



Elm Park Snooker AGM 2025
AGM held on 6 October 2025

Committee attendees:

Peter Cosgrove (Chair), Bernard Barron (Treasurer) Aidan Maher (Handicaps & Competitions), Gerry MacMahon (facilities)

Members in attendance: Gareth Ryan, Owen McDermott, Andreas Saul-Rotne

1. Introduction

- The Chair welcomed the committee and the members to the meeting
- The meeting was deemed quorate by the Chair

2. Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes

- The prior year minutes were presented by the Chair and approved.
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3. Snooker Update Chair

Peter Cosgrove updated on snooker activities for the year

- All three tables were re clothed and levelled by the Billiard company last year
- A new online booking system was established which has worked well
- All coin operators are now gone and replaced by a switch, so all lighting is now free
- The C team was successfully started for external competitions – and a pennant win for the club in year one
- A new internal ladder added to the amount of snooker being played
- A centenary competition was added to the other internal competitions
- We had a very successful social evening in the Rose Garden which we plan to do again next year
- We still have an outstanding decision about the new snooker lights bought several years ago
- We had some small behaviour issues – these do fall under the code of conduct for the club, and all matters will be escalated to the committee if needs be.

It was highlighted that we needed to liaise with the bar staff about late service on nights when players were playing late and to liaise with the club about regular cleaning of the room

4. Internal and External Competitions

Internal Competitions

- Aidan highlighted the winners of all the internal competitions, and the prizes were given out to those in attendance:
- Club championship singles: Mark Poland beat Aidan Claffey
- Sean Cox Doubles: Aidan Claffey & Michael Byers beat the Kilroy brothers
- Michael O'Sullivan trophy: Michael Byers beat Aidan Maher
- Flyer League: Peter Cosgrove, Flyers Cup: Bernard Barron
- Owen McDermott beat Jason Redford in the final of the Centenary Competition; Owen was presented with his centenary prize at the AGM
- Owen McDermott beat Gareth Ryan in the final of the summer ladder
- Peter Cosgrove beat Owen McDermott in the final of the As & Bs ladder. The success of the As & Bs ladder was noted as instrumental in the improved play of many players in both squads. The committee thanked Aidan Maher for his great work.

A new ladder for As and Bs will be launched in Oct 26, with a slight amendment in format (single frames matches, instead of Best of 3), to better prepare players for the pressure of Thursday night interclub fixtures.

External Competitions

A League: Stackstown beat Grange in the final. Elm Park narrowly missed out on a place in the final losing 4-3 to Grange in the final. This was the best performance by the A team in quite some time.

B League: Castle beat Stackstown 4-3 in the final

C League: Elm Park C secured a pennant by beating Newlands 4-0 in the final

Paddy O'Brien: Grange defeated Castle 3-2 in the final.

Champion of Champions: Malcolm Carrigy lost to Al Donnelly of Milltown in the final.

Captains 2025/26: A: Aidan Maher; B: Bryan Kilty; C: Joe Meehan.

We continued to offer lessons for the Ladies Snooker, this only happened once this year due to a lack of numbers.

5. Presentation of Accounts

a. Income & Expenditure Account

Bernard outlined the accounts: Overall, the deficit for the year 24/25 was €196 (deficit of €845 in 23/24).

Income

During the year to September 2025, from an income viewpoint we received an annual subvention from the Parent Club of €2,500, which was €500 above that in previous year. This arose after negotiations with the central EP Finance Committee. We also collected €1,179 in competition fees across the Wednesday Flyers, the internal match-plays and the summer ladder.

Expenditure

Key outgoings for the year were as follows:

- €1,592 for inter-club league matches teas and sandwiches. This used up a large portion of our annual subvention from the central EP club and reflected the costs for the A, B and the new C team. Surprisingly, although there was an additional team this year, the cost reduced by €367 versus 23/24. This is likely to increase for 25/26.
- €1,049 for competition prizes across the Wednesday Flyers, the internal match-plays and the summer ladder. These prizes were funded from the €1,179 in competition fees received.
- €525 provided for engraving of the competition winner boards and Flyers Cup engraving. Normally the engraver is appointed by the Parent Club to engrave all the boards in the clubhouse each year and the Snooker section is charged by the Parent Club for our specific boards in the Snooker Room;
- €105 for general expenses including Table booking tool and competition printing costs;
- €150 for the annual entry fees for the inter-club leagues,
- €126 for food platters for special Flyers nights
- €305 for food for end of season prize giving in Rose Garden which was an additional event

The costs of the maintenance of the snooker tables during the year (including table levelling, pocket adjustments and snooker equipment) were met directly by the Parent Club so did not impact the Snooker section finances.

b. Balance Sheet

The available funds (being cash in the bank less outstanding costs) amounted to €2,413 at the end of September 2025, which is our accounting year end. At the start of the snooker season in October 2024, we had just over €2,600 in available funds. These available funds showed a reduction of €195 over the course of the year ended September 2025 and reflects the operating deficit for the year. Overall, going into the new 25/26 snooker season, we are starting with a satisfactory €2,413 in available funds. In light of the popularity of the Snooker Section we expect increased costs for 25/26. Currently the Finance Committee's commitment for 25/26 is for a subvention of €2,500. The subvention from the Parent Club assists in reflecting the popularity of snooker both within Elm Park and within other clubs participating in the inter club snooker league.

Thanks to the Snooker Committee and members for their assistance during the year. PC highlighted that he would meet with the finance committee this year to represent the snooker section and look to improve the subvention given.

G Ryan mentioned talking with Niall O'Connor about the boards and working with them when they are getting it done

6. Facilities

Gerry highlighted that the snooker room facilities were being discussed alongside refurbishments for the entire floor and roof of the club. It was mentioned that within the club, there seems to be little appetite for major works in 2026 after the works in the centenary year, Gerry has highlighted the case for the snooker room which will be discussed at the club AGM in November.

In the short term we will talk with the Billiard Company to re-level the tables and to help with smaller issues like missing nuts and bolts in the pocket rails. Gerry to work with Andreas on this. We also need to have a plan on the snooker lights and whether we will be changing the lights, we also need to find out where the new lights are being stored.

7. Election of Committee Members

- The Chair noted that he would be stepping down at the AGM, the Committee, thanked the Chair for his service
- The following were elected to the committee for 2025/2026
 - o Chair: Peter Cosgrove (Proposed: Aidan Maher, Gareth Ryan)
 - o Treasurer: Bernard Barron (Proposed P Cosgrove, A Maher)
 - o Facilities: A Saul-Rotne (Proposed: P Cosgrove, G MacMahon)
 - o Handicaps & Competitions Aidan Maher (Proposed: G MacMahon, B Barron)

Gerry MacMahon is stepping down from the committee, and he was thanked for all his hard work over the years. Andreas was welcomed to the committee.

8. AOB

- Aidan highlighted a new app we are looking at for all competitions
- Bernard mentioned that we are only a few weeks away the new online payments system *SumUp*.

9. Closing Remarks

- a. The membership and Committee were thanked for their attendance, and the meeting was closed