



NAOMHOGA CHORCAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date/Venue: Friday, January 26, 2024 at 8pm
Cork County Cricket Club

Attendance: Kieran Murphy, Jim Malone, Colm Ó Coileáin, Maighread Kelly, Elaine Winters, John Tynan, Marianne Keane, Oisín Creagh, Colin O'Donnell, Suzanne O'Sullivan, Ruth Hargrove, Deirdre Looney, Eamonn O'Ceallaigh, Ivan Keresztes, Mairead Kelly, Sean Cunningham, Joseph Enright, Miriam Murphy, Austin Fahy, Laurence Courtney, Martha Dennehy, Colm Tyers, Donna Schwartz, Mary Cooney, Jo De Lamar, Antoinette O'Brien, Byran O'Brien, Cathy Buchanan, Clare Hayden, Ciara McKiernan, Celine Dennehy, John Lynch, Alan Murphy, Donagh MacArtain, Gerard Corkery, Mark Ryan, Frank O'Neill, William Hammond.

Apologies: Paul Gallagher, Jim O'Donovan, Claire Ni Mhuirthile and Antonio Di Mare.

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Apologies/absences	Attendance of 2023 members to be checked for quorum Apologies/Absences noted	Quorum confirmed by Kieran Murphy Done
One-minute silence	One minute of silence to remember absent members, friends & family and those suffering or recovering from illness.	Done.
Minutes:	Actions from previous AGM:	Jim Malone advised that a safety fence and grab rope had been added to the pontoon. A new process for the launching and recovery of boats had also been implemented. Discussions ongoing with SBC on adding additional blocks to pontoon. Colm Ó Coileáin advised that a letter of thanks had been sent to the family of the late Michael McLoughlin for the donation of his small sailing boat 'Glocca Mara' to the club.

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	Officers' Reports:	<p data-bbox="521 268 792 300">Chairperson's Address</p> <p data-bbox="896 268 1430 621">Kieran Murphy advised that grant funding had been obtained to fence our new adjoining site. Funding had also been obtained for new life jackets, first aid kits and a variety of training courses. Kieran also thanked Meitheal Mara for their continued co-operation with boat repair and sharing of equipment. Kieran also thanked the outgoing committee members and advised he would be stepping down also.</p> <p data-bbox="521 625 748 657">Treasurer's Report</p> <p data-bbox="896 695 1430 1010">Copies of the club accounts were available at the AGM. Maighr�ad Kelly advised that one grant refund was still outstanding but expected.. Maighr�ad also advised of 161 club members including including 17 junior members. Club members had also been involved in fund raising for the Turkey / Syria earthquake appeal in 2023 and an UNICEF fundraiser in January 2024.</p> <p data-bbox="521 909 743 940">Secretary's Report</p> <p data-bbox="896 1052 1430 1367">Colm � Coile�ain advised that club activities between public and members only rows were getting back to normal again. Colm thanked Jack O'Keefe and others for boat maintenance along with those who organise and tow for the away rows. Colm also expressed the hope that participation in events organised by other rowing clubs around the country would continue.</p> <p data-bbox="521 1192 724 1224">Captain's Report</p> <p data-bbox="896 1409 1430 1608">Jim Malone spoke of the weekly rows and also the several away trips the club undertook including abroad to Spain in August 2023. Several other planned away trips had to be cancelled due to bad weather.</p> <p data-bbox="896 1619 1430 1755">Jim thanked both Kieran Murphy and John Tyan for their assistance during the year and welcomed the incoming Captain, Vice-Captain and other committee members.</p>
	Correspondence to AGM	<p data-bbox="521 1766 850 1860">Colm � Coile�ain advised none received as of date of AGM</p>

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Election of officers and committee members	<p>Chairperson – Antoinette O’Brien</p> <p>Treasurer – Maighr�ad Kelly</p> <p>Secretary – Deirdre Looney</p> <p>Captain – Donna Schwarz</p> <p>Vice Captain – Suzanne O’Sullivan</p> <p>Training Coordinator – Colin O’Donnell</p> <p>Officers standing down – Jim Malone, Kieran Murphy, Colm � Coile�in, John Tynan.</p> <p>Ordinary Committee members offered to remain - Elaine Winters</p> <p>New Ordinary Committee Members co-opted to committee - Mair�ad Kelly, Thomas Fenton, Martha Dennehy and Ois�n Creagh</p>	<p>Proposed: Donna Schwarz Seconded: Jim Malone</p> <p>Re-elected unopposed</p> <p>Proposed: Maighr�ad Kelly Seconded: Antoinette O’Brien</p> <p>Proposed: Antoinette O’Brien Seconded: John Tynan</p> <p>Proposed: Donna Schwarz Seconded: Ciara McKernan</p> <p>Proposed: Kieran Murphy Seconded: Antoinette O’Brien</p>
7. Agenda	<p>Meitheal Mara</p> <p>Row Booklet:</p> <p>Club C�il�:</p>	<p>Cathy Buchanan thanked Naomh�ga Chorca� for the ongoing cooperation and also club members who volunteered with Meitheal Mara programs such as the B�d�ireacht program.</p> <p>Cathy also advised of the ongoing process of development of a Maritime Centre on the Lee that would cater for a variety of water-based activities.</p> <p>Colm � Coile�in thanked all those who had contributed to the booklet of rows. This year a digital version of the booklet was emailed out to club members.</p>

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		<p>John Mitchell spoke about the upcoming Céili Mór which is one of the clubs biggest annual fundraisers. Over €1,500 was raised from the 2023 céilí. Everyone was welcome to come. He was looking for volunteers for baking and raffle ticket selling.</p>
<p>Proposal for Discussion and Vote.</p>	<p>“That the club members agree to explore changes in the club governance structure to that of company limited by guarantee (CLG) and that the club committee be empowered to explore the means to bring this about before presentation for decision at Annual General Meeting”</p>	<p>Maighréd Kelly outlined how the legal structure of the club could affect our ability to see future grant approval as awarding bodies are not eager to award grants to clubs that are not limited by guarantee.</p> <p>Also, that the current situation could mean each committee could be potentially financially liable in certain circumstances. Club members Bill Houlihan and Ed O’Leary, who are solicitors, believe changing the status of the club to a company limited by guarantee (CLG) should be investigated.</p> <p>Maighréd outlined some pros and cons of changing to a CLG.</p> <p>Question from floor: Would a director of a company limited by guarantee be a permanent role?</p> <p>Maighréd advised that a director would need to be voted in each year.</p> <p>Question from floor: So every committee would be a director of a company limited by guarantee? Maighréd advised yes.</p> <p>Motion put to meeting and was passed with an unanimous vote.</p> <p>The committee will not undertake the task of investigating this themselves. A sub-committee may be set up.</p>
<p>Any other Business</p>	<p>Mairéad Kelly</p>	<p>Mairéad Kelly spoke about an email she had received from Pádraig Ó Duinnín and Keith Payne who had an upcoming project in July building a currach in Vigo, Galicia. They were enquiring if Naomhóga Chorcaí could</p>

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			sponsor the cost of the skin of the boat and have use of the boat if visiting Vigo in future. Kieran Murphy advised that this would be business for the incoming committee.