



CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL NA FIANNA

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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 2006 AGM

Is onóir mór dom mo Thuarascáil Bliantúil a chur ós comhair na Cruinnithe Cinn Bliana. Blian iontach torthúil a bhí ann agus ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas 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 almost 40 teams participating in League and Championship across all the age groups from under 8s to senior level. Senior teams gave us plenty of excitement during the year and that was reciprocated all the way down to the under 8's. As the various seasons draw to a close your club has acquitted itself well in a wide range of codes and age groups. Details in the Juvenile Games and Adult Games reports.

A special word of congratulations to Pillar Caffrey who won another Leinster Championship as manager of the Dublin Senior Football Team and got to the All Ireland semi-final. Comhgairdeachais to Jason Sherlock and Senan Connell who put in great efforts on and off the field. I would also like to wish Dessie Farrell well in his retirement from the county scene and hope he will continue to wear the club jersey as long as he sees fit. It was also great to see Tomás Brady establish himself as a regular in the Dublin Senior Hurling team during the League and Championship.

Off the field the big event of the 2005/2006 year was the opening of our new club premises in time for the St Patrick's Day weekend. The development committee and the Executive had been hoping to open the club premises in sections as the builders finished their work. However that proved problematic and it would have been impossible to gain fire officer approval for that approach. The result was an unforeseen delay in the opening.

However I am happy to say that since the new premises opened for business in mid-March it has proved a very attractive facility for members and mentors and their guests. A significant number of members have availed of our facilities for family events like 21st, 40th and 50th birthday parties, retirement parties and even Christenings. We have hosted a number of wedding parties and on a more sombre note our facilities have also been used for funerals.

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 087-947 8304 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 like James Mangan, Caoimhín Ó Coigligh, 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.clgnafianna.ie. The recent Family Bar B Q was the biggest it has ever been as were the Family Day and Mini-Leagues.

By early Summer, the new all-weather pitch was available for use and has been besieged by young members of all ages ever since. The Executive decided to go ahead with this important addition to the development even though it has stretched our available funds. Just because it is there doesn't mean it is all paid for and I would hope that members will continue to contribute to any fund raising efforts we undertake. Don't forget the Weekly Club Lotto, the Buy-a-Brick and donation schemes are still open for business and need your support.



Club Committees

The club made great progress during the 2005/2006 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 (well most of the time at least). Colum Cronin came in as Juvenile Games Chairman and introduced a number of welcome developments in the care of children in the club. Colum replaced Paul McCarville who had put in sterling work over a number of years and continues to make an input on the Executive. Colin O'Reilly, who is responsible for Na Fianna's superb website also came on board for the first time following the decision of Aidan Collins to step down for health reasons from the position of Adult Games Chairman. Tom Ryan took on the role of Adult Games Chairman.

Last year's AGM welcomed Brian O'Sullivan as chairman of the club and he has proved to be an extremely capable leader of the club at this important time in its development. It's good to see our former chairman Charlie O'Reilly continuing to make a major input into premises maintenance.

Development Committee

With Jimmy Gray in the chair this committee finally got to see the result of four years of planning with the opening of the new club premises and we are now anxiously watching the 'snag list'. 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 grub after important matches and cup wins. These are the unsung heroines of our great club. Míle Buíochas. It was also heartening to see the catering line up at the Family Bar B Q. We will never go hungry with that kind of commitment.

Our Saturday morning teas/coffees service is up and running again and is providing a very welcome service to Mums, Dads and other mindes during the nursery sessions. Thanks to Mary Doolan, Essie O'Hara, Mary Donohoe, Marie Campbell, Patricia O'Sullivan and new recruits Patricia Lowry, Claire Ring and Deirdre Gleeson.

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. Thanks also to Scoil Chaitríona for accommodating the Céilí throughout the building period in the club.



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 €2 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 and John Campbell. The main pitch is a credit to the investment in time and money which has gone into it while the school pitch has benefited from new nets at the Griffith Park end. Mentors should please consider the condition of the pitch before proceeding with an authorized training session.

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 this committee. Our Games Promotion Officer Colm Burtchael goes from strength to strength in promoting the club as a source of Gaelic games in the local schools.

Conduct Committee

Following the recommendation passed at the last AGM, the Executive circulated a draft Complaints Procedure and adopted this last January. A Conduct Committee was established consisting 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.

Fund Raising Committee

Over €30,000 was raised by the Committee through the Buy a Brick scheme. The committee have identified two upcoming events to try and cover the difference in funding of the All Weather Pitch of €100,000. A Race Day in PuncHESTOWN in April and a 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. All support welcome in assisting with these events.

A special word of thanks to the Handball Council from whom a grant of €30,000 was received towards the refurbishment of the Ball Alley and facilities, and especially to Frank Daly who was central in steering the grant through.

Finally, thanks to all our members who have signed up with Gaelic Telecom. We are now approaching 150 accounts, which should provide a welcome revenue stream to our Club.



Other Committees

There was a variety of other committees which 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. This is at an early stage of development. This committee has already organized a Film night for teenagers and is actively looking into other projects such as mini-tournaments on the all-weather pitch.

Trustees

Our trustees are Paul Smith, Ciaran Gray and Finbar Gaffney who took over during the year from the late Dermot McNulty RIP. Leo Fay has agreed to become our legal officer.

Delegates

Special thanks to our delegates who represent the club at various county committees including Gerry Donohoe, Ciaran Gray, Kieran Redmond and Damian Murphy.

World Wide Web

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

Addresses: Website - www.clgnafianna.ie - E-mail - clgnafianna@eircom.net.

Club Shop

Special thanks to Sean Behan and Steffie Breathnach for their work in the shop on Saturday mornings. Welcome to Sheila Quinn 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. On a personal note, I want to single out Dermot McNulty, our legal officer and former Uachtarán, with whom I spent much time in recent years. A complete gentleman – he was a joy to work with Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal. Mass for all deceased members will again be celebrated in the club in the New Year.

Séamus Mac Fhactna
Runaí



ACTIVITY REPORTS – Adult Field Games

ADULT FOOTBALL

Senior Football

2006 has been a year of transition for the Senior Football team. It began with a completely new management team. Adrian Henchy was appointed manager with Pat Coffey and Paul Smith as selectors. Will Heffernan continued in his role of Physical-conditioning coach. Later in the year the management were delighted to add Philip McElwee to the set-up.

On the playing side, following the loss of several players from last year's squad, this allowed for the introduction of new players – mostly from last year's successful Intermediate and Minor Football squads.

Dessie Farrell was appointed Captain with Aidan Downes as Vice-Captain.

Naturally, there was a period of settling in and unfortunately early league defeats coincided with a loss to Raheny following a replay in the first round of the Championship. However, the team steadily grew in confidence and we are now in a solid position in the League, with the potential to challenge for a top four finish. The new format allowed us re-enter the Championship and we enjoyed emphatic wins over Clontarf and Naomh Mearnóg. We now play Oliver Plunkett's in the Quarter Final following a hard fought replay victory over our neighbours Ballymun Kickhams.

The demands on our Senior Footballers are enormous but also something that the players demand of themselves. Once again, outside of employment and studies, the players have displayed remarkable commitment in their endeavours to bring a Senior County title back to Mobhí Road. As a group the management and players acknowledge and greatly appreciate the work of the Chairman, Executive and Club Members in providing resources and supporting the team as we work hard to bring success in 2006.

Adult Football 3

No Report Received

Adult Football 7

At the time of writing this dedicated bunch are well in contention for promotion play-offs, which would be well-deserved. At the start of the year they had no selectors, but taking it upon themselves, they had a months training under their belts before the new management came on board.

With the mixture of a few wily veterans, a number of regradings and new blood from last year's minor team plus a couple of new additions to the club, this team have proved a formidable outfit in this year's league campaign.

Highlight of the year so far was the first round championship victory over St. Colmcilles on probably the hottest day of the year. Our exit from the champo to St Mark's team was a big disappointment, as we really didn't get going that day.

I would like to thank Collie Ó Ceallacháin for his co-operation regarding the dual players during the season. Thanks also to Tom Ryan, Adult Games Manager, for his constant updates on fixtures, etc and the thankless job of trying to keep us all happy as regards pitch allocation.

Selectors : Fran Cullen, Austin Kilcummins, Tommy Burke



Adult Football 12

A good season all round with great commitment to training and matches. We had a great run in the 'D' championship losing in the semi final to St Mary's (Saggart). This was following an extra-time win in a replay versus St Margaret's in the previous round. Hopefully next year with a bit of new blood we can make the next step and get to the final. As the season draws to a close we are still in the running for the play offs in the league. Players of the year were Brendan McGuinne, Mick Henry, Shay O' Neill and Peter Egan.

Mentor: TJ Gleeson

Minor Football

The minor football panels trained together this year. This proved beneficial to both panels. The minor A panel is undefeated in Division 2 this year having won all their league matches bar one, which they drew. They have two league matches left to play and have aspirations towards winning this league. The minor football team played Division 1 Championship. They prepared very well and on the day were very unlucky to lose by two points to Lucan with a late goal the only difference. Congratulations to Jonny Cooper who represented Na Fianna at minor football level for Dublin. The mentors for the year were Alistair Fitzgerald, John Campbell and Philip Mc Elwee. Thanks to Pat Naughton who helped out during the year with training at various times.

ADULT HURLING

Senior Hurling

So near and yet so far; there are no better words to sum up 2006 for the Senior Hurlers. Promoted to Senior because of a restructuring at County Board level, many expected the team to struggle but they responded in wonderful fashion and went as close as you can get in sport to being promoted to Senior A. One puck of a sliotar and the year ended in heartbreak but it was a year when much progress was made and the lads involved were a credit to themselves, their families and the club.

The year began on January 15th with a players' meeting and training resumed on the February 1st. The team met 104 times since then in order to achieve their goal but we fell short by the narrowest of margins. The only side in Dublin to be unbeaten in the League Championship phase, we bowed out to a fine St. Mark's side by one point in what was an epic semi-final but this was of little consolation when the final whistle blew.

To each and every man on the panel I say thank you for what you gave to the team this year. No words can accurately portray what the following men put into the year and I would like to thank them for their dedication, ability and loyalty; Pat Fanning, Colm Burtchael, James Mangan, Louis Davis and John Hughes.

I would also like to thank the following for their assistance during the year ; Neil Loftus & Wynn's Hotel, John Campbell and Beneavin College, Matt Corbett and Westwood Gym, Ted Ahern and DCU, Sean O' Connor & Ballymun Kickhams, Tom Fitzpatrick & St. Pat's Drumcondra, Bobby Geoghegan, Aime Baker, Jim Clune, Seán Boylan, Kay Brady & all the catering committee, Anne Frawley, Dr. Donal Buggy, Tom Ryan, managements of other teams in the club, Eoin O Ceallacháin, Fintan Breathnach, Oliver Brennan, Charlie O' Reilly, Fintan Brennan, David Herrity, Colin Herrity, Damien Maher, Brian Dowling, Paul Smith & O'Neills Sports, Seosamh Breathnach, Danny Harrington and to everyone who supported the team all year.

Given the average age of the team and the talent coming through the future is bright but with potential comes responsibility and we must continue to work harder than anyone else in Dublin and Ireland to foster and develop this talent. The lengths that were gone to this year to prepare were a credit to everyone involved but the bar has to be raised again and I have no doubt the players will be ready to meet these challenges head on in 2007.

Colm Ó Ceallacháin



Minor A Hurling

Minor A hurling have performed well in league division 1. At time of writing they are unbeaten in the round robin section of championship. We had five players on the Dublin minor hurling panel. Three players on Dublin Colleges hurling team which won the All-Ireland final – Mark Brannigan, Jonathan Cooper and Wayne Brogan. Declan Feeney was on the management team.

Management: Mick Kennedy, Frank Gray, Tom Ryan

Minor B Hurling Team

They played all their league matches and reached the semi-final of the Championship.

Management: Dee Kiernan, Tony O'Brien, Pat Clinton

ADULT CAMOGIE

Senior A Camogie

A superbly talented group of players produced some terrific displays in what proved to be a very challenging Senior 'A' grade this year. But enough was seen in the league games and later in the group stages of the championship to prove to the management that this team was capable of achieving their first primary goal of the year – reaching the final of the Senior 'A' Shield final. This was secured recently with a brilliant and gutsy display against Skerries in the semi-final in their own backyard. At time of writing, the team is preparing for that Senior 'A' Shield final and hopefully with all panelists fit, and available, this team can get the luck to topple Naomh Mearnóg in the decider and achieve another huge step along the road to once again challenging for the major honour.

The future looks very bright for this extremely young panel of players who are showing a tremendous willingness to learn and improve with every training session and every game they play. Provided some of the younger players in the club get the encouragement they should to join this group, then this panel will develop strongly over the next few years and achieve a consistency in their game which will allow them to record excellent results against the very best teams in the county.

Well done to all players and a big thank you to both Ann Ryan and Tom Ryan for all invaluable help during the year.

Mentors: Brian O'Gorman, Oliver Power, Colin Keane

Senior B Camogie

This team was promoted from Intermediate to Senior B and combined a nice blend of young and experienced players. Despite this, they were unfortunately out of their depth on occasion and not many wins were recorded, although the effort put in on match days was rarely reflected in the scorelines. However there was always a good attendance at training and the spirit and commitment from the girls was excellent, and they all worked very hard.

I wish to thank Frank Foley who came on board this year for all his help. He is a great asset to the team.

Particular thanks are due to Ann Ryan, for all she did on our behalf, and her encouragement and commitment to camogie in Na Fianna. Thanks also to Tom Ryan for facilitating us with pitches, training venues etc.

Tony Foran



Junior Camogie

A great finish to the year by winning the Junior Championship final in late September. Needless to say it was a culmination of a very good season. It came on top of a promising performance in the league when we finished third, and were disappointed because we could have finished higher but due to exams at end of May and early June we lost some players.

We also took part in the Summer Cup which we won beating Good Counsel in the final. Many thanks to the Under 16 and Under 15 players who came on to the panel during the summer to support us as we were down players because of holidays and exams.

Also a big thank to GWD for sponsoring us in the Junior Championship final and Ciara Maye for organising it.

Kieran Lowry

LADIES' FOOTBALL (ADULT)

Senior Ladies' Football

Senior ladies had a good year. They got to the Championship semi final and lost to the Garda by one point. They finished second in the league. They are continuing to train one night a week on the all-weather from 9.15pm to 10.15pm on Monday nights. They had a great weekend away in Wexford and are looking forward to next season. New players more than welcome. Anyone interested can contact Maeve (087) 784 0823 or Bernie (087) 616 4788.

Junior Ladies' Football

No report received

Minor Ladies' Football

The minor ladies finished third in the league. We are in the middle of championship and have got off to an excellent start by beating both St. Peregrines and Raheny. Next up is Clan na Gael but either way we are in the semi-final. Well done to all the girls so far and keep up the hard work and commitment.

ACTIVITY REPORT – Adult Handball

The adult section of handball is on a high again with the re-opening of the alley. We have had a good year again winning a few All-Ireland and Leinster medals and plenty of county honours as well.

Pride of place goes to Egin Jensen for whom this year was a great year once again. The competitions he won are as follows:

Senior All-Ireland 60x30 doubles (second year in a row) partnered by Eoin Kennedy from St. Brigids.

Senior All-Ireland 40x20 doubles runner up with Eoin Kennedy from St. Brigids.

World over 40 a doubles title partnering Duxie Walsh Kilkenny.

World over 40 a singles runner up beaten by Duxie Walsh Kilkenny in final.

Dublin over 40 doubles 40x20 winner, with Frank Daly.

Dublin over 40 singles 40x20 winner, beating Frank Daly.

Senior county 60x30 doubles winner with Frank Daly.

He is also still involved in senior county singles, over 40, 60x30 singles and doubles that are being run at the moment. So without a doubt he is the most successful handballer we have had for a long time and is looked up



to by all handballers young and old not only from Na Fianna but also from all Dublin clubs. Congratulations Egin from all Na Fianna members on a great year and we hope the rest of the year is as good.

Fintan Farrelly again won All-Ireland glory at over 55A in the 40x20 court along with Eugene Kennedy, an ex member, and is at present awaiting the over 55A doubles 60x30 All-Ireland semi final - to be played so we wish him all the best. He also was beaten in the Leinster final over 55A singles this year so another good year for Fintan - well done.

Paddy Clerkin and John Barton also await an All-Ireland over 55B doubles semi final and Paddy was beaten in the Leinster final of the singles. It is great to have Paddy back playing and playing well - so best of luck lads.

Ian Griffin and Christy Donnelly are awaiting All-Ireland 60x30 doubles semi final - this will be their 4th time at this stage in this competition so we will all be hoping that they can take home the title this year.

This is a list of beaten Leinster finalists and All-Ireland finalists 2006

Over 60A 60x30 Leinster doubles runner up - Pat Ryan and John Molloy
Over 60A 40x20 Leinster doubles runner up - Pat Ryan and John Molloy
Over 60A 40x20 All-Ireland singles runner up- John Molloy
Over 45A 60x30 Leinster doubles runner up - Frank Daly and John Ward (Naomh Malachys)
Over 55A 60x30 Leinster runner up- Fintan Farrelly.
Over 55B 60x30 Leinster singles winner - Paddy Clerkin
Over 60A 60x30 singles runner up Mick O'Brien
Over 55B 60x30 singles runner up peter McTeirnan

Over 60 All-Ireland doubles 40x20 winners Sylvie Dowd with Marcus Henry. Sylvie Dowd is actually our longest playing Member so deserves a special mention.

Last but not least our junior B2 team won their Dublin league, after an unbeaten league campaign they won their semi final and final comfortably. The team was:

Captain. Mary Jensen, Cliona Ui Dhalaiagh, Robert Rutledge, Paul Downes, Ciarán O'Sullivan, Fergal Breathnach.

The adult section of the handball would like to take this chance to thank the club officers for their great work and help in every way in making sure the handball alley got up and running as soon as this was possible, given the work that has gone on in the club over the last 2 years. We have had two inter-county competitions run in the club since its opening and have had nothing but praise from all the counties that took part on both the court and the hospitality - so thanks again.



ACTIVITY REPORTS – Juvenile Games

The year began with the Juvenile Games coaching seminar in January. With the club premises out of bounds due to the refurbishments, the seminar was held in the nearby Botanic Gardens. The setting was ideal and the presentations by Nicky English, Noel McCaffrey and Enda McNulty were well received by a good-sized attendance. I wish to record my appreciation to Tom Gilligan for his sponsorship of this event. Tom has a genuine and ongoing commitment to the club's future well-being.

When action resumed in February, the Go Games got back into full swing. Despite initial misgivings and some teething problems on their introduction, there is little doubt that the Go Games formula offers an attractive presentation for our games. The principle of small-sided matches is sound and affords the average player more ball contacts and more time in possession than would the traditional 15-a-side format. The idea that the player nearest to an infringement or to a ball going out of play should take the resultant free kick or puck also has merit. Of course, it is frustrating when opposing clubs do not match our numbers but in the main I believe that the Go Games have been a qualified success. In saying so, I know that this is a personal view and is not universally shared within the club.

The County Board has just set up a group to undertake a fundamental review of the Go Games. Issues such as the playing area and zones, the playing rules and the numbers per team depending on age-group will be considered. The group will consider how the Go Games are being implemented and will be expected to bring forward recommendations in relation to their future structuring in Dublin. I am pleased to report that David Doran has agreed to represent the club on this working group. David has had hands-on experience of the Go Games in recent years and is eminently qualified to fulfil this role. I look forward to the report from this working group which will be available within a relatively short time-frame.

One unforeseen benefit of the Go Games has been an easing of the transition from our club nursery to the Under 8 grade. The nursery remains the jewel in the crown of the club's juvenile section. It is a flagship for the club every Saturday morning. The number of children attending continues to be strong and it is great to see the increasing involvement of the girls. Traffic congestion surrounding the nursery is still an issue and I cannot emphasise enough the need for motorists to exercise due care given the unpredictability of the movement of young children. In this respect I commend the decision of the older juvenile teams who now congregate in Botanic Avenue in order not to bring unnecessary traffic into the Mobhi Road headquarters on Saturday morning.

The Mini Leagues once again proved to be a great success. Almost 700 children participated and Finals Day was held this year on a Saturday. This was intended as a once-off to facilitate attendance at Croke Park on the following day in support of the Dubs but it seemed to be a popular move. Who knows? It might become the norm. A special note of thanks goes to Lisney for their continued generous sponsorship of the Mini Leagues. From an organisational point of view within the club, the contributions of Anne O'Dea and Colm Burtchael are absolutely fundamental to the success of the Nursery and of the Mini Leagues. Their work behind the scene is immense and the club is indeed fortunate to have two people of their calibre at its service.

Activity wound down somewhat on the football side for the Summer but the hurlers were kept busy especially with the Camán tournaments at Under 11 and Under 12. A particular initiative which worked well was the decision of the Under 9s and the Under 10s to club together for Summer training to ensure that numbers remained viable throughout the holiday season. One particular bright spot on the football horizon was the Gerard Canavan tournament which is hosted annually by the O'Tooles club in memory of a deceased player. The tournament ran for the duration of a week in August and featured an Under 9 and an Under 15 football competition as well as an Under 12 individual skills competition. Congratulations to our Under 9s who won, to our Under 15s who were narrowly defeated in the final and to Adam Ronayne who literally ran away with the Under 12 skills competition.

This success is just one manifestation of the depth of talent which we are fortunate to have within the juvenile section of the club. Across the five disciplines of handball, football, hurling, camogie and ladies' football, the



talent is there in abundance as can be seen in the annual team summaries which immediately follow. It is our collective duty as mentors to ensure that this talent is nurtured and allowed to develop to ensure the future success of the club at adult level. Since becoming Cathaoirleach Cluichí na nÓg, I have been struck by the level of commitment and dedication which mentors across all juvenile age-groups regularly show week-in and week-out. This voluntary effort on behalf of the club and its membership is truly remarkable and reflects great credit on the collective mentor body.

The monthly Juvenile Games meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the month at 9pm, excluding the off-season months of January, July and August. Attendance at this meeting has been good but there are still some juvenile teams who do not send a representative. I would like to thank those mentors who attend regularly and would urge those among you who do not to consider making it a New Year resolution, starting prematurely in November. Ideally there should be at least one mentor in attendance for each juvenile team. Thanks to Tom Ryan for continuing to serve as Rúnaí and for his inimitable Miontuairiscí.

Before signing off, I wish to record my appreciation on your behalf to our club delegates at GAC1, GAC2, Camogie and Ladies' football. These are Ciaran Gray, Damian Murphy, Liz O'Brien and Billy McLaughlin respectively. These four are all mentors in their own right to their own teams but yet take the time out to represent the club at Board meetings in order to ensure that the club's interests are upheld. It can be a thankless task and there are certainly no bouquets handed out but their work is invaluable and for that I thank them. On a personal note, I would also like to thank my immediate predecessor as Cathaoirleach Paul McCarville who has made himself readily available to me for advice and support whenever called upon. This back-up is very much appreciated.

Mar focal scoir, is mian liom mo chomhgairdeas a ghabháil le na páistí go léir as ucht a n-iarrachtaí i rith na bliana atá thart agus mo dea-bheannachtaí do 'chuile fhoireann sa bhliain atá romhainn. Is féidir linn bheith bróidúil mar thuismitheoirí agus mar bhainisteoirí as na leanaí uilig a imríonn ár gcluichí. Beirimis bua agus spórt.

Colum Cronin
Cathaoirleach
Cluichí na nÓg

Team Reports - Football

Under 8 Football

The Under 8 footballers have continued their steady progress. Approximately 70 boys have registered to play and up to 50 attend training each Tuesday night. We have five teams entered in the Go Games and have enjoyed success in most of our games. Great support from the regular group of mentors who are always available for training and matches. We hosted our first guests on Sunday, 1st October when the boys from Clann Éireann, County Armagh, came to Na Fianna HQ to play us.

Mentors: Paul Fitzgerald, Willie Rafter, Kevin Breen, Robert Bruton, Raymond Henry, Sean Paul McMahon, Dan Ryan, John Owens, Peter Mullan, Jude Byrne

Under 9 Football

The Under 9 footballers continue to thrive with 68 registered players and a regular attendance of 55 at training on Mondays and Go Games on Saturdays. We originally entered five teams into league competition for this year but have now decided to enter a sixth team to cater for the demand. Most of the clubs we compete with cannot match our numbers which results in too many of our lads standing on the sidelines as subs. We hope that by entering a sixth team that we will maximise our players' time on the ball. There was a number of highlights during the year; we had a well attended and very successful Summer mini-league, changing the



format by breaking 70-odd players into two broad groups based on ability and running two simultaneous competitions. This meant that players played at a standard that suited them and got plenty of time on the ball. In August we were invited by the O'Tooles club to compete in the Gerard Canavan Memorial Tournament which we went on to win; many thanks to O'Tooles for the invite and for their hospitality throughout. Thanks also to Éire Óg in Carlow who hosted our lads in a challenge match earlier in the year and whom we hope to host in the coming weeks.

On the playing front the Go Games format is generally viewed as being a positive development, particularly for weaker players, but its roll out amongst clubs is patchy enough with some clubs ignoring the requirements entirely and others conforming fully - we probably fall somewhere in between. The lads are winning more than they lose but the priority for this age is that they enjoy their Gaelic Games and continue to improve their ability. Thanks are due for the enormous support from parents amongst whose ranks is a certain Dessie Farrell.

Mentors: Finbar Gaffney, John Caffrey, Paddy Connolly, Matt Bowden, Fergal Brophy, Richard Dunne, Alan Hughes, Michael Kenny, Michael McLoughlin, Aidan Murphy, Tom O'Connor, Peter O'Hanlon, David Doran, Dave Fenton, Peter Pringle.

Under 10 Football

We have 56 very enthusiastic footballers in this age group with exceptionally good attendances at both training and matches. The group has been divided into two groups of two 9-a-side teams competing in the Northside Go Games leagues where the leagues have just finished with both groups topping their respective leagues winning all seven games in one league and six out of seven in the other.

We also had a very enjoyable outing to Newry Shamrocks on the Whit weekend where we entered two teams in a forty team 15-a-side blitz. Both teams performed very well with one reaching the quarter final before being unluckily defeated whilst the other team also proving very competitive in all of their matches

Mentors: John O'Dea, Tom Gray, Brendan Quinn, Paul Kenny, John Murchan, Paul McDonnell

Under 11 Football

The teams finished up the Under 10 season winning four and finishing runner-up in the fifth of the five sections in which they competed. At Under 11 we have sixty lads playing in four teams. The leagues have just been completed which were played on an aggregate scoring basis. We finished runners-up in both sections playing in a 2x2 team grouping. We decided to split our 'A' team across both groups so the outlook for Under 12 is very positive. The Cup competition has just started and look out for the clash of both teams as we have been drawn together in the same group!

Mentors: Ciaran Gray, Dave Buckley, Padraic Bolger, David Williams, Declan Fitzgerald

Under 12 Football

Great strength in numbers with Na Fianna alone of the Northside clubs being able to field three teams in the 13-a-side Go Games. It was the squad's final year of the Go Games before graduating to 15-a-side next year. We fielded three teams in Divisions 1, 4 and 5 of the North Dublin Leagues with the Division 1 team challenging strongly for honours at the time of writing and the Division 4 and 5 teams holding their own. The highlight of the season so far was victory in the 'A' Spring Cup after a classic encounter against St Sylvesters in the final in June. The squad was well represented in the annual Easter tournament although probably not as well represented as its talent merited. Congratulations to Adam Ronayne who beat off the opposition from 19 other clubs to win the Under 12 skills competition in the Gerard Canavan tournament in August. Squad enjoyed trip to St Finbarrs in Cork as well as a trip to Fota Wildlife Park in June. Future looks bright for an emerging group of footballers.

Mentors: Seamus McHugh, Paraic O'Connor, Richard Quinn, Stephen Farrell, Michael Griffin, Seoirse Smith, Colum Cronin, Martin Greene

Under 13A Football

The Under 13A footballers performed well in a very competitive League Division 2 making the Top 4 play-offs. We played excellent football and achieved some good results in the League. However we need to show more consistency to progress further. The players trained hard and showed great commitment throughout the



year. Highlight of the year was our weekend away to County Louth where we played Cooley Kickhams and visited An Táin Adventure Centre. Looking forward to the Féile in 2007.

Mentors: Jimmy Flannery, Colum Meleady, John Gray

Under 13B Football

Team is doing well this year – currently second in the League – beaten in the quarter-finals of the Championship. New players always welcome.

Mentors: Alan Connolly, Marty Fennell, Jim Grew

Under 14A Football

Last season ended with the team finishing as runners-up in the Under 13 Division 1 league having been in pole position for most of the year and putting in some excellent performances. The team also exited the championship at the semi-final stage.

The current season began with Pat Boylan coming on board as team coach. The team has continued to improve under Pat's stewardship and is in contention for league honours in what is an extremely competitive Division. The team is currently preparing for the 'A' Championship final having defeated St Judes in a closely contested semi-final. The Dublin Féile na nGael competition held in April was disappointing with the team failing to progress to the semi-final stage. However, the complete Féile preparation and involvement was a very positive experience for all team members.

The current squad, which stands at twenty members has been strengthened by the addition of two new players, one coming from the Division 7 team and another transferring from another club.

Eight team members competed in the Dublin Secondary Schools Junior football final between St Aidans and St Declans with the latter winning out. The St Declans team went on to win the Leinster Schools final. Two team members were also on the winning Ard Scoil Rís first year football team.

There are currently eight squad members involved with the West Dublin Under 14 Football Development Panel, which has completed a comprehensive coaching programme over the last six months.

Mentors: John Higgins, Dick Shanahan, Liam Burke, Paul McCarville, Pat Boylan

Under 14B Football

Playing in Division 7 this year and so far have a record of played 9 – won 6 lost 3 and are still in hunt for promotion. Great bunch of really enthusiastic lads and are determined to make big push for remainder of season to go up a Division for 2007. Got to Semi-Final of 'D' Championship and while Féile results did not reflect the performances over that weekend, still acquitted themselves well and displayed great sportsmanship.

Mentors: Gerry Donohoe, Paddy Connolly

Under 15A Football

Having missed out on promotion last year, the team is anxious that history will not repeat itself in 2006. With five League games still to be played the goal of being promoted to Division 1 is still attainable. Runners up in Division 1 of the Gerard Canavan tournament in August was a prelude to reaching the quarter-final of the Under 15 'A' Championship which is due to be played on 22nd October 2006. Our thanks to our GAC2 Board delegate Damian Murphy for all of his help during the year.

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

Under 15B Football

The team started in January in pre-season training and since have had over 60 sessions. There are 23 boys on the panel. The League was a mixed bag of very close wins and lost games. The team competed very well with other teams in the division. The team has a good spirit and works well together. A few of the number also play hurling and were involved with the Under 15 championship team. We started preparation for the Under 15 championship in July. After many weeks of training our first and second games were walkovers - so with no matches played we make the next round. This is not the best way of making progress as the team needs games. In the year the team has progressed well in skills and fitness and is growing into a really good looking footballing unit.



We look forward to our next game in October and the completion of the competition and league. Thanks are due to the parents, boys and mentors. We still have a big following at matches and good attendance at training. Special thanks to Colum Cronin for his work in the year and to Stephen Dunne and John Sharpson for their input and help in training the team. We have some injured players and wish them a speedy recovery - Conor Claffey and Cian Hulm. Mentors: Eamonn O'Donnell, Pat O'Connell, Brian Byrne

Under 16A Football

After winning the League Division 2 in 2005, the stronger Division 1 teams have made life more difficult for this group. Nevertheless they have performed admirably and the stronger competition is ideal preparation for their entry into the minor grade. They progressed to the quarter-finals of the Championship and despite a great performance had to give way to eventual winners Kilmacud Crokes. Pat Naughton is now doing sterling work as Coach ably assisted by senior goalkeeper Stephen Gray. Mentors: John Ryan, Jim Aughney, Stephen Gray, Pat Naughton, Noel Quinn

Under 16B Football

While results were sometimes disappointing the effort and commitment of this small panel were never in doubt. A strong core has remained together for several years and is now set to move into the minor ranks. With the help of Eamonn O'Donnell and the Under 15B squad we managed to fulfill all our fixtures. Thanks to all who have helped with this team over the years and good luck to all players in the future. Mentors: Des Ó Dubhlainn, Austin Hughes

Team Reports - Hurling

Under 8 Hurling

The Under 8 hurlers have enjoyed a very successful season - we have approximately 40 children playing for us every second week in two separate leagues. We would be considered one of the top teams in Dublin at this age level which is aided by the enormous support the parents give us in bringing the children training every Wednesday evening and ferrying them to various clubs in Dublin every week for their matches. The good attendance at training has reflected in the good results we have achieved. Many thanks to Regina Bregazzi, John Boyle, Catherine Fitzgerald & Tony Kelly who have come on board after the summer break to help us at training. As a result, we have been able to structure the training to suit each child's particular needs which in the long run will only be beneficial and more enjoyable for the children.. Mentors: Mary O'Connell, Pauric Clerkin, Niall Loftus, Declan Feeney

Under 9 Hurling

A fascination, possibly even the beginnings of a love relationship with the "Riverdance of Sport", appears to have gripped a large number of the boys in this year. With 45 regulars, and an average match day attendance of 33, these boys have enjoyed an exciting year. Commencing with the DCU indoor league in February, where 39 of them got their first taste of action, they progressed to the 9-a-side Go Games where we entered a three team group and a one team group. Attendance was sometimes just short of what was necessary to complete the 4th team independently, but the advantage that there are minimal substitutes is compelling. New ground was broken on the Saturday of the May Bank Holiday weekend when we travelled aboard Iaranród Éireann, en masse, and in many cases en famille, to the famed Blackrock hurling club in Cork city. An unforgettable day was enjoyed by all, where each player had four games and over two hours of playing time. Our Corkonian hosts set new standards of hospitality with a sit-down salad lunch afterwards, so we'll have to roll out a warm yellow and blue Na Fianna carpet on their return in the spring. Our policy of developing lasting links with hurling's top strongholds, especially important for development of the upper end of our ability range, continued with our annual visit to the Kilkenny and Leinster club



champions, James Stephens. Another memorable day was enjoyed in the Marble City. They paid a return visit recently, where parents made a magnificent effort in providing hospitality for both the Under 9 and Under 8 James Stephens boys and their parents. It is noteworthy that on all these occasions, our boys more than held their own against their peers from these genuine top-level hurling strongholds.

Before this season is out, we hope to have made a return visit to our great rivals and friends in Kilmacud, who are hosting a competition which will be attended by a number of elite clubs. On the October bank holiday weekend, we have a final day trip for this year to the great Ballygunner club in Waterford city. Coaching was continued throughout July and August, in collaboration with our friends and colleagues on the Under 10 squad. Many thanks to Colum Cronin and Colm Burtchael, Juvenile Games Cathaoirleach and Coaching Officer respectively, for all their ongoing advice, support and encouragement. My particular thanks to all the mentors and parents who support the boys so faithfully, which as always, is very much appreciated.

Mentors: Donal Buggy, Finbar Gaffney, Fran Larkin, Peter Pringle, Dave Doran, Paddy Oliver, Dave Fenton, William Fenlon, Aodán Ó Cearbhaill, Seosamh Ó Maolalaí, Tom O'Connor

Under 10 Hurling

The year started off with a series of friendly matches organised by Faughs and including Naas, Kilmacud Crokes, St Sylvesters and Ballyboden. We then moved to DCU for a great series of indoor hurling sessions. Declan Gormley, visiting Ireland with his family from New Zealand, joined us for the year. In March we hosted a team from Old Christians in Limerick and in July St Pats in Belfast travelled down to play us. Thanks to the Under 9 hurlers for inviting us to join their training sessions during the Summer. Numbers were good and the hurling was enjoyed by all.

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

Under 11 Hurling

The season proved to be a very active and exciting one for the Under 11 hurlers with our aim to promote hurling through active participation and avoiding having large numbers of substitutes on the sideline. Winter activities included an internal league competition on the all-weather surface and participation in the indoor hurling league in Gormanston College. Due to continued great support by players & parents Na Fianna fielded THREE 11-a-side teams each fixture weekend (One of only 4 clubs in Dublin along with Ballyboden, Kilmacud & Cuala). The enthusiastic squad of 37 players played under the Go Games rules. In all, we took part in 39 league games from March to September with some great performances. When you add to this (a) a great trip to play Rapparees in Wexford, (b) the fielding of two teams in the summer Camánt league and (c) a trip to Laois to participate in three games against the Laois County Under 11 Hurling Development Squad in which we held our own (win, draw & lose), you will see that it's been a busy and successful season. A big thank you to the continued great support from all parents. We as a group of mentors eagerly look forward to the coming season.

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

Under 12 Hurling

The Under 12 hurlers continued to improve their skills over the past year. With a panel of 28 boys, we are one of the few clubs that can field two teams in the Under 12 league, where some Southside teams provided tough competition. The boys made it to the final of Division 1 Camánt but lost out to St Brigid's. They were also pipped at the post in the Leinster Festival in June, when they came second to Coolderry, Co. Offaly. Na Fianna was the only team to beat Coolderry in this competition. We look forward to the next year and there is no doubt that the boys will continue to improve.

Mentors: Greg Whooley, Greg Ronayne, Peter Caulfield, Dermot Moran

Under 13 Hurling

This team, operating in Division 2, continues to improve and mature. At the time of writing, the team is preparing for the Under 13 'B' Championship final and is still involved in the Top Four play-off in the League. Excellent attendance at training and hard work are beginning to pay off for this team. Highlights of the season so far include a league win over big rivals St Sylvesters plus a brilliant display in winning Championship match



against Erin's Isle. At the October bank holiday weekend the team will travel to Belfast as guests of Belfast City Council to take part in a hurling festival. Thanks to Ciarán Ó Fainín and Andy Flaherty for their help with the team. Watch this space for the Minor Championship of 2011.

Mentors: Pat Fanning, Colum Meleady

Under 14 Hurling

Despite losing the guidance of Áine Uí Laoire through illness, the squad built on last year's progress, retaining Division 1 status without difficulty. Several great matches, none better than League win away to Kilmacud Crokes. Got to Féile semi-final where we stayed with a strong St Judes until the last few minutes. Unfortunate to be drawn in the same group as St Judes & Ballyboden in the Championship. Sean Burke was picked to represent Dublin in the Tony Forestal tournament and we also provide a number of the Dublin West development squad.

Mentors: Áine Uí Laoire, Michael Quinn, Ernie Hanton, Liam Burke, Dick Shanahan

Under 15 Hurling

The Under 15 hurlers started well in 2006. By mid-October promotion to Division 1 was just missed by a mixture of bad luck, supervision and certain members of the team choosing to play soccer instead of hurling. The higher point of the year was reaching Parnell Park and the final of the Dublin 'B' Championship - only to lose to a fine and very lucky Crumlin side that scored a goal in extra time. The Under 15 side is blessed with some of the finest hurlers in Leinster, but sadly the problem of a small panel of players, is the defining reason why Division 1 is a step too far.

Mentors: Anthony Fitzgerald, Paschal Conboy

Under 16 Hurling

No report received

Mentors: Fintan Brennan, Phil Kelly, Stephen Behan, Caoimhin Ó Coigligh

Team Reports - Camogie

Under 9 Camogie

The team played regular friendly matches all year with a high success rate. Highlight was the trip to Tipperary in June to play Toomevara and Drom Inch. After the game members of the Tipp Camogie team did some coaching with the girls. Toomevara made a return visit to us in September. Many thanks to Elaine O'Meara and Emma Cloherty from the senior team for taking time out to coach the girls and to referee home games and to Stack's Pharmacy for its generous sponsorship.

Mentors: Billy McLaughlin, Brian Murphy, Julie Fitzpatrick, Máirtín Mac an Iomaire

Under 10 Camogie

It has been a fantastic year for the team. We won the under 10 camogie league in the league's first year and did so in style. We won all of our games and conceded scores to only two clubs. In addition, the team visited Tipperary in June to play Toomevara and Drom Inch and hosted Toomevara for the return in September. Many thanks to Stack's Pharmacy for its generous sponsorship.

Mentors: Tony Lynch, Billy McLaughlin, Richard Quinn, Fiona Greene, Regina Bregassi, Vincent Wall

Under 11 Camogie

The team started the year with a narrow defeat to St Vincents and another loss to Lucan. The girls then had a great win over Castleknock. We later travelled to Kilmacud for our last league match and with only eleven players enjoyed a great victory over their thirteen players. With a double round we had more or less the same



results in the second round. We have picked up a few new faces since the season started, and it was great to see their spirit and interest as we approached the championship.

We played Kilmacud A in this outing. With two goals down in the second half, the girls kept fighting back but unfortunately lost by a goal at full time (three goals to two). With a panel of 25 we will train until the end of the year, so well done girls. Many thanks to all the parents.

Mentors: Gráinne Ryan, Karen Connolly

Under 12 Camogie

Panel of twenty plus working hard during the year. Good turnouts at training on Thursdays and Saturdays. Struggled in Division 1 of the League and knocked out of the first round of the Championships. Friendlies during the year versus Toomevara (twice) and Dromaninch from Tipperary, also versus Ratoath and St Vincents, Cork. Great help from parents on these trips and visits. The hard work and skill building during the year will pay off next year.

Bhí bliain sách deacair ag an bhfoireann. Chailleadar go minic sa sraith agus buadh orainn sa chéad rang den Chraobh. Ach tá níos mó ná fiche fós againn ar an bpainéal. Buíochas dár gcairde bainisteoirí go léir i rannóg na camógaíochta. D'oibríomar go deas le chéile.

Mentors: Carmel Ryan, Annemarie Gray, Seosamh Ó Maolalái

Under 13A Camogie

Overall the under 13A camogie team have had a good year with success in the League up to our defeat in the semi-final to Oliver Plunketts whom we had beaten earlier in the year. The match was a very tough one, a home game for Plunketts - we defended reasonably well letting in 2-1 but we could not score at all which was very unusual. Certainly the team performance overall was not up to our usual high standard. We have progressed to the semi-final of the Championship only to meet again Plunketts - we have worked hard in preparing for this game - we have had challenges in Tipperary and played the Under 13 Meath Development Squad and the Club Under 12 hurlers recently to help in the preparations. The girls are all up for this game and we intend to put up a good fight on Saturday October 6th.

We say farewell at the end of our season to Rebecca Sheehy, our super centre forward, who always plays a great game and always puts the scores away, as she and her family move to Cork. We want to thank Rebecca for her great contribution to the Under 13 team - she will be greatly missed by her mentors and team mates alike and we do not want to forget her sister Gráinne who also togged out for the Under 13 team this year and substituted for us last year at Under 12. Both girls will be missed and we wish them and their family all the best for the future - for sure Cork will be delighted to inherit two great players.

Mentors: Sandra Tarr, John Leen, Donal Keegan

Under 13B Camogie

The Under 13 Division 2 team has had a very good year to date, has made steady progress in the league and is pleased with its final position. The team won through the preliminary round of the Championship and was thrilled to beat Lucan in the first round proper of the competition and is looking forward to playing in the semi-final on the first weekend in October. This team which is only together two years have really gelled over the past 12 months and this has shown in the recent performances on the field.

Mentors: Anne McInerney, Paddy Courtney, Ger Hussey

Under 14 Camogie

The season got off to a difficult start with the team being beaten in their first two matches going down to St Vincents and Ballyboden St Endas respectively. Their third match saw a victory against Erins Isle and the fortunes of the team began to look up. The team prepared well for the Féile 2006 - however on the day luck deserted them and they were knocked out of the competition by St Oliver Plunketts.

Following this disappointment the team regrouped and put in a number of impressive League performances - in particular the shock defeat of St Judes the previous year's champions and winners of Féile 2006. This match was the highlight of the League for the team and as the full time whistle blew this match turned out to be the major upset of the 2006 league campaign.



The team reached the league semi-final and again faced St Vincents in this showdown. It was a tough hard fought game with Vincents only getting on top in the last quarter.

The team found itself facing into the championship two weeks after this match and were drawn against St Oliver Plunketts. Plunketts had home advantage and the large crowd of supporters they drew certainly added to the temperature of the occasion. Despite a brilliant first half by Na Fianna, failure to capitalise on numerous scoring chances had us on the back foot in the second half when a strong wind developed to assist the Plunketts attack. Na Fianna went out a goal down bringing closure to the team's 2006 season.

Overall it was a season of mixed fortunes - some highs and some lows. The team will remember these as it prepares for the 2007 season. One thing is sure - the potential of the team is continuously developing and success will certainly come their way in 2007.

Three of the team were selected for the Dublin Under 14 panel - Ellen Langan, Naoise Webb and Eve O'Brien in which Dublin reached the Leinster final against Kilkenny.

Special thanks to the Under 13s who came out with the squad during the season and to the Under 13 management team who facilitated this for us.

A special word of thanks is also due to Philip McLoughlin part of the management team who has recently relocated to Carlow and has had to end his association with the team.

Mentors: Liz O'Brien, Joe Langan, Maryanne Quigley, Philip McLoughlin.

Under 15 Camogie

The year started well with the re-introduction of the Under 15 camogie league after a three year absence and with five girls from the team on the Dublin Development Squad – Hannah McInerney, Patricia McElwee, Christine Kelly, Niamh Burns and Róisín Murphy. Both Niamh Garrahan and Orlagh Egan were selected for the Under 16 Dublin camogie and ladies' football teams respectively. We also had a good run in the league before the summer break. League matches resumed at the end of August and with so many of the team away, we relied on the Under 14s to help field a team. Many thanks to Liz, Joe and the girls for their tremendous support. Having breezed through the first round of championship, we had a bad day at the office in the following round and were narrowly beaten by a tough Raheny side. We are still unbeaten in the league with only two games remaining and are hopeful of winning some silverware this season. Congratulations to Orlagh Egan on her All-Ireland Under 16 ladies' football medal. To finish out the season, we are all looking forward to the 'Clash of the Ash' in Birmingham this November!

Mentors: Sinéad McNulty, Sorcha Dowling, Pat Clinton

Under 16 Camogie

Good league campaign this year with only two losses in the league phase. Unfortunate to lose semi-final to Ballyboden. Congratulations to all girls who made Under16 and minor county panels. Preparation going well for championship semi-final.

Huge thanks to all parents who gave lifts, washed jerseys or helped in any way. Without this support we could not function.

Good luck to all girls going forward to adult camogie. There is no doubt that camogie is in good hands with so much talent moving forward. Also a thank you to Denis Mahony Ltd for their kind sponsorship during the year.

Mentors: Seosamh Breathnach, Claire O'Connor

Team Reports – Ladies' Football

Under 9 Ladies' football

This team played regular friendly matches all year, home and away with a 100% success rate. They hope to finish the year by participating in an under 9 blitz. Thanks to Sinéad O'Donnell and especially Majella Lavin from the senior team for taking time out to coach the girls and to referee home games. Some of the girls in turn turned out home and away to support the senior ladies in the championship. Thanks also to Stack's Pharmacy for its generous sponsorship.

Mentors: Billy McLaughlin, Brian Murphy, Julie Fitzpatrick, Máirtín Mac an Iomaire



Under 10 Ladies' football

It was a great year for this team. We won the Under 10 Division 2N league in June and at the time of writing are in the semi-final of the championship. We only lost one game and in our last five games did not concede a score. The same team completed a unique double by also winning the camogie league. Many thanks to Stack's Pharmacy for its generous sponsorship.

Mentors: Tony Lynch, Billy McLaughlin, Richard Quinn, Fiona Greene, Regina Bregassi, Vincent Wall

Under 11 Ladies' football

A slow start earlier in the year when we struggled for numbers. Position much improved now with a full squad. Reached semi-finals of Championship. Looking forward to further progress next year.

Mentors: John McDonagh, Karen Connolly

Under 13 Ladies' football

The Under 13 girls' football continues to develop and progress, with over 23 girls regularly at training sessions. The team achieved third place this year in its first year in Division 1 league, and has also reached the championship final, due to be played shortly. The girls are to be commended for their co-operation, enthusiasm (too much at times!) and overwhelming team spirit, making life easy for the mentors involved. Seven of the panel are now participating in Dublin Development squad training, three at Under 12 (Aoife Nolan, Orla Keegan and Leah Caffrey) and four at Under 13 (Khloe Dillon-Coote, Lucy Collins, Laura Keelan and Aoife Caffrey). We look forward to an impressive campaign in the Féile next year, building on previous successes with this team and intend to undertake a comprehensive sponsorship campaign to ensure all possible supports and gear are available for our team. Many thanks to all parents for their valued support in facilitating girls' attendance at training sessions, providing transport for matches and last but by no means least, keeping our jerseys clean!!

Mentors: Downey Keegan, Bernie Caffrey

Under 14 Ladies' football

A very good year for the Under 14 ladies' footballers. The team won the Division 2 Féile competition in great style last April beating Clontarf in the final and with just one match left are now in the driving seat in Division 2 of the League having won five matches and lost just one. Team contains some fine football talent backboned with a strong complement from the Under 14 camogie team as well as a highly talented group of players who are still Under 13s. Thanks to Downey, Bernie and Sandra, Under 13 mentors, for their co-operation this season. Team now looks forward with confidence to the forthcoming Championship. Best wishes and many thanks to Philip as he follows the road to Carlow.

Mentors: Colum Cronin, Marie McNally, Philip McLoughlin.

Under 18 Ladies' football

The first ever ladies' football juvenile team in Na Fianna is now a minor team. The team is playing very well and looks forward to a championship semi final in the next few weeks. The girls are training very well and developing good playing skills under the experienced Maeve Hayes. A few of the minors have played for the Dublin team and two are All-Ireland winners this year with the Dublin Under 16s who beat Cork in the final - Arlene Cushen and Orlagh Egan. Many of the girls have played with the Senior and Junior adult teams. The squad numbers in the thirties and is growing. Some of the girls will go on to play Junior and Senior football next year and this is proving to be a great resource for the teams. We are always looking for new players - training varies on weekdays and matches are currently on Saturdays.

Mentors: Maeve Hayes, Eamonn O'Donnell

Dublin Ladies' Football

Our young Ladies footballers Orlagh Egan, Arlene Cushen were on the Dublin Under 16 squad which beat Cork in the All Ireland Final in Cashel in September.



Dublin shattered Cork's bid for the three-in a-row All-Ireland Under16 titles and deprived the Rebels of a clean sweep of All-Ireland titles at underage level. Dublin dominated the match throughout and the full-time score was Dublin: 5-16: Cork: 1-10. Dublin's last win at this level was in 1989 and this victory was sweet having been on the receiving end of defeat at the hands of Cork in several previous All-Ireland Finals. Future prospects are promising, and we hope many of these accomplished athletes will taste success again at minor level or feature on a Dublin senior panel in the not too distant future.

JUVENILE Games - Handball

Juvenile handball made steady progress in the past year despite the unavailability of the court due to refurbishment. Croke Park and St Kevins' CBS were used as alternate training venues. There has been a welcome influx of players from the local primary schools being coached by Frank Daly, Clíona Uí Dhálaigh and Kevin McKenna. Pat Ryan continues to train the older juveniles. Na Fianna players represented Dublin in most age groups doing the club and county proud.

Leinster Juvenile Championships:

Girls Under 13 Dianaimh Greene won singles (winners)
Lucy Collins and Lisa McKenna doubles

Best of luck in All-Ireland semi-finals.

Boys Under 17 (D) Cathal Walsh and Rory Downey won doubles

Leinster R/Ups: Under 17 singles: Ciaran O'Sullivan
Under 15 doubles: Fergal Breathnach and Robert Rutledge
Under 13: Pierce Caulfield, John Walsh and Naoise Greene played well.

Team events: Our Under 16/17 team of Cathal Walsh, Rory Downey, Patrick Collins and Saran Greene played superbly, narrowly beaten by eventual All-Ireland winners Kilkenny. Cliona McCullough won Leinster girls (Bunscoil).

Presently Na Fianna players represent three different schools in the Leinster Colleges competition.
Fergal Breathnach (Scoil Chaitríona) bt Clonkeen College (Under 17s)
Cathal Walsh (Scoil Chaitríona) bt Ciaran O'Sullivan (Castleknock College) (Under 19s)
Paul Downes (Scoil Aodáin) bt Rory Cotter (Scoil Chaitríona) (Under 15s)
All the above are at semi-final stage and we wish them well.

Leinster team event (6) Under 12/Under 13 at BME
Pierce Caulfield Cian Ó Dálaigh, John Walsh and Naoise Greene are selected to play for Dublin.

Dublin juvenile championships were run after a lapse of many years. Na Fianna won most age groups.

Na Fianna Winners:

(Under 12 singles) Pierce Caulfield
(Under 13 singles) Naoise Greene
(Under 13 doubles) Naoise and Dianamh Greene
(Under 15 singles) Saran Greene
(Under 15 doubles) Fergal Breathnach and Robert Rutledge
(Under 17 doubles) Patrick Collins and Ciaran O'Sullivan

Na Fianna runners up:

(Under 12 doubles) Cian Ó Dálaigh and Pierce Caulfield
(Under 13 doubles) John Walsh and partner
(Under 15 doubles) Paul Downes and Saran Greene
(Under 17 doubles) Cathal Walsh and Rory Downey
In the Joe Maxwell tournament Na Fianna players reached the final losing to Kilkenny.



Motions and Recommendations

Motions:

Add a new section to Rule 7 – “The Executive Committee” of the Club Constitution by adding the following new paragraph to read as follows:

7 (o) (viii): A Conduct Committee consisting of the Committee Chairman and four other members. Its function will be 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. The Conduct Committee shall operate in accordance with procedures laid down by the Executive.

J. Aughney (on behalf of the Executive)

Amend Rule 9 (d) – “Finance” of the Club Constitution to read as follows:

The annual accounts shall be made up to the 30th of June in each year.

J. Aughney (on behalf of the Executive)

Recommendations

That the incoming Executive implements a programme to review the Club Constitution in its entirety. The output should be a draft revised Constitution that incorporates the intent and content of the current Constitution as well as GAA guidelines.

The draft should be circulated to the Members for comments and suggestions with a view to presenting a final document to the next AGM for consideration.

J. Aughney (on behalf of the Executive)



NOMINATIONS

	Position	Nominees
Uachtarán	President	Donal Hickey
Leas Uachtarán	Vice President	Sean Clerkin, Louis Davis, Jimmy Gray
Cathaoirleach	Chairman	Brian O'Sullivan
Leas Cathaoirleach	Vice-Chairman	Gerry Donohoe
Runaí	Secretary	Jim Aughney
Leas Runaí	Assistant Secretary	Des O'Dubhlainn, Pádraigin Breathnach
Cisteoir	Treasurer	Tom Dowd
Leas Cisteoir	Assistant Treasurer	Anne Frawley
Cathaoirleach Cluichí na nÓg	Chairman – Juvenile Games	Colum Cronin
Cathaoirleach Cluichí Sinsir	Chairman – Adult Games	Tom Ryan
Oifigeach Cadreamh Poiblí	Public Relations Officer	Eoin O'Ceallacháin
Ball den Comhar (x 2)	Member of Executive (x 2)	Paul McCarville Colin O'Reilly