

# CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL NA FIANNA

**SECRETARY'S REPORT 2005**

**FOR A.G.M.**

**27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2005**

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

- (A) The proposer of the motion or an amendment thereto, may speak for five minutes but no longer.
- (B) A person speaking to a motion or amendment shall not exceed three minutes.
- (C) 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.
- (D) 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.
- (E) 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 2005 AGM**

Is onóir mór dom mo Thuarascail Bliantúil a chur os comhair na cruinnithe cinnbliana, 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 a very busy year of activities on and off the field since the last AGM. On the pitch a large number of teams have won through to county final stage with the climax being the recent historic occasion on Sunday 16 October of our Intermediate and Senior Footballers both in action in Parnell Park finals of the County Championships. It was great to witness our senior team getting back to the top level after a few years of disappointments. A fantastic occasion also for our Intermediate footballers who have been training and playing hard all year.

A great performance also by our senior players who were a vital part in Dublin's Leinster Final win and semi-final defeat by the eventual All Ireland winners Tyrone. On the field we had Jason Sherlock, Senan Connell and Dessie Farrell proudly representing our club with Niall Cooper and Aidan Downes gaining important experience with the squad. A special word of congratulations also to clubman Pillar Caffrey on going so far in his first year in charge of the resurgent county team. Elsewhere our minor hurlers and footballers showed strong progress while club players were also involved in the Jackies Dublin Ladies Football Team. Well done to Mary Nevin and Bernie Finlay on reaching semi-final stage with the Dublin Ladies team. Surely an All Ireland win must be on the cards in 2006?

Our Intermediate Hurling team, at the time of writing, are preparing for the championship final against Trinity Gaels. Ladies Footballers unlucky to exit Championship at Round Robin stage, still in with a chance of staying in Senior Div. 1. In Camogie progress was made across a number of age groups and we were pleased to see club representatives in the Dublin Junior Camogie team which defeated Clare in the final. Well done clubman Pat Fanning and all the management team. Our handballers continue to perform strongly at national level.

While these achievements would be the envy of any GAA Club in the country they are putting increasing pressure on mentors and administrators. I would strongly urge any parents or former players to help out in any way they can whether it be with transport sharing, nets, flags or just vocal encouragement from the sidelines. Our juvenile nursery is going from strength to strength and more parents are needed to assist in coaching. Assistance and training will be given to fledgling coaches.

With sixty teams taking to the field this year, the pressure for resources has never been greater. Any member who has access to pitches, halls, nets, unused hurling helmets, hurleys or sliotars should contact a member of the executive. As the saying goes all donations gratefully received. Finally I would ask any member who knows of a local business eager to support the club's activities to contact a member of the executive. Businesses interested in erecting a sign at our main pitch in Mobhi Road should be directed to Eoin Ó Ceallacháin, Club PRO.

### **Club Committees**

Your club made great progress during the year primarily because of the voluntary effort of the members of the various committees which tackle crucial tasks on a regular basis. Nevertheless a number of committees need additional members to provide new blood and ideas. If you wish to make a valuable contribution please approach members of the relevant committee.

### ***Executive Committee***

There was a new addition to this committee following last year's AGM with Anne Frawley a camogie player of note coming on board. The Executive Committee met at least every three weeks during the year and I would like to thank my fellow members for their responsible attitude to the committee's affairs in particular those who are stepping down at the AGM. I trust their involvement was rewarding as well as exhausting. We are seeking a number of nominations to replace the outgoing committee members at this year's AGM.

### ***Development Committee***

It has been an extremely busy few years for this important committee, charged with planning and implementing the near €3m club development programme. Chaired by Jimmy Gray this committee has been meeting on a weekly basis for over two years now and great credit is due to its selfless efforts. Well done to my fellow committee members of Aidan Collins, Charlie O'Reilly, Sylvester Salley, Brian O'Sullivan and George Dillon. It has been a long haul but the committee can now look forward to seeing its plans take physical shape in the form of a completely revamped clubhouse with enhanced facilities for members.

### ***Finance Committee***

The finance committee has been working hand in hand with the development committee to secure funding for the club development and to ensure that the club can carry the extra financing required once the development is in operation. Headed up by treasurer Tom Dowd this committee includes John Mangan, Paul McCarville, Ciaran Gray, Tom Gray and Paul Stacy amongst its number crunchers. Additional funds were raised this year from the National Lottery bringing the amount from this source to €800,000 – a special thanks to Tom Dowd.

### ***Céilí Committee***

This committee is responsible for organising the well-attended monthly ceili in Scoil Chaitriona with Mary Murphy as Bean an Ti. Unfortunately the Kilfenora Ceili Band could not be hosted on the eve of the All Ireland Hurling Final due to the ongoing development work. We hope to revitalise this important annual event in the coming year. Many thanks to Mary and to Ann Ryan, Kathleen Taaffe, Teresa O'Shea, Teresa O'Sullivan, John Hallihan and Mario for their help during the year.  
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### ***Catering Committee***

Kay Brady, Angie Collins, Maria Mangan, Mary and Sean Behan and Terry Fitzgerald were ably assisted by a great bunch of parents and friends who were always available to make sandwiches and bake for the various functions. Thanks to all those who contributed.

### ***Bar Committee***

This committee, chaired by Alistar Fitzgerald, covered all events and activities in the bar and hall during the year. Looking after stock and cash control are very important functions to a smooth running of the bar facilities. Thanks to Dommo Weir and Joe Walsh. Thanks also to Pat Sullivan and bar staff including James Mangan, Alan Stone, Gerry Bowe and Caoimhin O Conghaile.

Please remember our new function room, members bar and hall are available for family functions, christenings and birthday parties. With the onset of the club development, this facility was not as well used as in previous year. Many thanks to Martin Quilty for continue to handle hall event bookings. We would encourage all members to use our improved facilities.

### ***Works & Maintenance Committee***

A significant amount of work was done by Tom Brady and his FAS team during the year on keeping the club premises in good order during the disruption which was caused by the major club

development building work. Thanks also to Phil Kelly and his team for a variety of engineering jobs at Mobhi Road.

### ***Lottery Committee***

Special thanks to the Lottery team, which continues to be a prominent arm in club fund-raising. Our thanks to Bob Courtney, Sean Behan, Ann Ryan, Vincent Caffrey, Jack Dolan, Frank Hennelly and Ian O'Donnell. Special thanks to Martina Heffernan who moved down the country this year, and to all who helped out on occasion. More members need to join lotto direct debit to make the task easier for this committee who have done well to recruit 150 members to pre-pay or direct debit lotto. If you are a member of this club the direct debit lotto is a very efficient way to assist in club funding for just €12 a month with valuable prizes to be won.

### ***Pitch Committee***

The secretary would like to place on record the executive appreciation of the sterling work being done on our pitches by Fintan Brennan, Pat O'Shea and John Campbell. Following hefty investment in our pitches they are now a credit to the lads.

### ***Juvenile Committee***

This committee under Paul McCarville, meets regularly and organises the Saturday Morning Nursery, the Mini Leagues and the Family Day, as well as organising coaching sessions for the coaches. Thanks to Paul, the club has an excellent Games Promotion Officer in Colm Burtchaell, who liaises between the club and the schools in our catchment area.

### ***Other Committees***

A range of other committees operated during the year:

- Spring Sale of Work chaired by Martin Quilty.
- Mini-Leagues chaired by Paul McCarville.
- Golf Classic chaired by John Quinn
- Ann Ryan organised Scór, where a number of juveniles took part.

### **Na Fianna 50 Years**

2005 saw the club celebrating its golden jubilee. I think everyone will agree it was a year of special endeavours. Our celebration night in City West Hotel, Saggart, has been described as the 'best night' in club history. The party pulled together old and new – past and present members. Those of us who couldn't be there on the night sent best wishes. An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, joined us on this very special night to remember.

Many thanks to the organising committee, Anne O'Dea, Áine Uí Laoire, Carmel Gray, Donal Hickey, John Quinn, James Mangan, Brendan Quinn, Sean Clerkin and Dermot McNulty.

### **Trustees**

Paul Smith, Ciarán Gray and Dermot McNulty are our club trustees. We wish to acknowledge their ongoing valuable work, both as individuals and trustees.

### **Delegates**

The club is well served by the many delegates including Gerry Donohue, Ciarán Gray, Kieran Redmond who represent the club on adult and juvenile, County Board, North Dublin and other committees.

### **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 Sephie Breathnach for their work in the shop on Saturday mornings. 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.

### **Condolences**

The Executive Committee wishes to offer condolence to all members and their relatives who passed away during the year. A special Mass for all deceased members will again be celebrated in the club in the New Year.

### ***Donnacha Ó Muineacháin – RIP***

In February 2005, Na Fianna and ceili followers nationwide suffered a severe loss with the sudden and untimely death of Donncha Ó Muineacháin. Donncha worked tirelessly over many years to promote all aspects of Gaelic Culture in Na Fianna. He was involved with Scór from its inception and in recent years his contribution to our monthly ceili was enormous. Donncha will always be remembered by those of us lucky enough to have worked with him and his memory will always live on in Árus na Fianna.

### **Nominations**

A number of key members of the Executive Committee are stepping down after years of sterling service. They have all played their part in bringing the club to its position as one of the top sports clubs in the country. In particular I want to single our chairman Charlie O'Reilly for special mention. Anybody who has met him could not but be impressed by his enthusiasm, energy and dedication to every aspect of club activities. It has been a challenge and a privilege to have worked with him for over five years.

**Séamas Ma Fhachtna**  
**RÚNAÍ**

## TEAM REPORTS

### ADULT GAMES

#### ***Senior Football***

Yet another exciting year for the senior football team managed by Mick Galvin, Keith Barr and Sean Forde with able assistance from Pat Coffey, Vinnie Caffrey and Colm O'Reilly. After an exciting and at times heart-stopping championship, this team unfortunately did not have the answers for a strong and confident Kilmacud Crokes in the final on Sunday, October 16. Over 7,000 fans were present on this occasion and the Na Fianna support was there in droves. This is a reflection of the admiration, fondness and respect throughout the club for this bunch of players who have brought us to an unprecedented eight County Finals in the past few years, three Dublin Championship titles in a row, and an All Ireland final appearance against Crosmaglen Rangers. No surprise that the Na Fianna manager of the team which reached that final was Pillar Caffrey or that the manager of Crosmaglen was Armagh's All Ireland winning manager Joe Kernan.

Well done to all the lads for their efforts over the years as well as a special welcome to the young players who have 'stepped up' to the demands of senior football for the first time. Thanks also to the sponsors over that period from Sam Dennigan, to Bandwidth to BK Motors.,

As well as providing the Dublin senior football manager, Na Fianna continues to provide top class players for the county senior panel. Well done Senan Connell and Jason Sherlock and Dessie Farrell who added Leinster medals to their collection this year. Dessie has announced his retirement from inter-county football. We wish him continued success in his sporting life whether in the dressing room or in the boardroom. A special thanks to Mick Galvin who has given his all to the Na Fianna senior team both as a key player and captain and in the much more demanding role of manager. Best wishes for the future Mick.

#### ***Intermediate Football.***

A great County Junior Championship win for this squad of players - many of whom have also been in the limelight with the senior team in the past. A superb preparation job has been done by the manager made up of former senior player Adrian Henchy ably supported by Jackie Dolan a lifelong GAA supporter in Leitrim and Dublin. With the disappointment of the defeat of the senior football team comes the recognition that there are many good intermediate players who are knocking on the door of senior status and this win will give them the confidence to advance further in the future.

It is not often a GAA club anywhere in the country gets to have two teams in the county finals on the same day. Well done lads.

Following last years promotion from 04 the Na Fianna 2<sup>nd</sup> team began the year with two main objections

- (a) To win the Junior Championship
- (b) Finish as high as possible for their first year in div 3.

The season began with the departure of Larry Norton, who has given three years of great service.

In the League, the boys have more than held their own, lying in the play off positions, with four games remaining. So hopefully play- offs will see Ronan MacGiolla Ruadh lifting the Junior Championship and marking a great year for the boys, who have put in a tremendous effort.

#### ***Junior 3 Football***

2005 has been a challenging year for Junior 3 football with changes in management and retirement of players who have provided great service throughout the club, thank you.

Rebuilding the team has started with new blood from minor and experienced and supportive colleagues from other teams joining the panel, as well as a further transfusion of Derry skill to the team, we look forward to building a resilient and successful squad in the future.

Pat Naughton.

### ***Adult Football League 12***

A good year so far with good numbers up training and good performances on the field of play. We reached the ¼ final of the Junior D Championship going down to St. Vincents by 6 points after conceding 2 soft goals and missing a penalty(Gosher!!). The year still has the promise of a play off spot for promotion in sight if we get a few results in our last remaining games. Top players this year were Rob O' Neill, Davy Donnelly, Bren Maguinne and Kev Casey. Biggest moan this year was Maurice Gillick.

TJ Gleeson.

### ***Minor A***

The Minor A Football team has had a very busy season to date. They have beaten Thomas Davis, Ballyboden, Ballymun, Erins Isle, St.Vincents, Kilmacud Crokes and drawn with St. Sylvesters. Two League matches remain, Cuala and St. Brigids.

All matches have been very tough and close with Na Fianna coming back in the last few minutes to come out on top. Thanks is due to Tom Flaherty and the Minor B panel who trained with the A panel through the year and helped out in challenges during the state exam and holiday period. Thanks to John Campbell and Tom Brady for all their help.

Congratulations to Tomás Brady and Joey Boland for representing the club on the County Minor Football Team this year. The team beat Naomh Barróg in the first round of the championship and now meet Ballymun.

Management Team: John Campbell, Tom Brady and Philip McElwee.

### ***Minor B***

It has been a very rewarding year for me, working with this team. Despite a lack of fixtures, the commitment the lads have shown to training has been very impressive. The Minor A and B teams, trained together throughout the year and the cooperation and the friendship between the two teams was excellent. Many players on the B team played in A fixtures throughout the Summer, where they gained great experience and ensured Na Fianna could always field a Minor team, despite the Leaving Cert. Exam and holidays. With the number of lads we have on the panel and the commitment they show to the club, things look extremely good for the future. Finally, thanks to Philip, John and Tom for the coaching and support they have given us over the year. Tom Flaherty.

## **ADULT HURLING**

### ***Intermediate Hurling***

A club of the size and tradition of Na Fianna needs, and should have, a Senior Hurling team. The hundreds of young hurlers learning their craft in Mobhí Road on Saturday mornings deserve to have a Senior team to look up to; they need role models to inspire their hurling and a team playing at the highest level which they and their parents can come and watch on Sunday mornings or Summer evenings. All this will, without a shadow of doubt come to pass; the only question is when!

Promoted to Intermediate 'A' by virtue of winning the 'B' Championship last year, the Intermediate panel of 30 players came together in February and declared that promotion to Senior ranks was the objective for this year. The only way to secure promotion was to reach the Championship final and, at the time of writing, that objective is still attainable. With three wins, four draws and two games left to play in the round-robin Championship, a place in the knock-out stages seems assured. That combined with a place in the Cup semi-final and a final League position of, depending on other

teams' results, second or third leaves us with all to play for in the next few weeks. We would request as many members as possible to come out and support us in our remaining championship games.

Pat Fanning, Colm Burtchaell, Louis Davis and Fran Larkin.

### ***Minor 'A' Hurling***

This team currently sits at the top of division 1 with one game to go. This is the first time this has occurred since 1981. We have just qualified for the semi-final of the Championship where we will play Ballyboden.

Special mention goes to Tomás Brady and Joey Boland on representing the club on the successful Dublin Minor Team (Leinster Champions)

Many thanks to all those who have assisted with this team over the last four years.

Selectors: Declan Feeney, Pat O'Shea, Fran Cullen, Frank Foley.

### ***Minor 'B' Hurling***

This team was put in place to cater for Minor hurlers not guaranteed a regular game on the 'A' panel. It has fulfilled this purpose well, along with providing a springboard for players who wished to break into the first team. It has also provided games for many U-17 players who will provide the backbone for next year's Minor team.

A great championship victory against St. Pat's, Palmerston was followed by defeat against Scoil Ui Chonaill. Mentors : Don Nolan, Tom Ryan.

## **ADULT CAMOGIE**

### ***Senior 'A' Camogie***

A superbly talented and committed bunch of players produced some terrific displays during the year. Excellent victories in the championship group stages qualified the team for the semi-final of the Senior Championship Shield where, unfortunately, luck narrowly favoured Skerries Harps on the night. Presently lying top in League Division 1B with just 1 match remaining, a 14 year wait for a trophy at Senior A level could end on November 6<sup>th</sup> thanks to the exceptional efforts of this team.

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 a much stronger panel will exist next year. Couple this with the present panel showing an increased desire to achieve a consistency in their game then they will 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 Sean Behan for all invaluable help during the year - Brian & Colin

A good season for this team, a nice blend of experience and young players, well done to all for making this blend work so well. Training started in November of last year, and after a few warm up games the season started in April with the open cup we qualified for the final having won five games out of five. The final was held on the 3rd of July in Naomh Peregrins against Naomh Mearnog and after a great battle and with the help of great support we prevailed on a score of 4-3 to 2-4.

We had a good league campaign losing only one game to Naomh Fionnbarra, we still have one game left to play.

Colin Keane, Brian O'Gorman

### ***Intermediate Camogie***

In the championship we played some marvelous camogie to qualify for the final on September the 11th in Naomh Mearnog. Despite a huge effort from all involved we lost out to a very good Naomh Fionnbarra team. I would like to wish the up and coming stars all the best at senior level. I am

sure that this team can bring a championship to Na Fianna. A big thank you to Karen and Sadhbh for all their help. Special thanks to Anne Ryan and to Aideen for all the support.  
Tony Foran.

### ***Junior 'A' Camogie***

This team worked from a tight panel but, thanks to the U-16 'A' and 'B' teams, made every effort to fulfil their fixtures. The league didn't go so well but we were unfortunate to be beaten by a late goal in the last second of our championship match against Faughs. We qualified for the Final of the Shield only to taste defeat here once again.

We welcome on board the four new girls who have recently joined the team.

Mentor: Kieran Lowry

## **LADIES FOOTBALL (ADULT)**

### ***Junior Ladies***

Under the management of the 'dashing Derek' the junior ladies had a rocky start to the year, but with true determination, came through to reach the County Final again. It was an exciting but heart-breaking game, where the ladies lost by a single point. All new players welcome – old and new. You know what they say – 'third time lucky!!'

Niamh Colleran.

## **ADULT HANDBALL**

The adult handball section has had a good year doing well both in County leagues and Championships in both 40x20 and 60x30 Competitions.

Notable achievements in 2004/2005-10-10

40x20 over 55 All Ireland Doubles R/Up: J Barton

40x20 Dublin Senior League Winners 3<sup>rd</sup> year in succession

60x30 Dublin Senior League Winners

40x20 Senior Doubles all Ireland winner: F Jensen

40x20 Over 45 singles all Ireland winner: F Daly

40x20 Junior singles All Ireland R/Up: C Donnelly

40x20 Over 50 Doubles All Ireland Winner: V Farrelly,

40x20 Junior Leinster club R/up: V Farrelly, F Daly, C Donnelly, A Mc Closkey, R O'Brien

60x30 Over 60 Leinster singles R/Up: M O'Brien

60x30 Senior All Ireland Doubles Winner E Jensen

Still to be played

60x30 050 Singles All Ireland final (late October): V farrelly

60x30 040 Doubles All Ireland Final (22 October) V Cork or Roscommon:

F Daly, E Jenson.

60x30 over 55 Doubles Semi-Final – P McTiernan and P Murray.

The venues and the dates of these competitions are yet to be advised.

Please support where you can.

A particular congratulations to Egin Jensen, who has won the Senior All Ireland title in both 40x20 and 60x30 codes this year, the highest doubles accolades achievable in handball in Ireland.

The re-opening of the improved handball alley in Mobhi Rd. will be a big boost to both juvenile and adult handball and is looked forward to by all.

## **JUVENILE REPORT 2005**

The major developments during the year were:

### ***Games Promotion Officer***

I am quite certain that having Colm Burtchaell on board as the Club's GPO was the year's most significant development. Though a good deal of his work is 'behind the scenes' I believe his key

role as a resource to drive and support coaching development is well appreciated. Apart from the competence to do the job, he brings an enthusiasm and flexibility which greatly help delivery. I would like to thank the members of the GPO Steering Committee who were: Richie Neville, John Gray, Tom Gray, Liz O'Brien, Deirdre Lane and Paschal Conboy.

### ***'Go Games'***

While the run-into their arrival left a good deal to be desired, they are undoubtedly a better way of presenting our games to children. Well done to our own Ger O'Connor and everyone else involved.

### ***Development Squads***

Under the direction of Michael Connolly of the DCB, fantastic work took place on the hurling side with regional squads now up and running down to U13. Remarkably, there is no equivalent activity on the football side below U16. We have been given to believe that this will be rectified in the New Year but it is as yet unclear what resources have been put in place to make this happen. Through our delegates we will continue to apply pressure to ensure this appalling state of affairs is rectified as quickly as possible.

Both Ladies Football and Camogie have development squads at U12.

### ***Delegates***

I cannot overstate how vital the work done by our delegates is; through them our voice is heard where decisions are made and we are kept informed. On behalf of everyone in the Juvenile Section I would like to record appreciation for the work of:

- GAC1 - **Ciaran Gray**
- GAC2 - **Gerry Donohoe**
- Juv. Camogie – **Liz O'Brien**
- Ladies Football – **Fionnuala Sexton/Billy McLoughlin**

### ***Discipline***

As years go this was not a bad one in terms of the number of problems. However a situation where a serious attack on one of our players last May is still waiting to be investigated at county level is simply not good enough.

### ***Mentors***

On behalf of the Executive I would like to sincerely thank all Mentors, most especially those who got involved during the year for the first time. There are also a few special people working with teams who do not have children in the juvenile section. A special mention is due also to Pat Boylan – the fact that teams he has been involved with have been promoted in 3 of the last 4 years is a remarkable testament to his abilities as a coach.

### ***Ratification of Mentors***

This year we formalised the process of ratifying team mentors. This was in accordance with the Irish Sports Council's "Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport" which states (under the section 'Recruitment of Sports Leaders' : that "...all recommendations for appointment should be ratified by the sports club's/organisation's management committee" It goes on to say "The decision to appoint a Sports Leader is the responsibility of a sports club/organisation and not of any one individual within it". The Club's Constitution also provides for this process.

Having been appointed and ratified, nobody (no more than the members of the Executive Committee) should feel they have a right to hold down any position indefinitely and management teams will be reviewed annually in December. Individual mentors and groups of mentors who adhere to the various Codes and Guidelines which encapsulate our "contract" with children and their parents (as well as with other mentors, officials etc) are unlikely to be troubled by the ratification and review process.

### ***The playing season / Boys***

This year the playing season for Boys was refined from the hastily - introduced template of 2004. On the plus side, separating the U15 and U16 championships was certainly a good idea. On the negative side, some of the younger ages experienced a shortage of football. Through our delegates we will be tabling some suggestions as to how the 2006 season might be improved.

### ***Juvenile Camogie Board & Ladies Football***

Two separate organisations can be expected to prioritise their own games. However particularly at the underage level there is a crying need for greater co-ordination of fixtures. We have asked our delegates to press for progress in this area. The organisation of the Girls Football Feile was disastrous and a terrible affront to the girls and their Mentors.

Congratulations to our own Brendan Cooper and the Juvenile Camogie Board which operates so efficiently.

### ***Mini Leagues***

This year we had our biggest and best ever ML with 630 children taking part. Ann O'Dea and Colm Burtchaell organised the event superbly and thanks to **Lisney** who again sponsored.

### ***Calendar***

Our second Juvenile Section calendar was another fabulous production and was largely the work of Fionan O'Connell (Crosslight Photography). Again, Ann O'Dea helped to make it happen.

### ***Nursery***

The numbers continue to suggest that the 'product' is good. Colm Burtchaell's first assignment was a review of the Nursery and this confirmed that it was in good shape. The recommendations of his review continue to be implemented.

### ***Conclusion***

I am stepping down after 5 years as Chairman/Juvenile Games and I would like to say thanks to all those who assisted me. There were so many times when someone cut grass at short notice, got keys made, changed venues or whatever. Tom Ryan acted as Secretary of the Juvenile Committee throughout and provided wise solutions on many occasions. Thanks also to Colm Meleady who took on the job of Juvenile Bursar. Riche Neville has been the most consistent attender of Juvenile Meetings and a huge contributor especially on 'policy' issues. The other critical member of the 'team' has been **Anne O'Dea**; under her watchful eye I was always confident that the jewel that is our Nursery would thrive. It is entirely appropriate that my final word relates to Charlie O'Reilly; he practically did my job for the first year or so, and was always available when I needed him (which was often!). I intend to be there for my successor in the same way.

Paul McCarville

### ***U9 Boys Football and Hurling***

Under 9 football and hurling is progressing well with in excess of 50 boys participating regularly. Highlights of the year in football included victory in the Joe Mooney memorial competition organised by Erin's Isle and a narrow defeat in the final of the Ger Canavan tournament organised by O'Toole's. Hurlers also had a very busy year which started with DCU indoor competition - thanks to Paschal Conboy for all his help in DCU. At this stage the boys have chalked up plenty of outdoor competitive matches and recently reached the final of a Ballyboden organised competition. This group has also been 'on tour' during the year with very enjoyable trips to Eire Og in Carlow and Borrisoleigh in Tipperary. Numbers have been growing steadily over the season and we now regularly field about 34 boys at fixtures and have a steady group of about 28 at training each week.

### ***U10 Football***

We have 5 teams entered in the U10 Football with 58 players involved. Lack of games has been a major issue for us this year, due to the impact of Go Games and a bias towards hurling. It is something the County Board need to address to stop players leaving to play other sports with more regular fixtures. It has been a very successful year in the league games played to date, with the group winning the league at U9 level in the latter end of 2004. In the current leagues we are heading our sections in 4 of the 5 leagues that we are playing in. Ciaran Gray, Dave Buckley, Dave Williams, Declan Fitzgerald & Paraic Bolger.

### ***U11 Football***

Great strength in numbers with Na Fianna alone of the Northside clubs being able to field 4 teams in the 11-a-side Go Games football format. Squad enjoyed trips to Skryne in Co Meath and more especially to Arravale Rovers in Co Tipperary taking in the Clare v. Tipp hurling League tie in Semple Stadium. Erratic fixture list meant difficulties arose in trying to generate momentum but future is bright with squad containing some fine football talent. We look forward to many successes in the years to come. Mentors: Seamus McHugh, Seoirse Smith, Stephen Farrell, Pdraig O'Connor, Michael Griffin, Richard Quinn, Peter Caulfied, Colum Cronin.

### ***U12 Football***

A year of mixed fortunes which resulted in a move to Div 2. The team will re-group and work to regain its position in the top flight. Mentors :Colum Meleady, Jimmy Flannery, John Gray

### ***U13A Football***

Thrived on going city-wide, building on the tremendous progress of the previous year. Won 7 of 8 league matches played to Sept. and with no team unbeaten and 6 games left, everything to play for. Lost to Ballyboden in the championship semi-final. Played a number of challenges with teams from outside Dublin. Help on coaching side from Pat Boylan, Pillar & Pat Naughton greatly appreciated. Mentors: Liam Burke/ John Higgins/ Paul McCarville/ Dick Shanahan.

### ***U13B Football***

The U13B football team having been having a rip-roaring season so far, having reached the final of the under 13D championship. We met a Ballymun Kickhams team that came flying out of the blocks and despite a great second-half comeback, we had to give second-best on the day. Currently sitting atop Division 8 with a record of 8 wins out of 10 matches – winning the league and promotion is the ambition of this bunch of enthusiastic young men. Paul McCarville.

### ***U14 Div 2 Football***

Although playing in Division 2 of the League, the squad of players opted to compete in Division 1 of Feile. Thanks to our GAC 2 Board delegate Gerry Donohoe this request was facilitated. One loss and two draws meant that the team was very unlucky not to reach the semi-finals.

The team did reach the semi-final of the U14 A Championship where they lost out to St Sylvesters who went on to win the All Ireland Feile.

The team has had 8 wins out of the 11 League games played to date. As per rule, one of the games that was lost had to be refereed by the opposition because the second referee that was appointed, and who had confirmed that he would attend, failed to appear. The first referee that was appointed was a member of the opposition club. Time will tell how significant this result proves to be.

### ***Under 15A Football***

Pat Boylan, ably assisted by Stephen Gray and with manager John Ryan, worked very hard with this squad that responded in great style. They currently lead Div.2 and are assured of promotion to the top flight next year. A narrow defeat to Plunketts, in the championship when short some key players was an unfortunate blip on an otherwise excellent year.

### ***Under 15 B Football***

A disappointing league campaign led to intensive training for those on the panel who were available. This resulted in a first round championship win against the odds. The 2nd round proved to be too high a mountain to climb, losing out to the competition favourite. A solid base exists for next year.

Des Ó Dúbhlaínn and Austin Hughes.

### ***Under 16B Football***

Having achieved promotion the previous season and lost 4 players to the 'A' squad, a mid-table outcome was very satisfactory. The Mentors have been very pleased with the effort of this dedicated group. As the only 'B' team in its Division, the team competes well with the best that several other clubs can field. Mentors: Alasdair Fitzgerald, Stephen Fitzgerald & Paddy O'Carroll.

### ***Under 8 Hurling:***

Booming progress has been recorded this year. Having met on 55 training or blitz match events since January, word is now out among their peers, so that regulars have doubled to reach nearly 50, with an average 75% turnout.

Everyone plays in the highly enjoyable Go Games blitzes (7-8 a side), regardless of ability. Only the pick of Kilmacud A and B squads combined were superior to us all year.

Among the highlights was our coach trip to James Stephens Kilkenny and their return visit, our lads being more than a match for them both occasions, and of course our exhibition matches on the hallowed turf of Páirc an Chrócaigh itself, where no fewer than 33 of our boys have now played!

Thanks to the executive especially club development officer Colm Burtchill for his tireless promotion, to all the parents for their wonderful support and especially the excellent management crew which includes Finbar Gaffney, Peter Pringle, Dave Doran, Dessie Farrell and multi-million new signing from the adult ranks, Fran Larkin, Donal Buggy.

### ***U10 Hurling***

An excellent group who continue to thrive. We entered 3 non-streamed Teams in two different Divisions and all have more than acquitted themselves well. Our goal is to ensure 2 competitive Panels are in place when 15a-side commences and with continued parental support we feel this objective can be achieved. The focus this year has been physical exercise, participation through fun and developing hurling skills. 2006 will see a greater emphasis in expanding hurling abilities. Mentors: Damian Murphy, Oliver Power, Padraic Bolger, Joe Murphy

### ***U11 Hurling***

The U11 (94s) hurling group has a core group of 24 to 25 players. There are 5 mentors, Greg Whooley, Greg Ronayne, Stephen Farrell, Michael Griffin & Peter Caulfield. Over the past year the team has played in two indoor tournaments, has two 11 a-side (balanced) teams in the go games league. The team acquitted itself well in Go Games except against opposition from bigger Southside clubs. One 11 a-side team was entered in the Camaint tournament and won Division two of the tournament in September. Well done to all the lads. Thanks to all the mentors.

### ***U12 Hurling***

Maintained Div 1 status and won Camaint Final in Parnell Park.. Mentors; Colum Meleady & Pat Fanning

### ***U13 Hurling***

A super group that retained Div 1 status. Low point of the season, was exit from the championship, highpoint was defeat of Kilmacud. Terrific commitment. Boys becoming men on the hurling field. Many thanks to Paddy Reilly (PRO). Looking forward to Feile. Mentors : Aine & Peadar O'Laoire, Kevin Nichol, Liam Burke.

### ***U14 Hurling***

Continue to play Division 1 and made a number of trips down the country. Also contributed a number of players to successful U15 hurling team. Two wins achieved in the league. A core of eight or ten players while superb on and off the field needs to be supported by other players who are not attending enough training for this level. This year we will be looking for a stronger commitment. Tony Fitzgerald.

### ***U15A Hurling***

This team under Fintan Brennan and Phil Kelly went all the way in the B Championship, meeting Ballinteer St. Johns in a thrilling final in Parnell Park. The Players showed the skill and tenacity required to overcome a Ballinteer team which had defeated them earlier in the year. They also showed fitness and toughness levels honed by Pat Boylan. A fitting result for these dual players which the 'B' Championship Shield was presented to captain, Farrell Aughney. Shield on display in the hall – match video available.

### ***Under 16A Hurling***

Another good year for this bunch of dedicated hurlers. A mid-table league finish and a Championship semi-final exit. Daire Ó Maoiléidigh, Dara Nolan, Wayne Brogan and Jonathan Cooper represented Dublin with distinction in the All-Ireland under 16 Championship. Integration and co-operation with other age groups was a feature of the year. The support of the under 15 management and players was crucial. Similarly our players are now comfortable playing and training with the Minor teams.

A special thanks to our parents, supporters, the Club Executive and the wider Na Fianna family. Is ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann Na Fianna. Mentors: Níall Ó Ceallacháin, Tony O'Brien, Paschal Conboy and Jim Heffernan.

### ***U16B Hurling***

It was great to maintain the numbers to field. Thanks to Fintan Brennan and Philip Kelly for providing the team with players for the Championship. We were narrowly beaten in semi-final. Hopefully the numbers will be maintained next year for minor? Thanks to all the parents who supported us throughout the year. It would have been impossible to get to matches otherwise. Dee Kernan, Lorcan Doody, Pat Clinton.

## **JUVENILE LADIES FOOTBALL**

### ***Orlaith Egan***

Congratulations to Orlaith Egan on winning an All-Ireland U14 title with Dublin. This was Orlaith's second successive All-Ireland victory at this age group. Our U14 team contains some fine football talent backed with a strong complement from the successful U14 camogie team as well as a developing group of players who are still Under 13s. Following a narrow defeat in the Championship, the team is competing in the Shield competition where they have progressed to the quarter-finals. Thanks to Colm Burtchaell for his help in setting up this team last Spring. Mentors: Colum Cronin, Marie McNally, Philip McLoughlin.

### ***U14 Ladies Football***

Apart from Orla's success, it was a disappointing year. A poorly organised Féile was followed by a complete breakdown in the fixture list to the extent that the team's first League match since the Féile last April was not held until October 1st. Team contains some fine football talent backed with a strong complement from the successful U14 camogie team as well as a developing group of players who are still Under 13s. Following a narrow defeat in the Championship, team is competing in the Shield competition where they have progressed to the quarter-finals. Thanks to Colm Burtchael for his help in setting up this team last Spring. Mentors: Colum Cronin, Marie McNally, Philip McLoughlin.

### ***U12 Ladies Football***

This team came together for the first time last year and the level of improvement has been significant since then. The girls have performed excellently all season and their spirit has to be admired in a very competitive division 2 league with this team only losing two matches all season. We are currently second in the league with five games remaining and in the quarter final of the championship. We have a very committed squad of players and numbers are continually growing with up to 45 girls attending training on Monday evenings. Six of the girls currently represent the Club on the Dublin development squad's - Aoife Caffrey, Lucy Collins and Khloe Dillon on the under 12 squad and Orla Keegan, Leah Caffrey and Aoife Nolan on the under 11 squad. The highlight of the season to date was the second round championship game against Ballinteer St. Johns who had beaten us earlier in the league. All of the team played 'out of their skins' that evening and we beat Ballinteer by 4-5 to 1-1.

Mentors: Bernie Caffrey and Downey Keegan

## **JUVENILE CAMOGIE**

### ***Under 11 Camogie***

This team came together last February to play in the U11 North league. Despite losing our 1st match against Whitehall we came back to win 8 league matches out of 12. We are currently tied for 2nd place with 2 other teams with just 2 league games remaining. After a good win over Ballyboden in the first round of the championship we were soundly beaten by an excellent Lucan side in the next round however the spirit the girls showed that day was fabulous as they never gave up and played with determination until the bitter end. The squad is made up of U11s and U10s and can also call upon those experienced girls playing at U12 level. Next year therefore we'll have a smaller squad.

We would like to thank all the parents for their support during the year.

Mentors: Carmel Ryan, Annmarie Gray, Pauline Burke

### ***U12 Team 1***

Under 12 girls Camogie Team 1 into the Final of the Championship again this year. We hope to retain our title from 2004. The Final is against St. Vincents on Sat 15th Oct at Scoil Conail. We are also hopeful of defending our win of the League in 2004. It has been a great year, the girls show great commitment supported by their parents. We have had some tough matches but at the same time have had great fun. All 18 girls have participated in almost every game.

### ***Foireann a Dó Camógaíocht Faoi 12 – Under 12 Team 2 Camogie***

An-shéasúir ar fad caite go dtí seo ag Foireann a Dó Camógaíocht Faoi 12. Tá 23 cailín ar an bpainéal agus gach éinne acu ag freastal go rialta ar na seisiúin traenála agus ar na cluichí. Muid ag stracadh linn go dúthrachtach i gcoinne fóirní láidre i Sraith a Dó agus na cailíní fós dóchasach agus lán fuinnimh cé nach mbíonn an bua againn ach corruair.

The Under 12 Camogie Team 2 have had a fantastic year so far. We have a panel of 23 girls all of whom have shown great commitment in coming to training and playing in matches. Our policy is to give every player a game if at all possible. The players have been developing their skills all through the season. We went straight into Division Two and have come up against strong opposition from the start. Our record so far is Played 11, Won 2, Drew 1 and Lost 8. We face

Naomh Bríd in the first round of the Championship on September 10<sup>th</sup> and we have one league match left to play against Whitehall. Training continues at 9.30 every Saturday in St Vincent's and at 6pm every Tuesday in Johnstown Park.

Thanks to all the players, their parents and the team of mentors. Also to our colleagues with Team 1 Under 12 and to Liz, Anne and all in the Camogie section for their great support.

Contact Paddy Courtney at 087 4181861 or Seosamh Ó Maolalaí 087 6680623

### ***U13 Camogie***

The U13 team have made good progress during this season. One match left to play in the league against Ballyboden and we are hoping we can remain in Division 1 for next season. The girls gave great performances in both championship matches (Erins Isle/St.Judes) but were beaten by last year's championship winners St.Judes who are now through to the final.

We have lost a few players which means our panel still remains reliant on the support given from our U12's girls. Several players got the chance to participate in the U13 Dublin development training and it is hoped some will get through to the U14 panel for next year. We look forward now to the Feile next year.

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

### ***U14 Camogie***

The U14s commenced training early in January of this year in preparation for Feile. A mixed start to the league campaign saw the team win 4 out of 7 matches with 5 still remaining. However, no team has forged ahead and taken advantage in the league and it is still all to play for. A promising start in Feile saw us beating St Judes and losing narrowly by a point to St Vincents'. This was overshadowed by the loss to Ballyboden in the semi-finals. However, a resounding win in the 1st round of championship against the same opposition was just the tonic required and at time of going to press the team have just beaten Good Counsel in semi-finals and are playing championship final against Plunketts on Sat Oct 15th. Hopefully, by

the time you read these notes the team will have brought the cup back to Na Fianna. In addition four girls from our team are also on the Dublin U14 team

(Niamh Garraghan, Christine Kelly, Roisin Murphy, Niamh Byrne).

Mentors: Sinead McNulty, Sorcha Dowling, Philip Webb, Pat Clinton.

### ***U15 Camogie***

The under 15 team were not involved in a league this year. They competed in Championship against Naomh Fionbarr in the first round and were unfortunately beaten. All of the girls are still competing in Under 16 A & B teams for the rest of the season.

### ***U16B Camogie***

The U16B squad has competed well in the 3rd Division, where we are still in contention for the runner's up spot. Our league record so far is P9 W6 L3 with 5 matches left to play. Two of our victories were by a single point, testament to the great spirit of the team. Our championship run was brief, losing to a strong Crumlin team in the first round. Mentors :Ailish May, Oliver Power.

## **JUVENILE HANDBALL**

Despite the ongoing works on the clubhouse, handball coaching continues in Croke Park and in St Kevin's.

Our Juveniles continue to impress in colleges and Leinster Championships. Colleges:

U15: P Collins and P Downes lost narrowly in the doubles semi-finals to Kells.

U17: C Walsh played superbly to reach Leinster final losing to world U17 Champion R Hogan.

U19: Mark Hallahan also reached the Leinster Final and was unlucky to lose.

Leinster Championships:

Representing Dublin at U14 C Wilson, P Downes, F Walsh and R Rutledge all did us proud, but pride of place goes to Patrick Collins who won Leinster U15 singles defeating Kildare and Carlow along the way, and Kilkenny in the final.

The 60 x 30 Championships start soon and Na Fianna will be well represented. With a great gang of lads, the future looks bright.

Frank Daly continues to coach the younger Juvenile girls and boys on Friday nights. These are not yet involved in formal competition. The improvement in the standard over the year has been fantastic.

Watch this space!!

## Motions and Recommendations

### Motions:

Insert the following in Rule 3 Membership

3a Family membership shall consist of one or two full adult members with full membership rights and children up to the age of 21 who are in full time education. Student membership shall consist of anyone over the age of 18 years who is in full time education and wishes to have full membership rights.

3b Insert 'and family' after minor members.

Jim Aughney

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**Amend rule 4 (a)** Only paid up full members registered in accordance with this constitution and paid up full members joining the club after March 1<sup>st</sup> will be entitled to propose motions, to speak at or vote at an annual or special general meeting.

Seosamh Breathnach.

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**Amend 9b, as follows** The Executive Committee shall open accounts in Ulster Bank, Dorset St., or any other accredited Bank as required. The Executive Committee request the power to borrow up to €100,000 for development of an All Weather Pitch.

Tom Dowd.

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**That a new rule 10 be inserted into the club constitution as follows and remaining rules to be re-numbered**

1 Rule 10 – General Purposes Committee:

The General Purposes Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee Selection Committees, Board Delegates together with any paid up full member of the club who wishes to attend. The Committee shall meet at least once every two months.

Dermot McNulty.

That rule 3 (iv) of the club constitution be amended as follows\_

'The words – 'with the exception of minor members' be inserted in the first line after the word 'club' and before the word 'must'.

That a new paragraph (vi) be inserted in Rule 3 as follows and the remaining paragraphs be re-numbered.

' That minor members may be admitted to membership of the club by the Executive Committee on application by the minor person or by his or her parent or guardian to any team mentor or coach or member of any committee or sub-committee and that any minor member shall be automatically admitted to full membership on reaching the age of 18 years. Any person who has been admitted to the club as a minor member at any time and who has not been expelled from the club for any reason, may, on leaving the club for any period, be re-admitted to full membership by the Executive Committee on request and without having to comply with the provisions of paragraph (iv) of this rule.

That paragraph (vii) of rule 3 shall be amended by deleting the last sentence which presently reads as follows: 'A player has the right to Appeal to the general body of members as provided for in this constitution'.

That paragraph (viii) of rule 3 shall be amended by inserting the following words – 'the Disciplinary Committee or 'after the word 'by in the second last line.

That the existing paragraph (f) of rule 7 be re-numbered as '(f) (i)' and a New sub-paragraph (ii) be inserted as follows:

'The Executive Committee shall also appoint a 'Disciplinary Committee' consisting of the three Trustees who are Club Members Together with an adult representative from each of the games

promoted by the club i.e. Football, Hurling, Handball, Camogie and Ladies Football. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Vice Chairman of the Club as Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee.

The Disciplinary Committee shall investigate any complaints made to it in writing or any complaints brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee by any member of the said Committee either orally or in writing. The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to expel, suspend or caution any member of the club, whose actions are, in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee, prejudicial to the interest of the club or any of the Associations whose gains are promoted by the club. Any decision of the Disciplinary Committee, including a decision not to take any action in respect of a complaint investigated by it, may be appealed to the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding. The Vice-Chairman of the club may speak but not vote at the meeting of the Executive Committee hearing the appeal.

That rule 7 be amended by deleting paragraph (K) in its entirety.

**Dermot McNulty.**

'That the Executive frame a motion to be brought forward at the next County Board Convention that will have the effect on a player transferring between clubs within Dublin, that he cannot play Championship in the first year with his new club.'

**Finbar Gaffney**

**Recommendations:**

**Helmets:** It is the policy of Na Fianna that protective helmets with face guards must be worn by players under 21 when training or playing hurling or camogie.

Des Ó Dúbhlaínn

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That the executive explores the fundraising opportunity on offer by Gaelic Telecom and makes available to Gaelic Telecom the names and phone numbers of members interested in availing of cheaper phone services which would be of benefit to the club.

Jim Aughney

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That an effective complaints procedure is put in place to ensure the efficient, transparent and fair processing of complaints made against Officers, Officials or Mentors of the club.

Donal O'Donoghue, Patricia O'Donoghue.

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## **NOMINATIONS**

Uachtarán	President	Donal Hickey
Leas-Uachtarán	Vice President	Jack Murphy Aidan Collins
Cathaoirleach	Chairman	Brian O'Sullivan
Leas-Cathaoirleach	Vice Chairman	Gerry Donoghue
Runaí	Secretary	Jim Aughney
Leas-Runaí	Assist. Secretary	Des Ó Dubhlainn
Cisteoir	Treasurer	Tom Dowd
Leas-Cisteoir	Vice Treasurer	Anne Frawley
Cathaoirleach Cluichí Na nÓg	Chairman-Juvenile Games	Colum Cronin Paul McCarville
Cathaoirleach Cluichí Sinsearacha	Chairman-Senior Games	Aidan Collins
Oifigeach Cadreamh Poiblí	P.R.O.	Eoin Ó Ceallacháin
Two members of Committee.		Colin O'Reilly Paul McCarville Tom Ryan B Webb Ó Maolagáin