

Emerald Amateur Boxing Club  
41a Suffolk Road, BT11 9PE  
Belfast



### **Our 2022/23 Season**

Emerald Amateur Boxing Club is one of the most successful boxing clubs in Belfast and Northern Ireland. We have been building the foundations for success and champions inside and outside the boxing ring for over 30 years. In 2021/2022 Emerald boxers won 2 Commonwealth Gold medals, European Bronze and Gold Medals at County, Provincial and National level. Emerald ABC was the most successful club in the 2021/22 Ulster Elites with 4 of our boxers being crowned Provincial champions, with 1 being chosen as boxer of the tournament.

### **Membership**

Our membership numbers continued to rise this year with having lost some members that didn't return to the club after the pandemic. We have had to increase our membership fees and dues up due to the rising costs of electricity and gas. We always try to keep our membership costs as low as possible as we know lots of our community are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, therefore we wish to ensure our boxing club is accessible to all in our community.

This year we ran a summer camp for our members for 2 weeks, free of charge to encourage new members and also to work on developing our current boxers for the next season.

### **Fundraising**

Emerald ABC are currently fundraising to help develop our club facilities and encourage new members to join and get back into fitness. Due to Covid-19 Emerald for the first time in our history were forced to close our doors and cease any training and coaching. While this was needed to play our part, it had major setbacks for the club and our members.

Development of our members physically, mentally and socially had been greatly affected due to the pandemic and at Emerald ABC our main aim post Covid was bringing boxing back, opening our doors and getting as many people involved in sport due to the lack of organised sports during the pandemic.

This challenge required an extraordinary effort to recover from the pandemic and the Crowdfunder page amongst other efforts will continue to help us provide world class equipment and facilities to kickstart our journey back to the top! We believe sport contributes massively to our community and that everyone should be given the opportunity to participate and with your support we will be able to open our club up to the wider Colin community and offer training for a wider demographic of people giving them every chance to become successful both as an athlete and a person.

### **Development Plans**

We wish to develop our fitness suite and purchase more equipment to provide the best possible training environment, helping improve our ability to deliver boxing specific Strength & Conditioning sessions.

We also aim to take our members on more club trips and training camps to places they may otherwise never see and provide them with experiences they will never forget. This year we aim to run multiple club boxing shows to increase competitive opportunities for our boxers and purchase new Emerald ABC branded competition kits and club gear which is long overdue. We also believe in developing our boxers as athletes and want to bring in specialist speakers on physical wellbeing, nutrition and mental health.

We believe the above steps will enable our club to fully recover from the setbacks brought on by Covid and get us on the path to a successful future.

### **Community impact**

Emerald ABC is situated in the Colin and Lenadoon Communities, and we would love to be able to open our doors to a wider demographic of people within our community. An increase of sponsorship and funding would mean that we could offer special training classes for people with disabilities, the elderly and a parents class to help increase participation in boxing but also to encourage physical exercise in our community, thus helping to improve not only the physical health but also the mental well-being of our community.



# **Emerald ABC Annual General Meeting 2023**

*41a Suffolk Road, Belfast, BT11 9PE*



Wednesday 19/07/2023

## **Yearly Annual General Meeting**

**In Attendance: Aodhán Buke (President), Harry Murray (Chairperson), Joseph Quinn (Secretary), Amy McMahon (Treasurer), J.P. Delaney (Child Protection Officer),**

**Members: - Courtney McCrudden, Damien Walsh, Daniel Anderson, Davy McGrath, Kate Murray**

Chairperson opens meeting by thanking everyone for attending at short notice. The reason for the meeting is that there is a reshuffle of existing board members and the appointment of new persons to fill the vacant roles. Harry has indicated that he is no longer able to help with the running of the club and that himself, Kate and Davy are taking a step back from Emerald ABC due to family commitments.

Harry: Due to family commitments, I am having to take a step back from the club and will pass on the responsibility of secretary to whomever is willing to assume this position. This position will need to be filled by someone who is able to look after the day-to-day running's of the club, liaising with the County Antrim Board and dealing with entering boxers to competitions. This role will require a lot of time so it would suit a person who is free throughout the days as you may need to be available to go to the club and deal with contractors onsite.

Joseph: I am happy to assume this role, if agreed by all. I am available most days and live near the boxing club therefore I will be able to attend the club on short notice. As I am coaching most days in the club, I will be able to keep on top of any of the administrative side of the club.

All present agreed that Joseph should take over the role of Secretary of Emerald ABC and that all duties will be handed over to him in full going forward, with the help of Harry until Joseph is fully comfortable in his new role.

Davy: Hi all, it's with regret that I stand down from my post as President of Emerald ABC and pass on this responsibility as I am no longer able to fulfil my duties. This position will suit a club member who has been involved with the club for a few years and wishes to continue to guide and direct Emerald ABC in the right direction, while representing the club at various events throughout the year.

Aodhán: I would be happy to take over from Davy and assume the role of President as I believe that I can fulfil this role. Being involved with Emerald ABC for over 6 years now I would be happy to help steer the club towards further greatness and represent the club at events/ meetings throughout the year. I plan to stay with Emerald ABC for the foreseeable and continue to enjoy coaching in the club.

All present agreed that Aodhán should take over the role of President of Emerald ABC and that all duties will be handed over to him in full going forward, with the help of Davy until Aodhán is fully comfortable in his new role.

Amy: I am happy to assume the role as the new Treasurer for the club. I think it would be ideal to have the current banking arrangement changed to make it easier to look after the financial tracking's of the club. I feel that switching banks is the best option for now as we will be able to avail of internet banking for free for the first 2 years, reducing banking fees currently paid to our current bank. This will also allow the accounts to be kept up to date more accurately, allow coaches to pay for anything using a club card instead of using cheques which seems to be causing issues when booking hotels etc.

It was stated by Harry that he had done the funding applications in the past for the club as Secretary, therefore he will help Joseph with this process until he feels comfortable doing these himself. Shas will need to tie in with Amy going forward to highlight any funding applications being made.

There was a vote taken to agree to all the new changes of positions and all agreed.

Lastly, Aodhán Burke proposed that we ask more people to come on the committee to help with more fundraising ideas, that it would take some pressure off the Treasurer and Secretary if other people came on board and a bigger fundraising committee was formed. All agreed of this.

The Chairperson ended the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. Everybody then thanked Harry, Kate and Davy for their time and dedication to Emerald ABC and wished them all the best for the future, ensuring that they won't be strangers to the club and are welcome at any time!