



CLG Na Fianna

64ú Cruinniú Cinn Bhliana 2021

64th Annual General Meeting 2021

23rd September 2021

The 2021 Annual General Meeting was held on Zoom on Thursday 23rd September 2021.

The attendance was as listed on the attendance sheet. We had a Quorem.

Annette Nugent PRO presented the AGM 2021. Annette welcomed all the Club members to the AGM and thanked everyone for their co-operation, help and support.

Standing orders were read out by Annette Nugent, after Paul Smith asked for them to be adopted. They were proposed by Cormac Ó'Donnochu and seconded by Frank Daly. It was stated that the standing orders Committee met on the 21st September 2021.

President's Address

Uachtarán Na Fianna, Eamonn Murphy was welcomed by Paul Smith & Eamonn addressed the members. He welcomed everyone to the AGM. He went back over his year as President of CLG Na Fianna. He stated that it was an honor & privilege to represent CLG Na Fianna as Uachtarán. Eamonn reminded us that he is a founding member, but in those days, he was more of a viewer / player than an instigator. Playing on our own field was the limit of his expectations. Little did he expect that one day he would be called upon to hold the office Uachtarán in this ambitious club. Eamonn thanked the contribution of previous members and executives for the huge contribution that they have made in building the foundation of the Club we have today. He praised the work of the Executive Committee and the Metro Committee and said that all the hard work behind the scenes paid off. He said for all members to always work in the spirit of Na Fianna. Na Fianna ABÚ.

Paul Smith thanked Eamonn for his service as President to CLG Na Fianna over the past year.

Minutes of AGM

The minutes of AGM 2020 were adopted after Paul Smith asked if there were any questions on them. There were none. After he asked for a proposer & seconder. They were proposed by Tom Ryan and seconded by Ronan Gately.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was introduced by Paul Smith. Paul asked if there were any questions. The report was taken as read.



Juvenile Chair Report

Paul Smith asked Colm Davis, Juvenile Chair to present the Juvenile Chair report. He highlighted that the objectives of Juvenile Games in Na Fianna is to promote football, hurling, camogie, ladies' football, handball and rounders to boys and girls in all age groups in a positive manner and safe environment and also to promote club ethos and sense of community. The Juvenile section covers from age 4 to age 16. Colm reported on all teams over the past year. Where we left off in September 2020 and up to September 2021.

2020 Review, It was a long year, where the GAA season was like no other.

CCC1 - Go Games, tough year u8-u11 Boys age groups as scheduled leagues were cancelled, some groups managed challenge matches, but majority had to make do with internal games.

CCC2 –Grading Games / Leagues, U13 –U16 Started but came to an end after a handful of games in each code by mid-September.

Girls 1 –Go Games, Re-started but came to an end in September

Girls 2 –Roll of Honour, We had secured a number of unbeaten league programs and semi-final appearances alas none of these League or Championship programs were ever completed.

All groups could train in Pods of 15 & there were some Covid-19 Cases

Covid-19 raised many concerns, including player retention and lack of social interaction for our juveniles. The Juvenile Committee challenged themselves all during 2020, by asking & re-asking the question “What to do?”. The club laid on as much Juvenile training capacity as teams could handle, each group afforded three and even four training sessions a week, groups embraced it with open arms. The Nursery team also kept going until Sat 5th December. Colm gave an illustration of all the juvenile training that was carried out over 2 days one weekend during the winter period. There were 24 sessions, in 3 locations for all the age groups, for boys & girls.

Colm advised that the Juveniles section did not closedown on the day the Nursery closed on Saturday 5th December. Various groups and teams organised “12 Wall Ball Days of Christmas”, where many activities and challenges were carried out & reported upon.

2021, started out like the ending of 2020. “Living with Covid-19”. Back to Level 5 lockdown. No indoor or Outdoor exercise to take place, Only individual training, no club matches or training for any ages. Etc.

Colm thanked Jonny Cooper and Stephen Behan for the January 23rd Coaching Forum. The forum outlined a pathway to success through player development.

Colm, outlined the February Lockdown Challenge where a couple of great initiatives were launched which kept the juvenile section engaged and some new talents were unveiled.

On March 17th the club organised the 10 Million Step Challenge. The challenge was busted with more than 40 million steps accounted for, where the 2005 Girls led the way with 4,454,217 steps. Colm paid tribute to the many “Roving Reporters”, who gave a new dimension to such a challenge.

During the winter lockdown the Nursery continued via Zoom, where Mark O’Shea, Niall Cooper among others introduced many different games and activities, for our fledging players.

2021 Season to Date. There have been many positive starts, among these is the “Dual Player Recognition by DLGFA & Dublin Camogie & Resumption of Go-Games”.



Colm paid tribute to the Games and Coaching Development group, for the many camps held over the summer period. These were hugely successful, and were fully booked out almost as early as they were offered.

2021 has brought some early successes, most notably in “Off the Pitch”, with Player and Mentor retention & “On the Pitch” with 2006 Girls Div1 u15 League Champions & 2008 u13s Feile Rounders Semi Finalists. Colm gave a breakdown of the Boys and Girls Divisional Grading for 2021, and both are operating at many levels, with many having teams entered in Division 1.

Colm, advised that the number of Juvenile teams has grown from 137 to 175 in the last 3 years, with the largest increase in girls teams jumping from 53 to 82 in the same period.

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Colm, advised that he always strived to improve the training facilities for all juveniles over the past 3 years. This included our various new locations and the refit of the “Old”, but now “New” AW. Resumption of the McNulty u12 Hurling Tournament, will go ahead in the coming months. The club hopes to start All –Stars Program, where we will be assembling volunteers to champion and lead this inclusivity project, he requested members to contact juvenile committee member to get involved.

Handball, there will be a new emphasis this winter / spring Covid-19 restrictions permitting. There will be continued mentor recruitment from within the adults ranks

Colm reminded that Juvenile Games do not happen all by themselves, and paid tribute to the many that assisted him over the last 3 years including.

Juvenile Committee, Juvenile Secretary John Nisbet.

Delegates Alan Shortall CCC2, Muris Healy CCC1, Edel Cassidy Girls1/2 - Camogie, Karen Hargan Girls 1/2 Football.

Nursery Lead and Nursery Co-Ordinators Michael Carr, Luke Bradley & Ursula Reilly.

Referee Co-ordinators Anne O’Dea - CCC1 Boys Hurling & Football, Georgina Carragher –Girls 1 Football & Ann Ryan –Girls 1 Camogie.

Child Safeguarding. Kim Hayes -Children's Officer & Lisa Martin -Garda Vetting, Pairic Clerkin - Designated Child Liaison Officer.

Juvenile Facilities. William Patten & Volunteers

Juvenile Guru’s, Lesley Jamieson, Mark McManus & Niall Cooper

The Fixtures Committee, Eugene McHugh etc.

Finally, Colm, thanked Mark McManus our GPO for the last 7 years, whose career is taking a different direction. Colm, advised that Niall Cooper and DCB, will have a lofty challenge in trying to replace Mark. Thankfully Mark is not gone away & many are looking forward to utilising his knowledge and experience around coaching in the coming years!!



Adult Chair Report

Andy Matthews presented the Adult Chair Report.

Firstly, Andy thanked all adult managers for their compliance to covid restrictions during the year. There were a few managerial appointments this year, but not as many in 2020, when there were 15. Despite the year that we have endured, we have 36 teams (an increase of 4 from 2020) with 754 registered players across the 4 codes. Also, there are many adult players across Rounders, Handball and Mothers & Others.

Andy paid tribute to the Players Representative Niall McGovern and Executive Member Jane Daly for their work in building up the Brand Guidelines and the New Jersey Design.

Andy thanked all the adult managers for their work throughout the year in all 4 codes. He advised it was their endeavours that gave the opportunity for the 4 new teams.

Various success's were mentioned including the senior men winning both the AFL1 & AHL1 finals Paul Smith took this moment to thank Shane Bleahen Runai for the Secretary's report and Colm Davis and Andy Matthews for their presentations. Paul asked for questions on the Secretaries Report and Colm and Andy's presentations

Noted

The Secretary's report was adopted – proposed by Colm Davis and seconded by Sadhbh Caverly.

Treasurers Report

Chairman, Paul Smith introduced Cisteoir Eoin O'Ceallacháin.

Treasurers Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 30 June 2020.

Auditors Report

For those who joined late Eoin stated that the Auditors accounts and the Treasurer's report were available in the chat pane. Eoin O'Ceallacháin stated that he was speaking on behalf of himself and Feena Corcoran, acting as a team.

Eoin advised that the treasury team are reporting a surplus despite a very unusual year due to Covid-19. While the Clubhouse remained closed for 10 months, many expenses were cut to a minimum and memberships grew. The financial health of the club has improved over the past year. There are several contributors to this, including, Friends of Na Fianna, strong club memberships, lotto fundraising, donations as well as one off reductions in costs & government grant schemes.

Eoin noted the increase in memberships from €337,273 to €409,959.

Eoin also drew attention to the growth of the Lotto surplus over the last year from €24,942 to €44,937 & paid thanks to the "flagship teams" for promoting the lotto. Eoin also paid tribute to the Lotto Committee's over many years of sustaining and developing the lotto as a stream of income for the club.

Eoin noted the Surplus for 2020 was €93,363 and this increased in 2021 to €270,684 before the transfer of €200,000 to the Capital Development Reserve Fund.

Subscriptions Report

The Clubzap Subscription facility launched 2019 and was a big success thanks to the members. Lesley Jamieson Assistant Secretary/Registrar thanked Anne O Dea for all her work and continuous positivity. It was noted that membership numbers are up, as well as membership revenue was up from €337,273 to €409,959. The Executive Committee proposed the sub rates unchanged for ratification for 2021. The



Subs review Committee will continue to review larger family situations and people who are financially challenged.

At the end, Eoin advised the audience of the Trojan work carried out by Feena Corcoran. Assistant Treasurer, who is busier than ever in the role because of Covid-19 and her support for the club in all its activities from the Lotto, Camps, Scúp etc.

Q&A

Paul Smith formally put on the record our thanks from all the membership to the Treasury and Registrar teams

There was a question from the audience on the high cost of Bank Charges. This was explained by Eoin that it included in this is the cost of using the ClubZap App for processing club memberships.

Paul Smith offered heartfelt thank you to Eoin and Feena and all the Treasury Team.

NOTED

The Treasurer's report was approved – proposed by Frank Daly and seconded by Ronan Carroll.
The auditors, Bermingham & Company, Statutory Audit Firm be reappointed – proposed by Ciara Keating and seconded by Sadhbh Caverly.
Subscriptions – No changes to subscriptions.

Chairman's Address

Paul Smith addressed the club members.

He advised that he is delighted to be here speaking at our AGM, after what has been a whirlwind year for the club. Since the last AGM, it has been shoulders to the wheel to ensure the club kept moving despite the many difficulties thrown our way by the fallout of Covid-19.

Paul advised that keeping a physically empty club going takes just as much time and effort as keeping a full one running and he began by thanking everyone for sticking with the club as we had to navigate this new normal. There were hours and hours of time given to the club in a new way, from ensuring teams kept engaged, to running training sessions on zoom from back gardens and kitchens around the area. This past year would not have been possible without the Trojan effort of our club volunteers at all levels. Their effort and commitment to Na Fianna has given the club the best re-start possible. Despite Covid-19 news and restrictions, the club has had an exceptional start to its playing year. We have many new adult members joining Na Fianna from many parts of the country and some even returning from abroad to re-join us. We've broken all club records with an amazing 585 adult playing members, playing all codes, across 36 teams from minor to senior. These numbers, combined with our juvenile section we now have over 200 teams actively participating each week.

With so many teams competing, great credit must go to our fixtures committee, who find a home for these teams each week. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything comes together and I would like to personally thank them for all they do.

As championship season draws in, we have a massive number of teams competing for silverware and we are looking forward to welcoming some new additions to the glass case at the end of the season. Paul



noted that he would like to take this opportunity to wish all players and management teams the best of luck in their campaigns and encourage members to get out and support our teams where possible. Paul noted the season has gotten off to a very strong start for many teams and congratulated our players and thanked the management teams for their hard work and dedication to Na Fianna. In particular, he offered congratulations and bualadh bos to our Men's Senior Football and Hurling teams on their impressive and historic wins in the league campaign, and are very much looking forward to the championship.

Paul noted our ladies football section has seen exponential growth in the last few years, with Na Fianna now fielding 5 adult teams across a number of divisions. This is testament to the hard work and dedication that has been put into ladies football over the last number of years and I'm truly looking forward to what's to come as we continue to grow and prosper in this code.

In our camogie section, CLG Na Fianna has seen our adult teams go from strength to strength and this is again thanks to hard work of volunteers who dedicate time and effort to our players as they develop through the ranks.

Our rounders section has experienced huge growth in the last year, and great credit must go to the team who got to the Intermediate Mixed All Ireland Final this year. Paul looked forward to watching this code go from strength to strength in the future.

A special mention to our Mothers and Others and Handballers who's participating numbers continue to increase year on year.

Across our juvenile section, Paul noted we have huge numbers gracing our pitches every week. He said he would not take us through every success of our juvenile section, but there are a few areas he'd like to pick out.

Our Nursery has grown hugely over the last decade, which is down to the hard work of our volunteers, co-ordinators, GPO and parents. In 2020, for the first time ever, we had equal numbers of boys and girls taking part each week. A club first that we are very pleased with and plan to retain in the coming years. Paul paid tribute to Mark McManus who is moving on from his role as club GPO after 7 years. The work Mark gave to the club can be seen by the strength of the nursery, the huge increase in new members and in particular his dedication to the schools in the local area. Mark's input will last for many years to come, as we see players move up through the ranks.

He noted the growth is not just at Nursery: some of our teams are lucky enough to have 80+ children in their age groups, all enjoying what our club has to offer. The fact that numbers are so high, means high numbers of volunteers are needed to make this a success. Paul paid tribute to all those who step across the white line, maybe for the first time ever, to lend a hand. This is what makes the club so special, and we look forward to watching our young stars rise through the ranks in the yellow and blue of Mobhi Road for many years to come.

Finally, this section wouldn't be what it is today without the Trojan effort of our juvenile committee. In particular, Paul personally thanked them for their dedication to our club, and the mammoth effort they put in to ensure every child who walks through the gates has some where to go.

Paul also took the opportunity to express huge gratitude on behalf of the club to the outgoing juvenile chair, Colm Davis. Colm's contribution to our juvenile section has been monumental, he thanked him personally on all our behalf's for the time, commitment and dedication this he gave to this role.

Paul noted for our teams to be successful, the facilities we provide must be ready to go. He noted we are blessed to have a world class team, year-round to ensure our facilities are ready for our teams. He said we will never be able to repay or thank them enough for the work they do for our club, our members and our community. But he passed on our gratitude on behalf on the entire club, for the work



they do to keep the club moving. Paul advised that he joined this vast body of volunteers on a few occasions and saw at first-hand the commitment and dedication to all our facilities.

While Covid caused havoc with our club bar, he noted that we we're delighted to see it re open in the last number of weeks. Prior to re-opening, the success of our outdoor commercial activities brought a new lease of life to Mobhi Road. The opening of Scúp brought with it great excitement and continues to be a huge success today. Next to Scúp, our Pop-Up Pints gave us a taste of Mobhi Road while restrictions forced us to sit outside. Paul gave credit to Ciara May and her team for getting both Scúp and Pop Up Pints off the ground successfully.

Paul advised our membership proved once again how supportive you are as we have seen in the previous presentation from our Treasurer and Registrar. Particular tribute went to Lesley Jamieson who steps down from her role as registrar after a decade on the Executive Committee. The work Lesley has put into the club over the years and in all matters relating to registration has been enormous. Thanks to her contribution, we have a state-of-the-art registration facility which is the envy of clubs across the entire country.

Paul paid tribute to the Executive Committee who work extremely hard in the background to keep the club going. In particular, he thanked each and every one of them personally on your behalf for their valued contribution to the running of the club. Paul thanked those stepping down from the committee this year. As well as Colm Davis and Lesley Jamieson as previously, Niall McGovern, Shane Bleahen and AJ McElwee step down from their exec roles having given huge contributions across all areas of the club, and expressed his thanks on behalf of the club membership for their commitment during their tenures.

Before Paul concluded, he remembered those club members, & relatives of club members, who passed away in the last year. As a club, many have passed through our gates, and contributed hugely to Na Fianna.

As we look forward to the future, it is certainly bright in Mobhi Road.

Paul thanked the membership for their attention at the meeting. He said he was delighted to be here speaking to you and looking forward to a brighter year ahead as we get back to normal.

Go raibh mile maith agat.



Appointment of Tellers

There was no appointment of Tellers, but the facility of using Zoom to conduct Pools was utilised.

MOTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Eoin O Ceallacháin

“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”.

This motion was proposed by Eoin O Ceallacháin & seconded by Ronan Gately.

The poll was 99% in favor of adopting the motion, with 1% against.

Recommendation No. 1 by Anne Barrett

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.

This recommendation was proposed by Anne Barrett & seconded by Annette Nugent.

The poll was 99% in favor of adopting the motion, with 1% against.

Recommendation No. 2. by Anne Barrett

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.

Ciaran Rogers advocated positively on this recommendation during the meeting, and suggested we push the county board to achieve this aim

This recommendation was proposed by Anne Barrett & seconded by Edel Cassidy.

The poll was 99% in favor of adopting the motion, with 1% against.

Tom Carroll asked for Anne Barret’s 2 Recommendations to be posted on Social Media & tag in other clubs to promote.

Election of Officers

As all nominations were single nominations there was no requirement for election.

The following officers were duly elected.

Uachtarán:	Eamon Murphy
Leas-Uachtarain:	Donal Hickey, Frank Gray and Noel Clerkin, Paddy King
Cathaoirleach:	Paul Smith
Leas Chathaoirleach:	Donal Buggy
Runaí:	TBC
Leas-Runaí:	Stephen Downes
Cisteoir:	Eoin O Ceallacháin
Leas Chisteoir:	Feena Hosford



Cathaoirleach Coiste na nÓg: Michael Carr
Cathaoirleach Coiste Sinsear: Andrew Mathews
Oifig Caidreamh Poiblí: Annette Nugent
Ionadaí na nImreoir: Ciara Tierney
Oifigeach Cultúr & Teanga: Gráinne Ryan
Baill den Comhar: Jane Daly and Declan Feeney
Oifigeach Tiomsú Aigread: To be replaced by – See Motion.
Oifigeach na bPáistí: Kim Hayes appointed by Executive on 3rd September 2019.
Incoming Executive – ratified by the AGM Members.

Is noted that there are two vacant position, which will be subject to co-option for incoming executive.

AOB

Paul congratulated all the Executive on a well-managed and facilitated AGM. He said it was an honor to be in the Chair again this year and that he is looking forward to the year. He paid tribute to the outgoing Executive members and thanked them again for their contribution over the last few years and hoped that they stay involved. He paid tribute to existing sub-committees and groups and thanked them for their diligence. He said that he was looking forward to working on the incoming Executive. He especially welcomed Stephen Downes, Ciara Tierney & Gráinne Ryan.

10.27 ended.