



May 2010 meeting and AGM

ClubMac held its May meeting and AGM on Wednesday, 5 May.

Annual General Meeting

The 2010 Annual General Meeting of ClubMac was held at the Old Belvedere Rugby Club. A total of 22 members were present, the requisite quorum of 10 being reached.

The Chairman, Tom Martin, called the Annual General Meeting to order at 8 p.m.

The agenda of the meeting was read and approved. The minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting were read and approved. Following presentation of the Treasurer's report, which showed the Club to be in a healthy financial condition, the accounts for the years ended 31 December 2008 and 2009 were read and approved. The Secretary's report, which showed that membership remained at around 50, as had been the case over recent years, and average attendance at 24, well up on previous years, was read and approved. The Chairman's report on the state of the Club was read and approved. The Chairman noted that a wide range of Mac topics had been covered in Club meetings during the year, involving ten guest speakers in all. Training sessions in various aspects of Mac operation had been provided in time set aside before a number of the monthly meetings; it was hoped this could be continued. Attention was drawn to the special offers now available to paid-up Club members. A new portal page designed to make navigation easier had been added to the Club web site. The Chairman noted that the Committee had unanimously decided to make Richard Bannister an honorary life member of ClubMac in recognition of his contribution to the club. Thanks were offered to all those who had contributed during the past year to the successful running of the Club, and especially, Sylvia Yates.

The following were elected officers of the Club:

- Chairman: Tom Martin
- Secretary: Sylvia Yates
- Treasurer: Garrett Wren

The following were elected to the Committee:

- Richard Bannister
- Séamus Cannon
- Stephanie Joy
- John Kelly
- Michael Killen
- Mark Parfrey

- Tom Mac Mahon
- Henry Leperlier

There being no change in the composition of the trustees, no election was called. The Club was reminded that of the three trustees, Andrew Whittaker, Eddie Lewis and Garrett Wren, the two former, respectively first and second chairmen of the Club, were founder members and also honorary members, and as such eligible under the Club's Constitution to remain as trustees although no longer playing an active part in Club affairs.

Under Any Other Business, a lively discussion took place on the perennial question of how to attract new members, particularly young new members, to the Club. According to one suggestion, that might be achieved if the Club bought in the latest Mac models for demonstration to members, but this approach was not considered feasible in view of the rapid replacement of new models by even newer ones; perhaps member owners of the latest Macs or peripherals might be persuaded to bring them in to a meeting to let others see them. Newspaper advertisement of coming meetings and distributing fliers to Apple dealers were also considered of doubtful benefit. A proposal to place the Club on Facebook and/or Twitter, as possibly be the best way of creating a greater awareness of ClubMac among a wider audience, was accepted. A number of appreciative remarks were made on the current operation of the Club and the content of its meetings.

Note: ClubMac is now on [Facebook](#)

The Annual General Meeting rose at 9.05 p.m.

MAY MEETING

Following the AGM, the Club continued with its ordinary meeting agenda.

What's new in the world of Apple

- Brian Greene reviewed the latest innovations on the Mac and iPhone front:
- MacBook Pro updates — faster processors, better graphics, longer battery life;
- iPhone OS4 in the pipeline for June (multitasking, app folders, better Mail, iBooks);
- Rumours abuzz on future iPhone developments;
- Films now available for rent or download from the iTunes Store Ireland;
- WWDC, June 17-11: focus to be on design awards and apps;
- Three iPhone apps of Irish interest: Greann Geailge (makes it easy to learn the Irish language), O2 Treats (special offers, daily and monthly treats), and AllBikesNow (all you need for the Dublin rent-a-bike scheme).

Technical Q&A

Under the guidance of Peter O'Reilly, this part of the meeting considered:

- How to sync an iPhone to another owner's Mac;
- Mail refusing to be sent from a Hotmail account — change outgoing mail server or route through another account;

- iCal on the iPhone — download not yet possible but will be a feature of the coming OS4;
- Pros and cons of the various payment packages on offer from Vodafone and O2;
- How to open a .docx MS Office email attachment on a Mac running Tiger and Office 2004: remove the “x” from the file extension first.

Mac Office 2008 Business version

Paul O’Brien, who had won the copy of this application raffled at the April meeting, reviewed his experience of using it.

Guest presentation

Ger Allen introduced Stream Solutions, a company that, after many years of work with Apple and subsequent experience of Mac dealership, he had founded in 2001 to provide sales and, in particular, services to Apple users, businesses and individuals alike. Stream Solutions was an Authorised Apple Reseller and Service Provider, an Apple Solutions Education Expert, an Apple Authorised Training Centre and part of the Apple Consultants Network. The company had a staff of seven representing all levels of certification and a broad combination of skills. Its help desk provided nationwide trouble-shooting cover and remote support for software repairs that could be carried out online. Machines requiring workshop repair would be returned to the customer within three days. Apple Care subscribers were also serviced.

Stream Solutions was offering ClubMac members a 10% discount on all workshop repairs or training. See the [Membership](#) section of Club web site for details.

Ger had with him a new iPad, which gave the audience a hands-on experience of Apple’s new wonder product.

