Date: 2nd February 2024

**Notice of AGM**

Dear Member,

The 78th Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held upstairs in the clubhouse on **Friday 9th February 2024** **at 7.00 p.m.**

**Agenda**

1. Minutes of the A.G.M of February 17th 2023.
2. Matters arising.
3. Reports – Secretary’s Report and Finance Report.
4. President’s Address.
5. Captain’s Address.
6. To confirm nominations for President, Captain & Vice Captain.
7. To ratify Dave Cawley as Trustee.
8. Election of Secretary and Treasurer.
9. Election of 10 Council Members.
10. Election of Auditors.
11. Proposed amendments to the Constitution- **see listing attached**- Proposed by Constitution Convenor, Ken Devlin and Seconded by Honorary Secretary, Oliver Gilmore.
12. To fix subscriptions for 2024.
13. Any other business with the consent of the President and those present.

**NB. The 2024 Financial statements will be available from Friday 2nd February to Full Members on the members section of the club website.**

Oliver Gilmore

Honorary Secretary

## 10. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

**Membership of the Club**

**CLASS D:** COUNTRY MEMBERS – Persons whose Principal Private Residence is in Ireland or Britain and is situated more than 200 km radius from the clubhouse. Country Members are ineligible to compete for Captain's or President's Prize or to attend or vote at General Meetings of the Club.

Existing Country Members shall retain their rights and status.

Change to:

**CLASS D: COUNTRY MEMBERS – Persons whose Principal Private Residence is in the island of Ireland or in Britain and is situated more than 200 km radius from the clubhouse. Country Members are ineligible to compete for Captain's or President's Prize or to attend or vote at General Meetings of the Club.**

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**CLASS L:** INTERNATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP –

Persons resident outside the island of Ireland may apply for International Life Membership according to Council guidelines. Membership is not transferable and has no right of succession. Membership lapses if the international member takes up permanent residence in Ireland. International Life Members are not entitled to attend or vote at General Meetings of the Club and are ineligible to compete for either the Captain’s or President’s prizes.

Change to:

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Council may make a Husband and Wife/civil partnership ticket available.

Change to:

**Council may make a married couple/registered civil partnership ticket available.**

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# **GENERAL MEETINGS**

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The Revenue Commissioners require additional safeguards in the Constitution of clubs to protect the tax payers money when applying for grants.  This is basically to prevent members profiting personally if a club winds up.

The following Section 20 is to be added to the Constitution as per Revenue Recommended wording:

**REVENUE COMMISSIONERS OBLIGATIONS**

**20.1 Additions, alterations or amendments:**

**No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to the provisions of the object(s) clause, the income and property clause, the winding up clause, the keeping of accounts clause or this clause of the Constitution for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners.**

**20.2 Income and Property:**

**The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the object(s) as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of the Club’s income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the Club. No officer shall be appointed to any office of the Club paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money’s worth from the Club.**

**However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of:**

**a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any member or servant of the Club (not being an officer) for any services rendered to the Club;**

1. **b) interest at a rate not exceeding 1% above the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (Euribor) per annum on money lent by an officer or other members of the Club to the Club;**
2. **c) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the Club (including any officer) to the Club;**
3. **d) reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Club;**
4. **e) fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money’s worth to any Company of which an officer may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company;**

**20.3 Winding-up:**

**If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of their income and property among their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Club under or by virtue of the Income and Property clause. hereof. Members of the Club shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object. Final accounts will be prepared and submitted that will include a section that identifies and values any assets transferred along with the details of the recipients and the terms of the transfer.**

**20.4 Keeping of Accounts:**

**Annual accounts shall be kept and made available to Revenue on request. Where the gross annual income exceeds €250,000 the accounts will be audited.**