years next year. Robert Emmets is the only surviving club. We should set up a subcommittee to celebrate this and liaise with the County Board for support on this matter. It is a great achievement.

- Period products to be supplied for Girls teams
- Defibrillator to be moved to outside as it is currently behind a locked door most of the time.
- New goals for underage teams?

7. Appointment of tellers

Chairperson: 3 Tellers are required, these can be taken from volunteers on the floor.

8. Election of Officers

Chairperson: We now move on to the Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee. Current holders of positions will be asked if they want to continue in their position. If nominations have been received, an election will be held. Where the current holder of a position does not wish to continue and no nominations have been received prior to the meeting, nominations can be proposed from the floor.

(a) President

- a. Current holder: Aodh O' Connor (appointed by committee to run the meeting)
- b. Nominations – Stephen Gannon

(b) Chairperson,

- c. Current holder: Tony Byrne (appointed by committee to run the meeting)
- d. Nominations – Declan Kerins

(b) Vice Chair

- a. Nominations – Eoin Best

(c) Secretary & Registrar

- a. Current holder: Declan Kerins (appointed by committee to assist with the meeting)
- b. Nominations – Neil Johnstone & Jack Boyle

(d) Treasurer – currently Michael Mc Nulty

- a. Nominations – Michael Mc Nulty

(e) Assistant Treasurer

- (a) None

(f) PRO

- b. Current holder: none
- c. Nominations – Lorna O’ Connor

(g) Children’s Officer

Current Holder Tony Byrne

Nomination: Roisin Smyth & Mark Conway

(h) Coaching Officer:

Current holder: Eoin Best

Nomination: Donal Devoy

(e) Committee members

Current holders:

Jack Boyle
Des Sharkey
Carol
Sinead Gaffney

Nominations:

Lorna O’ Connor
Frances Mc Elarney
Jonah Fieldman

(f) County Board Delegates

- a. Ladies County Board Delegate
 - i. Current holder: Siobhan Allen
 - ii. Nominations – None received

(g) Irish Language Officer

Seamus O Cadhla.

(h) Team management

Chairpersons

Hi,

For information I am interested in this position and keen to furtherer develop the club after a signifcant progress within the club this year.

The role of chairperson is critical to all clubs.

The role assumes responsibility helping to develop the club and ensuring processes within the club comply with GAA regulations.

To this end I in this role I think it is important we put in place our own internal processes in (conforming to GAA requirements) across the range of roles.

This would mean putting in place processes for requirements of each role so we have templates to manage most situations as they arise.

The key is to put in place a systems that can be passed on to incoming committee's so they do n't have to start from scratch which has been the case over the years. We should have in place processes that cover issues that come up during the season rather than an unclear haze (so & so might know on that etc.) as to how things should be done.

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Children's Officer: We should put in place a protocol as to how we handle situations that may come up in line with GAA requirements. Then going forward new committees will have a bank of information to help them familiarise how matters are handled within our club.

Secretary:

We need to ensure process and information systems are in place that guide us on how we handle matters, contact details around GAA & LGFA County Board, SDCC Community Centre local schools etc.

Finance is another one. Michael is the Treasurer but he is not responsible for fundraising. However it is important we support Michael by putting in place a finance policy. Also as Chair I would need to be included with access details to our bank account.

At the moment we pay as required on an ad hoc basis. This is unfair on the treasurer. If I am Chairperson we will need to put in a finance policy as to how payments and receipts are made, e.g. Exec committee Chair, Sec & Treasurer can agree & approve payments up to €300.00 & subsequently report at the next committee meeting.