



# CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL NA FIANNA

**SECRETARY'S REPORT 2007.**

**FOR A.G.M.**

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## **Standing Orders for Annual General Meeting.**

The proposer of the motion or an amendment thereto, may speak for five minutes but no longer.

A person speaking to a motion or amendment shall not exceed three minutes.

The proposer of a motion or amendment may speak a second time for five minutes before a vote is taken, but no other person may speak a second time to any motion or amendment.

The Chairman shall, at any time he considers that a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on a proposer to reply, after which a vote must be taken.

A person may, with the consent of the chairman, move 'that the question now be put' after which, when the proposer has spoken a vote must be taken.



## Secretary's Report to the 2007 AGM

Is onóir mór dom mo Thuarascáil Bliantúil a chur os comhair na Cruinnithe cinn Bliana, Bliain iontach torthúil a bhí ann agus ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le gach aon duine a chabhraigh le riaracháin an chumainn i rith na bliana.

I am pleased to again report an extremely busy year for Na Fianna on and off the playing fields. We had over fifty teams participating in League and Championship across all the age groups from under 8s to senior level. Our senior teams gave us plenty of excitement during the year (even though the footballers were knocked out at an early stage) and that was reciprocated all the way down to the under 8s. As the various seasons draw to a close your club has acquitted itself very well in a wide range of codes and age groups from minor footballers to Under 15 hurlers to seasoned camogie teams. In many cases these teams are winning trophies which haven't been filled in the club for 30 years or more. Details follow in the Juvenile Games and Adult Games reports.

On the county front your club was well represented at Minor, Colleges and Under 21 level even though our previous contribution to the Dublin Senior Football Team was reduced. Well done Pillar and the squad for getting to grips with Kerry in the All Ireland semi-final.

It was arguably the best contest of the Championship and here's hoping the lads can go the extra mile and a few more points in 2008.

It was great to see Tomás Brady and Joey Boland make such a significant contribution at county level as did Wayne Brogan, Jonny Cooper, Dara Ó Maoilidigh, Mary Nevin, Elaine O'Meara, Muireann O'Gorman and Arlene Cushen.

One unfortunate development during the year was the number of disciplinary hearings which were attended by club officials on behalf of mentors and players. While I can understand that mentors and parents can get excited at what they see as poor refereeing decisions, there is no justification in verbally taking it out on the man or youth wielding the whistle. Anybody who has ever refereed a competitive match will appreciate how difficult it is to make the correct calls. As well as being counter-productive and a bad example to our players, lack of discipline by mentors drags down the reputation of the club and negates all the good work done by so many volunteer mentors, parents and players.

One of the social front the big event of the 2006/2007 year was the first Race day at the PuncHESTOWN Festival in April. Even though this was a new departure for the club and the racecourse only become available to us at late notice, we hosted over eighty tables at a competitive price which left the club showing a profit of over €45,000. More importantly this was a great day out for hundreds of club members many of them meeting up for the first time. We finished up in the club bar where a great night was had by all.

Another major event was the Official Club Opening which featured Pillar Caffrey's Dublin team against Derry. The official club opening was a very expensive and extensive operation to organise and we thank all those members and their friends who chipped in €10 each to get in to the match. Without those contributions, the Official Club Opening would have made a serious dent in our finances for the year at a time when National lottery funds were delayed.

The new premises which opened for business in March 2006 has gone from strength to strength as an extremely attractive facility for members and mentors and their guests particularly for the Sunday carvery which caters for hundreds of members and visitors every week.



A significant number of members have availed of our function rooms for family events like 21st, 40th and 50th birthday parties, retirement parties and even Christenings. We hosted a number of wedding parties and the facilities are also being used more and more for funerals of club members and their friends.

I would urge members planning a family, social or even work event to consider the facilities that Na Fianna has to offer in the heart of Glasnevin with free unhindered parking, modern facilities, music on tap and a top class professional caterer in Aidan Irwin.

The new facilities resulted in the recruitment of extra staff to Na Fianna in bar and facilities manager Oliver Brennan who came to the club from the FitzGerald Group of pubs. Contact him at 087 9478304 if planning a party. He joins long-serving Pat Sullivan behind the bar and they have both been ably assisted by temporary bar staff from within and outside the club membership including Gerry Bowe and Alan Stone.

It is the intention of the Executive to hold regular social events for members in the club so watch out for club notes in the Evening Herald on Tuesdays for details and our popular website [www.clnafianna.ie](http://www.clnafianna.ie). The recent Family Bar B Q was the biggest it has ever been as were the Family Day and Mini-Leagues this year.

The new all-weather pitch and our clubhouse have been besieged by young members of all ages ever since they became available in June 2006. I would like to stress the importance of remembering the safety of yourselves and others while on the club premises. Unsupervised youngsters can still be found pucking and kicking balls in the car park and the lobby even though a fine all-weather is only yards away.

We continue to look at improving our facilities and all fund-raisers can help. To this end our deal with Gaelic Telecom has raised €5,000 in its first full year. Thanks to all who signed up for discounts on phone bills going to the club.

## **Club Committees**

As before the club made great progress during the 2006/2007 year on the back of extremely committed work from a number of committees and their members. The committee is the well-proven GAA method of spreading the workload and, while it has its detractors, the success of the committee system is there to be seen. However with time now the most precious resource, it is no surprise that many committees are crying out for new members. If you wish to make a valuable contribution to your community and avail of a very enjoyable social outlet, look no further than the members of the committee in which you have an interest.

## **Executive Committee**

There were a number of new additions to the Executive - the main decision making body in the club. Soon after the AGM Bernie Caffrey was co-opted to the Executive and has proved to be a very energetic and resourceful Cathaoirleach. Unfortunately she is not making herself available for re-election at the AGM although she has indicated she will "take ownership" of the 2008 Race Day in Punchestown.

Another new member of the executive has been the hugely experienced John Mangan as Treasurer- one of the toughest jobs in the club.

His able assistant Anne Frawley is not going forward for re-election as assistant Treasurer at the AGM. Thanks Anne for all your sterling work over the past few years. We will also be sorry to see Eoin O Ceallacháin step down as club PRO, a task he has performed with great effect for many years. Colin O'Reilly is stepping down from the executive after two years but happily he will continue to keep an eye on our very popular Na Fianna Website and will also continue as Referees' Co-ordinator. It's good to see our



former chairmen Charlie O'Reilly and Brian O'Sullivan continuing to make a major input into premises maintenance.

### **Development Committee**

This committee under Jimmy Gray was stood down soon after the AGM. They were responsible for our new clubhouse and were a joy to work with for over four years. Many thanks and well done to Aidan Collins, Sylvester Salley, Brian O'Sullivan, George Dillon and the ubiquitous Charlie O'Reilly, without whom the new clubhouse would not have been built.

### **Social/Catering Committee**

Many thanks to all who helped out with tea, sandwiches, finger food etc at a myriad of events during the year. Kay Brady, Angie Collins, Marie Mangan, Mary Behan and Terry Fitzgerald have all been active. It is club policy that parents of players help to supply the sandwiches after important matches and cup wins. These are the unsung heroines of our great club. Míle Buíochas. Social Chairman Eoin O Ceallacháin introduced many new events to the social calendar including Mr Na Fianna, Stud Poker and a Casino night.

Our Saturday morning, the teas/coffees service is growing and providing a very welcome service of tea and toast to Mums, Dads and other minders during the nursery sessions. The proceeds of the mornings have purchased the lovely plants and flowers you may have noticed around the Club House and grounds, also the curtain behind the stage in the main hall, and provided some funds for different charity events. Just recently the proceeds of the morning went to two worthwhile charities - the Special Olympics and the Niall Mellon project in which our own Mary Donohoe and Jim Aughney are taking part. Thanks to Mary Doolan, Essie O'Hara, Mary Donohoe, Marie Campbell, Patricia O'Sullivan, Patricia Lowry, Marie Kirwan and Mary Behan for all the effort.

### **Céilí Committee**

The Club Céilí takes place on the second Saturday of every month. A great night of music, dance and 'cupán tae' continues with Mary Murphy as Bean a' Tí. Sincere appreciation to Mary, Ann Ryan and their team for keeping this cultural event up and running.

### **Lottery Committee**

The Lottery team continues to do Trojan work behind the scenes. My thanks to Sean Behan, Bob Courtney, Ann Ryan, Jackie Dolan, Vinnie Caffrey, Frank Hennelly, Ian O'Donnell and Paddy Kelly. If you want to help the Lotto Committee by selling Na Fianna tickets in your workplace or local, please contact Sean Behan. The direct debit lotto which only costs €12 per month now has 150 members. It is an easy way to prevent the situation whereby 'if you're not in, you can't win'!

### **Pitch Committee**

Another year of great work by our hard-working team led by Fintan Brennan ably assisted by Pat O'Shea, Pat Clinton, John Campbell and Tom Ryan. The main pitch is a credit to the investment in time and money which has gone into it and deserves the praise lavished on it on Official Opening Day. The Scoil Chaitríona pitch has benefited from the new nets at the Griffith Park end. Mentors should please consider the condition of all our pitches before proceeding with an authorized training session.

### **Fás Committee**

Under the guidance of Committee Chairman Tom Brady, CLG Na Fianna was successful in retaining its sponsorship of a FAS Community Enterprise scheme for 2007. The development of the Clubhouse and the expansion in Club activities has led to the sanctioning by FAS of 18 participants for the scheme. Thanks to



the efforts of the Supervisor Bernie O Malley, seven have progressed to regular employment - a fact which will strengthen any application by the Club for a renewal of the scheme.

The FAS scheme centres mainly on the upkeep and maintenance of the clubhouse, dressing rooms and pitches and the provision of a reception and secretarial service. With the increase in the use of the Hall and Bar for parties etc the cleaning and maintenance work carried out on a daily basis by FAS is an invaluable asset to the Club. A sincere vote of thanks must go to Bernie and her team for their work throughout the year.

**Fás Committee Sponsor Group:** Chairman Tom Brady, Secretary Deirdre Lane, Treasurer Donal Ring, PDO Mary Byrnes.

### **Juvenile Games Committee**

Colum Cronin chairs this committee which meets on the first Wednesday of the month. All juvenile teams and the Saturday morning nursery come under the aegis of this committee. Our former Games Promotion Officer Colm Burtchaell was elevated to an important role in Parnell Park and we welcome Niall Cooper as club GPO with the task of promoting the club as a source of Gaelic games in the local schools.

### **Conduct Committee**

The Conduct Committee continued its second year of operation. This committee consists of a panel of John Higgins (Chair), Breege O'Reilly, Anne Foley, Mary Burns, Noel Coughlan, Tony Foran and Jim Aughney (representing the Executive).

The committee has dealt with a number of incidents and investigations during the year and has made recommendations to the Executive on proposed actions / sanctions. These were in turn acted upon. The Conduct Committee has been of enormous assistance to the Executive and has carried out this difficult task in a thoroughly professional manner.

### **Bar Committee**

The successful commercial operation of our Bar and Function Services underpins the financial stability of the club. The service continues to be managed by Oliver Brennan and a group of members work tirelessly week-in week-out to ensure that our facilities operate to the highest standards for our members and guests and generate the profitability needed to sustain our redevelopment borrowings.

We have also awarded a catering franchise to 'Cater4U' operated by Aidan Irwin and we now provide a full catering service for functions. Aidan also provides a Sunday lunchtime carvery which has proven a big hit with members and visitors.

The members of the Bar Committee are Gerry Donohoe, Tom Gilligan, Anne Frawley, Dommo Weir, Joe Walsh, Pádraigín Breathnach, Ronan Nolan and John Sullivan.

### **Fund Raising Committee**

This committee decided to concentrate on the Race Day in Punchestown in April and a very successful Christmas Development Raffle.

The Committee consists of Tom Dowd, Noel Coughlan, Dave Buckley, Marie McNally, Charlie O'Reilly, Eoin O Ceallacháin, Paul Smith and more recently Paul McCarville and John Ryan. A special word of thanks to Race Day organisers especially John and Brendan Quinn, Finbar Gaffney, John Mangan and Bernie Caffrey and to the many volunteers who helped out on the day.



## **Juvenile Disco Committee**

This bunch of people has persisted with hosting a Juvenile Disco almost once a month after a sluggish start. We now have around 300 young people under 15 attending on a regular basis. The disco is an important social event for our young members and friends and provides a smoke free, alcohol free environment for the attendees.

I would like to thank the members of the Juvenile Disco Committee for battling through the apathy to get this monthly event to its current successful state. Sandra Tarr, Downey Keegan, Anne McInerney, Paul McCarville, Ann Gray, Fionnuala Neville, Eoin Ó Ceallacháin, John Leen, John Mangan and Liz O'Brien have all been on hand to supervise. Thanks to Liam Burke and Gerry Donohoe for ticket sales to reluctant youths

## **Other Committees**

A number of other committees met during the year including the Sale of Work committee under proud Munster man Martin Quilty and the Golf Classic committee under John Caffrey.

A Youth Committee has been set up representing the teenagers in our club which has met with mixed success. This committee organized a Film night for teenagers and has actively organised other projects such as mini-tournaments on the all-weather pitch.

## **Trustees**

Our trustees are Paul Smith, Ciaran Gray and Finbar Gaffney. Many thanks to them for their support.

Leo Fay, Sean Gallagher and Damian Cassidy make up our volunteer legal team.

## **Delegates**

Special thanks to our delegates who represent the club at various county committees including Charlie O'Reilly, Ciaran Gray, Kieran Redmond, Damian Murphy, Liz O'Brien and Billy McLaughlin.

## **World Wide Web**

Colin O'Reilly continues to do Trojan work in assisting Na Fianna to bring its message to the wider GAA world.

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## **Club Shop**

Special thanks to Sean Behan and Steffie Breathnach for their work in the shop on Saturday mornings. Welcome to Sheila Quinn who has been serving her time as the new apprentice. The club continues to try to meet the equipment needs of all teams and juveniles. Members who no longer have need of helmets and hurleys are asked to donate them to the club for re-use by juvenile members. Contact Sean. If buying a new helmet or hurley – trade-ins are accepted.



## **Condolence**

The Executive Committee wishes to offer condolences to the families of all members who passed away during the year. Mass for all deceased members will again be celebrated in the club in the New Year.

Séamus Mac Fhactna  
Runaí 6/10/2007.



## **ACTIVITY REPORTS – Adult Field Games**

### **ADULT FOOTBALL**

#### **Senior Football**

Report not to hand at time of finalising this document

#### **Adult Football 3 (Intermediate Football)**

Report not to hand at time of finalising this document

#### **Adult Football 7 (Junior Football)**

This year has very much been a year of transition for the Junior 7 team both in player personal and management. Our year started off in January where we played Templeogue Synge St in the Div 7 League Playoff Semi-Final. In a tight game we were edged out by one point by Templeogue who went on to win the Playoff final the following week.

At the official end of the 2006 playing year the 2006 management team stepped down and we lost approximately ten players from our panel. The new management team of Sean Behan and Dermot Hennessy were installed and went about the process of rebuilding with the introduction of some players from last year's minor team as well as some new comers into the club. The Parson Cup was very much used as a trial and error to get to know the new panel of players. We finished mid table winning two and losing three games. Our Championship started off very well with a hard fought contest against St Colmcilles but on the day we were the better team and won by three points with Colmcilles scoring two late goals. In the next round we faced Ballyboden who were at that stage second in the Division above us, even though the final score line of 4-10 to 1-09 did not reflect how well we played on the day. It was a game in which we out played Ballyboden for long stretches but they were more clinical in front of goals.

Our League campaign has been very much a mixed bag, at the start of league we were very much in transition phase with so many new players we lost our first three games but by mid season we kicked into gear with a memorable ten point victory against Ballymun as well as coming back from a nine point deficit to beat Kilmacud, we won five out of our next six league games. At the present moment of writing this report we lie in the bottom half of the table with 10 points from 13 games. We have two games left and there is still an outside mathematical chance of relegation if the teams below win their remaining games in hand and we lose both of our last games. On the fund raising side, we raised €2,400 through the 'Predict the Score' competition for the Leinster Senior Football final. To summarise our year, it has very much been a rebuilding process for us to consolidate our League status and put in place the foundations for next year's campaign. The management team would finally like to thank all the players for their patience, effort and dedication so far this year and to the odd supporter who came out to watch us play.

#### **AFL11 Report 2007**

A year ultimately defined by disappointments. We started the year well reaching the semi finals of the O' Brien Cup going down to the eventual winners Kilmacud Crokes.

Our championship run went smoothly in the first 2 rounds accounting for Sylvesters and Santry Starlights handily enough. We met Round Towers (C) at ¼ final stage in monsoon conditions in Mobhi Road. We started badly but scored 1-5 to no reply to go in 2 points up. As they say 'goals win games' and this was the case in the 2nd half. Very wet conditions made ball handling very difficult and we conceded soft goals.

Locky got a great opportunist goal late on to bring us close but 'Towers hung on by 2 points. We will win this championship yet!



Our league form was patchy but we managed to qualify for the ¼ finals. This ¼ final was away to Ballyboughal and despite owning the ball for long periods and shooting 5 wides in a row late in the game we were caught by the proverbial sucker punch and conceded a goal with the last kick of the game to lose by a point. This was additionally disappointing because it was Dave Donnelly's last game for Na Fianna. Dave always brought great skill and tenacity to every team he played on and was a great addition to our team. He will be a big loss for us but we wish him well in his move to Longford. I also want to wish our Aussie import Drew Ashworth all the best as he travels back home. And he was just getting the hang of the 'solo'....

Commitment was great all year and with a bit of luck we will be challenging for honours next year. A few young fellas wouldn't go amiss next year! Player of the year was Sean Reen. Best full forward in the club!

TJ Gleeson

## Minor Football 'A'

Having won their league last season the minor footballers have progressed to the 'A' Championship Final. The final is scheduled for later this month. The mentors wish to compliment the panel on their attitude and behaviour over what has been a long, tough and very enjoyable year. We wish to thank the minor hurling mentors, the Under 16 mentors and players for the level of co-operation that has existed during the year.

**Mentors:** Philip McElwee, Alasdair Fitzgerald, Pat Naughton

## ADULT HURLING

### Senior Hurling

#### *"Senior A Hurling returns to Mobhí Road"*

And here in these words lies the summary of 2007 and senior hurling. 22nd of June 2007 is a day that will live long in the memory as we returned to Senior A hurling status ; given we were Intermediate B in 2004 this is a fantastic achievement and huge credit is due to the players. However, at the time of print we are waiting to play the county final against a very strong St. Judes team so there is one huge mountain left to climb before 2007 can be laid to rest.

Once again we were undefeated in our round robin stage of the championship ; we drew with St. Pat's of Palmerstown and then beat Ballinteer, St. Judes, Naomh Olaf and Commercials to top our section. Naomh Olaf awaited in the semi-final and thankfully the lads played very well and promotion was secured. At time of print the team are still training hard as we prepare for the county final ; all support would be greatly appreciated for this big game.

We gained valuable experience this season from playing the likes of St. Martin's Kilkenny, Dunboyne and Kildalkey from Co. Meath and Mount Sion from Waterford. We also had a very enjoyable team building day in Carlingford Adventure Centre and also travelled to support the Dubs across Leinster. On such trips was team spirit built which was then transferred on to the pitch. We were delighted to support the 'Save a Heart' campaign and wish to congratulate the organisers on a fantastic Speakers' Night but more importantly on the installation of defibrillators in the club. Given the recent tragedies it is crucial these are readily available to everybody.

I would sincerely like to thank Bernie & the Executive for their support and encouragement over the past twelve months. The players would be the first to recognise the work that goes on behind the scenes but on behalf of them I would like to sincerely thank the following : Neil Loftus & Wynn's Hotel, Kathryn Traynor & Gemma Dempsey from DCU, Dr. Donal Buggy, Jim Clune, Damien Maher, Danny Harrington,



Tom Ryan who did a great job as Adult Games Manager, Olive Brennan, Colm Bairéad, Paul Caffrey, Sean Boylan, Sean O'Connor & Ballymun, Ted from DCU, Sean Forde, Aidan Irwin, Damien Byrne, Tommy Naughton, Kevin Nolan, Niall Scully, and Colm Burtchaell. I would especially like to thank the management team of Pat Fanning, Shane McManus, Louis Davis, James Mangan, Fran Larkin, Sean Hynes and John Hughes for their commitment, their expertise and their loyalty over the last twelve months. Without these men the team would have no chance of success and we owe them a huge amount of gratitude.

Congratulations to Jonny Cooper, Wayne Brogan and Daire Ó Maoiléidigh who won Leinster Minor medals with Dublin and to Tomás Brady and Joey Boland who won Leinster Under 21 medals. Tomás and Joey continue to do us proud on the Dublin Senior team and let's hope next year they are joined by a few more. We were also honoured to have 11 players chosen for the North 2 Regional squad who at the time of print are well placed to make the quarter finals of the Senior A Hurling Championship. Congrats also to the Senior Camogie team on winning the league and the championship ; a fantastic achievement.

One of the big successes of 2007 has been the improvement in the organisation and the performances of the two junior teams and I would like to thank Paschal Conboy, Colin Keane, Ciarán Redmond and Bob Courtney for their trojan work here. These teams are crucial to the development of hurling in the club and at time of print one is waiting to play a county semi-final and one a county quarter final. Competition for these panels will be immense next year given the quality minors coming through but what a wonderful problem to have. I would also like to thank each and every mentor / parent / coach who gives of their time to coach our juvenile teams from Under 5 to Minor. It is a testament to your work that Na Fianna is now renowned as having one of the strongest Juvenile set-ups in Ireland and it is a fantastic achievement. Well done to everybody and keep up the good work.

Finally, a word of warning! Unfortunately the hard work is only just beginning, we are up with the big boys now and we have to prove we have a right to be there. The players have been immense but the challenge that awaits in 2008 is a whole new ball game and will test everyone involved to their limit. Well done to everyone involved in 2007 and enjoy the winter break. It won't last long!

## **Junior Hurling**

An international dimension was introduced to Junior hurling in 2007 by players from New Zealand and the United States. The panel also featured on a BBC programme early in the year.

New players are always welcome and a feature this year would have been the numbers that have joined Na Fianna from all over the country.

The Junior 3 team had a highly successful League/Championship campaign and have qualified for their Championship semi final.

The Junior 5 team had a mixed season but finished well and are in the hunt for a Championship quarter final spot.

Special thanks to Tom Ryan and the Club Executive for their assistance during the year. The support and co-operation of the Senior Management (Colm Ó Ceallacháin, Pádraig Ó Fainín et al) is also very much appreciated. Is ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann Na Fianna.

The large numbers of Juveniles coming through the system can look forward to many more years of good hurling. The structures are in place and the future is bright for adult hurling in Na Fianna.



**Mentors:** Kieran Redmond, Bob Courtney, Diarmuid O'Connor, Frank O'Hara, Colin Keane, Paschal Conboy, Oliver Power.

## **Minor Hurling**

Report not to hand at time of finalising this document

## **ADULT CAMOGIE**

This year we have had three adult teams (Senior B/Inter A/Inter B) and 9 juvenile teams completing in league and championship competition.

At Adult level we have had great success with the Senior B team winning their league and championship and Open Cup, the Inter A team were equally successful by winning their league and championship and the Inter B's reached the semi final of Shield.

In addition we had several players selected for both Senior A and Senior B county teams.

Our delegates to the county board were Ann Ryan (adult) and Liz O'Brien (juvenile).

Na Fianna club man Brendan Cooper had the challenging role of minor board chairperson and was assisted by Liz O'Brien as minor board secretary.

## **Intermediate 1 Camogie**

The year started with some new additions to the team with welcome players from Under 16 level and new mentors Andy MacIntyre, Sean O Cinnéide and Pauline Burke. A large panel of enthusiastic and dedicated players resulted with the team working well from the beginning. Although there was disappointment in the Summer Cup Final when the team was defeated, determination to avoid the same fate led to victories in both the League and the Championship.

Na Fianna were joint top of the League neck and neck with Crumlin until the final game where the two teams competed for the title. Na Fianna emerged victorious.

The Championship followed and some exciting matches led to the team reaching the final. A larger number of supporters turned out to watch Na Fianna steal a one-point win in a nail-biting final against a skillful St. Vincent's side.

Overall a great year with some well deserved silverware to add to the club.

Yvonne Duggan

## **LADIES FOOTBALL (ADULT)**

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## ACTIVITY REPORT – Adult Handball

The adult section had a great year, our senior handballers winning the county 60x30 league and winning the 40x20 League for the fourth time in the last five years. But they went one better by winning the Leinster senior 60x30 club title for the first time in the clubs' history. We have a number of players waiting at the moment for all Ireland semi final at junior and over 45, over 50, over 60 grades and we hope to win a few titles there.

The list of adult honours is too many to mention but to list just a few main ones.

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All Ireland senior handball doubles winner Egin Jensen  
All Ireland senior 60x30 softball doubles winner Egin Jensen  
Leinster Junior 40x20 club champions  
Leinster Senior 60x30 club champions  
Dublin Senior 60x30 senior club champions  
Dublin Senior 40x20 senior club champions

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## ACTIVITY REPORTS – Juvenile Games

As the current playing season draws to its close, it has been another very eventful year in the juvenile section of CLG Na Fianna. The club continues to attract large numbers of juvenile players all the way up from the club nursery to the Under 16 grade. A particular growth area has been on the girls' side with increasing numbers playing camogie and ladies' football. Another notable aspect has been the enthusiasm of the club's nursery hurling mentors who are determined that the numbers of boys playing hurling will equate with those playing football. This is all good news for the club but inevitably means that our facilities are not always adequate and resources are necessarily stretched. Matching supply of resources with playing and training demand will be the key challenge for the club in the immediate future.

The year began with a mentors' workshop in the clubhouse in January. The star turn was guest speaker and Dublin manager Paul 'Pillar' Caffrey whose presentation on coaching was enthusiastically received by a bumper attendance of mentors. A follow-up workshop some weeks later at which presentations were delivered by Downey Keegan and Colm Ó Ceallacháin was not as well attended but was none the less worthwhile for those who managed to attend.

During the year, the club lost the services of Colm Burtchaell as Games Promotion Officer. Colm will never be totally lost to the club as he is Na Fianna to the core but his primary focus now is in his new position as Hurling Development Officer with the County Board in Parnell Park. I wish to thank Colm for the enormous contribution which he made as club GPO since his appointment in October 2004 and wish him well in his new position. He will prove to be an extremely difficult act to follow. However, we are indeed fortunate to have as his successor another die-hard Na Fianna clubman in Niall Cooper. I know that Niall will bring a fresh approach to the job and his energy will be brought to bear on the club's juvenile section in the months ahead. Niall has already set as his main priority an evaluation of the club nursery and this will be available in the forthcoming weeks.

With Colm out of bounds and Niall still not appointed, the VHI Cúl Camp was run this year by Rachel Quinn who did a great job. Thanks to Rachel and indeed to John Horan who again ran the Club Summer camp in July. The Mini-Leagues once more proved to be a great success. Over 700 children participated and Finals Day was held this year on a Saturday for the second year running. Unfortunately on the day the weather turned nasty at just the wrong time as the youngest children gathered to play. The heavens opened and everybody got a terrible drenching. No play was possible and the presentation of the medals proved to be a total wash-out. As a result of some perceived shortcomings on the day, a sub-committee was established to review the Mini-Leagues format and programme. Arising from this review some important changes were proposed for next year's renewal. It has been agreed to restrict the Mini-Leagues to an upper age limit of Under 10, to ensure a 'Plan B' is in place for medal presentations in the event of a downpour, to provide an adequate tannoy system and to return to a cuppa-and-sandwich form of catering to complement the ever popular BBQ. Let's not forget Lisneys for their continued generous sponsorship of the Mini-Leagues and although a lot of mentors put their shoulders to the wheel for the Mini-Leagues, the contributions of Anne O'Dea and Paul McCarville are absolutely fundamental to their success. Their work behind the scenes is immense and the club is indeed fortunate to have two people of their calibre at its service.

At the time of writing, the County Board has just issued its Strategic Review report on juvenile games. This report will be discussed at a special meeting in Parnell Park in a few weeks at which a motion to adopt its recommendations will be proposed. I would urge mentors of all juvenile teams to access this report in order to familiarise themselves with its contents.

Since last year's AGM, the playing fields of Dublin have again been embellished with the sporting deeds and achievements of Na Fianna juvenile teams. One of the highlights of the year from a purely sporting viewpoint came in the immediate aftermath of last year's AGM when the then Under 13 girls won the 'A' juvenile championship by beating Kilmacud Crokes in Portmarnock with a virtuoso display of ladies'



football. This team went on this year to contest the Division 1 Féile final when after an epic weekend of effort they were edged out by Ballyboden St Endas. The same clubs are due to meet in the coming weeks in the Under 14 'A' championship final and another stirring contest is on the cards.

Spring came and with it a twin assault on the Under 16 football championships by our two club teams. Both teams went the full distance to their respective finals and provided marvellous entertainment along the way. On the day of the finals, it was not to be but as they leave the juvenile ranks, I want to pay tribute to the mentors of both teams and especially to Richie Neville and Eamonn O'Donnell who have been lead mentors with their respective squads all the way up from the club nursery. Both have given tremendous commitment and it is fitting tribute to their efforts over the years that the playing numbers on their panels have remained high. This has resulted in the club looking well positioned to field three minor football teams in 2008.

On the Féile front, the hurling team won the Division 2 county final before going on to represent the club in the All-Ireland competition where a great weekend was had by all. The 'A' footballers' chances were blighted by an incredible glut of injuries which meant that nearly half of the regular squad were unavailable on the weekend of the event. The 'A' camogie team acquitted itself well and was not helped by a very difficult draw. The team has since qualified for the 'A' championship final which will be played on the weekend after the AGM. Both the 'B' football and camogie teams got difficult draws but the camogie girls got to the semi-finals before bowing out to the eventual winners.

Elsewhere in the juvenile championships, our Under 15 hurlers won the 'B' championship, the Under 16s have qualified for the 'B' final, the Under 13s lost the 'B' final and the Under 14s got to the final of the 'A' Shield. The challenge for the club in the years ahead will be to have Na Fianna competing in the 'A' hurling championships at all age-groups and looking at what is coming through, I have no doubt but that this is a realistic target and an eminently achievable one. A word of congratulations also to the Under 10 footballers who won the prestigious John Mitchel tournament in Newry on the Whit weekend.

The monthly Juvenile Games meetings have been very well attended. It is particularly satisfying to see mentors to the nursery beginning to make it their business to attend. Anne Foley took over the role of Secretary of Juvenile Games this year and has taken to the task like a duck to water. Board delegates Ciaran Gray, Damian Murphy, Liz O'Brien and Billy McLaughlin have ensured that mentors are kept up-to-date with the goings-on in Parnell Park and further afield. For any mentors who may not be aware of the timing of these monthly meetings, they are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 9pm in the club offices. All mentors to juvenile teams are most welcome. I am not going to forget to thank Pat Clinton for his Autumn grass-cutting regime in St Vincent's school. The length of the grass in the school grounds was unacceptable for much of the earlier part of the year but Pat has ensured that the grounds have been in tip-top shape for the Autumn schedule. Mo mhíle bhuíochas, Pat!

Mar focal scoir, is mian liom mo chomhghairdeas a ghabháil do na páistí go léir as ucht a n-iarrachtaí ar feadh na bliain atá thart agus mo dea-bheannachtaí do 'chuire fhoireann sa bhliain atá romhainn. Mar a deirtear, 'Ní neart go cur le chéile'.

Colum Cronin  
Cathaoirleach  
Cluichí na nÓg



## JUVENILE GAMES - Football

### Under 5 Football & Hurling

The energy and enthusiasm of the Under 5 boys continues unabated. We now have nearly seventy boys attending on Saturday mornings. We recently said goodbye to the boys moving up to Under 6 and welcomed a brand new batch of young lads into the club. We also said goodbye to some highly valued mentors as they moved up with their sons. We have managed to gather a new generation of mentors plucked from the sidelines in moments of weakness and we are delighted to welcome them on board! We continue to work on the Agility Balance Coordination basics through games and exercise. It is very encouraging to see the general improvement. We are constantly tweaking and adding to the sessions, we introduced tent tunnels recently which seem to be adding to the enjoyment and confusion. Traditionally football starts at 9.30am followed at 10.30am by hurling. Most of the boys want to stay on for the hurling but two hours is too long for both the boys and their parents. To give the lads a proper introduction to both games we are to experiment with an earlier finish time of 10.15am for football with a “seamless” move over to the hurling which will run on to 11am. Finally a word of thanks to all our hard working, nerve shattered mentors!

**Mentors:** Leonard Carty, Darren Farrell, Dermot Kane, Dara McGowan, Fergus McCabe, Mark Brabazon

### Under 7 Football

Under 7 football is in a very healthy state. The average attendance on Saturday mornings is fifty-plus and during the Mini-Leagues the numbers climbed to over sixty. Earlier this year, we established a series of stations in order to focus on key skills such as kicking, soloing, hand-passing and shooting and these have been a great success. We have also introduced specific games such as 'No Man's Land' which have really caught the children's imagination while developing their movement and honing their competitive instinct. We have played one friendly so far, against Castleknock in April, which the boys really enjoyed and no doubt they'll be raring to go once the Go Games start up after Christmas. We have an enthusiastic group of mentors who hopefully will stay with the group through the years. A big thank you to long-standing mentor Eamon O'Connell who has moved to the Under 8 group with his son Odhran, a great little player and a big loss to the Under 7s!

**Mentors:** Richard Dunne, Mike Farrell, Martin Hardiman, Matthew Kelly, Eoin McCabe, Paul Nolan, Aldo Paolozzi, Jim Ratcliffe, Brian Skelly

### Under 8 Football

In February 2007 the Under 8 boys' football commenced playing in the Dublin Northside Go Games Football challenge matches. Facilitating our large playing numbers of sixty-five registered footballers, we entered six teams and they are sub-divided into two x Three teams Groups 1 and 2. Group1 is managed by Pat Brennan and John Cassidy and Group2 is managed by Luke Lacey and Jack Byron. To date we have played eighteen matches, experiencing seventeen wins and one defeat.

The 2007 Mini Leagues proved to be a great success once again increasing our numbers to over seventy participating kids during June. We had eight teams with approx. nine players per team.

A special word of thanks to all the parents and guardians – because of their commitment, support and drive Na Fianna can boast of having one of the largest Under 8 Football boys groups in Dublin and County.

Finally a word of thanks goes to all of the mentors for their efforts and support throughout the year.

**Mentors:** Pat Brennan, Luke Lacey, John Cassidy, Jack Byron, Noel McKenna, Pdraic Bolger, James Sweeney, Ann Kelly, Eugene McHugh, Mark Foley.



## Under 9 Football

This group continues to develop with numbers attending training and matches remaining pretty much the same as last year. The average number attending training is about forty-four while at matches we have on average fifty attending. This year we have decided to enter a sixth team in the Go Games Leagues. This will provide the opportunity for all boys to get a full game and should certainly help with their development. It is however extremely important that as many boys as possible turn up for matches. So far so good as we have been able to comfortably field 6 teams in our fixtures to date and have been very successful in all games.

Earlier in the year we were invited to participate in the annual Gerard Canavan tournament hosted by O'Tooles. While we did not win our particular age group, the tournament provided an excellent learning experience for both boys and mentors. Special praise to the organisers for a well organised and worthy event. As usual we had huge numbers participating in the Mini Leagues. We had two separate groups with four teams in each group. Hopefully all the boys enjoyed this hugely popular event.

Thanks to all the mentors for their continued support and enthusiasm and to those parents who help with the job everyone hates, taking down the goals and nets.

**Mentors:** Paul Fitzgerald, Willie Rafter, Kevin Breen, Robert Bruton, Raymond Henry, Sean Paul McMahon, John Owens, Tony O'Flaherty

## Under 10 Football

There are over sixty-five players registered at Under 10 with fifty-plus attending training and matches. The squad built on the success in the Ger Canavan Tournament in 2006 by this year winning the thirty-two team John Mitchel Tournament in Newry; a twelve team tournament hosted by Naas GAA; and the regular blitz hosted this year by Naomh Mearnóg. Much of the focus in training last year and this has been on bringing on the weaker players; this is facilitated by breaking the lads in to two broad groups for training and has begun to show dividends.

For team selection the boys are graded into five ability groups A, AB, B, BC and C with players in the AB & BC grades moving up and down to give as many players as possible exposure to playing with stronger players. Many thanks for the enjoyment and success experienced by the Under 10 lads which is due to a large group of dedicated parents and mentors and thanks also to Colum Cronin and Donal Buggy for their support and co-operation.

**Mentors:** Finbar Gaffney, John Caffrey, Paddy Connolly, Matt Bowden, Fergal Brophy, Richard Dunne, Michael Kenny, Michael McLoughlin, Aidan Murphy, Tom O'Connor, Peter O'Hanlon, Michael Flanagan, Peter Pringle

## Under 11 Football

During the past twelve months, the Under 11 footballers progressed nicely and this group regularly fielded over fifty players in Go Games fixtures. All teams were competitive and the main highlights during the year were qualification for and participation in two separate Cup finals. In February, one team was narrowly defeated by St Maurs in an Under 10 Cup final held over from 2006. In May this year, our three teams were beaten by St Vincents on an aggregate score after three epic battles - well done to all. Thanks to all parents for constant support throughout the year.

**Mentors:** John O'Dea, Tom Gray, Paul Kenny, John Murchan, Paul McDonnell, Greg Victory

## Under 12 Football

We fielded four teams this year. The Cup competitions were played first. The 'A' team won their six group games but then lost to Clontarf by two points in the semi-final. The 'B' team were unbeaten in the 'C' Cup



and won the final beating St Brigids 'B' team. The 'C' & 'D' teams played in the 'D' Cup and the 'C' team were unlucky not to make the semi finals on scoring averages. The leagues have now commenced. The 'A' team are unbeaten in Division 1 after six games and have qualified for the Top 4 which means they will compete in Division 1 All-County next season at Under 13. The 'B' team are in Division 3 and are currently in second place. The 'C' & 'D' teams are in Division 5 and are well up this league. We intend to field three teams at Under 13 level next season which will be a first for the club.

**Mentors:** Ciaran Gray, Dave Buckley, Bríd O'Dwyer, David Williams, Declan Fitzgerald

## **Under 13A Football**

After a shaky start to the season with the team finding it hard to adapt to the fifteen-a-side game, the lads have now found their rhythm and are currently lying joint third in Division 1 of the league, having played six games, winning three and losing three. We along with the other 1994 squads had successful trips to Belfast last December to visit the W5 centre and see an Ice Hockey game (more interest from the lads in the cheer leaders than the game!) and a visit to Ardfert, Co Kerry in May which included challenge games against local sides in both hurling and football. We have twenty-one in the squad at present with thirteen of them actively involved in other non-club sporting activities which in the main also take place on Saturdays. This will be one of our main challenges going forward in trying to field a fit squad of sufficient numbers capable of competing in Division 1 and the Féile. Of the twenty-one players, seventeen are also on the hurling squads. Four committed mentors with great support from most of the parents.

**Mentors:** Stephen Farrell, Michael Griffin, Seamus McHugh, Paraic O'Connor

## **Under 13B Football**

A panel of twenty-seven has shown great commitment this year and has developed as an improving squad. The team is in the running to win its League having won six and lost one of its seven matches to date. The team did not get the best of luck in the Championship but enjoyed some great matches especially against Castleknock, Kilmacud Crokes and Cuala to whom we eventually bowed out in the semi-final after a replay. Since merging the two balanced 13-a-side Under 12B teams from last year into one Under 13B team this year, results have certainly improved but it has also meant that too many of our players do not get enough competitive action. This is an issue which needs to be addressed in advance of next year's Under 14 competitions. Along with our colleagues on the 'A' team, we visited W5 in Belfast and Ardfert, Co Kerry.

**Mentors:** Richard Quinn, Seoirse Smith, Colum Cronin, Martin Greene

## **Under 14A Football**

Having gained promotion to Division 1 at the end of 2006, the Under 14A footballers didn't underestimate the challenge that lay ahead of them in this their Féile year. With Division 1 containing some of the best Under 14 teams in the country the priority was to maintain our position in the top flight when the season ended. With three matches left to play this objective is still within our own hands.

2007 was a very tough year for a great bunch of lads whose dedication and commitment to matches and training has been excellent. We were extremely unfortunate with a catalogue of injuries which for some matches left us with only eight or nine players fit to play. Not an ideal situation for a team trying to establish itself in a very competitive division. Despite these setbacks the team dug in to grind out some excellent victories which gives us a chance to maintain Division 1 status next season.

Special thanks to the Under 14B and Under 13 players and mentors for their support during our injury crisis during 2007. Best of luck to the Under 13s in the 2008 Féile. Also thanks to Colum Cronin and Damian Murphy for all their hard work. Special mention to Mark O'Dea who suffered a broken ankle in March and then broke his collar bone in September.

**Mentors:** Jimmy Flannery, Colum Meleady, John Gray



## Under 14B Football

This season so far has proved very encouraging as we are now lying in second place in our division. This follows on from a very good performance last year where we secured promotion from our division. We have strengthened our squad with the arrival of a few new players who are settling in well. Our team of mentors and parents continue to provide leadership and direction to our team.

**Mentors:** Marty Fennell, Alan Connolly, Jim Grew, Seamus Boland

## Under 15A Football

Our season started off badly with a hammering by Thomas Davis in the first match. This was followed by a drubbing by Vincents in the third match. Since then we have performed well and won five matches on the trot including a tremendous victory over Thomas Davis. As I write we are still the only team in the league to have beaten Thomas Davis. We stand second having dropped six points whereas Davis have only dropped three. We are looking for other teams to do us favours. This is not impossible but highly unlikely. In the championship we were beaten again by our nemesis Thomas Davis. Just when we thought we had that monkey off our back along comes his brother.

The season started off with the appointment of a new management team. Pat Boylan had done great work with the team but unfortunately was unable to commit for another year. In his stead were Stephen McGlinchey, Pat McCarthy and Karl Higgins. As expected the season has been one where the management were getting used to the players and visa versa. The management has overall been happy with the commitment of the players but some issues still remain that need to be addressed before this team can improve. Without doubt this is a talented team that can progress. The next few years will tell.

There are a few things that might need to be looked at, at some level in the club.

1. We effectively had two different seasons in this league. One that started in February and ended at the end of June. One that started in September and is continuing. We had the months of July and August off. It is hard to keep any momentum going when a season is split in half. In our case we seem to have lost a bit of our form in the second part of our season. There are good reasons why the season closes down for July and August but whether a season that allows for fourteen league games and four championship games should run from February to November is open to question.

2. The other issue that needs to be addressed at club level is the over use of players. In our own case we have players pulled between hurling and football at club level, at school level and at county level. When you add in the training and playing that goes with this commitment, one would have to fear for the players. In our case you could also add the times some players subbed up. Players of fifteen years of age love playing sport and will very seldom say no when asked to play. It is beholden on both school and club to ensure that players are not overused and continue to play and enjoy sport. An old chestnut this one but still relevant.

During the season we have been grateful to the parents of the team. They have given us great support and help. It is great to see parents so supportive of their children. Mr Fixits, Liam and Dick, have been tremendous. As team managers it is great to have people who will do the dirty work and allow us get on with managing the team. John who refereed for us when needed and was always supportive. Paul who was always there when needed and Paddy for his help on the match reports.

Finally, we would like to thank the players. They have been brilliant to work with and have always been enthusiastic. This enthusiasm feeds into the management and we have enjoyed our time with this team. At the risk of repeating myself, there are still habits that the team must adopt and some that they must get rid off. Once they do this then it is onwards and upwards.

**Mentors:** Karl Higgins, Stephen McGlinchey, Pat McCarthy



## **Under 15B Football**

This solid, hard-working and enthusiastic bunch of young men went from Division 7 to Division 5 this year and have more than held their own. They are heading for a Won 7 Lost 7 record in the League and are intent on a serious run at the 'C' Championship having comprehensively beaten Thomas Davis in the first round. Thanks to the most supportive group of parents in the club.

**Mentors:** Gerry Donohoe, Kevin Nicholl

## **Under 16A Football**

Having achieved their goal of being promoted to Division 1, this group of players have competed successfully at the highest level during 2007 and are still in contention in the League. The support that was received in the lead up to the championship final and at the game was greatly appreciated by everyone involved with the team. The team got some consolation for losing the final with an excellent win against St Vincents in the League. The fact that both of the Under 16 Football teams reached their championship finals was a fitting tribute to all of the work that was done by so many people in the club over the previous eleven years. Our thanks to our CCC2 Board delegate Damian Murphy for all his help during the year.

**Mentors:** Clive O'Reilly, Harry O'Donnell, Richie Neville

## **Under 16B Football**

It was and still is a good year for the Under 16B team. The team played and trained well during the year. The team are going well and are in the Top 5 play-off of the Under 16 Division 5 League with 4 more games in the season to play. In the Championship we made it to the final and played Ballinteer St Johns who beat us by a narrow margin. The semi-final was against St Pats and the replay of the semi final was a cracking match. In all we retained most of our players. The hard working mentors Brian Byrne, Pat O'Connell and Eamonn O'Donnell were supported by the club all during the year. Colum Cronin was always on hand to help. Our Board Delegate Damian Murphy deserves special thanks for his help during the year, especially during the Championship. The team played sixteen league games during the season so far, with four more to play. We look forward to finishing well in the top five of the division.

A trip to Kerry to play the team of Declan O'Sullivan Dromid went very well. We were well looked after by the former Na Fianna member Damien Duff in the Waterville Inn. The trip included some hill walking and visits to Crag Caves. In all the team enjoyed the experience.

For a more detailed coverage of our 2007 season please see the Na Fianna web site.

**Mentors:** Eamonn O'Donnell, Pat O'Connell, Brian Byrne



## JUVENILE GAMES - Hurling

### Under 6 Hurling

The 2001s have now become big boys moving across the pitch to train every Saturday morning. Training starts directly after football and with the help of all parents the goal for this year is to have every child playing both hurling and football. There have been high numbers so far this year with between 24-28 playing hurling. The kids are showing a great interest and are enjoying the training. We hope that each child will purchase their own hurl and helmet before the end of the year, as hurling is not a game that kids can pick up with one training session a week. It is important to do their homework, and hold the hurl every day. The mentors will show the drills but it is more important that parents watch and practice these skills with their child during the week. Four committed mentors will require more support from parents every Saturday and can be contacted at any time. Remember to keep practicing.

**Mentors:** Dermot Moran, Tom Flaherty, Paul Smith, John O'Grady

### Under 7 Hurling

We started training back in February with twelve boys turning up on those cold and frosty mornings. We now have a panel of about thirty-six players, with numbers in the high twenties turning up every Saturday morning for training. Our aims are for the boys to acquire the skills of hurling in a fun and encouraging environment. The boys are progressing at a good pace and it is very evident that many are practicing at home, which is something we believe is essential. We played James Stephens both home and away, and the boys performed very well on both occasions. We recently played in an underage blitz in Newry and progressed to the final. Many thanks to parents and helpers for all the support during the season. We look forward to Go Games in 2008.

**Mentors:** Joe Murphy, Daire Daly, Cormac O'Sullivan, Brian Skelly

### Under 8 Hurling

We have come a long way in the twelve months since the last AGM. At this time last year we had a panel of twenty-six players training; now we have a working panel of forty-four players. We are now playing in the Go Games Leagues for the first time and the players are acquitting themselves very well in these matches. We recently took part in a blitz against St. Vincents, Good Counsel & St. Peregrines which we won. We also played James Stephens of Kilkenny both at home and down there. It was a great day out on both occasions and a great learning curve for the players; thanks to Adrian Tierney & Donal Buggy for organising it. It is important that we continue to keep the boys training during the winter months with the use of the all weather pitches and indoor games. Also thanks to the parents and guardians who support the teams. Finally a special thanks to the manager Jimmy Deane and mentors of the panel.

**Mentors:** Jimmy Deane, Eugene McHugh, Adrian Tierney, Fran Gray, Jimmy Deane, Donal Buggy, Cian ó Lionáin, Padraic Bolger, Hugh McFinn, Willie Bergin, Pat Brennan

### Under 9 Hurling

This is a very talented group of young hurlers who have done very well this year. We entered three teams in the Go Games, nine-a-side, and are unbeaten so far this year. We have got some new players on board since September and if they stick with it, we hope to enter four teams at Under 10. We had a trip to Passage East in Waterford last March, a tip to Newry in August and have had Moycullen GAA Club from Galway visit us.



Tony Fitzgerald, Paul Fitzgerald and Val O'Flaherty very kindly donated a cup for the 1998s to compete for each year. This year the tournament will be on October 21st in Áras Na Fianna with clubs from Kilkenny, Wexford, Waterford, Antrim, and Limerick travelling up to play. Many thanks to all the parents for their continued support throughout the year, doing goalposts, catering for visiting teams and ferrying the children to and from their matches and training every week.

**Mentors:** Mary O'Connell, Páirc Clerkin, Regina Bregazzi, Niall Loftus, Catherine Fitzgerald, Tony Kelly

## Under 10 Hurling

Another dynamic year for this group of young hurlers, which has remained above forty, began by winning the Indoor League in Gormanston in January and February. The resumption of Go Games in Spring was augmented by another memorable day trip by train to Cork, this time north of the Lee to Na Piarasaigh, home of Seán Óg and John Gardiner. Billy Fenlon's unforgettable team group photograph in the aftermath of the final game was presented framed to all participants and will linger long on the picture rails of many Glasnevin homes for decades to come! We reciprocated our Cork friends' excellent hospitality on their return visit in April.

A highlight of our season occurred on the May Bank Holiday, when we were invited to our first competitive tournament, the Tommy Burtchaell Cup, hosted by Na Piarasaigh in Limerick. This is named after Paddy's brother and Colm's uncle RIP, so it was apt indeed that we should participate. Solid wins in the opening three games saw us through to a thrilling final against an excellent team from Doon, Co.

Limerick. The lead changed hands seven times before ending level. We lost gallantly after extra-time.

A busy June meant lost opportunities to participate in further tournaments, but coaching continued during Tuesdays all Summer, in conjunction with the Under 9s.

September 30 saw us revisit Noreside to play both James Stephens and also Dicksboro. By the time of publication, we will be approaching our most ambitious ever project, hosting our own juvenile hurling tournament in Na Fianna, named after the late Dermot McNulty RIP. Hosted on October 27, it will involve eleven teams and 170 players from seven different clubs, including Ivy League elite hurling clubs such as James Stephens and Dicksboro in Kilkenny, Blackrock Cork and Na Piarasaigh Limerick. Thanks to Colum Cronin for his endless encouragement and to our parents for their ongoing support.

**Mentors:** Donal Buggy, Oliver Casserley, Dave Doran, Billy Fenlon, Dave Fenton, Michael Flanagan, Finbar Gaffney, Andrew Green, Michael Kenny, Paddy Oliver, Tom O'Connor, Seosamh Ó Maolalaí, Peter Pringle, Frank Twomey

## Under 11 Hurling

The Under 11 hurlers continue to turn out in steady numbers with over thirty regular players. We began our year with a series of challenge matches on the Club's all weather pitch, organised by Tom Ryan, where we showed we could hold our own against all comers. In our league fixtures we fielded two mixed ability teams and are happy to report that all our players are continuing to develop their hurling skills very well. Over the Summer we made it to the Division 2 final of Camánt where we lost out to Faughs. Our performance in our league games since September is showing the benefits of Summer practice as the players get used to more competitive matches.

**Mentors:** Michael Ryan, Kieran Lowry, Tommy Curley, Brendan Craven, Pat Barron

## Under 12 Hurling

With an active squad of thirty-six players and turn-outs at training sessions regularly exceeding thirty, the Under 12 hurlers were in the happy position of fielding two teams throughout the past season. We competed in Divisions 1 and 3. Each (hurling) weekend, the teams were selected to ensure, as far as possible, that each player had the best opportunity to play at the appropriate level. While results are not of



primary importance, it is pleasing to report that both teams are competing well in their respective leagues. The commitment, effort and discipline shown by the players throughout the season have been laudable, and the ever increasing skill level on display is very encouraging. Despite mass defections to the Gaeltacht and to sunnier climes to escape our “summer” weather, we did manage to field a team in the Camánt tournament, culminating in a victory in the Division 2 final. A useful innovation this year was our very own web-site where we maintain training and match reports. Our “home” for the season has been the pitch in St Vincent’s school and it is great to report the state of the pitch is excellent at the moment (earlier problems in the season having been resolved). The pitch is now very conducive to the acquisition and the practice of the skills of hurling. We would like to thank all who have recently spent great time and effort to give us the opportunity to play on an excellent surface. We are indebted, as always, for the wonderful support and encouragement offered by parents and are particularly grateful for the anonymous donation of two complete sets of jerseys.

**Mentors:** Damian Murphy, Oliver Power, Joe Murphy, Padraic Bolger, Joe Williams

## **Under 13 Hurling**

Similar to the football, our hurlers also had a relatively shaky start to the season where despite impressive form in pre-season friendly matches we found things tough going in Division 1. But steady improvement and consistently battling performances eventually bore fruit and we had a major breakthrough at the PJ Troy tournament in June, finishing a highly creditable third in our group. Significantly this was achieved thanks to an historic victory over old foes Kilmacud Crokes, (our first time defeating them after three years of trying).

Thanks to a fresh recruitment drive that resulted in a number of new players, the month of June also saw us field, for the first time, a second team. This was a most welcome development as prior to then we had a panel of thirty boys of which only twenty could be played each match. Thanks also to the Under 12 mentors and in particular Damian Murphy and Oliver Power for their co-operation in supporting both teams as requested. The establishment of the second team ensured everyone got the opportunity to play full matches regularly. The two teams competed in the Championships over the summer months. Our second team got to the semi-final of Division 4 before bowing out to the eventual winners. While the first team won through to the Division 2 County Final. In a thrilling encounter, against Erin’s Isle and played on their home ground, we unfortunately went down by four points. The team’s focus now turns to the remaining matches in the league as we will be striving to retain our Division 1 status. The big target for next year will of course be the Féile competition. Our goal is to continue the development of both Under 13 squads so that we will be able to enter two hurling teams in the Féile.

**Mentors:** Dermot Moran, Fran Gray, Greg Whooley, Greg Ronayne, Peter Caulfield

## **Under 14 Hurling**

This group of players continues to improve and, with the season almost over, can look back on a successful year – successful in terms of improvement in skill levels and in terms of silverware!

The year began with a ‘Winter League’ played on the all-weather pitch. This was a new way to keep the lads hurling over the winter and worked very well. However, it would have been much better if the all-weather pitch had a proper fence around it: Executive please note!

Having finished as runners-up in Division Two last year we were promoted to Division One for League and Championship. There is no doubt that the boys found the jump in standard hard to come to grips with but as the season progressed they adapted to the pace and skill level and, by season’s end, were no longer a pushover for any team and managed to get two wins in the second half of the League. The Championship saw the team make it to the ‘A’ Shield final but were well beaten in the decider. Nonetheless, the improvement continued.

The benefit of playing in the league’s top flight was plain for all to see in the Féile na nGael. We were placed in Division Two of the Féile and won it most impressively. The final victory over Erin’s Isle in



Parnell Park will have to be regarded as the highlight of the season. We travelled to Ballyhale as Dublin's representatives in Division Two of the National Féile. A poor first game against our hosts saw us get off on the wrong foot and though we recovered well we didn't qualify for the knock-out stages. Our thanks go to Ballyhale for their wonderful hospitality.

An interesting aspect of this season was the bond which developed between the Under 14 hurlers and the club's senior hurlers with both groups going to watch the other's games and with a couple of joint training sessions which were of huge benefit to the younger team. Our thanks to the senior hurlers and their captain Paul Carroll for their support and co-operation. There is a model there for other club teams to follow. This group is fairly tight on numbers but if, individually and collectively, the progress continues then the goal of a Minor title in 2011 is still attainable!

**Mentors:** Pat Ó Fainín, Colum Meleady

## Under 15 Hurling

The Under 15 hurling season commenced on January 2nd with a training session at 12 noon. The new management team comprising Fran Cullen, Frank Foley and Stephen Fitzgerald were eager for the task ahead of them. The hurling league season commenced on March 25th with a defeat to Ballyboden, however, this was followed a few weeks later by a very spirited display against St. Judes. League victories during the year versus Lucan, Kevin's and a tremendous spirited display against Kilmacud gave the panel great confidence for the 'B' championship which commenced on August 19th in Johnstown Park with a comfortable win over Scoil Ui Conaill. The Championship semi-final versus Naomh Barróg was a thriller with Na Fianna coming up trumps in Mobhi Road, 1-14 to 1-07.

The same team lined out for the final versus St Brigids on September 16th. Although conceding home advantage to a determined Brigids team Na Fianna won a dour encounter on a scoreline of 4-08 to 2-07, taking the first title win for this group of players since they joined the Nursery many moons ago.

Unfortunately the lads are still awaiting presentation of the trophy and medals from the County Board. As we finished the season with one league game remaining it is appropriate to thank a number of people for their help and assistance during the year; Pat Fanning and his Under 14 players gave much needed support during the year when required and the combined training sessions boosted the numbers during the holidays. Our thanks to Declan Feeney for his valuable pep talk on the eve of the championship final. As usual parents were not found wanting, our thanks to Paddy Reilly for his encouraging match reports, Dick Shanahan, Tom McGovern, John Fitzgerald, Michael Connell, John Sullivan, Kevin Nicholl and Jim Aughney for assistance with nets, flags and the dreaded umpiring duties, Annette and Ita for turning out freshly laundered jerseys for ever game and Gerda for catering assistance. To coin an old hurling phrase "it is great to see the power of a club when everyone pulls together". Congratulations and well done to the entire panel.

**Mentors:** Fran Cullen, Frank Foley, Liam Burke, Stephen Fitzgerald

## Under 16 Hurling

The Under 16s played six league games, winning one, conceding one and losing four. In the Championship we beat St Marks in the quarter-final and Castleknock in the semi-final after a replay. We also arranged three challenge games, playing one and having to cancel two due to not being able to field a team. Training has been on a Friday with only eight or nine players regularly turning up. It is my belief that this team has under achieved. They had the ability to be in the top four teams in the league and they showed that ability against St. Vincents and Crokes. But when half of your team never turn up for training it is very difficult to win anything. But hopefully they will win the Championship final against Cuala. I would like to thank Fran Cullen and Declan Feeney for all their help and to the Under 15 players who have helped us out during the year. A special thanks to Fintan, Phil, Seosamh and Caoimhin for all of their help.

**Mentors:** Tony Hayes, Philip Kelly, Stephi Breathnach, Fintan Brennan



## JUVENILE GAMES – Ladies Football

### Under 10 Ladies' football

We had a number of friendlies in the early part of the year followed by a big trip to Rhode in Co. Offaly in March. This was organised by Bernie Finlay from the club senior team and a convoy of three busses took the Under 10, Under 11 and Under 14 teams down for a great day out in warm sunshine. The league followed on in April and is nearing completion with our expected finishing position of second or third, having only lost two out of eight games. We hope to finish the season in late October with a mini blitz with a couple of teams from outside Dublin. Our numbers are growing and we will have a very strong panel for next year's programme. Our thanks again to Caroline Duggan, Majella Lavin and of course Mary Nevin (who now has hero status among our panel) for their help over the year. We also wish to acknowledge the continued sponsorship from Stack's pharmacy.

**Mentors:** Billy McLaughlin, Áine Clerkin, Brian Murphy, Julie Fitzpatrick, Máirtín Mac an Iomaire, Paul Nolan

### Under 11 Ladies' football

The Under 11 girls' panel has had a really successful season so far with our player numbers increasing sufficiently (forty-five plus) to allow us to field two teams this season. Last season we had about twenty-five girls on the panel which meant that it was difficult to get game time for everyone. We now have a very committed and enthusiastic group of young footballers whom it is a pleasure to work with. After winning Division 2 of the league last season (as well as the Division 2 championship) we were promoted to Division 1 and are now top of the table but with five games to go it's still very much in the balance. We are also through to the Division 1 'champo' final. Our second team, which is comprised of a lot of new footballers, are in a strong Division 2. We had a difficult start to the season but this team is steadily improving and the mentors are really encouraged by the progress made so far.

The numbers at training have been very good and we would urge all players to also practice as much as possible aside from our organised sessions. Thanks to all our sponsors – Minute Tel (brought in by Denis Harte), Stacks Pharmacy, Stephen Purdy and Fergal O'Dwyer. Thanks to all the Mams and Dads for the support and encouragement – “without you none of this would have been possible”! (this is beginning to sound like an Oscar acceptance speech!) If anyone would like to help some more with coaching, kit or organising please don't be backwards about coming forwards! This is a hugely talented bunch of players which we are expecting great things from in the future.

**Mentors:** Tony Lynch, Richard Quinn, Regina Bregazzi, Seamus Boland, Mahmoud Esnau, Kevin Breen, Brendan Gearon, John Leen, Declan Mulvey

### Under 12 Ladies' football

Congratulations to all of the girls for a very successful season. The team gained promotion to Division 1 and still have to play a play-off for the League. We were unlucky in the semi-final of the Championship with a close match against St Brigids. There has been a huge commitment by all of the girls to training with numbers averaging in the mid twenties every week.

**Mentors:** John McDonagh, Karen Connolly, Nora Lee



## **Under 13 Ladies' football**

The ladies' football mentors met at the start of the year and decided that the club should enter a team in 2007 for girls born in 1994. Prior to this year, only six girls in this age-group had played football for Na Fianna and all had played for the 1993 team. The team was entered into Division 3 of the League and proved more than capable of succeeding at this level winning the League readily enough with seven wins and a draw in its eight matches. Next year promises to be more challenging as the girls will compete in Division 2. Thanks go to all of the parents for their support in getting the team up and running.

**Mentors:** Colum Cronin, Karen Mooney

## **Under 14 Ladies' football**

Following on from where they left off last season winning the Under 13 Division 1 championship - a feat that had not been achieved by a Na Fianna juvenile team in over twenty years, this team continued in their winning ways. The season started with the eagerly awaited Féile competition which was hosted by Na Fianna. The team won their group playing five matches on the Saturday and qualified for the semi-final on Sunday morning against Ballinteer St. Johns. The girls won this match and their opponents were Ballyboden in the final. The girls played their hearts out in the Final but this being their seventh game in two days simply did not have the legs for the final and were beaten on the day. No mean feat for a team that only started playing football three years ago. The season is now almost over and the team has only lost one match in the League a narrow two point defeat to Ballyboden. The girls have now qualified for the Under 14 Division 1 Championship Final against Ballyboden. Hopefully it will be third time lucky. Four of the panellists, Aoife Caffrey, Lucy Collins, Laura Keelan and Khloe Dillon-Coote were also on the Dublin Under 14 panel who won the All Ireland Under 14 Final in Longford against Galway. Both Aoife and her father John won their All-Ireland medals playing against Galway. Leah Caffrey and Aoife Nolan are currently on the Dublin Under 13 development squad.

**Mentors:** Bernie Caffrey, John Frier, Downey Keegan

## **Under 16 Ladies' football**

The fact that the panel contained a large group of Under 15 Camogie players and a sizeable number of Under 16 Camogie players made it very difficult to find a suitable time for training.

The clash of this team's fixtures with the Under 15 Camogie fixtures placed an unnecessary burden on the players and on management. Given these difficulties the team was unable to reach its potential in 2007. The difficulties faced by this team in 2007 should be borne in mind when entering teams for Camogie and Ladies' football competitions in 2008.

**Mentor:** Richie Neville



## JUVENILE GAMES - Camogie

### Under 7 Camogie/Football

Numbers have grown steadily with recent weeks seeing a pleasing number of new girls and the return of most of our pre-Summer gang. Help on the coaching side continues to be a struggle although some new people have come forward. Thanks to Ann Ryan who has twisted a few arms and produced some adult players and older girls to provide much needed help.

**Mentors:** Marc Opperman, Niall Healy, Dorothy Webb, Paul McCarville

### Under 9 Camogie/Football

We have had an eventful year, putting in training in preparation for next year's Under 10 leagues. Our girls are dual players playing both camogie and football. During the year we moved from the all-weather to the back pitch. This was due to increased numbers and to facilitate the greater need of younger nursery girls. We have recently added an additional training session on Wednesday evening. Our emphasis is on learning skills in an environment where the girls enjoy themselves and make many new friends. During the year we have been 'on tour' to Tipperary and organised friendly matches against local teams at Mobhi Rd. We also organised a very successful sponsored walk to the All Ireland Camogie Final in Croke Park on the second Sunday in September (Up Wexford!). We have also participated in a camogie blitz and took part in a football blitz on Saturday October 6th. We are grateful for the terrific support from parents.

**Mentors:** Ricky & Róisín O'Sullivan, Jim Aughney, John McDaid, Seamus Gill, Pat Montague, Liam Connolly, Brian O'Gorman

### Under 10 Camogie

The season started with a number of friendlies - then the league officially began in April as a 2-team league. The format had changed since the previous year in that there were double-round games and the programme had a total of fourteen games. This put a strain on our numbers as the games were on Sunday mornings which conflicted with other family events. However, both teams finished mid-table with a number of good performances. The highlight of the season was our annual trip to our friends in Toomevara. We had two teams and all had a wonderful time. The training tips from All-Star Joanne Ryan were greatly appreciated. Our thanks also to Caroline Duggan and Elaine O' Meara from the club senior team for their help and advice during the year. We also wish to acknowledge the continued sponsorship from Stack's pharmacy.

**Mentors:** Billy McLaughlin, Áine Clerkin, Brian Murphy, Julie Fitzpatrick, Máirtín Mac an Iomaire, Paul Nolan, Cormac Ó Donnchú

### Under 11 Camogie

The format of the Under 11 league changed this year to eleven-a-side aside with unlimited subs. We had twenty-six Under 11 girls registered and despite the fact that we knew it would be tight, we decided to enter two teams. The league commenced at the beginning of April and though we struggled at times to field a full eleven-a-side (on occasion, we had to avail of some Under 10s), the 'A' team finished runner-up in Division 1 and the 'B' team finished as the winner in Division 2, Group 1. Both teams then entered a divisional play-off. The 'A' team managed to reach the League final and played a fantastic game against Lucan Sarsfields, staging a great comeback. As the final whistle blew, we were convinced that it was a draw and extra time would be played. The referee, however, had recorded a 6-5 victory to Lucan Sarsfields. Although the girls were upset, they were magnanimous in defeat and we are very proud of them. At the



time of going to print, we are still awaiting a date for the 'B' league final which will be played against Setanta.

The Championship commenced for the 'B' team on 16th September but we were defeated in the third round by Crumlin. The 'A' team are now through to the semi-final. We are very thankful to 'Minute-Buyer' for their sponsorship of a set of jerseys for the second team. We would like to acknowledge the generous sponsorship of much needed training equipment by Stephen Purdy and the purchase of two sets of bibs by Fergal O'Dwyer. We would also like to thank Robin Booth who assisted with training, Declan Mulvey our Treasurer, Seamus Boland, John Leen, Brendan Gearon, Stephen Purdy and Mary Breen who assisted with training and putting up goalposts. Finally, thanks to all the parents for their continued support, assistance and co-operation.

**Mentors:** Tony Lynch, Fiona Greene

## Under 12 Camogie

We had a slow start to the year, but with help from Nora training picked up before the summer. We played all of our league matches in Division 1 without great success. Re-graded to Division 2 for the championship and had a good win in the first round.

**Mentors:** Gráinne Ryan, Karen Connolly, Nora Lee

## Under 13 Camogie

Bliain iontach sásúil ag ár bhfoireann camógaíochta faoi 13. Faoi láthair tá 19 imreoir ar an bpainéal againn. Chailleamar duine amháin ó thús na bliana. Thosnaigh agus d'imigh duine nó beirt chomh maith ach don chuid is mó táimid an-shásta leis an ngrúpa atá againn. Tá spiorad maith sa champa agus creideann muid go leanfaidh an grúpa seo leo ag imirt camógaíochta tamall maith eile. D'imríomar 11 gcluiche i roinn a dó den sraith. Bhuamar seacht gceann acu. Comhscór i gceann amháin acu. Buadh orainn i dtrí cinn acu. Bhí dhá chlub nach raibh in ann foireann a chur amach inár gcoinne. Chríochnaíomar sa tréimh háit sa sraith. Ag súil le feachtas maith sa chraobh. D'imríomar cupla cluiche cáirdiúil i rith na bliana lenár gcairde maithe i bhFionnbhrú agus Naomh Barróg. Go gairid beimid ag caint lenár gcairde bainisteoirí faoi 14 agus faoi 15. Táimid ag súil go mbeidh gach cailín a rugadh i 1994 agus atá ag imirt camógaíochta do Na Fianna ag imirt leis an bhfoireann faoi 14 an bhliain seo chugainn, bliain na Féile. Ár mbuíochas d'Eilís Uí Bhriain agus do Áine Uí Riain agus do Cholum Ó Cróinín as ucht an chabhair a thugadar dúinn i rith na bliana. Agus d'ár gcairde uilig i roinn na camógaíochta agus sa chlub ina iomlán.

A wonderful, satisfying year for the Under 13 camogie team. Currently we have nineteen players on the panel. One player dropped out during the year. One or two others started and dropped out again but, for the most part, we are very happy with the group. There is a good spirit in the camp and we are confident that this group will continue playing camogie for some time yet.

We played eleven games in Division Two of the league. We won seven. Drew one. Were beaten in three. Two clubs gave us walkovers. We finished in third place in the league. Looking forward to a good campaign in the Championship. We played a few friendlies during the year with our friends in Whitehall and Naomh Barróg. We will be meeting shortly with our fellow mentors at Under 14 and Under 15. We hope that all girls born in 1994 and playing camogie for Na Fianna, will be playing for the U14 team next year - Féile year. Our thanks to Liz O'Brien, Anne Ryan and Colum Cronin for the help they gave us during the year. And to all our friends in the camogie section and the entire club.

**Mentors:** Seosamh Ó Maolaláí, Declan Murtagh, Karen Mooney, Gearóid Ó Donnchadha

## Under 14A Camogie

This has been a good year for Under 14A camogie, considering that we lost a few key players this year and we still finished third in the league. Our last two matches were against St Judes who had beaten us last year.



We won both matches, one by three points and the other by a point - both were very tough but exciting games. Our target for 2007 had been to improve our position on 2006 which we did, having been beaten only by Plunketts and Vincents. All of the girls have showed great improvement this year. The Championship began Sat 29th of Sept and we got a better draw than we did in the Féile so we felt confident that we could make it to the final which we have achieved. Also three of our girls were involved in the Dublin Under 14 team this year - Lucy Collins, Áine Gaughan and Laura Tarr - it was a great experience for the girls.

**Mentors:** Sandra Tarr, John Leen, Donal Buggy and Peter Pringle

## Under 14B Camogie

The Under 14B girls had a very busy season with eighteen League matches and a few friendlies. The highlight of this year had to be the Féile. The girls got through to the semi-final and were narrowly beaten by Naomh Mearnóg who went on to win the Division 3 Féile. Team numbers are still increasing and the girls are really enthusiastic and looking forward to next year. The girls and the mentors would like to thank Robin Booth for all his help during the year.

**Mentors:** Anne McInerney, Paddy Courtney, Ger Hussey

## Under 15 Camogie

Under 15 camogie undertook the 2007 season with a panel of nineteen players which included an increase of one on the panel of 2006. The mentors were Maryanne Quigley, Joe Langan and Tony O'Brien who replaced Philip McLoughlin who relocated to Carlow. The team participated in the Under 15 league with four other teams playing each team twice. In a good league campaign Na Fianna won four and lost four matches. Some of the losses were in close contests particularly against Ballyboden and Naomh Barróg and with a bit of luck we could have finished higher up the league. The league panel was supplemented from time to time with Under 14 players particularly Lisa McKenna and Susan Clinton who were not involved in the Under 14 football panel. During the summer the panel were scattered to the four corners of the globe but we still managed to complete our league fixtures and maintain training sessions along with the Under 16 panel.

At the end of the summer some of our players participated in a blitz down in Naas GAA Club along with the Under 16 girls. In a great day out the girls won the competition beating a strong Turloughmore team from Galway in the final. At the time of writing, training is in full swing twice a week for championship and we won our first round match against St. Brigids to set up a crunch tie with St Vincents in the next round. The girls elected Eve O'Brien as captain and Ellen Langan and Aisling Murphy as vice captains for this season. Several of our players are gaining valuable experience playing in league and championship for the Under 16 team. We hope to continue the great relationship we have with the Under 16 mentors Pat, Sorcha and Sinéad.

Naoise Webb, Eve O'Brien, Sadhbh Ni Nualláin, Shona Quinn and Ellen Langan were lucky enough to be selected for the Dublin Under 15 development squad this year. Many thanks to Barney Kelly and his team for the great coaching these girls received.

The Under 15 mentors would also like to thank their counterparts on the Under 14 camogie and Under 14 football squads for their support and co-operation during the year. Without this support we would have struggled to field competitive teams in a number of matches. Last but not least we would like to thank Liz O'Brien who does a lot of the background work that helps things running smoothly off the park as well as on.

**Mentors:** Joe Langan, Maryanne Quigley, Tony O'Brien



## Under 16 Camogie

After a great weekend away in Birmingham at the end of last season, team spirit was high and this was reflected in an unbeaten run in the League before the summer break. Five girls from the team were also selected for the Dublin Under 16 camogie panel; Hannah McInerney, Niamh Garrahan, Niamh Burns, Róisín Murphy and Orlagh Egan. Christine Kelly was selected for the Under 16 Ireland water polo team and stood down from the Dublin Under 16 camogie panel. League matches resumed at the end of August and we only lost one game out of three by the smallest of margins, one point. We finished second in the league on points difference and went into a semi-final league play-off against St. Judes. We had a bad day at the office and were beaten by a determined St. Judes team. The Championship began at the end of September and we booked our way into the championship semi-final with a convincing win against a tough St. Brigids side. Our team has exceptional heart and skill and will hopefully bring back some championship silverware to cap off what has been a fine season by a fantastic bunch of young ladies. They truly are a credit to the jersey and the club.

**Mentors:** Sorcha Dowling, Sinéad McNulty, Pat Clinton

## JUVENILE Games - Handball

Handball has had a fantastic year at all grades and our juvenile section has really performed with great style and skill. They have amazed us all with their success. They have represented the club and county and not only have they been a credit. In the court but also it has been remarked that their behaviour off the court is exceptional. They are truly a credit to their families and the club.

This year also saw Na Fianna enter the Féile handball for the first time in June with both a boys and a girls team. That was a great experience for our lads. We met up with the hurling Féile team and marched behind the Na Fianna banner. It was a once in a lifetime experience. That trip to the Féile gave our players a great boost especially because of their performance: the lads beat the hosts, O'Loughlins, in their first game and that set them up to go on and win their group and reach the final. The girls also won their first game against Kingscourt and missed out by one ace after defeat to Kells Co Kilkenny this meant they finished third. This along with the boys finishing second was a fantastic achievement.

I have to also thank the county board which aided us in procuring kit for our teams for the occasion. Thanks to the five mentors; Kevin McKenna, Peter Caulfield, Dolores Greene, Michael Greene, and Frank Daly who traveled and Pat Ryan who was instrumental in the coaching of these teams in the build up to our trip to Kilkenny.

Thanks to Áine Uí Laoire & the club who supplied us with the banner. Last but not least a man who does an awful lot that goes unnoticed who went out of his way to get the Féile gear at short notice the one and only Paul Smith.

The kids have excelled in all competitions this year both county and inter county and are also still playing out the last few intercounty competitions which are the Leinster 60x30 boys league, and we have boys and girls representing Scoil Chaitríona and St Aidans in the Leinster Colleges 60x30 so we expect a few more Leinster winners before the end of the year.

There is also a group of 9/10 year olds training on Friday nights under the guidance of Clíona Uí Dhálaigh and a few parents that help her out. Thanks also to Ciaran O'Sullivan, Paul Downes and Fergal Breathnach who helped throughout the year. Clíona is always looking for help so please contact her any Friday 6-7 in handball court. We also hope to start up a group of 6 year olds boys and girls and nine year old boys as well to help keep the ball rolling.



Thanks has to be given to Pat Ryan, Christy Donnelly, Kevin Mc Kenna, Frank Daly, Cliona Uí Dhálaigh, Peter Caulfeild, Michael Griffin and Nora Lee who have all in some way been part of the reason we have done so well this year, also a special thanks to Ciaran O' Sullivan for all his work on the club website .

## **Juvenile honours 2007**

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Boys Féile Division 3 runners up.

Girls Féile Division 4 3rd place.

Girls runner up in skills Féile competition. Lisa Mc Kenna.

Leinster 40x20 Under 12 doubles runner up Niall McKenna played with Conor Timmony (St. Brigids)

Leinster 40x20 under 13 doubles champions Cian Ó Dálaigh and Corey Fay

Leinster 60x30 under 13 doubles champions Cian Ó Dálaigh and Corey Fay

Leinster 40x20 under 13 singles runner up. Pierce Caulfield.

Leinster 60x30 girls doubles under 13 runner up Eleanor Buggy played with Siobhan Cahill (St. Brigids)

Leinster 60x30 girls singles under 14 runner up Dianaimh Greene

Leinster 60x30 girls doubles under 15 runner up Jane Griffin played with Carly O'Neill (Portobello)

Dublin championships 40x20

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Under 12 A singles runner up Niall McKenna

Under 12 A doubles runner up Niall McKenna played with Conor Timmony (St. Brigids)

Under 12 B doubles runner up Sean Caverly played with Thomas Tully (Portobello)

Under 13 A singles winner Pierce Caulfield .

Under 13 A runner up Corey Fay.

Under 13 A doubles winner Cian Ó Dálaigh and Pierce Caulfield.

Under 15 A singles winner John Walsh

Under 15 A singles runner up Naoise Greene.

Under 15 A doubles runner up Brian Treanor and Michael Flanagan.

County 40x20 leagues runner up and third place (two teams entered)

No 60x30 championships run yet.

Report by Frank Daly & Pat Ryan.



## Motions and Recommendations

### Motions:

That the following be added to the Rules of Football as a technical foul.  
It shall not be permissible to make more than three hand-passes in succession.

Submitted by: George Dillon

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To amend Rule 9 of the club constitution by replacing the words “€1,000” with “€2,000” in Rule 9 paragraph (g).

Submitted by: Paul McCarville

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### *Constitutional Review Motions*

#### **Motion A.1**

To amend Rule 1 of the club constitution by adding the following two additional sections:

- (c) No subject of a political or sectarian nature may be discussed at any meeting of the Club, and in order so as to respect the different political views of all the members, no individual, team or group may officially represent the Club on any occasion which is organised or sponsored by a political party.
- (d) No individual, team or group may represent the Club in any game or other function without first having had the authority of the Executive Committee to do so.

Submitted by: Richie Neville

#### **Motion A.2**

To amend Rule 3 of the club constitution by removing the existing Rule 3 and replacing it with the following:

- (a) (i) Full Members, shall be members who are 18 or over on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held.
- (ii) Honorary Members, who shall be any persons who are 18 or over on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held and who in the opinion of the Executive Committee merit such membership. Such members shall be Full Members, but shall be exempt from paying their Annual subscriptions.
- (iii) Youth Members, shall be members who are under 18 on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held.
- (iv) Social Members, shall be members who are 18 or over on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held and who may be granted such of the rights enjoyed by other members as the Executive Committee sees fit in each case, subject to the provisions of the Constitution.



(v) Full Members (including Honorary Members) and Youth Members of the Club will also become Members of the main Association.

(b) The annual subscriptions for respectively, Full Members, Full Members who are full-time students or unwaged, Youth Members and Social Members shall be determined by the Executive Committee and be ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

In addition the Executive Committee will determine the annual subscription for a family which will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting. A family subscription will cover a maximum of two Full Members and any children in the family who are under 18 on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held and are therefore Youth Members.

In any instance where the subscription that should be paid in respect of a member is unclear the Executive Committee will have the power to decide.

(c) The Annual Subscription for each member shall become due on the first day after the Annual General Meeting and shall be paid on or before the 1st March of the following year. Any members whose Annual Subscription has not been paid by the date specified shall remain as members but will lose their Rights of Membership.

(d) All persons who are 18 or over on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held and who are desirous of joining the Club, must be proposed and seconded by two existing Full Members, written notice of which must be given to the Secretary on the relevant application form. The name and address of any such person proposed for membership shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises for two weeks and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of members. Any Full Member who wishes to object to the candidate's election may do so by giving written notice of such objection to the Secretary. The Executive Committee shall then decide on the application. When a candidate has been elected to membership, the secretary shall notify him/her forthwith and shall request him/her to pay his/her subscription in order to obtain his/her rights of membership.

Club Policies and Procedures shall outline the process to be followed in relation to applications for membership by all persons who are under 18 on the 31 December of the year in which the AGM is held

(e) The Executive Committee shall notify the applicant through the Secretary within four weeks of the date on which his/her application was received whether or not he/she is accepted for membership of the Club.

(f) The Executive Committee shall have discretionary power to re-instate Rights of Membership, under such terms as they think fit, to any person who has lost them.

(g) All playing members are required to give priority to Na Fianna over any other sporting interests, unless excused from doing so by the Executive Committee, and any playing member who, having been notified for a match, fails to turn up without giving advance notice to the selectors, should stand suspended for one month or until he/she submits a satisfactory explanation to the Executive Committee. If a playing member repeats the offence during the same playing season, his/her rights of membership shall be terminated forthwith. A player may appeal to the Executive Committee within fourteen days and the committee may re-instate him/her under any conditions they think fit.

(h) Any member may only cease to be a member of the Club by:  
(i) notifying the Club Chairman or Secretary in writing of his/her resignation from the Club;  
(ii) transferring to another Club;  
(iii) being expelled from the Club by the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

Submitted by: Richie Neville

### **Motion A.3**

To amend Rule 4 of the club constitution by removing the existing Rule 3 and replacing it with the following:



- (a) With the exception of 4 (k) below, the rights of any member of the Club shall be conditional upon the member complying with the provisions of this Constitution, the Official Guide and the Club Policies and Procedures including the timely payment of any annual subscriptions and levies.
- Such rights may be lost in accordance with Rule 3 (c) above or be withheld, restricted or suspended by a decision of the Executive Committee.
- (b) Every member other than Social Members shall have the right to seek membership of any committee of the Club with the exception that members of the Executive Committee must be Full Members.
- (c) Full members shall have the right to nominate or second persons to become members of the club or to nominate other Full Members for election to positions on the Executive Committee or as Club President.
- (d) Full members shall have the right to be notified of any General Meeting of the club. Full Members also have the right to act as part of a group comprising not less than ten per cent of Full members in requesting the Secretary to convene a Special General Meeting.
- (e) Every member, other than Social Members shall have the right to enter and use the premises and facilities for the purpose for which they have been designed, but will be bound by Club Policies and Procedures.
- (f) Social members shall have the right to enter and use the premises and facilities for social purposes only and will be bound by Club Policies and Procedures.
- (g) Full Members will have the right to propose or second Motions, to speak at and/or vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting.
- (h) Persons who have been Full Members of the Club for at least three years will have the right to be nominated for the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
- (i) Social members shall **not** have the right to take part in the following:
- (i) the playing of games.
  - (ii) to attend or vote at the AGM.
  - (iii) the right to act on any Club committee.
- (j) All members, including Social Members, shall have the right to be admitted to all games at Mobhi Rd., on production of their membership card, free of charge.
- (k) Rights of Youth Members (Under 18)  
All Youth Members have the right to be protected from any kind of abuse, i.e. sexual, physical and verbal. The Executive Committee shall adopt the code of conduct for the protection of youth members as introduced by the Central Council of the G.A.A. and shall ensure that this code is updated from time to time as necessary to ensure that it is always in accordance with the code of conduct in force at any given time within the G.A.A. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Child Officer to deal with any allegation of abuse made by a youth member against any other member of the Club.
- (l) Any Full or Youth Member who has been expelled, suspended, warned or fined by the Executive Committee or whose rights of membership have been withheld, restricted or suspended by a decision of the Executive Committee, shall have the right to appeal to the relevant Committee of the County Board, within seven days of being notified of such decision.

Submitted by: Richie Neville

#### **Motion A.4**

To amend Rule 5 of the club constitution by removing the existing Rule 5 and replacing it with the following:



## Rule 5 – General Meetings

- a) The supreme authority of the Club shall be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Executive Committee elected thereat, shall conduct the affairs of the Club in conformity with the policies determined at the Annual General Meeting. The outgoing Executive Committee shall conduct the Annual General Meeting and the incoming Executive Committee shall hold office until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of September each year, although the Executive Committee shall have power to defer the date of the AGM not later than 31st October each year.
- (c) The Secretary shall give at least twenty eight days notice of the AGM to each Full Member at the same time inviting Nominations for election to the Executive Committee for the following year and Motions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting, and specifying that such Nominations and Motions shall be received by him/her by a date not less than fourteen days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.
- (d) The Secretary shall then, on or after the date specified for return to him/her of such Nominations and Motions, but so as to give the members ten days clear notice before the meeting, circulate to the Full Members the following documentation:-
- (1) Copy of the Agenda for the meeting.
  - (2) Copy of the Annual Report of the Secretary.
  - (3) Copy of the Financial Statements, including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s)
  - (4) Details of the Nominations for election to the Executive Committee.
- (5) Copies of any Motions for consideration at the meeting.
- (e) The business to be transacted at the AGM shall be as follows:
- (1) Adoption of Standing Orders and appointment of Tellers.
  - (2) The President's Address.
  - (3) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
  - (4) The Chairman's Address.
  - (5) To discuss the secretary's report
  - (6) To discuss the set of accounts presented by the treasurer and audited by the auditor's.
  - (7) To elect by ballot the president, whose term of office shall not be more than three years, and the officers and members of the Executive Committee as set out in Rule 6(a) of the Constitution.
  - (8) The appointment of auditors.
  - (9) To discuss and vote on the various Motions proposed.
  - (10) To discuss Any Other Business
- (f) No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided, ten per cent of Full Members eligible to vote shall be a quorum at a General Meeting.
- (g) If within half an hour after the time appointed for a General Meeting, a quorum of members is not present, the meeting if convened on the requisition of members shall be dissolved; in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week, at the same time and place; and if at the reconvened meeting a quorum of members is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting, the members then present shall be a quorum.
- (h) The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting within fourteen days in the circumstances shown below and ten clear days notice, in writing, shall be given to Full Members :
- (1) if directed to do so by the Executive Committee;
  - (2) if requested to do so in writing by not less than ten per cent of Full members entitled to vote. This request must set out the reason for calling the meeting; A fee of €50.00 shall accompany the requisition by the members calling such Special General Meeting, which fee shall be forfeited to the funds of the Club if the matter shall be considered frivolous by the majority of those present and entitled to vote.



- (3) if requested to do so in writing by the Trustees. This request must set out the reason for calling the meeting (see Rule 7(e)).
- (i) If the Special General Meeting is not called for a date within the fourteen days stipulated, then the Requisitioners may themselves convene a Special General Meeting, if necessary using newspaper advertisements to notify the members of such meeting.
- (j) No other business shall be discussed at a Special General Meeting beyond that set out in the notice convening the meeting.
- (k) Failure to comply strictly with the time limits set out in this Constitution or the non receipt of Notice of a Meeting by any persons entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting, but shall entitle the majority of members present to seek and be granted an adjournment of the meeting to such date by which they would be given an adequate time to be furnished with and consider the contents of any relevant documentation.
- (l) Except where otherwise provided in this Constitution, all decisions at General Meetings and Committee Meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of those present entitled to vote and voting, and in the event of a tie, the presiding Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Any decision taken at a duly convened meeting of any Committee, shall not be rescinded at a subsequent meeting, unless due notice of intention to propose rescindment has been previously conveyed to each member, and the consent of two thirds of those present entitled to vote and voting is obtained.

Submitted by: Richie Neville

#### **Motion A.5**

To amend Rule 7 of the club constitution by removing the existing Rule 7 and replacing it with the following:

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary (Registrar), Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer, Chairman Adult Games, Chairman Juvenile Games, Public Relations Officer plus two other members without specific roles of office. The maximum period of office for any specific role shall be five consecutive years.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month and six members shall constitute a quorum.
- (c) Any member of the Executive Committee being absent from three consecutive meetings shall, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, be considered to have resigned from office.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member to fill any vacancy arising on the Committee in between the Annual General Meetings.
- (e) The Executive Committee shall have power from time to time to make, alter and repeal all such Club Policies and Procedures as they deem necessary, expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Club and shall make members aware of any decisions taken in relation to Club Policies and Procedures.
- All such Club Policies and Procedures so long as they shall be in force, shall be binding upon all members of the Club, provided nevertheless that no Club Policies and Procedures shall be inconsistent with or shall affect or repeal anything contained in this Constitution or the Official Guide, and that any Club Policies and Procedures may be set aside by a special resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.
- (f)
- (i) The Executive Committee shall have complete control of all property, funds, affairs and management of the Club. However, capital, or development expenditure in excess of €35,000 shall require the approval of a Special General Meeting of the members called for this purpose.



- (ii) The Executive Committee shall have the power to operate an overdraft facility, to an upper level of €35,000.
- (g) The Executive Committee shall appoint such personnel as are required to efficiently manage the affairs of the club. It shall also appoint such committees as set out in Rule 6(n) as well as any other Sub-Committees it considers necessary from time to time. It shall instruct each Sub-Committee to keep minutes of all meetings held by it and keep records of all Club funds expended. The findings of each Sub-Committee shall be subject to ratification by the Executive Committee.
- (h) A special meeting of the Executive Committee may be called, as the occasion demands, by the Secretary.
- (i) The Secretary shall convene a special meeting of the Executive Committee within three days of the receipt by him/her of a requisition duly signed by not less than four members of the Executive Committee or by at least two Trustees. This requisition must set out the purpose for which the special meeting is required.

The Committee shall not discuss any business or listen to any complaints not set out in the notice requesting the special meeting.

- (j) The Executive Committee shall have the power to investigate any matter, and to expel, suspend, warn or fine Members for breach of the Official Guide this Constitution or Club Policies and Procedures or for conduct considered to have discredited or harmed the Club or the Association.

Unless the offence is brought to the notice of the relevant Committee of the County Board by the Club, and that body, having considered the merits of the case and having regard to the rights of the player or member, confirms the penalty imposed, the member continues to be a legal member of the Association and is suspended from Club activities only.

- (k) The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee and in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside. If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are absent the Committee may elect one member present to preside at the meeting.
- (l) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall be ex-officio member of all sub-committees.
- (m) The Executive Committee shall, at its discretion, ratify the management teams nominated by the respective Games Committees.
- (n) The Executive Committee shall appoint the following sub- committees and any other sub-committees which it deems necessary for the efficient running of the Club:
  - (i) An Adult Games Committee consisting of the Committee Chairman and not more than nine members.
  - (ii) A Juvenile Games Committee, which shall have responsibility for the day to day running of all Juvenile games, consisting of the Committee Chairman, secretary and a bursar who shall have responsibility for the administration of Juvenile expenses and have one representative from each Juvenile team including those not actually competing in organised competitions and the delegates that represent the Club at Juvenile and Adult County Board meetings.
  - (iii) A Bar Committee which shall have the responsibility for the day to day running of the Club bar i.e. (a) Staffing, (b) Profitability, and (c) Policy, and shall consist of the Committee Chairman and at least four other members.
- (iv) A Social and Cultural Committee which shall have responsibility for the running of all social functions in the Club, consisting of the Committee Chairman and at least four other members.
- (v) A Works and Maintenance Committee which shall be responsible for the general upkeep and maintenance of the Club premises and grounds, and also any development work which may be undertaken from time to time consisting of the Committee Chairman and at least four other members.
- (vi) A Finance Committee which shall have responsibility for the financial affairs of the Club, consisting of the Treasurer as Chairperson and at least four other members.
- (vii) A Development Committee consisting of the Committee Chairman and at least four other members. Its function will be to carry out feasibility studies on projects presented to it by the Executive Committee.
- (viii) A Conduct Committee as defined in the Club's Complaints Procedure. Its function is to investigate matters referred to it by the Executive Committee and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to how these should be dealt with.
- (ix) A Standing Orders Committee consisting of the Club Chairman and President and at least three other members which shall have responsibility for drafting the proposed standing orders for General Meetings. The



proposed standing orders should specify any Motions that have been ruled out of order by the Committee. Before finalising a report the committee may put a motion in order where there is a failure to quote the numbers of the rules affected, or where there are minor clerical errors. In the case of Motions submitted being not in order, the proposer shall be advised in writing of the reason for a motion being not in order, and subject to a time limit determined by the Committee, shall be afforded an opportunity to resubmit an appropriately corrected motion for re-consideration. The Club Chairman shall have the authority at a General Meeting to rule a motion out of order.

Submitted by: Richie Neville

### **Motion A.6**

To amend Rule 8 of the club constitution by removing the existing Rule 8 and replacing it with the following:

- (a) The Executive Committee shall select three persons, who shall then be appointed by the Chairman for the time being as Trustees, and the Chairman for the time being of the Provincial Council of the G.A.A. and the Chairman for the time being of the County Committee of the G.A.A. shall each, as required, appoint one other Trustee.
- (b) By way of acceptance of their appointment the Trustees shall sign a Declaration of Trust, as approved by Central Council, which shall contain the provisions for appointment, removal and replacement of Trustees, as well as regulating the conduct of the Trustees in performing their duties and exercising their powers under the Trust.
- (c) The only function of the Trustees shall be to hold the Club property for the benefit and sole use of the Club members in accordance with the aims and objects of the Club and/or as directed by the Club members in a General Meeting.
- (d) The Trustees in particular shall maintain the lease of the ground at Mobhi Road with the Commissioners of the Board of Works.
- (e) The Trustees shall have the right to call a special meeting of the Executive Committee and a special general meeting of the Club members, as provided under rule 6 (i) and 5 (h) (3) respectively, but this right shall only be available to them when the matter to be discussed, involves Club property or the use of such property.
- (f) The Trustees shall be indemnified by the Club and or the members in respect of any expenses incurred by them in their capacity as Trustees and particularly in respect of any liability whatsoever and howsoever incurred arising out of their trust.
- (g) Notwithstanding anything stated herein, the Trustees shall have the right to call on the Executive Committee to insure
  - (i) the Club property against fire and other insurable perils for amounts which, in the opinion of the Trustees are adequate;
  - (ii) any liability which the Trustees and or the Club might have to Club members, employees or members of the public, arising out of use of Club property.
- (h) A resolution to wind up a Club shall be passed only at a General Meeting, specially summoned for the purpose of such resolution, if supported by not less than three-fourths of those present and entitled to vote. Any decision to Wind Up a Club shall be subject to the approval of the County Committee. If upon such winding up, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatever, the same shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members, officers or employees of the Club, but the Trustees shall continue to hold same in trust for the appropriate County Committee of the Association, to be disposed of as such County Committee shall direct, but shall in no instance pay or distribute the property amongst the members, officers or employees.

Submitted by: Richie Neville



**Motion A.7**

To amend Rule 9 of the club constitution by removing paragraph (f).

Submitted by: Richie Neville

**Motion A.8**

To amend Rule 11 of the club constitution by removing the existing Rule 11 and replacing it with the following:

- (a) This Constitution shall be read in conjunction with and be subject to the Official Guide.
- (b) An up to date copy of the Constitution shall be made available to members.
- (c) Alterations or additions to the Constitution may be made at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, provided that the resolutions proposing same are carried by a vote of two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.
- (d) New and amended rules shall become operative one month from date of the General Meeting at which they were passed.
- (e) Members desiring to propose alterations or additions to this constitution must send notice of their intentions to propose such motions in writing to the Secretary not later than fourteen days before the date of the General meeting at which they are to be discussed.
- (f) The Executive Committee shall have the power of deciding all questions not provided for in the Constitution subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.
- (g) The foregoing Rules shall be the laws of the Club and their acceptance a fundamental condition of membership.

Submitted by: Richie Neville

**Motion A.9**

To delete Rule 6 of the club constitution .

Submitted by: Richie Neville

**Motion A.10**

To renumber Rule 7 to Rule 6, Rule 8 to Rule 7, Rule 9 to Rule 8, Rule 10 to Rule 9, and Rule 11 to Rule 10.

Submitted by: Richie Neville

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### ***Constitutional Review Motions - Amendments***

To amend motion A.2 by replacing the second sentence of the second paragraph of section (b) of Rule 3 with the following:

“A family subscription covers both parents and all children aged under twenty three years of age, provided that those over eighteen are in full-time education.”

Proposed by: Paul McCarville

To amend motion A.3 by replacing the words “ten percent of” with “one hundred” in Rule 4 paragraph (d).

Proposed by: Paul McCarville

To amend motion A.3 by removing the last sentence of Rule 4 paragraph (k).

Proposed by: Paul McCarville

To amend motion A.4 by replacing the words “ten percent of” with “one hundred” in Rule 5 paragraph (e).

Proposed by: Paul McCarville

To amend motion A.5 by replacing the words “once a month” with “twelve times a year” in Rule 6 paragraph (b).

Proposed by: Paul McCarville

To amend motion A.5 by replacing the words “€35,000” with “€300,000” in Rule 6 paragraph (f) sub-paragraph (i).

Proposed by: Paul McCarville

To amend motion A.5 by replacing the words “€35,000” with “€100,000” in Rule 6 paragraph (f) sub-paragraph (ii).

Proposed by: Paul McCarville

To amend motion A.5 by replacing paragraph (n) sub-paragraph (i) of Rule 6 with the following:

“An Adult Games Committee, which shall have responsibility for the day to day running of all Adult games, consisting of the Committee Chairman, secretary and have one representative from each Adult team including those not actually competing in organised competitions and the delegates that represent the Club at Adult County Board meetings.”

Proposed by: Paul McCarville

To amend motion A.5 by deleting from Rule 6 paragraph (n) the following sub-paragraphs: (iii), (iv), (v) and (vii).

Proposed by: Paul McCarville



## **Recommendations:**

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That the policy on under-age players be firmly re-stated here at the AGM. That, at the beginning of each year, the policy is presented to all under-age mentors in a clear and unambiguous manner. Mentors should sign a document undertaking to implement the policy. Furthermore, a method to monitor and implement this policy to be put in place

Submitted by: Clíona Uí Dhálaigh.

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That the Executive Committee make compliance with the club's policy on playing within ages a condition of ratification for mentors.

Submitted by: Paul McCarville

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## NOMINATIONS

	<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominees</b>
Uachtarán	President	Donal Hickey
Leas Uachtarán	Vice President	Sean Clerkin, Jimmy Gray
Cathaoirleach	Chairman	Gerry Donohoe
Leas Cathaoirleach	Vice-Chairman	Paul McCarville
Runaí	Secretary	Jim Aughney
Leas Runaí	Assistant Secretary	Des Ó Dubhlainn
Cisteoir	Treasurer	John Mangan
Leas Cisteoir	Assistant Treasurer	Downey Keegan
Cathaoirleach Cluichí na nÓg	Chairman – Juvenile Games	Colum Cronin
Cathaoirleach Cluichí Sinsir	Chairman – Adult Games	Tom Ryan
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	Public Relations Officer	Caroline Duggan Pat Montague
Ball den Comhar (x 2)	Member of Executive (x 2)	Tom Brady Caroline Duggan Yvonne Duggan TJ Gleeson Paul McCarville Pat Montague