



SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021

FOR AGM

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Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Na Fianna

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- 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”

TUARASCÁIL AN RÚNAÍ 2021

Post AGM 2020 the newly elected Executive Committee met for the first time on the 1st October. I can't say enough about this group of people, volunteers, who on top of an already busy life agenda, take on huge responsibilities and decision making on behalf of the membership. I never fully understood the complexity of the work of an Executive Officer. I am humbled to have been part of such a great team, who, over the past year have taught me so much.

On October 5, the GAA's Management Committee endorsed a decision to suspend all GAA Club games at all levels with immediate effect and until further notice. This was closely followed by a similar decision by the LGFA and the Camogie Association. The decision has been taken in the interest of public safety and applied to all ages and all grades across the island.

The Na Fianna music sessions returned online through Zoom on Thursdays from 9.30pm. Though not the same as a music session in the club bar - no queuing for a drink or meeting with regulars just in for a pint and a chat - it has become a valuable time for many to see familiar faces while sharing the love of music and conversation. One positive outcome from being an online session is that friends and family could join in from around the world. We had club members and friends join in from places as far away as Geneva, Brussels, Tipperary and Galway!

On Saturday 17th October a group of approximately 70 adults from the Na Fianna Senior Men's Football and Hurling teams and Na Fianna Senior Ladies Football and Camogie teams worked tirelessly from 9am to 3pm to support Martin Quilty and the facilities group in some grounds work in the RCSI grounds. The work included the shifting of pallets, timber mounds, rubble, earth and logs; painting of railings; weeding and general grounds maintenance. The work carried out behind the scenes by Martin and the facilities group to make these newly acquired grounds more player friendly. Míle Buíochas to everyone involved.

From mid-November, several Na Fianna teams and groups – particularly juvenile groups – have had the opportunity to train on the fantastic new full-size astro in the grounds of DCU's St. Patrick's Campus. Access to this facility is part of a substantial seven-year partnership between the club and our neighbour DCU and is playing a major part of ensuring we can provide younger members with an outlet for physical activity in these uncertain times.

A year like no other in many ways, unprecedented times, training pods, zoom training sessions and health questionnaires became the norm for all in Mobhi Road and beyond. While the year was a challenging one in more ways than one, Na Fianna became a constant in many lives, bringing normality to the weeks and months of 2020. Throughout the year, Na Fianna hit new heights across all areas of the club. For the first time ever, Na Fianna Nursery recorded a 50:50 attendance split between boys and girls, a testament to the time and effort put in by all the mentors, coaches, parents, and players. Huge congratulations to Na Fianna footballer Eoin Murchan and hurler Donal Burke on being nominated, respectively, for the 2020 PwC football and hurling All-Stars. Eoin was selected in the football team. On Friday February 5th Na Fianna hosted a 'Friday Forum', where Na Fianna intercounty players Roisin Baker and Jonny Cooper conducted a question and answer session with our younger members and players.

In early March NA Fianna made a club submission to the Dublin City Development Plan public consultation process. We outlined how we think Dublin City Council could really enable healthier, stronger more active lives for city residents by protecting existing recreational spaces; creating new

sporting spaces & facilities and prioritising investment in sporting participation.

At GAA Annual Congress 2021, our Na Fianna colleague John Horan stepped down after his three year tenure as President of the GAA. We are very proud of John's achievements during his term, not least his skilled navigation of the association through the last unprecedented year. He leaves a strong legacy behind for incoming president Larry McCarthy.

Gradam Brian MacCraith was established to celebrate the new community partnership between DCU and CLG Na Fianna. This consists of a specially commissioned trophy crafted by local silversmith Séamus Gill and is named in recognition of Brian MacCraith, past-President of DCU, who had an important role in developing this partnership.

It is presented to a young Na Fianna member (<19 yr), remarkable for their enthusiasm for club activity, volunteerism with initiatives of fundraising or community outreach, leadership by example, or assisting others without seeking limelight. We were delighted to receive 45 submissions, all of which were considered carefully by the Gradam Brian MacCraith committee.

The inaugural Gradam Brian MacCraith recipient is Eddie Mongey. Eddie epitomises all that is best about the spirit of Na Fianna and is a worthy inaugural recipient. Comhghairdeas

Summer camp season kicked off this week with the club's first ever 'Advanced Camp', sponsored by Ray Cooke Auctioneers and aimed at 13-16 year olds. While summer camps for Primary school children have long been a club feature, this year was the first attempt to facilitate teenagers during the summer months. The Club's Coaching Group have put together a bespoke programme for the camp attendees this week: in addition to football, hurling and camogie activities each day, the camp is covering lifestyle, nutrition and athletic development topics tailored specifically for teenagers.

Equally impressive is the fantastic line-up of camp coaches, including Carla Rowe (Dublin Ladies Senior Footballer); Hannah Tyrrell (Na Fianna & Dublin Ladies Senior Footballer and former Ireland Rugby player); Dotsy O'Callaghan (former Dublin Hurler); Eoghan O'Donnell (Dublin Senior Hurler); Sean Bugler (Dublin Senior Footballer); Cormac Costelloe (Dublin Senior Footballer); Orla Gray (Na Fianna and Dublin Senior Camogie Player); Ciara Tierney (Na Fianna and Dublin Senior Camogie Player); and Stephen O'Shaughnessy (Dublin GAA Football Development Officer and former Dublin Senior Footballer).

A massive thank you and the best of luck to our Games Promotion Officer, Mark McManus, as he finishes up with the club to make a change in career, taking up a role with MSD Biotech in Swords. Mark has been an exemplar GPO during his seven years at Na Fianna, working tirelessly to develop and promote hurling and football in the club, in schools and in the community. He has been a key member of the club's Coaching Group, working with club colleagues to develop and implement a player pathway from Nursery right through to Senior squads. In addition, Mark's confident, affirming approach to everyone he interacts with – from 5 year olds to young adults, and from teachers to parents taking their first steps into coaching – has had a wonderfully positive effect on our club experience, with juvenile membership at the club increasing by 50% during his tenure.

Lastly, I would sincerely like to thank all the members on the Executive over the past year for their constant support and guidance. It has been a huge honour and a privilege to sit alongside them at the table. I am in constant awe of them all. Also, a special mention to Aisling Deignan, who always answered my calls with humour & assistance, no matter how simplistic the question was. Thank you.

Shane Bleahen
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TEAM REPORTS

Ladies Football - LGFA

Code: LGFA

Team: Senior

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
38	8	37	10	8

Team Name: Na Fianna Senior Ladies

Manager/Lead mentor: Neil Mulhern

League Division No: 1

Championship Grade: A

Highlights of the year to date:

We started the year with covid being a limiting factor. We put in place a strength and conditioning programme for the team to do at home and by themselves to help give us the best chance of hitting the ground running. It's been great to get back on the pitch. Access to RCSI has been a huge help and given us great space to plan and execute sessions. We've had some great wins so far, against castleknock in the league a real highlight. Players who have been consistently training have shown great improvement and become leaders in the group. It's fantastic to see our intercounty players excel in championship.

Significant challenges during the year:

A major disappointment was the gym gear being distributed to the two senior men's team without any notice to our team. Injuries, county players and holidays have been we've had minimum of 15 and up to 22 players absent from our training.

Code: LGFA

Team: Intermediate

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
29	4	24	4	2

Team Name: 2 Adult Ladies Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Mark O'Shea

League Division No: 4

Championship Grade: Junior B

Highlights of the year to date:

We have had a good start to the year winning all but one of our games to-date. We have had a lot of new players join us this year 1 from the seniors and a number just out of minor, they have all added to make our group stronger. The girls were incredible over lockdown, we were doing zoom sessions 2 times a week and the attendance and participation was excellent. We have a very strong management team that work well together. We are hoping to progress each of the girls this year to maximise their ability for themselves and the team.

Significant challenges during the year:

We have had players contract covid or be a close contact which has been disruptive for the group. Or numbers have been very tight for some games as players have been away on holidays or injured, the minors are a great support to us.

Code: LGFA

Team: Junior 1

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
0	0	25	6	0

Team Name: Adult team 3

Manager/Lead mentor: Ricky O'Sullivan

League Division No: 7

Championship Grade: E

Highlights of the year to date:

Na Fianna fielded two new adult ladies football teams in 2021 and now we have 5 teams. Team 3 play in the Division 7A league and the Junior E Championship. The panel is made up of players who were previously with team 2, players just out of minor and in the first year of adult football, as well as a group of players who had taken a break from football for a year or more. A Covid lockdown from before Christmas to early May, was far from the ideal situation for a new team to come together. It is to the credit of all the players that they have bonded into a close-knit group, both on and off the field. This is due in large measure to team captain Dee O'Neill.

The year started with 3 months of Zoom sessions organised for ladies football team 3,4 and 5. There were 2 blocks of sessions, one run by ex Na Fianna player Aisling Freir who is a qualified Physio Therapist and the other by Bernie Finlay, ex Na Fianna Senior player and All Ireland winner with Dublin. These were of huge benefit to all the players that took part.

League and Championship have gone well so far with the team due to play their first championship semi-final in late August.

The management team is made up of Gabriel Travers, Conor Buckley and Ricky O'Sullivan.

Significant challenges during the year:

None

Code: LGFA

Team: Junior 2

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
28	0	32	0	0

Team Name: Junior D

Manager/Lead mentor: Brendan Roddy

League Division No: 8

Championship Grade: G

Highlights of the year to date:

Excellent atmosphere within the group...The girls have come into this year with a lot of energy and positivity.

Currently going well in Championship, Cup and League. We remain optimistic of honors this season. Delighted to have Pat Rogan back working alongside me and big thank you to Roisin O'Sullivan as team captain for looking after both players and mentors.

Significant challenges during the year:

We have a big panel and the biggest challenge is to ensure adequate game time for all.

Code: LGFA

Team: Junior 3

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
N/a	N/a	26	5	0

Team Name: Adult - Junior 3 LGFA

Manager/Lead mentor: Tiarnán Ó Dubhlainn and Dave Fenton

League Division No: 10

Championship Grade: Junior I

Highlights of the year to date:

It is the first year for this team so that is the highlight. At the time of writing We are joint 2nd in the League and are awaiting confirmation on Championship progress as we are involved in a 3 way tie. All very exciting and looking forward to the rest of the season and hopefully an easier No covid 2022. Massive Thanks to Dave Fenton who puts in huge work behind the scene to enable the players and other mentors to do their Job.

Significant challenges during the year:

Our biggest issue was not Covid but leaving cert 65% of the team had exams which meant we really struggled to get players out during exams. Matches started the same day as exams started so it was a hard few weeks. On that point if it was not for the good will of Josh Butler and the Minor D team who gave us a hand we would likely have collapsed. Míle buíochas Josh

Code: LGFA

Team: Minor C

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
20	6	20	0	0

Team Name: Minor Ladies C team

Manager/Lead mentor: Noel Mallon

League Division No: Div 8

Championship Grade: Div 7

Highlights of the year to date:

We began the year as an entirely 2004 group entering minor with a year to spare. There was a threat of physicality and experience that might catch us out. Myself and Tommy Burke we're new coaches to this group and there were a few new girls added to the usual 2004 B team.

The girls showed remarkable coach-ability and willingness to adapt tactics, to add to the sum of their already considerable individual abilities. After a few really tough high intensity games versus our extremely well coached minor B team we felt we had the intensity to match our competitors in Div 8. We had one really excellent game v Trinity Gaels which ended in a draw, having come back from 5 points down and showed off all the talents of the girls involved. Other than that we were strong for the division and won it on score difference over Trinity Gaels having beaten the other teams, Castleknock B, Round Towers B and Ballyboden D considerably.

We have applied, through consultation with the girls to play a higher level of c'ship to find a challenge that meets their ability. To grow as a unit and also meet their individual needs this will prepare some to play at a higher level next year and allow others to enjoy the ups and downs of playing GAA.

Significant challenges during the year:

We don't have consistent training times as we share the back pitch on Wednesdays with Senior girls matches.

Code: LGFA

Team: 2005 Girls - U16

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
42	22	43	18	0

Team Name: 2005 A Girls Gaelic Football

Manager/Lead mentor: Billy McLaughlin, Georgina Caraher

League Division No: 2

Championship Grade: 2

Team Name: 2005 B Girls Gaelic Football

Manager/Lead mentor: Ronan McLoughlin

League Division: 5

Championship Grade: 5

Highlights of the year to date:

Once again our 2005 Girls Football Group have proved themselves to be a wonderful bunch of young ladies, with a dedicated, positive attitude both on and off the field. Attendance at training is excellent and skill levels have significantly improved over the last year, despite the challenges of Covid-19 and the restrictions on activities. We are looking forward to seeing out 2021 in a positive League and Championship campaign before moving the girls to the Minor Club set up.

Significant challenges during the year:

The main challenge over the last year was ensuring that we maintained contact with the girls during the times when face to face training was not allowed. Our wish as a mentor group was to keep the girls playing and make them proud to be part of such a great club and set up.

Code: LGFA

Team: 2006 Girls - U15

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
59	56	59	56	5

Team Name: U15 Girls

Manager/Lead mentor: Karen Hargan

League Division No: 1

Championship Grade: 1

Team Name: U15 B

Manager/Lead mentor: Brendan Roddy

League Division: 7

Championship Grade: 7

Team Name: U15 C

Manager/Lead mentor: Les Fitzsimons

League Division:8

Championship: 8

Highlights of the year to date:

All 3 U15 girls teams were delighted to recommence proper training in May following a difficult year of online training and challenges. The girls benefited from online Strength & Conditioning training during lockdown led by former gladiator Audrey Garland, Audrey is a huge asset with her many years of experience. All 3 teams had a good league season with U15 B team coming second in Division 7 and U15 A team winning Division 1 league.

We were delighted to welcome Brendan Roddy on board as the new B team Manager. Thank you to all the parents for their support, dedication and commitment that allows us to still have 3 teams at this age. Huge thanks must go to the massive effort all mentors put into all 3 teams, without them the girls would not be where they are today. The girls themselves are a super bunch and a credit to the club and their community.

Significant challenges during the year:

We have been unable to fundraise which has meant that the mentors have to purchase the equipment needed themselves, hopefully we will be able to get back to fundraising in the very near future. Similar to all teams I'm sure!!

Code: LGFA

Team: 2007 girls - U14

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
44	34	48	31	0

Team Name: U14 Blue Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Alan Tully

League Division No: 2

Championship Grade: Div 2

Team Name: U14 Yellow Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Eamonn Byrne

League Division: 9

Championship Grade: Div 9

Highlights of the year to date:

The past year proved very challenging with covid combined with most of our group commencing their first year in Secondary school. The div 2 group were in a semi final when covid restrictions hit again and we resorted to zoom training again with a mixed response. We have lost three girls during covid and have a further two out through long term injuries. We gained 6 new girls, five of them completely new to ladies football. We have embraced the new ruling with football and camogie on alternate weeks. Matches recommenced for us on 20th June, our div 2 team finished second in league, and division 9 did not get to complete all of their fixtures. Championship commences at the end of August. The girls are going to Carlingford adventure centre in August for a team bonding day. The girls and mentors very much appreciate the coaching input received from Roisin O'Sullivan during the year, and also some bonus sessions arranged with the help of Jane Daly.

Significant challenges during the year:

With Feile now moved to U15 it will give us an opportunity hopefully to fundraise once the opportunity arises, as Covid restrictions prevented this. The girls missed out on opportunities for trips and team bonding due to the coronavirus. Our development team played in Div 9 but only got two games in this division. Our div 2 team are a work in progress and due to games played during the summer holiday season we have yet been unable to field a settled team. Our aim for the coming year will be to retain our existing panel and bring on our new additions to the panel. No contact has been made with our age group regarding Dublin development.

Code: LGFA

Team: 2008 Girls - U13

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
67	49	72	50	0

Team Name: Na Fianna U13 A

Manager/Lead mentor: Art Fitzpatrick

League Division No: 1

Championship Grade: 1

Team Name: Na Fianna U13 B

Manager/Lead mentor: Brian Fitzgerald

League Division: 5

Championship Grade: 5

Team Name: Na Fianna U13 C

Manager/Lead mentor: Mike Downey

League Division: 9

Championship: 10

Team Name: Na Fianna U13 D

Manager/Lead mentor: Stephen White

League Division: 10

Championship Grade: 10

Highlights of the year to date:

We entered 4 football teams in the league and championship. One of only three clubs in Dublin to do so.

Significant challenges during the year:

A good year for our football teams in general. A, B and D teams were in very competitive divisions and had some great matches. C team moved from Div 9 to Div 10 for championship which is to be welcomed because.

We had six new players join our team and we were delighted to recruit two new mentors.

Code: LGFA

Team: 2009 Girls - U12

Manager/Lead mentor: Gavin Jennings

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
58	47	68	57	0

Highlights of the year to date:

Like the camogie team our football squad increased this year again. We had plus 50 girls at training for a large number of nights which proved challenging but great. Our skill levels have improved and playing streamed football has really helped. Our GoGames matches were challenging and in some cases we were on the end of big losses. But in all cases we found that the differences between us and the opposition were not on the same level as the scoreline. As per the camogie the players played as a team and played for each other which is a real highlight.

Significant challenges during the year:

The main challenges we have at the moment is getting more match practice and investigating how our opposition are playing better than us on match days. All of our players have improved from last year so we are very positive for the coming season. We will look for assistance from the teams above us to see if we can improve the weekly training that the players are getting.

Code: LGFA

Team: 2010 Girls - U11

Manager/Lead mentor: David Steenson

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
70	68	80	79	0

Highlights of the year to date:

2 years out from streaming and divisional splits, the 2010 Girls have taken on around 10 new girls in the last 12 months. The swell in numbers from 35 when leaving nursery 3 years ago to 80+ is unprecedented and has seen us progress from a 3 team club to 4 team club before finally moving to a 6 team club in the last 6 months. This has enabled us to field every player for every minute of every game for their club which is in contrast to last year when we were turning up for Go Games with enough players for a 5th team and in most cases supplemented the opposition teams. We have a strong group of committed mentors but looking ahead to 2 years down the line we need more female involvement.

Significant challenges during the year:

New players entering the system at this stage is throwing up challenges in terms of us returning to basics - and I mean fundamental movement basics as opposed to game based skills (which, if we are back to fundamentals, will be an even bigger challenge). In terms of mentor spread for streaming in 2 years time we are Ok if a bit light on the players that are still developing - we also need additional female involvement and aim to supplement that from the parent group.

Code: LGFA

Team: 2012 Girls - U9

Manager/Lead mentor: Barry Maher

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
54	50	62	60	0

Highlights of the year to date:

The 2012 girls have gone from strength to strength over the past year. Lots of new joiners. Football skills have continued to improve massively. The girls are performing strongly in matches, and attendance at matches and training is always very high.

Significant challenges during the year:

It has been a great year - once Covid restrictions allowed us to get back to normal.

Camogie

Code: Camogie

Team: Senior 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Eamonn Ryan

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
24	14	26	15	11

League Division No: Senior 1

Championship Grade: Senior 1

Highlights of the year to date:

It has been hard to find positives but sport has provided some relief. For the Senior Camogie team the new season brought in new hope and new team manager in Eoin Ryan. Eoin is the Dominican School Camogie manager, so he had coached many of the Adult camogie players in Na Fianna. Building a team panel in the middle of a pandemic is difficult but with the aid of Senior 3 coaches a panel was created. The "split" season between County/Club competitions presented the Adult Senior team with additional challenges. Namely leagues had to be played minus the clubs Inter-county players. Na Fianna is blessed with having so many talented players who make such a big contribution to the Dublin Senior, Intermediate and Minor teams. Their contributions are a source of great pride to the club. Building a team for club leagues was always going to be a big challenge. On the plus side was the opportunity for club players to play, Eoin was able to provide a lot of Adult players with an opportunity to play senior. With the help and support of Intermediate team and management a league campaign was successfully played. Playing other senior clubs with few or no players away with Inter-county teams was difficult but rewarding. Some great competitive league matches have helped shape a senior panel and has had a big impact on club players fitness levels. The league for Na Fianna without Inter-county players did lead to many one sided games. Club players have benefited hugely from these games and Eoin also got to see many adult players he would not ordinarily have been able to do.

As a result the senior team now goes into a club championship with a strong panel and every reason to be confident of the campaign ahead.

Significant challenges during the year:

The GAA Split season means for Camogie and Ladies Football club competitions are on top of each other, placing huge demands on dual players.

Meaningless Leagues with no county players led to too many one-sided games.

Code: Camogie

Team: Intermediate

Team Name: Intermediate Camogie

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
25	12	21	8	0

League Division No: Inter 1

Championship Grade: Inter 1

Highlights of the year to date:

Having being knocked out of Championship at Semi Final the team very quickly dusted themselves off and got stuck into preparation for Championship 2021! Having had a Covid cancellation of a fundraiser, first order of business in November their #donateanddobetter. The team undertook some personal challenges over the 6 week lockdown. To finish off the 6 weeks they took over all juvenile camogie sessions over 1 weekend, supported by all adult camogie teams. This raised funds for a local woman, who was undergoing treatment for Cancer.

In January they began their S&C programme. Finally getting back to the pitch, they competed well in league. Championship is currently 1 game in which they happily won, and all in great spirits for round 2.

Significant challenges during the year:

As always the lack of week on/week off with Ladies football creates many challenges for players and mentors in both codes.

The ask of dual players to play 2 Championship games in 1 week is unfair and needs to be resolved in order to retain players for both codes.

Code: Camogie

Team: Junior 2

Manager/Lead mentor: Rachel Rogers

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
NK	NK	20	7	0

Team Name: Na Fianna C

League Division No: Division 6

Championship Grade: Division 6

Highlights of the year to date:

A significant number of players have returned to Junior Camogie along with a very high number of girls crossing over from the 2004 age group. Management of Junior 2 & 5 decided to work as a 'one Junior setup' and this has been working very well. During the C-19 period Junior management rolled out a Zoom strength and conditioning programme, a running programme, a fitness/core programme and a skills directional video. Players were asked to complete no more than 3 activities per week and no more than 2 if they were undertaking a similar programme with football. Engagement with the roll out was very high with nearly all players taking part in some aspect of the programme/s. 3 of the players from Junior Camogie have progressed up to Intermediate panel and are expected to remain there. 4 players from the Junior Camogie Squad have gone out this year to support the Senior 3 Panel across a couple of matches. 2 players from the Junior Squad have gone out to support the Senior Panel for 1 Match. The Junior 2 squad competed very well across the 2nd part of cup with the score results and style of play improving significantly as training and team cohesion progressed

Significant challenges during the year:

The primary challenge was to ensure that players regraded if necessary, for them to both play with the appropriate junior squad and to maximise game time for each player. Despite positive reinforcement from all adult camogie managers this process was only partially successful and could do with a review before the next playing year. Another challenge included tailoring training schedules to fit around work schedules, a high number of players have reached their '1st part time job' milestone. It would be extremely useful to both management and girls if we could occasionally draw down on additional coaching resources as there are 3 people managing/mentoring/coaching 2 squads at Junior.

Code: Camogie

Team: Junior 5

Manager/Lead mentor: Anne Barrett

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
NK	NK	27	12	0

Highlights of the year to date:

2021 has been a positive year for the Jun5 camogie team, with the existing committed players welcoming on board this year's new minors. Great engagement by players during lockdown in online fitness classes meant we hit the ground running when restrictions started lifting. A number of Jun2 players regraded for this year which gave them extra game time during league and allowed Jun2 and Jun5 managers to work together on determining best panels for upcoming championship.

The main positive of this year has been the close relationship between managers across all four adult camogie teams but particularly between the Jun2 and Jun5 groups. By training these two groups together we have had well attended sessions with a visible growth in both skills and teamwork since training resumed.

Following a number of years of crushing defeats, the highlight of 2021 for this group was making the Jun5 Cup final played at home on 12th August against Naomh Mearnogs. Unfortunately, a last-minute goal by Mearnogs resulted in a 2pt deficit for the team at full time. While disappointed the players have turned their focus to Championship with group matches against Ballyboden and local rivals Erin's Isle with the hope of reversing that result against Mearnogs, who have been drawn in the opposite group. In the words of one of the players "this year we have something to play for!"

Significant challenges during the year:

One of the significant challenges this year is player welfare. While thankfully DLGFA and Dublin Camogie have agreed a week on week off schedule for teams up to u16, this is not yet available for our minor and adult teams. As a club who fully supports the choice of our players to play both codes this puts an extra workload on those players. With both football and camogie matches scheduled in the same week it is critical that there is full transparency as to what players, particularly minor players, are being asked to do.

The continuing engagement between the football and camogie mentors will ensure that all Na Fianna teams are best positioned to ensure success for all teams and the continuing enjoyment of the game by the players.

Code: Camogie

Team: Minor

Manager/Lead mentor: Elaine O Meara and Eamonn Cassidy

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
54	42	55	44	3

Championship Grade: 1,3 and 5

Highlights of the year to date:

Unfortunately due to when Minor League and championship is run it didn't get played in 2020/2021.

The Minor B team had won Minor Championship in 2019 so the appetite was there to get going for league and Championship for 3 teams.

All involved in Minor are also involved in Senior panels so are in adult Championship currently. Every year they can't wait to get back together for Championship in November, and this year even more so.

Significant challenges during the year:

We are still pushing as a club for a significant Minor League and Championship. There is no question it is an obstacle in retaining players.

The lack of week on/week off for camogie and football continues to make it difficult for players to commit fully to both, and also is an obstacle in retaining players.

Code: Camogie

Team: 2005 Girls - U16

Manager/Lead mentor: Eamonn Cassidy

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
24	24	18	18	0

Highlights of the year to date:

Following a very competitive championship in 2020 the girls reached the Shield semi-finals, after which training continued as usual through to Christmas with Peter Mongey and Ciara Tierney supporting Eamon and Cormac with coaching.

As we went into another lockdown after Christmas, Mairead Baker designed a 'Fitness Home Sweat Programme' to keep the girls focused. Weekly online check-ins with the girls and team quizzes continued throughout the 1st quarter of 2021.

Many of the girls completed their Camogie/Football Refereeing course and began refereeing Go Games when they resumed in June.

The girls rallied together with a plan to win the Club's Step Challenge on St. Patrick's Day. They split into groups and walked all over Dublin raking up a total of 4.4million steps between them and their families and winning €500 for the group, a brilliant team achievement.

In June Eamonn organised an online Nutrition Course with Bridge Nutrition for all the girls which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

We were all delighted to be back to training in April with both Kieran and David returning as mentors, we played a few challenge matches before heading into our league matches. We are taking the girls to play Louth Minors, followed by outdoor activities in Castleblaney before beginning their U16 championship.

Significant challenges during the year:

Undeniably the 2nd lockdown had a big impact on retaining girls playing Camogie, as our squad lost 5 dual players and another girl to other activities. A small squad and league being held during the summer impacted our ability to field team at times. However with both codes now alternating matches each weekend we hope this will facilitate support to our team from other year groups. Despite this the girls have such a love for Camogie and support for each other, we are confident they will continue to play Camogie at a very competitive Adult level next year.

Code: Camogie

Team: 2006 Girls - U15

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
47	47	50	50	5

Team Name: 2006 Camogie Division 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Eamonn Phelan

League Division No: Division 1

Championship Grade: Division 1

Team Name: 2006 Camogie Division 3

Manager/Lead mentor: Larry O'Connell

League Division: Division 3

Championship Grade: Division 3

Team Name: 2006 Camogie Division 5

Manager/Lead mentor: Kevin Kelly

League Division: Division 5

Championship: Division 5

Highlights of the year to date:

Despite all the challenges this was another really good year for this group. The year in number below;- 50 players:- We were very focused on retention, particular with Covid19 and are glad to say our retention rate is 98%.

3 teams: For the second year we are the only club in Dublin with 3 teams at this grade.

2 Semi-Finals: Our Division 1 and Division 3 teams made the Championship Semi-finals which, due to Covid19, did not proceed.

1 Shield semi: Our Division 5 team made their Shield semi-final which also did not proceed due to Covid19.

15 Feile: As there was no Feile last year but it has now been moved to the U15 grade. Camogie Feile is due to take place on August 21st.

A big 'Thanks You' to mentors Mark O'Shea, Ciara DeRosford, Larry O'Connell, Gary Cregan, Elodie Boudhar, Kevin Kelly, Laura Quinn and Siobhan Kehoe. Thanks to Rosin O'Donoghue who came on board with our B team and Ciara Tierney who has helped out with goalkeeping sessions. Also 'Thank You' to our very supportive parent group.

Significant challenges during the year:

A key challenge for us is getting more mentors involved with hurling/camogie experience. Some of our mentors are also involved with other age groups and now have conflicting schedules. This is particularly an issue with our Div 3 team this year. We would love if some experienced mentors/senior players came on board with this team.

As U14 now play games on the same day as us they are not in a position to support us. 15 girls play 2 games each weekend in less than 24 hours in the league and being the second code each weekend has been difficult on the girls. We have tried to mitigate this with moving games but it's a big problem.

Code: Camogie

Team: 2007 Girls - U14

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
37	37	37	37	9

Team Name: U14 A

Manager/Lead mentor: James Spellman

League Division No: Div 2

Championship Grade: Div 2

Team Name: U14 B

Manager/Lead mentor: Eamon Byrne / Denise Fitzgerald

League Division: Div 5

Championship Grade: Div 5

Highlights of the year to date:

This year like last year has been very different for the girls. We lost 4 girls from last year but have gained 4 new players,

2 who were football only have taken up camogie again with us 2 girls have returned both playing dual codes. They gave really immersed themselves and after 6 training session a went straight into playing Div 5 eague matches.

All matches in both Divs have been compedative and all fixtures fulfilled, which were a challenge at times. Midweek games definitely helped here.

Significant challenges during the year:

The 2 biggest challenges encountered to date are;

1 - Our Div 5 team playing single only club teams who position themselves in a division where they hand out 20+ point beatings to 2nd team clubs in that division. Its very unfair and not enough is being done at a county level early on to resolve this practice.

2 - Retaining girls is still a big focus particularly for those who have other activities or hobbies clashing with training and matches.

Code: Camogie

Team: 2008 Girls - U13

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
49	49	50	50	0

Team Name: Na Fianna U13 A

Manager/Lead mentor: Art Fitzpatrick

League Division No: 1

Championship Grade: 1

Team Name: Na Fianna U13 B

Manager/Lead mentor: Brian Fitzgerald

League Division: 3

Championship Grade: 4

Team Name: Na Fianna U13 C

Manager/Lead mentor: Stephen White

League Division: 7

Championship: 7

Highlights of the year to date:

We entered three camogie teams for the U13 League. Only two other clubs in Dublin entered three camogie teams. We were competitive in Div 1. We won a relegation play-off against Castleknock. Our B team was unrealistically entered in Div 3 against our wishes. This has now been rectified and that team will now play in Div 4. Our C team struggled in Div 7 especially against other clubs B teams.

Significant challenges during the year:

This was our first year playing in a league. Our B team in particular were graded too high (Div 3) and played against other clubs A teams.

Code: Camogie

Team: 2009 Girls - U12

Manager/Lead mentor: Ian Moloney

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
48	48	57	57	0

Highlights of the year to date:

We had a quite a jump in our membership this year which was fantastic. We had 40 plus girls at Camogie training for the first time ever which was fantastic. It was also great to get back to Go Games. We played streamed teams for the first match which was great for all of the girls as they could all excel.

Unfortunately our opposition for the remaining matches wanted to play mixed teams which did not suit our players as well. We started with a win and ended with a win after a number of losses which was a nice ending for the all involved.

Significant challenges during the year:

The main challenges we have is getting all of our players to the right skill level. We need to get all of the girls hitting comfortably in the air. Most of our new players had never played camogie so this will come.

Our better players have mastered most skills but need to play more matches as a team to really improve. Streamed matches in the Autumn will help the players at all levels.

Code: Camogie

Team: 2010 Girls - U11

Manager/Lead mentor: Dave Steenson

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
70	68	80	79	0

Highlights of the year to date:

2 years out from streaming and divisional splits, the 2010 Girls have taken on around 10 new girls in the last 12 months. The swell in numbers from 35 when leaving nursery 3 years ago to 80+ is unprecedented and has seen us progress from a 3 team club to 4 team club before finally moving to a 6 team club in the last 6 months. This has enabled us to field every player for every minute of every game for their club which is in contrast to last year when we were turning up for Go Games with enough players for a 5th team and in most cases supplemented the opposition teams. We have a strong group of committed mentors but looking ahead to 2 years down the line we need more female involvement.

Significant challenges during the year:

New players entering the system at this stage is throwing up challenges in terms of us returning to basics - and I mean fundamental movement basics as opposed to game based skills (which, if we are back to fundamentals, will be an even bigger challenge). In terms of mentor spread for streaming in 2 years time we are Ok if a bit light on the players that are still developing - we also need additional female involvement and aim to supplement that from the parent group.

Code: Camogie & LGFA

Team: 2011 Girls - U10

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
57	57	64	64	0

Team Name: Team A

Manager/Lead mentor: Paul Jensen

League Division No: Under 10 girls

Championship Grade: N/a

Team Name: Team B

Manager/Lead mentor: Damien Mullan

League Division: Under 10 girls

Championship Grade: N/a

Highlights of the year to date:

We had a significant uptake in numbers attending training, following the opening up of covid restrictions in April. A number of new players joined the group, which was really positive. We also welcomed a number of new mentors to the coaching group, which was a huge help and allowed us to coach 5 groups during training. We have taken great positives from our matches, and the girls have shown great tenacity and spirit against some very good opposition.

Significant challenges during the year:

One challenge was keeping players engaged during the covid lockdown, and the other was managing our training sessions with a large number of new players joining from April.

Code: Camogie

Team: 2012 Girls - U9

Manager/Lead mentor: Barry Maher

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
50	50	59	59	0

Highlights of the year to date:

The 2012 girls have gone from strength to strength over the past year. We continue to recruit new players, and encouragingly the net has been cast widely with many new joiners having parents born outside Ireland.

We have also recruited a number of new mentors to accommodate the bulging group.

Camogie skills have continued to improve massively. The girls are performing strongly in matches, and they have risen to the challenges of air hurling, larger pitches and the (even) smaller ball.

Significant challenges during the year:

No real challenges - the girls are all superstars.

Code: Camogie

Team: 2013 Girls – U8 (Camogie and Ladies Football)

Manager/Lead mentor: Eabhnat Ní Fhloinn

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
0	0	98	98	0

Highlights of the year to date:

2020/2021 was an exciting year for 2013 Girls, as they moved from Nursery through to Juvenile. Many of the girls trained throughout Summer 2020 in Nursery, as well as doing rounders once a week. They showed great adaptation to the varying degrees of non-contact training allowed, and special credit must go to our mentors, who, with the help of our former GPO, Mark McManus, and the Nursery coordinator, Michael Carr, made sure that training remained fun and safe for all children involved.

In November 2020, the girls were delighted to have a training session with some of Na Fianna's Senior Hurlers, who mentioned how impressed they were with the girls' core skills. In December 2020, a total of 87 2013 Girls graduated from Nursery. They were delighted to have two special guests at their graduation ceremony – Niall Cooper...and Santa!

Unable to practice together again at the start of 2021, 2013 Girls showed great enthusiasm to keep up their skills, logging 1,115 individual practice sessions during the month of February. They then went on to show similar engagement with the club-run challenges, first winning the Jumping Jacks lockdown challenge, and then winning the overall prize for best performance across all the club challenges!

When we resumed in-person training, we welcomed lots of new girls to our team, with 100 girls now on our membership list. Each girl received her own football upon returning to training, to encourage them to practice at home; the girls bring their footballs to training each week. The initiative has been a huge success.

The girls then started Go-Games in June, fielding 11 teams across 3 pods in both Ladies Football and Camogie. They have been great ambassadors for the club at Go-Games, displaying great team-work and having fun in all their matches!

Significant challenges during the year:

COVID-related challenges: Varying levels of contact training meant we delayed some of the skills we had planned to introduce. Pods of 15 or less took a lot of planning, particularly when welcoming so many new children, many of whom wanted to train with friends. COVID-related admin placed a large burden on mentors.

General challenges: Sourcing funding for equipment for such a large group. Transitioning from Nursery to Juvenile, from an admin point of view. Fielding teams during the summer months for Go-Games.

Football

Code: Football

Team: Senior 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Lar Norton

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
NK	NK	NK	NK	NK

League Division No: AFL 1

Championship Grade: 1

Highlights of the year to date:

This year has been an interesting and enjoyable one for the Senior Football Team.

The delayed start due to lockdown gave us the chance to introduce a lot of new players to the panel, get the bodies right and prepare for when we could play football again.

The Division 1 league was seen as a chance to build - and over the course of the summer a lot of new and up and coming players contributed as we went undefeated. The culmination of that was the league final against Kilmacud in Parnell Park in August where we were happy to take the spoils in an exciting game to watch - a good first step for the year!

Attention now turns to Championship, a tough group and lots of challenges await but the group as whole are ready to give it everything to bring some smiles to the faces of those around the club!

Significant challenges during the year:

N/a

Code: Football

Team: AFL 2

Manager/Lead mentor: Pat Boylan

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
NK	NK	NK	NK	NK

League Division No: AFL 2

Championship Grade: Intermediate

Highlights of the year to date:

After a slow start to the season, the team finished their league campaign well to move them up the table.

There is a great mixture of youth and experience with four second year minors added to the squad along with some young talented footballers who had previously played with the Junior team. The team has three brothers playing together which must be a record for the club.

The team has drawn a tough pool in the championship with St. Sylvesters and Caula. The hard work has been put in by the players and confidence is high in having a good run at the Intermediate Championship.

Significant challenges during the year:

N/a

Code: Football

Team: AFL 8

Manager/Lead mentor: Tiarnán Ó Dubhlainn, John Lynch and Pat Brennan

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
25-30	1	25-30	1	0

League Division No: 8

Championship Grade: Junior 2 All County Championship

Highlights of the year to date:

This team has had many adventure over the last few years and 2021 has not been any different. Players have given it their best all year and mentors are very proud of them for that. A huge THANK YOU to the Following people John Lynch and Pat Brennan for the monumental efforts the put in it would shock you to know the hours they put in, to all the players who do odd jobs as well as train and play, to our injured players Shay O'Neill and Mick Quinn who are available for umpire or linesman, also to John Murchan for being or resident Umpire for many years, to Gabriel Travers and Pat Naughton who helped and advised when we needed it and lastly to our regular 15+ supporters who follow us all around the city we really appreciate it and who knew so few could make such a noise and we will need you one more time this year.

Significant challenges during the year:

None. We have fun and thats all

Code: Football

Team: AFL 10

Manager/Lead mentor: Andy Pyne

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
30	20	25	20	0

Championship Grade: Junior 4 all county

Highlights of the year to date:

None really, weve only played 4 games.

Significant challenges during the year:

Same as above

Code: Football
Team: Minor A (2003/2004)
No. of registered players on 1st August last year: NA
And how many of these were dual players: NA
No. of registered players on 1st August this year: 29
And how many of these were dual players: 25
No. of players on County Panel/Development Squad: 4

Team Name: Minor A Football
Manager/Lead mentor: Barry Corrigan
League Division No: Division 1
Championship Grade: A Championship

Team Name: Minor B
Manager/Lead mentor: Larry O'Connell
League Division: Division 4
Championship Grade: D Championship

Team Name: Minor C
Manager/Lead mentor: Paul Fitzgerald
League Division: Division 5
Championship: E Championship

Highlights of the year to date:

We entered 3 teams in the league to try to accommodate the 60+ players registered. The management teams worked closely to ensure all players were afforded playing time. For the 1st round we fielded 3 teams, however Whitehall did not turn up for the Div.5 game. We subsequently fielded 2 teams for the remainder of the league due to availability of players.

The Division 1 team finished the league with 3 wins (Skerries, Erin's Isle and Ballymun), 1 draw (St. Vincent's) and 1 loss (St. Sylvester's). This 1-point defeat to Sylvester's meant we missed out on the league final. The Division 4 team finished with 3 wins (Clontarf, St. Brigid's and Lucan) 1 draw (Noamh Fionnbarra) and 1 loss (St. Vincent's).

The league was considered a success with all players encouraged to prioritise family holidays over league games following the covid and leaving cert pressures. This allowed us to provide gametime to 58 2003 & 2004 players, and 6 players from the 2005 squad. We have also been able to introduce 7 players to adult football.

One point of disappointment is that due to covid restrictions and the heavy load for dual players we did not get to develop a sufficient base in S&C. In this regard Ciaran Walsh proved hugely beneficial in educating the group on topics such as S&C, nutrition, sleep, speed work, etc. Coordination with the minor hurling mgmt, adult football managers, U16 mgmt, adult games coordinator and the fixtures team have been very positive and greatly appreciated.

The management teams are now preparing for the championship and looking forward to a positive showing.

Finally the minor football management teams would like to thank all parents for their assistance during this difficult period.

Significant challenges during the year:

Covid issues re S&C covered above.

Code: Football

Team: 2006 Boys - U15

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
63	NK	63	NK	5

Team Name: A team

Manager/Lead mentor: James Mangan

League Division No: A Feile group

Championship Grade: A

Team Name: B team

Manager/Lead mentor: Larry Maguire

League Division: D Feile group

Championship Grade: D

Team Name: C Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Mick Bermingham

League Division: E Feile group

Championship: E

Highlights of the year to date:

New management across all 3 teams coming into the set up, bringing a new voice and fresh ideas to training and matches. Boys responding well to mentors. Also being able to hold on to all the boys during the year when there were no matches was the biggest highlight as it was tough to keep them motivated and interested. Highlight to date is seeing boys back on the pitch.

Significant challenges during the year:

Obviously Covid and like above, trying to keep the boys motivated. Wasn't easy through Zoom calls etc but all managers played a huge role in getting all the boys back. Thanks to all mentors and parents.

Code: Football

Team: 2007 Boys - U14

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
81	75	78	75	0

Team Name: 2007 Boys A Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Fearghal Scanlon

League Division No: 1

Championship Grade: N/A

Team Name: 2007 Boys B Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Damien Morgan

League Division: 5

Team Name: 2007 Boys C Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Robert Donaghy

League Division:10

Team Name: 2007 Boys D Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Stephen Stenson

League Division: 11

Highlights of the year to date:

The 07 boys finished up the U13 grading matches in September 2020 after a very disjointed season but our four teams performed very well finishing up 5th in Division 1, 1st in Division 6, 2nd in Division 10 and 4th in Division 11. They continued training and turning out in great numbers up to December 2020.

The new U14 season in 2021 got off to a slow start with the government restrictions, still training got underway in earnest at the end of April and after a few warm-up matches the cup competition started in early June.

Our teams had self graded into Divisions 1, 5, 10 & 11 from a total of 12 divisions. The cup competitions mixed up Divisions 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, etc. To date all teams have played 4 matches and have performed very well with mixed results. We have managed to maintain nearly all our lads over the various lockdown periods and numbers at training have been very encouraging – its great that the lad's appetite for matches, training and keeping that connection with each other has stayed strong.

We are looking forward to finishing out our final three matches in the qualifying section and entering into the final phase of matches in September.

Significant challenges during the year:

The enforced break due to Covid 19 hasn't diminished the lads enthusiasm for Gaelic games which is great to see. The biggest challenge to our group has been trying to ensure that we are in a position to line out our four teams over the past two months – this only relates to people being off on much needed holidays once the various restrictions were starting to lift. But, thanks to a helping hand for the 2008 lads and by reshuffling our players and rearranging some matches we have always been in a position to fulfil our fixtures which is a fantastic achievement.

Code: Football

Team: 2008 Boys - U13

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
74	68	77	68	0

Team Name: 2008 Boys 1st Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Mark O'Shea

League Division No: 1

Championship Grade: A

Team Name: 2008 Boys 2nd Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Dave O'Duffy

League Division: 4

Team Name: 2008 Boys 3rd Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Ricky O'Sullivan

League Division: 7

Team Name: 2008 Boys 4th Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Ger Mealey

League Division: 11

Highlights of the year to date:

We have been able to fulfill all fixtures for the 4 teams so far. Most games have been competitive which is good. We had really good attendance on our Zoom sessions. We did Pilates for a number of weeks which was very well attended, feedback was very positive. The mentor group are very positive and active in our group which is great. We increased our numbers on last year which is a great credit to the group.

Significant challenges during the year:

Apart from Covid, the timing of matches during the summer when loads of people were away hasn't been great. We will only get a true reflection of each team when everyone is back to full strength. Hopefully we have put our teams in the correct divisions.

Code: Football

Team: 2009 Boys - U12

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
87	73	84	68	0

Team Name: 09 Boys Football Team 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Adam Rafter / Barry Maher

League Division No: Grading League A

Team Name: 09 Boys Football Team 2

Manager/Lead mentor: Doug Gray

League Division: Grading League C

Team Name: 09 Boys Football Team 3

Manager/Lead mentor: Joe Kavanagh

League Division: Grading League D

Team Name: 09 Boys Football Team 4 & 5

Manager/Lead mentor: Tom Dowd (Team 4) Paraic O'Carroll (Team 5)

League Division: Grading League E and Grading League F

Championship Grade: NA

Highlights of the year to date:

Attendance at training and matches has been fantastic. Over 80 boys consistently engage each week, with great enthusiasm. The boys have responded well to the challenges of playing on the bigger pitch. All the teams have performed admirably, including our first team who have started very strongly in their grading games.

Significant challenges during the year:

Covid 19 challenges have been obvious. Additionally, teams 4 and 5 have struggled a little bit in games, with opposition entering strong teams in low divisions. However, the mentors have been impressed with how the lads have stuck at it to the final whistle.

Code: Football

Team: 2011 Boys - U10

Manager/Lead mentor: Michael Carr

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
86	84	102	100	0

Highlights of the year to date:

Came back after Covid with the main focus on retaining numbers. In fact we have had a significant increase in numbers

Significant challenges during the year:

Covid

Hurling

Code: Hurling

Team: AHL 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Niall O Ceallachain

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
37	2	36	4	9

League Division No: AHL 1

Championship Grade: Senior A

Highlights of the year to date:

The panel resumed training in May when restrictions were lifted. Many thanks to the Facilities committee and everyone else who has helped turn RCSI into such an excellent training venue.

We have played 5 league games during the summer recording victories over Craobh Chiarain, Whitehall Colmcille, St Brigids and Naomh Barrog while losing to St Vincent's. At the time of writing we are preparing to play Ballyboden St Enda's in the AHL 1 Final on August 22nd.

We are happy to have been able to welcome back our seven Senior County Panellists in recent weeks Donal Burke, Kevin Burke, Liam Rushe, Jonathan Treacy, Paul O Dea, Sean Currie and Colin Currie. Also, Micheal Murphy and Kevin Burke who played important roles on the Dublin's u20 Hurling team which won the Leinster Championship in before losing out to Cork in the All Ireland Final

As ever Championship is our main focus for the year and it begins in September. We are in a four-team group along with Ballinteer St John's, Craobh Chiarain and Whitehall Colmcille.

Significant challenges during the year:

n/a

Code: Hurling

Team: AHL 4

Manager/Lead mentor: Donal Buggy

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
22	3	32	4	0

League Division No: 4

Championship Grade: B

Highlights of the year to date:

This is a large, talented and competitive squad, composed of young, aspiring and future top level senior hurlers, together with a handful of invaluable more experienced players. Training got underway in Alfie Byrne Park in November 2020 after the siege of the second pandemic lockdown was lifted: A total of 4 sessions later, activity was stopped for almost five months for the third wave.

The down time was used efficiently however: Lads were receptive when the Strava challenge was presented to them: record a faster 5Km time than the Bainisteoir or be dropped! We are grateful to Larry Brady, AHL division 5 player and Gym Instructor, who kindly led a number of online strength and conditioning sessions throughout the darkest days, giving us all a mental health boost in addition to physical training guidance.

We were delighted to resume training in St. Patrick's College all-weather in May, with high levels of attendance and application. As our foreshortened league programme developed, with mixed results, we noticed that our touch was somewhat off when playing on grass. Therefore, with many thanks to Andy Matthews, Adult Games Chair and Doug Grey, AHL division 7 team manager, we moved to Collinstown to great effect.

At time of writing we are preparing in good heart for the B championship Group of Death (St. Finbar's, N. Barróg & Round Towers), all of which operate at higher league levels.

Our thanks to Dee Quinn for her physical therapy support when not supporting Irish Olympic cyclists in Tokyo!

Management Team: Pat O'Fáinín, Paul Stacey, Adrian Tierney, Liam Gaughren and Donal Buggy.

Significant challenges during the year:

1. The Pandemic
 2. Grass area for training (all-weather is wonderful but bounce not quite authentic for hurling)
 3. Uncertainty about panel members for championship, i.e. which players we receive from S1 and who we should release to J1.
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Code: Hurling

Team: Adult Hurling AHL 8

Manager/Lead mentor: Douglas Gray

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
28	5	32	7	0

Team Name: Adult Hurling Team 4

League Division No: AHL div 8

Championship Grade: E

Highlights of the year to date:

This is my first year in charge of this team. I started a few weeks before the league campaign was due to begin. We got off to a flying start in the league with two wins, one w/o and one very unfortunate loss where we had a two point lead but conceded a late goal.

Highlights would have to be all the match performances so far. They have all been played with dogged determination that bodes well for the championship.

Significant challenges during the year:

Thankfully no significant challenges arising so far. Nothing apart from the usual difficulties of losing players to a last minute call up to the higher team or sliotars that are there one minute and gone the next.

One area that I am looking to improve is "First Aid". With knowledge and better equipment, some injuries could have been treated better pitch side.



Code: Hurling

Team: 2006 Boys - U15

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
47	45	46	44	1

Team Name: A Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Gerard Keane

League Division No: 2

Championship Grade: 2

Highlights of the year to date:

The teams have been playing in the qualifying rounds of the Feile and have had a busy schedule of games for the last couple of months. Teams have given and received great support from the teams in the age group above and below them. This is due to teams missing players who are away on holidays and has been a very positive experience for all the players.

IMPORTANT:

This year there has been a huge step forward by the Club with the introduction of non parent hurling coaches across a large number of the juvenile age groups. This is already proving to be a very positive move and will definitely lead to better results on the pitch in the coming years. The 2006 boys have Martin Quilty Jnr, Fergal Breathnach and Cillian Stacey on board and we can already see improvement in the way the lads are playing and their game management.

Juvenile camps organised by Niall Cooper have been excellent and should be a regular part of the calendar.

Significant challenges during the year:

The number of games in June mixed with people away on holidays has been challenging but we have received great support from the 2007 boys. The mixing of the divisions for the Feile has been challenging as half of the matches are against teams in a Division above, form example the A team are a Div 2 team playing Div 1 opposition. This has proved challenging.

Overall great to have the lads back playing.

Code: Hurling

Team Name: 2006 - U15 - B Hurling

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
26	21	26	21	0

Manager/Lead mentor: John Spain

League Division No: Under 15 D qualifier

Championship Grade: N/A

Highlights of the year to date:

Overall a great group of lad's and mentors, who despite covid stuck together and came back to training ready to enjoy the game again. Highlights for me were seeing a lad's back out playing again with the same bond and team spirit before lockdown. Also a great retention of players despite everything.

Significant challenges during the year:

1. Design of current hurling league, too many games in July, opposition in lower divisions very strong, number of conceded games because of this, maybe better planning in the future and possibly a E qualifier group.

2 Limited room at training, shared pitch with A team and 47 players.

3 online training, hopefully finished now.



Code: Hurling

Team: 2007 Boys - U14

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
71	67	70	67	5

Team Name: A Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Brian McGuinne, Paul O'Dea, AJ Murphy, Sean Ryan & Kevin O'Sullivan

League Division No: U14 Hurling A Qualifying - Group A

Championship Grade: n/a

Team Name: B Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Eoin McCabe, Colm Redmond & Muiris Healy

League Division: U14 Hurling C Qualifying - Group B

Championship Grade: n/a

Team Name: C Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Eddie Mongey, Diarmuid Clerkin, Michael Behan, Carthage Conlon & Peter Coughlan

League Division: U14 Hurling D Qualifying - Group B

Championship: n/a

Team Name: D Team

Manager/Lead mentor: Tom Gleeson, Stephen Stenson, Rory Stack & Mike Lang

League Division: U14 Hurling E Qualifier

Championship Grade: n/a

Highlights of the year to date:

U14 teams

- The U14A team plays in the U14 Hurling A Qualifying - Group A and currently lie in 2nd place with the final group game to be played on 21st August.

- The U14B team plays in the U14 Hurling C Qualifying - Group B and currently lie in 1st place with the final group game to be played on 21st August.

- Having played all their games, the U14C team finished top of the U14 Hurling D Qualifying - Group B.

- The U14D team plays in the U14 Hurling E Qualifier and currently lie in 7th place with the final group game to be played on 21st August.

In September the 4 teams will move into the 2nd stage of the U14 competitions.

5 players were nominated to take part in the Dublin Development Academy.

Mentors | We are fortunate to have many dedicated mentors. Included in this mentor pool are the senior hurlers of Paul O'Dea, A.J. Murphy, Sean Ryan and Kevin O'Sullivan who collectively mentor the A team. Eddie Mongey, Tom Gleeson and Diarmuid Clerkin mentor the C and D teams. The involvement of these hurlers has been vital in the development of players on all the teams and providing 'parent mentors' with renewed energy.

Many thanks to all mentors for their time and dedication in providing a fun but challenging environment that allows the players improve their skills and enjoy their hurling.

We were also fortunate to have guest mentors earlier in the year and we thank Shaun Cummins and Mark McManus for sharing their time and hurling knowledge with the players.

Parent support | Our age group is not unique in having great support from parents and family but a big thank you to the parents for their support throughout the year by encouraging the boys back to sport and being on the side lines at matches. And an especially big THANK YOU to the parents



(Finola, Declan, Lorna, Mark, Ian & Bonnie) who volunteered as the Covid Supervisors making a safe return to training possible for players and mentors alike.

Continuing the club tradition of supporting ages above & below | When called upon the 2007 hurlers provide support to the 2006 A & B hurling teams. And in our turn we get great support from the 2008 hurlers. During the holiday times this enabled our fixtures to be fulfilled.

Significant challenges during the year:

The year since October 2020 has been challenging for players and mentors with training over Zoom having exhausted its usefulness meaning the return to outdoor training, even in pods, was very welcome. Since then, the opportunity to train and play matches has been great for all concerned. Big efforts by the mentors were made, in conjunction with a number of other clubs, to hold mini competitions but each time COVID restrictions made this impossible. Though a number of players stepped away from hurling, as of the August 2021, we have 70 active hurlers over 4 teams.

Code: Hurling

Team: 2008 Boys -U13

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
65	63	67	65	0

Team Name: NF1

Manager/Lead mentor: Dermot Moran

League Division No: 1

Championship Grade: NA

Team Name: NF2

Manager/Lead mentor: Geoff Corcoran

League Division: 5

Championship Grade: NA

Team Name: NF3

Manager/Lead mentor: Ger Mealey

League Division:8

Championship: Na

Highlights of the year to date:

Strange Year - Great work done by all mentors and kids to keep the Zoom sessions going and interesting. Race to Skelig Michal was a highlight. Hurling wise we are delighted with the fact that we have kept everyone and actually increased by 2

Significant challenges during the year:

Biggest Challenge is getting the boys to have a hurl in their hands more. There is only so much we can do in formal training sessions. We are now entering a time where all the boys are going to be in Secondary school and the challenge will be to keep as many as possible for as long as possible involved.



Code: Hurling

Team: 2009 Boys - U12

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
73	71	67	66	0

Team Name: 09 Boys Hurling 1

Manager/Lead mentor: Declan Feeney / Kevin O'Donnell

League Division No: Grading League A

Team Name: 09 Boys Hurling 2

Manager/Lead mentor: Doug Gray

League Division: Grading League C

Team Name: 09 Boys Hurling 3

Manager/Lead mentor: Tom Dowd

League Division:Grading League E

Team Name: 09 Boys Hurling 4

Manager/Lead mentor: Tom Clifford

League Division: Grading League F

Highlights of the year to date:

Since the lockdowns have finished, participation at training has been fantastic, with almost all of our players returning after lockdown, despite the attractions of other sports and activities.

The boys have enjoyed the injection of new blood into the training ranks - Declan Feeney has brought in a number of members of the senior hurling panel. The boys have responded very positively.

It has been great to get back playing matches.

Significant challenges during the year:

Over half the panel seem to have taken months of holidays, meaning it has been difficult to field 4 hurling teams for matches during the summer.

Code: Hurling & Football

Team: 2010 Boys - U11

Manager/Lead mentor: Brian Coughlan

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
82	79	81	78	0

League Division No: N/A

Championship Grade: N/A

Highlights of the year to date:

The obvious highlight was getting back on the pitch again to train, after such a long layoff in Spring of this year. All the boys came back in better shape than the previous layoff in 2010, and we enjoyed very high turnouts for training and Go Games. The boys positive attitude was a tonic to all parents and mentors, and their help and compliance in all covid related tasks was greatly appreciated. We have seen good progress wrt skills and fitness levels since our return, and it appears that the long



absences in 2020 and 2021 have not have much of a detrimental effect on the boys, as we aim for our progression to divisional teams in 2022.

Significant challenges during the year:

One word, Covid - the extra burden around covid e-learning and also the constant need to reconfirm was tiresome, but was adapted by all. We were worried we would see some players not return after the long absence in the spring, and have done our best since to ensure all players have had fun at training, while maintaining the upward progresssion required at this age. This was challenging to all mentors, but we appear to have progressed past the worst, and look forward to the year ahead.

Code: Hurling & Football

Team: 2013 Boys - U8

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
NA	NA	83	83	0

Team Name: 2013 Boys - U8

Manager/Lead mentor: Ciaran Rehill

League Division No: - N/a

Championship Grade: N/a

Highlights of the year to date:

With this being the boys' first year out of nursery they had their first exposure to the excitement of Go Games. A thanks is due from the group to Colm Davis and Michael Carr who were both always willing to help fill gaps in our knowledge for this transition.

We are fielding 9 teams this year, split into three pods.

It was really satisfying to see how well they all took to the challenge of facing unfamiliar opposition teams, bonded as a group. In particular, it was heartening to see the boys themselves recognising the importance of praising and supporting each other on the pitch and seeing the positive effect it had on their short games.

Looking forward to a full schedule of matches in the coming months after the short introductory season.

We also had a very successful funding campaign led by Lisa Jensen that, thanks to the generosity of our donors, raised enough money to keep us going for some time to come.

Significant challenges during the year:

As expected, retention of players after a long break was a concern and some losses did happens but, as it turned out, not for the reasons expected. Almost all boys were eager to get back playing when allowed and the majority of those who have left us were due to family movements, generally out of the city.

Continued effects of the hard work previously put in schools by our outgoing GPO, Mark McManus, and positive word of mouth means that we're net positive in player numbers since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Handball

Code: Handball Adult

Team: Adult

Manager/Lead mentor: Frank Daly

Highlights of the year to date:

These last 18 months have been very difficult for handball as we have for the most part been closed down due to covid rules. We will find it challenging when we are allowed to return indoors to get back to normal. During the short time we were allowed play a number of Dublin championships started.

Dublin Senior 40x20 singles was played up to the Final A Benson Na Fianna V C Casey Portobello.

Dublin Intermediate singles was played up to the Final J Walsh Na Fianna V F Tully DCU.

Dublin over 50, 40x20 Doubles Championship was the only competition played to a finish:

Frank Daly Na Fianna / R Lynch St Brigids beat St Brigids pair E Kennedy /E Timony.

The All Ireland 40x20 singles competition at all grades were played to the finals.

Egin Jensen Na Fianna has reached the final of the Over 50 A singles v Cork.

Finally, I would like to thank all who assisted me this year especially Christy Donnelly and Pat Ryan.

Significant challenges during the year:

It will be very hard to get things going again as we probably will not have access to the ally this side of christmas. if the covid rules dont allow us.

We hope to run a few competitions to get things running again. Also run a few fun days to boost our handballer numbers.

Code: Handball Juvenile Section

Team: Under 8 to Under 17

Manager/Lead mentor: Frank Daly

Highlights of the year to date:

Juvenile handball has been cancelled since March 2020 and we have not been able to organise any training whatsoever since then up until late May when we started back up with a small group training outdoors in the Ally that backs onto the hurling wall.

It was brilliant to have the boys and Girls back even though the numbers were small. We played away up to late June and had a great last night before break up with a trip to Malahide for a swim and a few fish and chips sitting out in the sun in Malahide.

I would like to thank all of the parents for their continued help in order to make it as good an experience for the kids as possible.

I look forward to our return hopefully mid to late September weather permitting. I also am looking forward to our new Handball centre opening up shortly and have our young boys and girls play there.

Significant challenges during the year:

To rebuild our numbers as its been so long since we had indoor training. Get our regular training session going again in Croke Parc. We also need to run fun sessions to boost our numbers making use of our large Juvenile section.



Rounders

Code: Rounders

Team: Senior

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
22	0	38	0	0

Team Name: Mens, Womens and Mixed

Manager/Lead mentor: Mike Lang/ Ronan Gately

League Division No: All-Ireland Championship

Championship Grade: Intermediate

Highlights of the year to date:

Na Fianna Rounders had 3 teams (Women's, Mens, Mixed) playing in 2021 Adult Intermediate All-Ireland Championship. It was a year of consolidation for our Adult Rounders Teams. We added a number of new players, all of whom have made valuable contributions to our overall team efforts. We're beginning to get more consistent numbers at training and the Mens team were unlucky not to make it to the Semi-Final stage. 2022 will be the 1st year where we see some of our former underage players begin to make the breakthrough to Adult level.

Significant challenges during the year:

Trying to get teams filled for away fixtures in the All-Ireland Championships.



Code: Rounders

Team: Juvenile

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
15	0	22	0	0

Team Name: U13 and U15 Feile

Manager/Lead mentor: Art Fitzpatrick

League Division No: N/A

Championship Grade: 1 Day Blitzs

Team Name: U16 and U18

Manager/Lead mentor: Ronan Gately/ Karen McHugh/ Mike Lang

League Division: N/A

Championship Grade: Premier

Highlights of the year to date:

U13 girls played extremely well, getting to the Semi-Fnals where they lost to an experienced side from the Heath (Laois)

U13 boys also played well, achieving Runners-up medals in the Shield...

Great day for rounders!

U15 Féile will be held on 25th Sept - anyone interested should contact Art Fitzpatrick.

This was the 1st year ever that Na Fianna managed to enter teams in the u16 and u18 Mixed All-Ireland Championships.

The u18's faced stiff competition and did not manage to progress to Finals day but learned a lot from the experience.

Our u16 team made it to the All-Ireland Final played on 22nd Aug versus a very experienced team from The Heath (Laois).

Significant challenges during the year:

Spreading the word throughout all teams within Na Fanna of the wonderful joys of playing Rounders... we're getting there thanks to the great work of Art Fitzpatrick, Michael Carr Laura Power and Karen McHugh at underage level and Mike Lang, Grainne O'Callaghan, Mairead Varley, Ronan Carroll and Karen McHugh at Adult level.



Mothers & Others

Code: Mothers & Others

Team: Mothers & Others

Reg Players 1st Aug 2020?	Dual No?	Reg Players 1st Aug 2021?	Dual No?	Players on Co. Panel / Dev Squad.
60	0	61	0	0

Team Name: Mothers & Others

Manager/Lead mentor: Annette Nugent / Stephen Downes

League Division No: n/a

Championship Grade: n/a

Highlights of the year to date:

Mothers&Others has now completed a second full club year in 2020/2021. Notwithstanding the challenges of Covid, we have retained our squad size at 61, with another 5-10 about to join in the new club year.

Since group training recommenced in early May 2021, we have consistently had 30 women at our weekly training sessions, including throughout the summer. We get enquiries every week from women interested in joining, who are invited to “try out” 2/3 sessions before committing to membership. These include mothers of children currently in the club, but increasingly “others” who have no prior connection to Na Fianna or indeed Gaelic football, but are attracted by the inclusive and social ethos.

We are delighted to see a number of our women take on mentoring roles in the club, particularly at Nursery level, enabled by their own growth in confidence by playing the game. Mothers&Others as a catalyst for developing more female coaches is another positive side-effect of having this initiative at Na Fianna.

Massive thanks are due to our coach Stephen Downes and new coach Áine Kelly, who have been amazing mentors and encouragers again this year. Particular thanks to Steve who led weekly sessions by Zoom before May - with a special shout-out to his super coaching assistant Davy Downes (2008 Boys).

We would like to thank the club for its ongoing support, particularly Colm Davis, Andy Matthews and the hardworking Fixtures Committee who have managed to slot yet another team into a busy club schedule.

Significant challenges during the year:

While aware of the fixtures challenge, we would love to see Mothers&Others have a consistent training slot throughout the year: our spring/summer Monday night slot is significantly more attractive than Friday nights in autumn/winter. We would like to secure our Monday training slot on a year-round basis if possible.

Grass pitch access: some access to grass would be hugely beneficial in developing the squad to its next stage.

Profile: a more visible presence on the club website would definitely attract more newcomers. Mothers&Others is a very easy “way in” for new adult members and its higher visibility would benefit the entire club.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

This club isn't great for no reason. The work done by all our committees keeps this engine moving. During lockdown, there were many zoom committee meetings; great groups of people getting together to sort, discuss and organise. In particular I would like to mention our facilities group who worked tirelessly to keep all of our grounds ship shape.

Committee Name: Facilities Acquisition Committee

Committee Key contact: Paul Smith & Cormac Ó Donnchú

Key Activities for the year: After a few recent years of frantic activity - happy to report that the past year has been one of consolidation.

While all matters remain overshadowed by Covid restrictions - activity continued with much emphasis on the development of the grounds under our control and in particular development of the RCSI grounds on the Airport Road.

Great credit is due to the amazing facilities crew - through whose efforts we have reconfigured the grounds in RCSI to provide a full size pitch to supplement the training grounds particularly for our Senior flagship adult teams.

The installation of ball catching nets, resodding and reconfiguration has been led by Charlie O'Reilly and assisted ably by Oilver Cassidy, Shay Boland and a huge range of volunteers. Notwithstanding the delays due to covid lock downs the huge task of reconfiguration has been completed and the second ball stop nets are due for installation shortly.

The pitch has been playable for the season and our appearance in both of this years senior A league finals indicates that the new facilities are assisting in our sporting progress.

Elsewhere our access to St Patricks new full size astro as part of our community partnership with DCU is being enjoyed by a range of our juvenile and adult teams - with particular emphasis on relieving congestion on Mobhi Road on darker evenings.

Ongoing developments and upgrades to all our facilities continue apace under the supervision of Martin Quilty assisted by William Patton and the facilities committee. The work of the group co-ordinating pitch lining and grass cutting has been particularly evident during our busy season - long may they continue.

During the year we had a number of interactions with both Bus Connects and Metrolink and are currently awaiting a further update from them on their plans to realign part of the Collinstown site and also plans to construct a cycle lane on Mobhi Road - both plans will involve some disruption to club activity but hopefully if planned correctly disruption will be kept to a minimum.

Significant challenges: While the access to facilities at Collinstown (owned by DAA) and RCSI (owned by RCSI) are temp measures - the underlying issue of access to publicly owned park land for recreation and in particular for our indigenous pastimes - remain a major issue.

The club continues to bring this to the attention of our elected reps and the city council - this is an ongoing process and we will continue to labour on the issue.

Key objectives for next year: We look forward to the coming year of further consolidation and continue to monitor all local developments with great interest including Croke Parks proposal for two additional pitches on Clonliffe road, Tolka Parks future and other developments in the area. We observe with interest the public funds allocated to the promotion of professional sports and will advocate strongly to allocate more resources to encourage mass participation in sporting and community activity in preference to passively spectating increasingly driven for commercial gain.



Committee Name: Facilities Update for AGM 2020

Summary

Another busy year on the Facilities front with Location Teams on track to complete significant work in 2021. The work as set out below covers the majority of tasks completed. The NAF Facilities Group consists of c. 50 members who, on a voluntary basis, invest their time to ensure the playing pitches and club grounds are in good condition to be enjoyed by Na Fianna members and guests.

The Facilities Group is appreciative of the continued support of the club's Executive Committee, and in particular the Treasury Team, in assisting with our ongoing activities. In Q4, 2021 the Facilities Group (through its ExCo representative Declan Feeney) will provide the ExCo with a detailed and costed plans for the 2021/22 period, we look forward sharing our plans and receiving their support.

The list of current volunteers is set out below, we are always looking for additional members to help, if you spare a couple of hours a month, please contact facilities@clgnafianna.ie you will be more than welcome.

Key Activities for the Year

Main Pitch

- Verti-drained / Fertilizer.
- 100 ton of sand spread / Weed killer spread.
- Fencing from old all-weather used on main avenue to discourage dog walkers and electric bikes accessing the pitch.
- Pitch signage tidied up and updated with 'Friends of Na Fianna' group.

Scoil Cathriona Pitch

- Repaired pitch surface (holes etc.)
- Verti-drainage done
- Re-seed of areas of pitch / burn area from Halloween.
- Grass cutting
- Strimming
- Pitch lining
- Maintain banks
- Back pitch crew number increased, to share workload

NAF Clubhouse

- Much needed repairs to tarmac on driveway/car Park concluded in March. Collapsed surface drainage shores were dugout, raised and supported also at that time.
- Up keep of toilet facilities, lighting and heating continued due Scoil Chaitriona tenancy.
- Sink waste from coffee cabin and not to forget the continuous bin emptying and attention to flower baskets by Bob
- In general our work responding to request from management continues on a daily basis ; water leaks, blocked drains, door locks ,window breakages ,replacing bulbs, repair and install hand dryers



NAF Clubhouse Grounds

- Grass slopes cut on a regular basis, edges highlighted
- Entrance Grissilena hedges cut to neat shape,
- Paths at yellow lines swept and weeds removed,
- Creation & maintenance of flower beds

St Vincent's Secondary School

- Clean up done every two weeks
- Goals and ball catching nets secured.
- Astro put down on bottom adult goal.
- Lock up container painted
- Fencing railway wall reinforced
- Trees cut back at dalcassin wall.

Great grass cutting work being done by Tom Ryan and Greg Fitzsimmons.

Collinstown

- Repairs to ball catching nets behind goals on Pitch 1 and 2.
- Cleanout and removal of 40 ft. steel lock up to RCSI for gym.
- Moved 6 ESB poles to RCSI to provide uprights for ball catching nets on competition pitch and training area.
- Operation of enhanced pitch lining machines. Purchase and use of grass aerator.
- Purchase of new goal nets for Pitch 1 and 2.

RCSI

- Clearing of mounds of soil and horticulture items to facilitate development of match pitch in addition to putting up goalmouths and ball catching nets.
- Digging up and removal of cricket crease, cutting and laying of 300 sq. meters of sods there, around goalmouths and other parts of match pitch.
- Sourcing and erection of uprights for ball catching nets on other end of match pitch and training area.
- Cutting back of shrubs and trees on 250 meters of training pitch to increase training area and reduce health and safety risk.
- Set up facilities equipment storage lock up.
- Bring on site 40 ft. container for the gym.

DCU / St Pats

- Juvenile Goal Station & Pitch Equipment Box installed beside new Astro

Albert College / Johnstown Park

- Pitches marked throughout the year as required

General Pitch Cutting & Lining

- Over the 2021 season, in total NAF Pitches will be cut approximately 450 times, and lined circa 200 times
- All pitches professionally lined at the beginning of the season using GPS technology.



- We bought 2 second hand pitch lining machines and use them to reline the pitches every 2 weeks as required.
- Records kept on frequency of pitch cutting and lining to assist with budgeting and manpower management.

Significant Challenges for your Committee

Main Pitch

- Major issue with children taking branches, stones etc. from the bank along Mobhi Road and playing/throwing them onto pitch which in turn damage machinery and cause injury to players.

Scoil Chatriona

- Since the schools have returned a significant amount of litter is gathering at pitch ends. Discussion with school required, litter monitors and / or additional bins on SC Pitch

St Vincent's School

- Ensure full access to grounds for Maintenance Teams

Maintenance of Equipment

- Equipment not being returned to Bins / Containers / Lock-Ups correctly. As a result equipment not ready for the next team and also damage being done to equipment.

Key Objectives for Next Year

Scoil Chatriona

- Source new lawnmowers for the banks
- New nets needed for back pitch
- Power supply for pitch lining machine in container or away from dressing room for easier access
- Appropriate water supply for pitch
- Re-align net posts at park end of the pitch which are tilted

St Vincent's Secondary School

- Green bin for plastic bottles.
- Top adult goal to get astro.
- Main sliding gate to be painted and greased.

Collinstown

- New goal nets for new pitch.
- Push on with any new developments as may be planned in consultation with DAA. And/or Metro. Link with ESB during laying of underground electric cables as part of their Finglas to Dardistown project.
- Prepare dressing rooms for re-use.



RCSI

- Complete ball catching nets project on match pitch and training area.
- Fit out and complete gym project.
- Further develop and deliver on plans for clubhouse and dressing rooms area.
- Backfill and regrow grass where sods were cut from.
- Further regrade area behind goals on river side.

Albert College Park

- Get access to Park Lock-Up to store GAA Pitch Equipment on site

Key Contact Name

Martin Quilty – Senior Facilities Group

William Patten – Juvenile Facilities Group

Key Contact Email Address

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Volunteer List

Member	Member	Member	Member	Member
Aidan Twomey	Frank Foley	John O'Dea	Noel McKenna	Terry Murphy
Brendan Fitzgerald	Frank Gray	Karl Higgins	Oliver Casserly	Tom Ryan
Charlie O'Reilly	Gary Power	Karl Wall	Paul McCarville	Finbar Gaffney
Christy Donnelly	Gavin Jennings	Liam Burke	Paul Smith	Andy Matthews
Cormac O'Donnuchú	Ger Potter	Luke Lacey	Phil Kelly	Alan Shortall
Darren Corcoran	Greg Fitzsimons	Martin O'Laoire	Philip Mongey	Colm Davis
Declan Fallon	Greg Whooley	Martin Quilty	Rody Fanning	Eamonn Cassidy
Declan Feeney	Jim Aughney	Michael Behan	Ronan McLoughlin	Eugene McHugh
Dermot Moran	Jim Flynn	Michael Kenny	Sean O'Laoire	John Nisbet
Fergus McNally	John Campbell	Michael Ryan	Shay Boland	William Patten



Committee Name: Registrar - Memberships and Registration

Committee Key contact: Lesley Jamieson

Key Activities for the year: A very busy year, with a record 3,414 members, and 4,453 registrations with the various associations. Full details are contained in the tables below.

A huge thank you to Anne O'Dea for all her help and guidance, and to Anne, Anne Foley, Carla Downes and Edel Cassidy for their hard work in maintaining our new Squad Lists.

Significant challenges: We urge every player and manager to adhere to the "No Pay No Play" rule. Squad Lists generated from our ClubZap Membership system were introduced this year, to help managers document their team, and identify who is paid and who is not. It is critical that managers review and maintain their weekly squad lists. The simple rule of thumb is: any player not on a squad list is not registered or insured, and should not be permitted to play.

Key objectives for next year: We continue to liaise closely with the ClubZap team, as they work to improve and develop the membership system. We will encourage and promote all methods of technology that facilitate a smoother exchange of data between ClubZap and the Foireann registration system, to create better information and reporting, and reduce administration.

Registrar Report for AGM 2021

Membership Report

Member Type	Male	Female	Grand Total
Nursery	259	236	495
Juvenile	673	604	1,277
Minor	73	96	169
Adult Playing	322	263	585
Adult Non-Playing	522	308	830
Senior/OAP	29	7	36
Associate	13	9	22
Grand Total	1,891	1,523	3,414

Registration Report

Association	Type	Playing	Non-Playing	Grand Total
GAA	Nursery	512		512
	Juvenile	702	6	708
	Minor	81	2	83
	Adult	366	1,062	1,428
GAA Total		1,661	1,070	2,731
Camogie	Nursery	1		1
	Juvenile	519		519
	Minor	51		51
	Adult	76	40	116
Camogie Total		647	40	687
LGFA	Nursery	1		1
	Juvenile	597		597
	Minor	92		92
	Adult	216	42	258
LGFA Total		906	42	948
Handball	Juvenile	1		1
	Adult	17		17
Handball Total		18		18
Rounders	Juvenile	27		27
	Minor	5		5
	Adult	37		37
Rounders Total		69		69
Grand Total		3,301	1,152	4,453



Committee Name: Friends of Na Fianna

Committee Key contact: John Quinn

Key Activities for the year: We sought to recruit "Friends" to partner with the club in order for their businesses to benefit from their investment in Na Fianna's overall club activity. In return they got an opportunity to be seen and heard by the club's >3,000 members. We managed to recruit 1 Platinum and 7 Gold Friends for the year with more organisations being targeted as the year progresses. We would invite any member to introduce us to any potential clients.

Significant challenges: So many businesses were suffering from reduced revenue due to Covid and so our activity needed to be delayed until well into 2021. There can also be challenges in getting to the key decision makers, particularly in larger organisations. We have found that where we could access the key decision makers we were largely successful in converting them to Gold partnerships.

Key objectives for next year: To seek out further business connections with a view to expanding our number of Friends for 2022.

Committee Name: Ticket distribution

Committee Key contact: Padraigin Bhreathnach

Key Activities for the year: No activity on old system. New online booking system now in operation for the limited number of tickets available

Significant challenges: Availability of tickets

Key objectives for next year: Bedding in of new system

Committee Name: Fixtures Committee

Committee Key contact: fixturesclgnafianna@gmail.com

Key Activities for the year: Join Allocating venues for the club teams to play home games and maintaining the fixtures information for the web.

Significant challenges: 2021 continued to be a challenge with COVID 19 affecting club activities/fixtures. But now we are back up running & trying to accommodate requests from teams for venues for games/training. Juggling multiple home fixtures scheduled for the same venue/time. Mentors requesting home challenge games even though we are not in a position to host them at certain times of the year. Many thanks to all the other members of the fixtures committee and also thanks to the Executive and the ICT Group for their support throughout the year. Finally thanks to all our teams/mentors for your co-operation. Keep safe

Key objectives for next year: To look after all 184 club teams to the best of our ability using the available resources.

Committee Name: Christmas Tree Collection

Committee Key contact: Joe Murphy

Key Activities for the year: Collection was not run on January 2021 due to Covid-19.

Significant challenges: The usual challenges of having enough suitable vehicles and drivers available on the collection days.

Some alternative collection schemes are now also in operation, including collection for a homeless charity.

Key objectives for next year: Recruit some new vehicles and enthusiastic people to help with organising the tree collection.



Committee Name: Cabin Crew

Committee Key contact: Karen Fox Lesley Jameison Liz O Brien

Key Activities for the year: Tea Coffee Hot Chocolate and a smile for Sat Am Nursery

Significant challenges: As with all committees operating in a safe environment for volunteers and customers during covid.

Although we did manage to attract new volunteers for which we are truly grateful.

Key objectives for next year: More Volunteers . Keep the flag flying of a very happy welcome to new potential members to the club.

Committee Name: Green Club Initiative

Committee Key contact: Paschal Nee

Key Activities for the year: The Green Club Programme is a partnership between the GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association and local authorities across Ireland focused on environmental sustainability in clubs. At the start of the year the Club Executive approved Na Fianna's engagement in the programme. The Green Club committee has specifically focused on the "water" theme (one of five themes within the Green Club Programme). A small team was formed (new members welcome!) and an audit of the club's water usage was completed. This audit will provide a base from which to plan future activities. Successful applications were made for two separate grants: one from EIL Seed Fund and one from Local Authority Waters Programme.

Significant challenges: 1. As with most of the club, COVID and the associated lock downs meant that for a good portion of the year there was little activity. Hopefully this will not be as much of an issue going forward.

2. Finance will also be challenging. For bigger interventions (e.g. rain water harvesting) there is a not insignificant cost. Some of these costs may be offset by lower running costs for the club (e.g. water charges) and some by grant funding.

3. If there are people that want to get involved, even on an occasional basis, we'd always be happy to have some extra help.

Key objectives for next year: 1. We want to engage a bit more with the local community groups that are working in similar areas

2. Draw up a plan with some near term and long term goals for the Green Club committee

3. Complete the activities for which we have received grant funding and apply for any Green focused Grants that come available.

Committee Name: Rounders

Committee Key contact: Ronan Gately

Key Activities for the year: Fielding 3 Adult Teams (Mens, Ladies and Mixed) and a number of Juvenile Teams (u18, u16, u15 & u13).

Significant challenges: Getting sufficient numbers of players at all levels, especially for away games.

Key objectives for next year: Fielding 3 competitive Adult Teams at Intermediate Level in All-Ireland Championships and promoting Social Rounders within the club. Introducing more underage players to the joy of Rounders.



Committee Name: National GAA Club Draw 2021

Committee Key contact: Lesley Jamieson

Key Activities for the year: A huge thank you to all the members and friends of Na Fianna who helped us achieve our goal of selling 2,500 tickets, raising €25,000 for the club.

We were one of 3 clubs in Dublin to sell 2,500 tickets, and this generated a further €1,000 for us. We also had a winner!

This year sales were on-line only, and we gave the option for the purchaser to support their favourite team, with 50% of the ticket going to that team, or to simply support the club. This was a great success and created incredible build up to the ticket deadline, and to hitting our goal to sell the full 2.500 tickets.

We had a Christmas Draw early on to help kick off sales, and the club also sponsored 5 prizes of €200 to ensure we had Na Fianna winners. This draw is yet to be held, and we plan to hold it at a social event very soon.

A massive thank you to all who helped with this great achievement, including Annette Nugent, Jane Daly, Niall McGovern, Anne O'Dea, Feena Corcoran and Kim Hayes.

Significant challenges: A quick decision had to be made to make all sales on-line. This is clearly the way to go, and eliminates the leg work of collecting sold and unsold tickets. It also reduces the admin of manually entering ticket names and addresses into a database.

Key objectives for next year: The club to maximise sales again. On-line sales are the way to go!

Committee Name: Commercial

Committee Key contact: Ciara May

Key Activities for the year: Opening Scup.

Opening Pop Up Pints.

Scoil Chaitriona extending their rental agreement till Jan 2022.

Managing all long term rentals.

Securing New Tenant in Urban Physio (Shay Caffery).

Cater 4 U Exiting after 15 years.

Significant challenges: Covid 19 has had a massive impact on all commercial activities throughout the past 24 months. It has been a very trying year with constant lockdowns and restrictions. The bar has been the biggest challenge this year, this pandemic has given us time to review all of the commercial activities throughout the clubhouse, it is unfortunate that we felt that the bar should remain closed for now, however when we do reopen we will be strongly relying on the support of all club members to make it a venue we all want and enjoy coming too.

Key objectives for next year: To have Patsy's Bar and Mobhi Suite back up and running bigger and better than ever. To have secured a new Catering Contractor. To have all members utilise our facilities and put together a very strong commercial committee. To maximise community groups hiring our facilities for weekly activities.

Committee Name: Health & Safety

Committee Key contact: Ciara May

Key Activities for the year: Michael Gleeson and myself have updated our club safety statement with a few recommendations here in Mobhi Road.

Significant challenges: Constantly monitoring club house grounds and facilities to make sure that all members and visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience whilst in the premises or on the grounds. Trying to reasonably identify where we can improve keeping in mind and being very thankful for all facilities volunteer work and time.

Key objectives for next year: Fulfil all recommendations from health and safety report.



Committee Name: Coaching and Games Development

Committee Key contact: Niall Cooper

Key Activities for the year: Annual Club Coaching Conference (online)

Development of Resources for underage club teams and nursery

Significant challenges: Same as everyone, our ability to interact with people (particularly from a coach education standpoint) was greatly diminished during Covid

Key objectives for next year: Catch up on Coach Education with new and existing parents'/mentors that were lost to a certain extent during Covid.

Committee Name: Handball Adult

Committee Key contact: Frank Daly

Key Activities for the year: These last 18 months have been very difficult for handball as we have for the most part been closed down due to covid rules. We will find it challenging when we are allowed to return indoors to get back to normal.

During the short time we were allowed play a number of Dublin championships started.

Dublin Senior 40x20 singles was played up to the Final A Benson Na Fianna V C Casey Portobello

Dublin Intermediate singles was played up to the Final J Walsh Na Fianna V F Tully DCU

Dublin over 50, 40x20 Doubles Championship was the only competition played to a finish:

Frank Daly Na Fianna / R Lynch St Brigids beat St Brigids pair E Kennedy /E Timony.

The All Ireland 40x20 singles competition at all grades were played to the finals.

Egin Jensen Na Fianna has reached the final of the Over 50 A singles v Cork.

Finally, I would like to thank all who assisted me this year especially Christy Donnelly and Pat Ryan.

Significant challenges: It will be very hard to get things going again as we probably will not have access to the ally this side of christmas if the covid rules dont allow us.

Key objectives for next year: We hope to run a few competitions to get things running again. Also run a few fun days to boost our handballer numbers.

Committee Name: Handball Juvenile section

Committee Key contact: Frank Daly

Key Activities for the year: Juvenile handball has been cancelled since March 2020 and we have not been able to organise any training whatsoever since then up until late May when we started back up with a small group training outdoors in the Ally that backs onto the hurling wall.

It was brilliant to have the boys and Girls back even though the numbers were small. We played away up to late June and had a great last night before break up with a trip to Malahide for a swim and a few fish and chips sitting out in the sun in Malahide.

I would like to thank all of the parents for their continued help in order to make it as good an experience for the kids as possible.

I look forward to our return hopefully mid to late September weather permitting. I also am looking forward to our new Handball centre opening up shortly and have our young boys and girls play there.

Significant challenges: To rebuild our numbers as its been so long since we had indoor training.

Key objectives for next year: Get our regular training session going again in Croke Parc. We also need to run fun sessions to boost our numbers making use of our large Juvenile section.



Committee Name: Camogie Committee

Committee Key contact: Anne Barrett

Key Activities for the year: As of mid-August 2021, we have 647 registered players - 128 across minor and senior, 156 girls playing competitive games across u13-u16 and 363 girls playing go-games across u8-u12. This is a marked increase on player numbers last year and is in no small part due to the influx of players coming through the nursery as well as the hard work of mentors across all age groups to retain players and encourage recently departed players back.

Since the last club AGM, the Camogie Committee, through the club delegates on the Dublin County Board, have continued to support proposals for week on week off fixtures for all players. At the end of 2020 we finally saw ratification of week on week for all juvenile players by both the Camogie and Ladies Football Dublin County Boards. While Covid significantly delayed the start of 2021 competitions, the leagues fixtures for u13 and u14 were on a week on week off basis with Ladies Football.

At time of writing championship fixtures are being finalised with week on week off for u13 through u16 due to commence for both codes at the end of August. This is a key development for our juvenile dual players and further work to see this progress replicated across our minor and adult teams continues.

Significant challenges: Like all areas of our life, Covid has had a significant impact on the work of the committee. However, other long-standing issues continue to create challenges.

As a club that fully supports the promotion of both codes the differing operations of the separate governing bodies continues to cause difficulties. The Committee welcomes the joint working group established between the Dublin Camogie and DLGFA County Boards to establish week on week off structures for our underage players and will continue to push for similar structures for our senior players.

Another continuing problem, and particularly as we see our player numbers grow, is attracting and retaining experienced coaches across all ages.

Key objectives for next year: As mentioned, one of our key challenges is the availability of experienced camogie coaches. A key objective for the coming year is identifying the coaching available to each group and where there may be gaps. The committee would welcome contact from any recently (or not so recently) retired camogie players or previous coaches who may have an interest in getting involved.

At county level, our delegates will continue to push for full support of the dual player with an extension of week on week off to the senior players.



Committee Name: Adult Ladies Football

Committee Key contact: Ciarán Rogers

Key Activities for the year: This year has been both an exciting and challenging year for the Adult Ladies Football Committee. The key activity this year was managing the ever growing numbers of female Adult and Minor players in the Club. This resulted in us increasing the number of our Adult Ladies Football teams from 3 to 5 and Minor teams from 3 to 4 so as to ensure there is a Ladies Football team for every Adult or Minor player in the Club who wants to play.

We have been very fortunate in having 8 very committed management teams for these teams and they worked creatively and tirelessly to get all these teams up and running through the enforced Covid Zoom training sessions earlier this year.

All this work and effort has begun to shine through with some great performances on the pitch over the summer. On the Adult side, this culminated in all 4 of our Adult teams qualifying to the Championship semi-finals by the time of going to press with our other Adult team - Division 1 - waiting for their Championship to start shortly- but no pressure!

I would like to thank the other Ladies Committee members (Ailis Neville, Joan Mangan, Ricky O'Sullivan and Ian Thornton and are ex-officio (!) members - Brendan Roddy and Jane Daly) for all their hard work and commitment throughout this difficult and exciting year.

We are also on the look out for more female Committee members so give us a shout!

Significant challenges: Like all parts of the Club, Covid has been a real challenge for the committee. Another challenge for both the committee and the Club is to ensure the difficult lot of our dual female players is recognised and improved from a player welfare perspective. Good progress has been made on this front following ongoing discussions and good communication between Ladies Football and Camogie within the Club and the respective management teams, but more works needs to be done at both a Club and, more importantly, at a county board level.

Key objectives for next year:

1. Working with Adult Camogie in the Club to improve the lot of our dual female players. Some progress has been made this year on this front with the introduction (finally!) by the Ladies Football and Camogie county boards of alternate weeks for Juvenile teams up to u16, but it needs to be also introduced for Minors and Adults sooner rather than later;
2. Putting a better structure and strategic plan in place for Ladies Football within the Club to take account of the continued huge growth of female playing members and our ambition to be the one of (if not) the most successful Ladies Football club in the County;
3. Ensuring greater recognition and equality of treatment for all our female playing members in the Club; and
4. More immediately, re-establishing the Deirdre Lambe Ladies Football tournament (following Covid and weather driven postponements in the last 2 years) and ensuring it fully reflects and recognises the enormous contribution Deirdre made to the Club and Ladies Football. Ar dheist Dé go raibh a hanam.

We are also on the look out for more female Committee members so give us a shout!



Committee Name: Working Group on RCSI

Committee Key contact: Donal Buggy

Key Activities for the year: The playing facilities of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) University of Medicine and Health Science are located in Cloghran on the Old Airport Road, just up from Whitehall's grounds. In 2020, the previous club executive led by Cormac O'Donnchú and Stephen Behan concluded a painstakingly negotiated agreement to lease their grounds for 10 years. It is an extensive facility, amounting to over 5 hectares, including a floodlit all-weather hockey pitch and a quaint but spacious pavilion. The Executive designated the facility for use primarily for preparation of our club's flagship teams in all codes, with a vision for it to become a centre of excellence.

We can be optimistic that the RCSI facility will enable our flagship teams to flourish in the coming years, thanks to the combined efforts of all our volunteers, supporting our players and their mentors.

Significant challenges: There was much work to do to render it from a somewhat dilapidated, rugby-focused area into one suitable for our top teams competing at the highest level in GAA sport. Our Facilities Team, led by Charlie O'Reilly, Martin Quilty, Oliver Casserley and Shay Boland among many others, is consistently an outstanding contributor to our club over many years, including, among other achievements, the literal creation of the new pitch in Collinstown, in addition to the maintenance of over 55 hectares of playing pitches for all our teams.

However, their work in RCSI over the past 12-18 months is inspirational, perhaps their finest hour. A new GAA pitch has been marked out, large ball-stopping nets have been strategically positioned, temporary mobile posts sourced, new containers installed to store gym equipment and plans are afoot to create a suitable AstroTurf surface adjacent to it to enable strength and conditioning training. Most recently, Charlie and Shay have rotated the floodlights on the pitch side of the hockey surface, to provide a floodlit grass training area which will be invaluable as the light declines in the autumn evenings. Inside the pavilion, driven by the imaginative and tireless work of our Executive Committee Player Members, Jane Daly and Niall McGovern, the pavilion has been repurposed to optimise conditions for players, including technology for video analysis, team meetings, some indoor gym capacity and a small kitchen.

Key objectives for next year: Maintenance and gradual improvement of the facility, for the players benefit.

Committee Name: Na Fianna Fun Run / 5K Road Race

Committee Key contact: Eoin McCabe

Key Activities for the year: The club arranged alternative virtual activities with Na Fianna 10 Million Steps challenge.

Significant challenges: Unfortunately in 2021, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 5K Fun Run could not be held on Good Friday.

Key objectives for next year: It is hoped that the Fun Run can be held in 2022, in whatever capacity is allowed, as in previous years it has been a successful and great community activity.



Committee Name: Communications Committee / Group

Committee Key contact: Annette Nugent

Key Activities for the year: In the last 12 months, we formed the communications committee, made up of current PRO Annette Nugent, Exec member Jane Daly and former PRO Cormac O'Sullivan with a view to sharing the fairly heavy load of club communications.

It turned out that 2020-2021 was very much a digital year for club communication as the pandemic trundled on. Stellar work was done by mentors and teams all over the club to migrate training sessions to Zoom; and Tiktok, Facebook Live and IGTV became tools for teams and the club to run fundraisers, coaching challenges and more to great success.

Since last October, we have worked to strengthen these digital connections and have grown activity and engagement on all our social media channels, in particular growing Instagram followers by 50% and greatly improving our digital engagement with club players and teams. We have migrated the club newsgroup system from Google Groups to Mailchimp, which has improved our GDPR compliance and list management system. The Club Nuacht is now a monthly e-newsletter, going out to members in the first week of each month. Our dedicated ClubZap app has seen subscribers grow from approx 700 to over 1200 in that same period.

We have developed a club Social Media Policy to guide our use of these platforms over the coming years with a view to further improving their reach and relevance.

While much of our work involves sharing club news with club members, in the last 12 months we also became a "20x20" club with an ambition to ensure gender-balanced coverage in all our club communications; we made a club submission to the Dublin City Development Plan Public Consultation; made representations to Councillors and TDs on club issues, championed our 'Friends of Na Fianna' sponsors and partners, and promoted the club's commercial ventures - Scúp and Pop-Up Pints, among others - to our wider local community.

We look forward to 2021-22 being a year when activity on the field takes centre stage once more, and to sharing news of sporting activity, games... and hopefully some big wins.

Significant challenges: It's hard to believe that until this year, all the work in getting news out and about through the club was managed by just one person: the Club PRO. While there are now three of us on the Communications Committee, it's still not enough. The scale and breadth of the club is such that it's still difficult to get and share information to everyone in a coherent and managed way, and this is something we'll continue to try to systemise and improve in the coming year.

We were delighted this year to take part in the Camogie Association's "PR Óg" programme and to have Ruth King become involved in club comms as the inaugural Na Fianna PR Óg. We hope to continue Ruth's involvement in the coming year to build on her participation in that initiative and develop some of her ideas for club comms.

Key objectives for next year: In the next 12 months, our key objective is to review and upgrade the club website. We plan to streamline the website to ensure those coming to the club for the very first time can find out how to get involved, while also maintaining an easy-to-navigate repository of information for existing club members across every code and age group. This will be a major aspect of our work in the coming year.



NOMINATIONS

Baill	Members	Nomination
Uachtarán	President	Eamonn Murphy
Leas Uachtarán	Vice-President	Donal Hickey, Frank Gray, Noel Clerkin, Paddy King
Cathaoirleach	Chairman	Paul Smith
Leas-Chathaoirleach	Vice-Chairman	Donal Buggy
Runaí	Secretary	
Leas-Runaí	Assistant Secretary	Stephen Downes
Cisteoir	Treasurer	Eoin O'Ceallachain
Leas-Cisteoir	Assistant Treasurer	Feena Corcoran
Cath. Cluichí na nÓg	C'man-Juvenile Games	Michael Carr
Cath. Cluichí Sinsir	C'man -Senior Games	Andy Matthews
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	Public Relations Officer	Annette Nugent
Ionadaí na nIomroirí	Players' Representative	Ciara Tierney
Oifigeach Cultúrtha agus Teanga	Culture and Language Officer	Gráinne Ryan
Oifigeach Tionsiú Airgid	Fundraising Officer	
Ball den Comhar (a)	Executive Member (a)	Declan Feeney
Ball den Comhar (b)	Executive Member (b)	Jane Daly
Oifigeach na Paistí	Childrens Officer	Kim Hayes

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



Motion

“To amend Rule 6 paragraph (a) of the club constitution by removing the words “Fundraising Officer” and by replacing “plus two other members without specific roles of office” with “plus three other members without specific roles of office”.

Recommendations

No. 1.

While recognising the difficult and onerous work undertaken by the Fixtures Committee to ensure all our many teams are assigned pitches, I recommend that consideration is given to the availability of toilet facilities when assigning pitches for those fixtures involving our female teams.

Signed: ___Anne Barrett_____

No. 2.

Following the extension of week on week off fixtures in camogie and ladies football to our u15 and u16 teams in this year’s championship, I recommend that the club continues to campaign for the introduction of week on week off for minor and senior players to fully support the dual player. This should include seeking from the Dublin Camogie County Board a proper minor structure for our camogie players.

Signed: ___Anne Barrett_____