



Date & Time: 28 September 2019 @ 13H00

To: Leinster Squash members

Subject: Leinster Squash AGM 2019

Venue: Mount Pleasant L.T.C.

Dear member,

Thank you for attending our AGM.

Whether you are here on a personal note or representing your club, I hope this meeting will help you to understand how the Leinster Squash committee is helping its members and its affiliated clubs to enjoy its squash time, be it in a competitive or friendly game but also as an active member of the sport, and always in a safe environment.

The Leinster Squash committee is there to:

- **Nurture** our affiliated clubs to enjoy the different events organized during a season.
- **Grow** the squash community by supporting new club to join the network and show how to best interact with other clubs to enjoy the organised Leagues and Cup games.
- **Foster** youngsters and help them thrive at a club and regional level but also support them to shine at a national and international level.
- **Develop** the squash sport by supporting club initiative(s) and request(s) when possible but also help incubating idea(s) from everyone and everywhere to serve the long term interest

The **agenda** for this year AGM is following a simple principle: continuous learning to best adapt to the coming future in the interest of the squash in each club and our beautiful Leinster province.

1. **Season 2018-2019**
2. *New committee: Committee 2019-2020 Roles Attribution*
3. *New committee: Season 2019-2020 overview and planning*

On the behalf of the Leinster Squash Committee,

Aurele Langevin, President



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1. Season 2018-2019

A. Review of the minutes of the last AGM 2017-2018

Event : Leinster Squash AGM

Date : 26th of September 2018 @ 19:30

Venue : Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club

Attendees

Frank Donnelly (President), Gerry Delaney(Treasurer), Peter O'Halloran, Mick Collins, Auele Langevin, Dara Flynn, Andrew Gillespie, Mark Kelly, Dave Mulligan, Martin Maher, Sylvia Doyle, Louise Marks, Mary Brennan

Apologies

Alan Sheehy-Skeffington, Noel Storey

Author - Peter O'Halloran

Agenda

1. Presidents Address
2. Minutes of 2017 Meeting
3. Administrators Report
4. Matters Arising
5. Secretaries Report
6. Treasurers Report
7. Motions/Proposals
8. Election of Officers
9. Any Other Business

Emerging Decisions & Actions

1) It was acknowledged that the date for this AGM was later than normal, but given the turnout (good) that this may be a better time to schedule this event in the future - at the start of the season. Frank Donnelly is standing down as president. Gerry Delaney on behalf of Leinster Squash Council thanked Frank for his contribution over the time he spent as President and the contribution to Leinster Squash.



2) The minutes were proposed and seconded.

3) The administrators report doubled as secretaries report. please see report for the detail. There has been a reduction of mens teams from 51 to 48, ladies teams from 16 to 14 and clubs from 17 to 14 that participate in the Leinster Leagues. Sylvia raised the issue of the fall off of ladies teams, and the challenge of assembling players from different clubs. There was a brief discussion of how to address this with different options offered - it was agreed that this is a topic to be further discussed by the council. Gerry also added that the League Rules have been rewritten to be shared at the start of the season, and that the constitution has also been updated and the draft will be communicated to all clubs, feedback consolidated and final version voted on at the next AGM. Finally there were a number of submissions for Junior players to participate in the League, these were reviewed and a decision made. This is expected to continue next year. The secretaries report was proposed by Peter & seconded by Dave.

4) Under matters arising, it was suggested that the Administrators Report include an update from the Schools Section. This is an action for the next year. It was suggested by Mary that the use of a "phone bridge" should be deployed to assist council members engage better over the year. This is an action for the next council to consider.

5) see 3)

6) Gerry shared & presented the treasurers report (which is available on request). There was a query re the amount spent on the prizes - there was a discussion regarding the nature of prizes and how this could be done in the future. It was agreed that this would be a topic that the future committee can discuss.

7) The following council members were elected;

- Aurele Langevin as President (Mount Pleasant)
- Gerry Delaney as Treasurer (Mount Pleasant)
- Noel Storey as Secretary (Aer Lingus)
- Ordinary Members – relected
 - Alan Sheehey-Skeffington (LCC Squash)
 - Peter O'Halloran (LCC Squash)
 - Dara O'Flynn (Fitzwilliam)
 - Andrew Gillespie (Mount Pleasant)
 - Dave Mulligan (Trinity)
 - Patrick (Fitzwilliam)
- Ordinary members - newly elected
 - Mary Brennan (Sutton)
 - Sylvia Doyle (Old Belvedere)



It was noted that the assignment of roles on the council is the responsibility of the new members of the council. It was acknowledged that the administration/management of the youth section was too great for one person. It was noted there was a need to ensure that large clubs needs not on the council need to be represented, and asked to nominate a member to the council. Finally clubs with large youth sections needed to be represented on the council.

9) It was agreed that the draft constitution would be shared with Mark Kelly (Sandycove/Sportsco). Gerry to send on via email. It was agreed that the Consitution should make reference to & abide by GDPR. There was a general discussion over maintaining the Leinster Squash & Schools Website. The topic evolved into a broader round table discussion regarding a social media approach. It was agreed that this is a topic to be raised by the new council.

List of names & emails shared;



B. Annual Report

We are overall up, however the Saturday and Masters is in need to be attractive again

Season	Total teams	Men's	Ladies	Clubs	Saturday's	Masters
2018-2019	63	50	13	15	8	10
2017-2018	62	48	14	14	11	12
2016-2017	67	51	16	17		

i. Seniorss League & Cup

League Results:

Men's Premier	Winners: Sutton 'A',	Runners up: Fitzwilliam 'A'
Men's Division 1	Winners: Curragh 'A',	Runners up: Old Belvedere 'A'
Men's Division 2	Winners: Mt. Pleasant 'C',	Runners up: Sutton 'D'
Men's Division 3	Winners: Trinity 'B',	Runners up: Sutton 'E'
Men's Division 4	Winners: UCD 'A',	Runners up: Sutton 'F'
Men's Division 5	Winners: Mt. Pleasant 'E',	Runners up: Leinster 'C'
Men's Division 6	Winners: Fitzwilliam 'E',	Runners up: Leinster 'D'
Ladies Premier	Winners: Sutton 'A',	Runners up: Fitzwilliam 'A'
Ladies Division 1	Winners: Sutton 'C',	Runners up: Sutton 'D'

Final Standings Men's

PREMIER	Team	Club	Rounds	W	L	Points
1	Sutton A	Sutton LTC	12	10	1	176
2	Fitzwilliam A	Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club	12	11	0	175
3	Mt. Pleasant A	Mount Pleasant LTC	12	7	5	120
4	Sutton B	Sutton LTC	12	6	6	110
5	Leinster A	LCC Squash Club	12	5	7	94
6	Fitzwilliam B	Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club	12	1	11	57
7	West Wood A	Westwood	12	1	11	56

DIVISION 1	Team	Club	Rounds	W	L	Points
1	Curragh A	Curragh Squash Club	12	12	0	168
2	Old Belvedere A	Old Belvedere	12	7	5	139
3	Sutton C	Sutton LTC	12	9	3	137
4	West Wood B	Westwood	12	7	5	124
5	Mt. Pleasant B	Mount Pleasant LTC	12	4	8	103
6	Trinity A	Trinity	12	3	9	102
7	Aer Lingus A	Aer Lingus	12	0	12	49



DIVISION 2	Team	Club	Rounds	W	L	Points
1	Mt. Pleasant C	Mount Pleasant LTC	15	11	4	174
2	Sutton D	Sutton LTC	15	9	6	167
3	Fitzwilliam C	Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club	15	10	5	162
4	West Wood C	Westwood	15	7	8	150
5	Old Belvedere B	Old Belvedere	15	5	10	147
6	Curragh B	Curragh Squash Club	15	3	12	111

DIVISION 3	Team	Club	Rounds	W	L	Points
1	Trinity B	Trinity	16	12	2	194
2	Sutton E	Sutton LTC	15	9	5	154
3	Aer Lingus B	Aer Lingus	15	9	5	143
4	Sportslink A	Sportslink	16	6	8	135
5	West Wood D	Westwood	15	6	7	130
6	Old Belvedere C	Old Belvedere	15	5	7	120
7	Fitzwilliam D	Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club	15	5	8	113
8	Leinster B	LCC Squash Club	15	2	12	107
9	Mt. Pleasant D (Withdrawn)	Mount Pleasant LTC	10	0	0	0

DIVISION 4	Team	Club	Rounds	W	L	Points
1	UCD A	UCD	15	11	1	167
2	Sutton F	Sutton LTC	15	8	4	133
3	Westwood E	Westwood	13	3	9	96
4	Old Belvedere D	Old Belvedere	14	2	10	62
5	Trinity C (Withdrawn)	Trinity	7	0	0	0

DIVISION 5	Team	Club	Rounds	W	L	Points
1	Mt. Pleasant E	Mount Pleasant LTC	12	11	1	164
2	Leinster C	LCC Squash Club	12	8	4	130
3	Sandycove A	Sandycove	12	5	7	113
4	Curragh C	Curragh Squash Club	12	7	4	107
5	Sutton H	Sutton LTC	12	5	7	107
6	Sutton G	Sutton LTC	12	4	8	106
7	Mater Hospital A	Mater Hospital	12	1	10	72



DIVISION 6	Team	Club	Rounds	W	L	Points
1	Fitzwilliam E	Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club	16	14	2	219
2	Leinster D	LCC Squash Club	16	14	2	206
3	Aer Lingus C	Aer Lingus	16	11	4	172
4	Sutton I	Sutton LTC	16	8	6	162
5	Old Belvedere E	Old Belvedere	16	5	10	138
6	Sandycove B	Sandycove	16	7	9	137
7	Junction 6 A	Junction 6	16	5	11	109
8	Fitzwilliam F	Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club	16	3	13	108
9	Joe May's B	Joe Mays	16	3	13	104

Final Standings Ladies

PREMIER	Team	Club	Rounds	W	L	Points
1	Sutton Ladies A	Sutton LTC	15	15	0	176
2	Fitzwilliam Ladies A	Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club	15	11	4	156
3	Sutton Ladies B	Sutton LTC	15	8	7	106
4	Mt. Pleasant Ladies A	Mount Pleasant LTC	15	6	9	90
5	West Wood Ladies A	Westwood	15	4	11	87
6	Old Belvedere Ladies A	Old Belvedere	15	1	14	59

DIVISION 1	Team	Club	Rounds	W	L	Points
1	Sutton Ladies C	Sutton LTC	12	12	0	137
2	Mt. Pleasant Ladies B	Mount Pleasant LTC	12	10	2	118
3	Trinity Ladies A	Trinity	12	6	6	93
4	Leinster Ladies A	LCC Squash Club	12	6	6	75
5	Old Belvedere Ladies B	Old Belvedere	12	3	9	75
6	Aer Lingus Ladies A	Aer Lingus	12	4	8	69
7	Sutton Ladies D	Sutton LTC	12	1	11	46

Cup Finals were played in Fitzwilliam LTC on 13th. April

Men's Championship:	Winners: Sutton 'A'.	Runners up: Fitzwilliam 'A'
Ivy Hadden Trophy:	Winners: Sutton 'A',	Runners up: Fitzwilliam 'A'
Grey Cup:	Winners: Sutton 'C',	Runners up: Curragh 'A'
Ladies Division 1:	Winners: Sutton 'C',	Runners up: Sutton 'D'
Men's Division 3&4:	Winners: Aer Lingus 'B',	Runners up: Trinity 'B'
Men's Division 5&6:	Winners: Fitzwilliam 'E',	Runners up: Leinster 'C'

--Mick Collins



ii. Juniors Report

There were many highlights in this very eventful year for our Leinster Junior Players.

Sutton Lawn Tennis club hosted the Irish Junior Open in November 2018 and ran a very successful tournament.

The new year 2019 then started with great excitement with *Denis Gilevskiy* playing in the final of the Boys under 15 British Junior Open.

Simultaneously, the Leinster Junior Closed was held in the first week of January 2019 and is recognized as important for player development. The results of the Leinster Closed are used as the basis for team selection for the Interprovincial Tournament and the *Leinster boys u13 and u15 teams both brought the Interpro trophies* from Waterford back home. Also, well done to the u11 team and the girls u15 team who were both runners-up.

In early April 2019, Sutton Lawn Tennis Club played host to the 5 Nations Competition and it was a wonderful event for all.

Then, a few short weeks later the Under 19 Irish Squash Team (including 3 Leinster players *Conor Moran, Sam Buckley and Michael Creaven*) competed well in Prague and achieved 4th place.

The excitement peaked with the end of squash season when the under 15 Irish team (including 3 Leinster players *Denis Gilevskiy, Dylan Moran and Jack O' Flynn*) played in the Final of the European Championships in Eindhoven in May 2019.



Final Standings Junior Closed/Open

Junior Closed	Winner	Runner-up
Boys Under 11	Christian Dromgoole	Tyler Dromgoole
Girls under 11	Zoe Yeomans	Isabel Fallon
Boys Under 13	Aaron Cullen	Conal Jackson
Girls under 13	Sara Sabry	Anna Meaney
Boys Under 15	Ed Gaffney	Adam Eason
Girls under 15	Rebecca Kavanagh	Keya Crosbie
Boys Under 17	Mikey Wright	Omar Wahed
Boys Under 19	Michael Creaven	Dylan Moran

Junior Open	Winner	Runner-up
Boys Under 11	Christian Dromgoole	Adam Power
Girls under 11	Rebecca Jackson	Katie Dunphy
Boys Under 13	Danny Lynch	Yuv Pahuja
Girls under 13	Erin Ferris	Victoria Protespova
Boys Under 15	Dylan Moran	Jack O' Flynn
Girls under 15	Samantha Scott	Sophie Thomas
Boys Under 17	Sean White	Mathew Li
Girls under 17	Hanna McGuggan	Nikole Palermo
Boys Under 19	Conor Moran	Sam Buckley
Girls under 19	Emma Lundy	Alessia Osborne

-- Mary Brennan



iii. Saturday's League

Saturday League sadly appears to be in decline.

From a historical high of 14 teams across 2 divisions, this year we had just 8 teams, which we deemed to be too few to split into separate divisions. Since we did not know how playing standards would compare, we decided to let all teams play each other initially, with the idea of letting the top four and the bottom four then play off against each other. However there were so many cancelled games and walkovers that it was impossible to rank the results accurately. Technically Leinster B were the winners and Old Belvedere were runners-up, but this was on the basis of points acquired through walkovers, which seemed just wrong. By contrast, third-placed **Aer Lingus B played all their matches and deserve credit for their effort.**

So regrettably we decided to award *no prizes for the league this year*. This raises questions about the format of the league and how we run it which we will have to address. In fact it calls into question the very viability of the Saturday League. Our impression is that there is a widespread view that it would be a pity to lose it, but unless there is a greater willingness among clubs to participate, and a greater commitment from those who do sign up, it must be in doubt. We would ask all Leinster clubs to take a little time and trouble to canvass their members for interest in taking part next year. Though of course we are not looking for just theoretical interest, as the last thing we would want is for clubs to sign up initially only to fail to produce teams when the season starts.

On a more positive note our cup finals day went ahead on 18th May, and although there were only 4 teams an enjoyable day was had by all and some excellent matches were played. Winners were Old Belvedere and runners up were an Aer Lingus A team supported by a couple of guest Leinster players. The round robin format played all on the same day works well and is likely to be continued – that is, assuming the Saturday League does continue!

-- Alan Sheehy-Skeffington

--Arthur Moore



iv. Masters

In the 2018/19 season one team, Mount Pleasant B, left the second division which left it with 5 teams.

There were also 5 teams in the first division which gave a total of 20 rounds of league matches, with 5 player teams, played during the season.

Final Standings Masters League:

DIVISION 1	Team	Club	Rounds	W	L	Points
1	Fitzwilliam Masters A	Fitzwilliam LTC	8	7	1	111
2	Old Belvedere Masters A	Old Belvedere	8	6	2	101
3	Sportslink Masters A	Sportslink	8	4	4	65
4	Mount Pleasant Masters A	Mount Pleasant LTC	8	2	6	57
5	Aer Lingus Masters A	Aer Lingus	8	1	7	47

DIVISION 2	Team	Club	Rounds	W	L	Points
1	Sandycove Masters A	Sandycove	12	12	0	156
2	Old Belvedere Masters B	Old Belvedere	12	7	1	116
3	Westwood Masters B	Westwood	12	6	6	111
4	Leinster LCC Masters A	LCC Squash Club	12	4	8	99
5	Old Belvedere Masters C	Old Belvedere	12	1	11	84

Leinster Masters Cups

The cup matches were once again run on the "Handicap" system where the weaker team was given the average of the difference between the teams in their league matches with the maximum handicap being capped at 8 points.

played in Leinster Cricket Club on 25th April



Leinster Masters Cups		
Division	Winner	Runner-up
1	Fitzwilliam A	Old Belvedere A
2	Leinster CC	Sandycove A

Leinster Squash Masters Held in Fitzwilliam LTC and Old Belvedere on 3rd and 4th November 2018		
Section	Winner	Runner-up
MENS OVER 35	John Rooney	Nigel Peyton
MENS OVER 45 A Section	John Dullaghan	Michael Cowhie
MENS OVER 45 B Section	Dave Riordan	James Barrett
MENS OVER 50	Brian Lalor	Michael McKee
MENS OVER 55	John Dineen	David Borton
MENS OVER 60	Herbert Cotter	Frank Donnelly
WOMENS OVER 35 A Section	Orla O'Doherty	Ali Magee
WOMENS OVER 35 B Section	Dympna Reardon	Joan Gorham

Irish Squash Masters Open Held in Fitzwilliam LTC from 8th to 9th March 2019		
Section	Winner	Runner-up
MENS OVER 45	David Ayerst	Nick Staunton
MENS OVER 50	Brian Lalor	Andre Maur
MENS OVER 55	John Dineen	David Borton
MENS OVER 60	David Lalor	Frank Donnelly
MENS OVER 65	Pat Hanley	Robert Peel
MENS OVER 70	Jonny Donovan	Frank Fahey
WOMENS OVER 35	Orla O'Doherty	Ali Magee
WOMENS OVER 50	Maureen Duke	Lynda Dunlop
WOMENS OVER 60	Anita Mylotte	Evelyn Hanrahan

Irish Squash Masters Interprovincials		
Section	Winner	Runner-up
WOMENS OVER 35	Munster	Connacht
MENS OVER 45	Leinster	Ulster
MENS OVER 55	Munster	Leinster
MENS OVER 65	Leinster	Ulster



Pictures from the leagues can be found across our Leinster Squash social media channels, but also in your favorite **SportyHQ**

<https://www.sportyhq.com/league/view/269>

<https://www.sportyhq.com/league/view/272>





v. Schools report

This season I ran One Day Events for Boys and Girls U/11, U/13, U/15, U/17 and U/19.

The days are school days, (which seems to suit the schools as they don't need to get teachers outside of school hours) and start at 9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

A total of eight days were needed to complete all sections. We had B & C sections in U/11 & U/13 Boys Sections, to cater for lower sections.

Winners were:

Category	Boys	Girls
U/11	St Fintans NS	St Fintans NS
U/13	St Fintans NS	Scoil Mhuire Howth
U/15	St Fintans Highschool	Holy Faith Clontarf
U/17	St Fintans Highschool	Santa Sabina
U/19	St Fintans Highschool	Santa Sabina

School Squash is a vital part of the development and promotion of our sport. We need to grow participation of more schools but this takes a lot of effort, time and really is a job for a development officer.

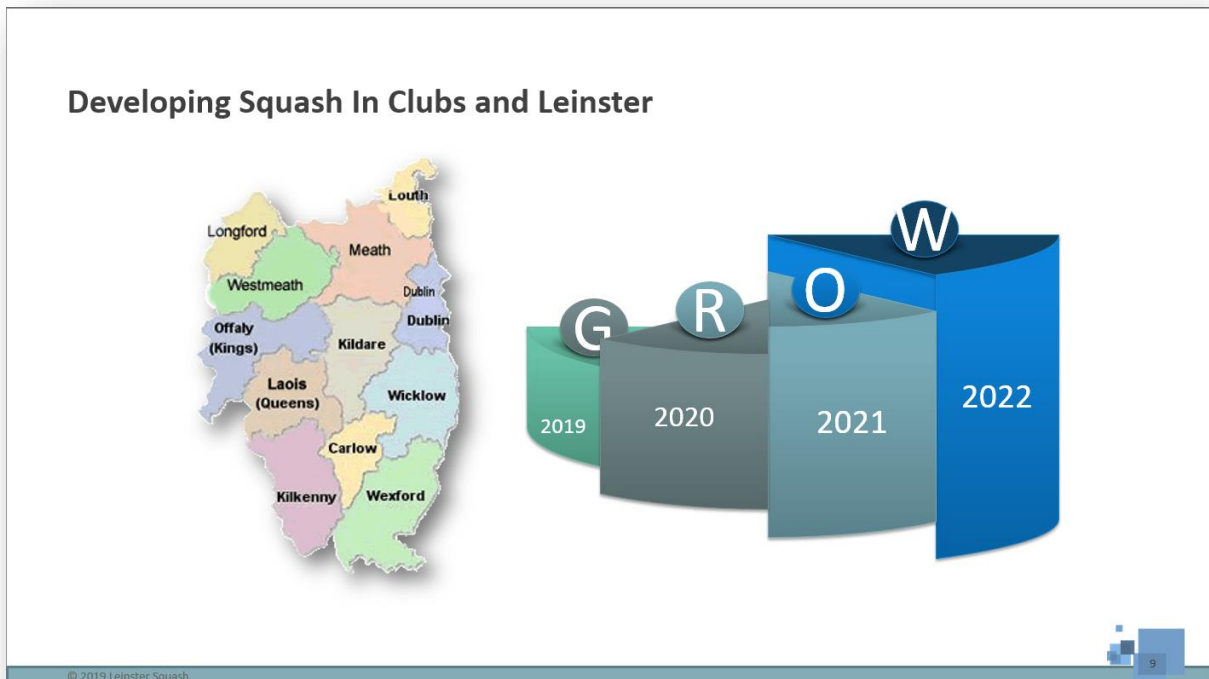
Running this event, as I have done it for the past 3 years, takes between 50 – 80 hours and I have not really tried to expand it as I can't sustain this commitment, never mind increase it. I would welcome the opportunity to talk with the council as to the future of this Schools Event.

--Eoin Ryan



C. Treasurer's Report

There was a surplus again last year and the finances continue to be in a healthy state. Significant funding was provided to assist the development of Junior squash in Leinster and the Development Fund that has been put aside now stands at €15k.





D. Conclusion

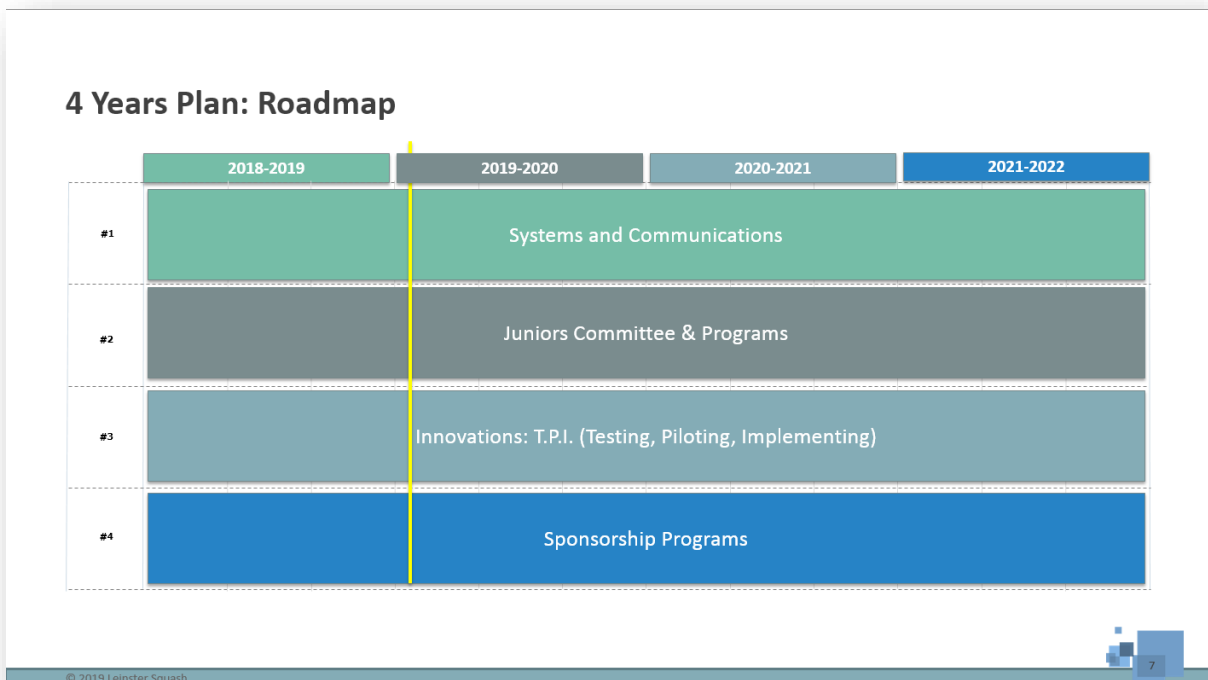
First, I would like to give a **special thanks to the dedication of the entire Leinster Squash committee** and for their enthusiasm and support all along the season. There is passion in every meeting and discussion and this is the reason year after year, every member of the committee has participated to the success of our Leagues, Cups and events.

While we have enjoyed a great season, we need to focus on the Saturday's and Masters League & Cups if we want to make sure that there will be squash for everyone. It is great to see the bright coming future with our many exceptional junior players shining on the national and international level but it is also essential to keep being attractive to all players.

It was also with great pleasure that we have supported many clubs with their request, like:

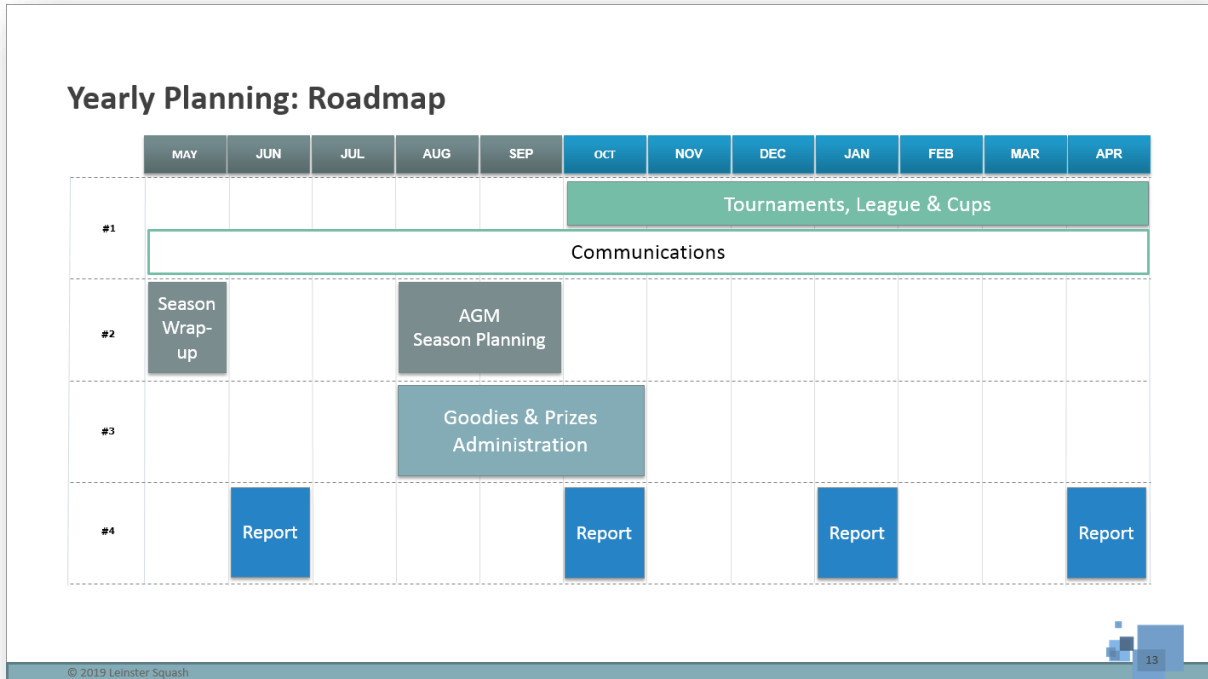
- Sutton Summer Camp
- Mount Pleasant Summer Camp
- Fitzwilliam with 4 Leinster players at the European Club Championships in Edinburgh
- Special fund raisings
- Special Refereeing & Coaching

We have found 4 major areas to improve and this is the reason we came up with a **4 years plan** with special dedicated workstream supported by functional sub-committee. 4 years is also a good lapse to facilitate the **regeneration** for the committee operational team and also to keep the **innovation** at heart and to embrace our next generation of council members for many joyful years to come.





We setup a yearly plan so it is easier for you and for your club to understand what is the cycle of the Leinster Squash Committee Ops:



If you have any *idea, suggestion* and would like to see your squash being developed the way you would like, then please feel free to get in touch with your *club committee* and/or the Leinster Squash committee and we will have pleasure to invite you and make your participation another great contribution to the squash!

And why not joining your club committee or the Leinster Squash committee at the next AGM. Until then enjoy the coming season, play with passion but play safe!

This year, we hope to happily *surprise the winners* of the Leagues and Cups (Seniors, Saturday's and Masters), stay tuned 😊

Find your league information on SportyHQ:

<https://www.sportyhq.com/organization/view/Leinster-Squash>

Leinster Rules:

<http://www.leinstersquash.ie/docs/rules/Leinster-Squash-Senior-League-&-Cup-Rules-09012019.pdf>



2. New committee: Committee 2019-2020 Roles Attribution

Role	2018-2019	2019-2020
President	Aurele Langevin (MP)	
Vice-President	n/a	
Hon Secretary	Noel Storey (AL)	
Hon Treasurer	Gerry Delaney (MP)	
Ladies' Captain	n/a	
Men's Captain	Dara O'Flynn (F)	
Masters Administrator	Patrick Murray (F)	
Juniors Administrator	Mary Brennan (S) (outgoing)	
Saturdays Administrator	Alan Sheehy-Skeffington (L)	
Schools Administrator	Eoin Ryan (S)	
Tournament Secretary	n/a	
Coaching Secretary	n/a	
IT & Systems	Andrew Gillepsie (MP)	
Administrator	Mick Collins	
Council Members Senior	Sylvia Doyle (Old Belvedere) Peter O'Halloran (LCC Squash) Dave Mulligan (Trinity)	Suzanne Buttler (MP)
Council Members Junior		Sam Haycock (MP) Ryan Kelly (MP)

Nominations:

- Aurele for Council Members Junior: Sam Haycock (excused) and Ryan Kelly (excused)



3. New committee: Season 2019-2020 overview and planning

A. Sub-committee

i. Junior Secretary sub-committee:

- Junior Secretary:
 - Looking after the Junior topic and Leinster Junior events organization
 - Liaising with IS Junior Secretary
 - Leading the "sub-committee"
- Junior Secretary "mentor":
 - Henry Gillanders, as most of you know him, would be willing to take on this mentor role to help anyone with the role of Junior secretary
- Junior tournament assistant (a "junior" person):
 - being at the event(s) and making sure that the organization of the event is going on well
 - would be paid (€100 to €200)
 - I have an ex-Junior willing to take on this responsibility (he was a good player and he knows how a tournament is ran)

ii. Innovation and Incubation sub-committee:

- Members: Suggested: Peter, David, Dara
- Ideas, suggestions:
 - Club and Regional Calendar
 - League type, new systems...