

Cumann Luthcleas Gael Coiste Chill Dara
Tionólfar Coinbhinsiún Cinn Bliana 2020



Dé Máirt, 15ú Nollaig, 2020

ar 7.30 pm

Rúnaí: Daithí Ó Cathail

Tuarascail an Rúnaí

Secretary's Report 2020

Pairc Sheabhaic

Droichead Nua

Co. Chill Dara

A chairde Gael,

Ta ár gcomhdhail buailte linn arís. Tionólfar an comhdháil i mbliana ag tosnú ar 7.30 i.n, 15 Nollaig 2020. Cuirim fáilte rómhaibh go léir. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a gabhail le gach duine a bhfuil baint acu le Coiste Chill Dara as ucht an méid oibre ata déanta acu as son ár gContae. Comhghairdeas do buaiteoirí na gcomortaisí éagsula i rith 2020.

The Annual Convention has come around again and today we hold the 133rd Convention virtually due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. There are a number of very interesting and informative reports in the booklet and I recommend that you take the time to read them. I have documented below the progress of Kildare teams in 2019.

O Byrne Cup: Kildare started their season in St Conleth's Park on Saturday 16th December where Longford provided the opposition. On a wet and windy day it was Longford who prevailed on a scoreline of 2:14 to 0:14. Next up was a trip to Aughrim where Kildare overcame Wicklow on a scoreline of 2:14 to 2:7 with our goals coming from Chris Byrne & Daniel Flynn. Our third round robin fixture after the Christmas Break saw us travelling to Carlow IT where a late surge saw Kildare winning on scoreline of 1:10 to 0:10. This concluded our O'Byrne Cup campaign and the focus turned to the Allianz National Football Leagues.

National Football League: Our first match was at home to Fermanagh and this match drew a large crowd to St Conleth's Park. Kildare were led the way throughout the match before eventually winning on a scoreline of 2:12 to 0:14. Next up was a trip to Ennis where Kildare lost out by one point in a low scoring affair. Kildare were back on the road again for the 3rd round where Armagh provided the opposition in the Athletic Grounds. This encounter was played in gale force wind conditions and it was Armagh who prevailed after a disappointing performance from Kildare. This result along with other results in the division meant that our next home match against Roscommon could prove very crucial for our promotion aspirations. This match proved to be a free flowing game with Kildare & Roscommon sharing the lead on a number of occasions. The momentum swung in Roscommon's favour in the closing stage and they took home valuable two points by winning on a scoreline of 0:13 to 2:11. Our Round 5 fixture away to Laois was always going to be key in this division as we were now in Relegation trouble. The match played 24 hours later than scheduled due to Storm Jorge saw Kildare control the match from start to finish and winning on scoreline of 0:15 to 0:10. Covid lockdown was implemented the following week and Kildare's next fixture would only be played on 18th October when Cavan travelled to St Conleth's Park. On a crisp dry Sunday afternoon it was Kildare who came out on top winning by 1:21 to 0:20. The final round fixture saw Kildare hosting Westmeath. Kildare controlled the match from start to finish winning on a scoreline of 0:16 to 0:11. This result confirmed that Kildare would play in Division 2 for the 2020 season.

Championship: The draw for the Leinster Championship was made over a year before a ball was thrown-in and because of the reduced calendar to complete all fixture following "Lockdown" there would be no backdoor afforded to Counties who lost in the Provincial series. Kildare opening fixture was the Quarter Final v Offaly which was played in Portlaoise. In a very entertaining game it was Kildare who came out on top winning on a scoreline of 0:20 to 0:16. Next up was Meath in the Semi Final in Croke Park. Kildare started on brightly and held a commanding lead at half time. It was the concession of 5 second half goals which saw our 2020 campaign final. The scoreline on the day was Meath 5:9 Kildare 0:15. Many thanks to Jack O'Connor and his team for the efforts put in during the year.

U/20 Football: Kildare opened up their championship campaign with a home fixture against Offaly. The match was played in miserable conditions and it was Kildare who prevailed by a point on a scoreline of 1:7 to 0:09. The Semi Final was played 6 days later in O'Moore Park v Laois. In monsoon like conditions Kildare struggled to get to the tempo of the game and lost out on a scoreline of 1:7 to 0:04.

Thanks to Gay Campbell and his backroom team for the work they put in over the year.

Minor Football: Due to the current Govt Covid Restrictions in place the Minor Footballers have yet to commence their championship campaign. Their Quarter Final fixture v Louth is due to be played on Saturday 12th December. Best of luck to the team in their search for Provincial honours.

Conclusion: As we all know it is a huge sacrifice to represent the county and I would like to express massive thanks to all that toggged out and helped Kildare GAA this year in any way. This year has been strange in many ways and I hope we can utilise the many positives learned to great fruition in the coming years. Many thanks must also be extended to our unsung heroes - the parents of our Underage stars. It is they who give up their time to bring their pride and joy to Manguard Plus Hawkfield a couple of times each week and without their support none of the success seen on the field on play would be achieved.

Hurling: I do not propose to deal with the Senior Hurling games as they are dealt with thoroughly in the hurling report. My congratulations to the David Herity, his Management Team and the players who claimed the Christy Ring Cup earlier this month and also secured promotion to the 2nd Tier Joe McDonagh Cup for 2021. Best wishes to the Minors who re-commence their Leinster Championship campaign against Offaly on 13th December.

Domestic Football Competitions: This year's championship saw many wonderful matches played and I would like to congratulate all the teams who took part and extend special congratulations to the winners - Senior Athy, Intermediate Clogherinkoe together with all the winners of the Reserve Championships. There are still a number of Championships to be completed in 2021 and I wish all the teams the best of luck in their quest for honours. The hours of training together with all the sacrifices you made were all worthwhile.

It is important to acknowledge the work of the CCC who govern our fixtures. They have the most challenging task and they work very hard to try assisting every club with their various requests. This year was especially challenging as they had to redraw fixture calendars on a number of occasions owing to the Govt Restrictions. A special thanks to Mick Mullen and Brendan Woulfe who are always on the phone when needed.

Referees: The standard of refereeing continues to improve and huge thanks must be extended to the CRAC who greatly assist the referees with guidance and support. The outputs of the recently launched Referee Capability Pathway programme has seen new referees coming onboard and it is great to see these new referees being appointed high-profile fixtures. The number of referees within the county is still low and it is my firm belief that all clubs should have a referee that can officiate at all levels and codes.

Coaching and Games: Our Coaching and Games staff continue to deliver a professional service under serious pressure. I would like to thank all the GPOs, GDAs and their Manager Noel Mooney for all their hard work and dedication - it certainly does not go unnoticed.

Finance: Alan has ensured that all teams were well catered for during 2020 in what was a very difficult year. The position of treasurer is a challenging task but I am sure you will all agree that he has done a fantastic job ensuring that all revenue opportunities were maximised.

Sponsorship: Without sponsorship no county could manage. Kildare have been very fortunate to have Brady Family Hams as our main sponsor. This partnership has proved beneficial to both parties as it has provided Kildare with much needed finance and it has heightened the profile of Brady Family Hams. A sincere thank you must also be extended to our other partners who continued onboard even though revenue streams for all businesses took a hit as a result of Covid.

Conclusion: My term of County Secretary draws to a close this evening and I have to say the years flew by. It was a great honour and privilege to hold the position and one I look back on with great pride on what has been achieved during the last four and half years. There were some memorable days on the field of play including the U20s winning the All Ireland, the Senior Hurlers claiming two Christy Ring Cup titles, the Minor & Junior Footballers claiming numerous Provincial titles along with the Senior Footballers securing promotion to Div1 and along with the great win over Mayo in "Newbridge or Nowhere". The successes off the field sometimes go unnoticed and it would be remiss of me not to highlight the East Leinster Project which has provided Clubs with GPOs to assist with their training plans, the Strategic Plan which is currently being delivered along with the Hawkfield Gym and St Conleth's Park Redevelopment plans which are a work in progress.

I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to all my colleagues on the Management Team who have assisted and guided me through my term. Mick Gorman and previous Chairman Ger Donnelly have been of great support throughout my term.

Thank you to all the various committee members who have helped relieve the workload along with Martina who was always available when something was required.

To the club officials in the county, I wish to express my gratitude for all the help and courtesy you afforded me this year. I am sure you will afford Incoming Secretary Christine Murray the same courtesy that was shown to me.

Many thanks to my Club Clane whom have supported and encouraged me in my role.

Finally, a heartfelt and massive appreciation to my wife Mairead and daughter Saoirse for their unwavering support throughout the term - I am truly indebted.

To our fellow gael's who may be ill at this time, I wish you a speedy recovery and also remember those who passed away in the last year. Soladh Na Bhflaitheas Doibh Go Lear.

I hope all have a peaceful Christmas and a successful new year.

Daithí Ó Cathail
Rúnaí

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Nominations for Annual Convention 2020

Cathaoirleach (Chairman): Mick Gorman (Outgoing).

Leas-Cathaoirleach (Vice Chairman): Colm Farrell (Outgoing).

Rúnaí (Secretary): Christine Murray.

Cisteoir (Treasurer): Alan Dunney (Outgoing).

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli (PRO): Dave Cahill.

Oifigeach na gCluichi (Coaching Officer): Shane Power (Outgoing).

Oifigeach na Gaeilge (Irish Officer): Séamus Ó Mídheach (Outgoing).

Comhairle Laighean (Leinster Council Delegates X 2): Larry Curtin (Outgoing), Mick Mullen (Outgoing).

Ard Chomhairle (Central Council Delegate): Ger Donnelly (Outgoing).

Standing Orders for Convention

In order that the proceedings of the Convention are carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be observed:

1. The proposer of a Resolution or of an Amendment thereto may speak for 3 minutes, but not more than 5 minutes.
2. A delegate speaking to a Resolution or an Amendment must not exceed 2 minutes. A maximum of two delegates from any one Club shall speak on any one motion.
3. The proposer of the Resolution or Amendment may speak a second time for 2 minutes before a vote is taken, but no other Delegate may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Chairman may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the Proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
5. A delegate may, with the consent of the Chairman, move "that the question is now put", after which when the Proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Where Convention considers it appropriate, a vote may be by secret ballot.
7. Any motion, seeking to amend a Bye Law must have a majority equal to two-thirds of those present, entitled to vote and voting.
8. Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter on the Agenda except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present, entitled to vote and voting.
9. The Chairman may change the order of items on the Agenda with the support of a simple majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting at Convention.

Bye-Laws of Coiste Chill Dara 2021

As Approved at County Convention 15.12.2020 and also approved by Coiste Bainistí

To be Read in Conjunction with the Official Guide

1) The Annual Convention is convened in accordance with Rule 3.10. T.O 2020. In accordance with R. 3.11, T.O. 2019, the County Convention shall elect/appoint the following : Chairperson, Vice -Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Development Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Coaching Officer and Public Relations Officer, all of whom shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual Convention. It shall also elect two representatives on the Provincial Council, and one representative on the Central Council. Representatives not re-elected at County Convention shall continue in office until the conclusion of the Provincial Convention or Annual Congress as appropriate immediately following date of Convention, It shall appoint a Children's Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee.

The position of County Treasurer shall not be subject to the maximum number of years prescribed in Rule 3.11(b)

2) In accordance with R. 3.18(a), the County Committee shall consist of the Officers, Central and Provincial Council Representatives, one named representative of each affiliated adult Club taking part in official adult Competitions, the Chairperson of Coiste Iomána Chill Dara, one representative from the County Handball Committee, one representative from Coiste na nÓg, one representative from the Post-Primary Schools' Committee, one representative from the Primary Schools' Committee and the County Referees Administrator (appointed in accordance with R. 3.20 (i), T.O. 2019).

3) In accordance with R. 3.20, T.O. 2019 the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in R.3.20, T.O. 2019 and in these Bye-Laws.

(i) Management Committee:

It shall consist of the officers of the County Committee, the Central and Provincial Council representatives, the Chairperson of the Hurling Committee, the Chairperson of Coiste na nOg and the Chairperson of Demographics Committee.

(ii) County Competitions Control Committee:

A County Competitions Control Committee shall be nominated annually by the County Chairman for appointment by the County Committee. It shall consist of ten members in total to include a representative from the Hurling Committee and Coiste na nOg. With the exception of Grading of Clubs and Players the Competitions Control Committee is granted plenary powers and acts on behalf of the County Committee.

(iii) Fixture Analysts:

Two fixture analysts shall be nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

(iv) County Hearings Committee:

A County Hearings Committee shall be nominated annually by the County Chairman for appointment by the County Committee. It shall consist of eight members. No member of the County Management Committee, the County Competitions Control Committee, the County Coiste na nÓg C.C.C., the County Primary and Post-Primary Schools' C. C. C. or the Regional Underage C. C. C.'s may serve on the County Hearings Committee. It shall

consist of at least three members for any hearing. Except where required to stand aside, as per Rule 7.3(v), the Chairman or Secretary of the Committee must be present. It shall hear appeals lodged by individuals and clubs against decisions of Divisional or other subcommittees formed under R. 3.20 and 3.19 T.O. 2019.

(v) County Planning and Physical Development Committee:

It shall be chaired by the County Development Officer and shall comprise of six people, the other five shall be nominated by the County Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee, the Secretary is to be selected from these five.

(vi) County Referee's Administration Committee:

It shall consist of two people, nominated by the County Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee, and the Referees' Administrator. The Chairperson to be selected from these three.

(vii) Coaching & Games Development Committee:

It shall consist of ten members: The County Coaching Officer as Chairperson, the County Games Development Manager as Secretary and eight members, nominated by the County Chairperson for appointment by the County Committee.

(viii) County Cultural Committee:

It shall be chaired by the Officer for Irish Language and Culture and shall comprise of five people, four of whom shall be nominated by the County Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee. The secretary is to be selected from these four.

(ix) County Public Relations/Marketing Committee:

It shall be chaired by the County P.R.O. and shall comprise of eight people, seven of whom shall be nominated by the County Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee. The Secretary is to be selected from these seven.

(x) County Youth Committee:

It shall be chaired by the Children's Officer and shall comprise of six people, five of whom shall be nominated by the County Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee. The Secretary is to be selected from these five.

(xi) County Finance Committee:

It shall be chaired by the County Treasurer and shall comprise of six people, five of whom shall be nominated by the County Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee. The Secretary is to be selected from these five.

(xii) County Information Technology Committee:

It shall be chaired by the County Development Officer and shall comprise of five people, four of whom shall be nominated by the County Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee. The Secretary is to be selected from these four.

(xiii) County Teams Management and Panels Sub Committee:

The membership of the County Teams 'Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the charter for County Committee/Player relationships as approved by Árd Chomhairle from time to time. The functions of this Committee will be as outlined in Rule 3.20 (xiii), T.O. 2019

(xiv) Health and Wellbeing Committee:

It shall consist of a Chairperson and three other members all of whom shall be nominated by the County Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee.

4) In accordance with R. 3.19(I), T.O. 2019 the County Committee shall form the following Sub- Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in these Bye-Laws:

(i) County Hurling Committee:

It shall comprise of a Chairperson and seven other people all of who shall be nominated by The County Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee. The Secretary shall be selected from the seven people. It shall be responsible for the development and promotion of adult hurling within the county. Matters of finance shall be dealt with by the County Committee.

(ii) Coiste na nÓg:

It shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Asst. Secretary, Treasurer, P.R.O., all of whom shall be nominated by the County Chairperson, for appointment by the County Committee. It shall also consist of one named delegate from each affiliated club taking part in official underage competitions. They will be responsible for the control of underage football and hurling within the county up to the Under 16 age group. Appeals against decisions of this committee and requests for a Hearing where prescribed shall be heard by the County Hearings Committee.

The County Committee shall appoint a Coiste na nÓg C.C.C. which shall consist of the Coiste na nÓg Chairperson, Secretary and three named members of the Committee.

5) Post-Primary Schools Committee

It shall consist of a Chairperson, who will be an officer of the County Committee, a Secretary, a representative of each affiliated Post-Primary school, a representative of the Coaching and Games Development Committee and a representative of Coiste na nÓg. The function of the Committee shall be the promotion, development and control of

Gaelic games in Post-Primary schools. It shall organise competitions where appropriate and encourage as wide a participation as possible in Gaelic games. The County Post-Primary Schools A.G.M. shall be held annually. Its officers shall be appointed in accordance with Rule 3.19 (I) T.O. 2019. It shall appoint an executive committee and forward motions to the provincial body. It shall also elect a representative to the provincial body. The County Committee shall appoint a Post-Primary school's C.C.C. that will consist of the chairman, secretary and three other named members of the Post Primary schools Committee. Appeals against decisions of this committee and requests for a Hearing where prescribed shall be heard by the County Hearings Committee.

6) County Demographics / Planning Committee:

The Committee's role, working in conjunction with the Management Committee, will be to make recommendations to the County Committee on the measures necessary to increase sustainable participation. The Committee's will carry out its work on a regional basis. The Chairperson of the new committee would be a non-elected (ex-Officio) member of the Kildare GAA Management Committee for a period of five years. The Committee should include people with expertise in areas such as:

- Coaching & Games
- Past players
- Provision of facilities
- Local area planning
- Lobbying
- Finance
- Administration
- Rules and Bye-Laws

7) Primary Schools Subcommittee:

It shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, P.R.O., Registrar, Development Officer, County Board Delegate and Officer for Irish Language and Culture. This Committee shall be responsible for the organising and control of Gaelic games at primary school level. The County Committee shall appoint a C.C.C. which shall consist of three named members of the Primary Schools Sub

Committee. The Primary Schools Committee will have its own Hearings committee, consisting of three named people who shall not be members of the primary schools executive or C.C.C.

8) Club Kildare Sub- Committee:

It shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer (who shall be the current Treasurer of the County Committee), P.R.O. Membership Officer, and up to an additional ten Committee members, maximum of sixteen members in total, all of whom shall be shall be nominated by the Chairperson of the County Committee for appointment by the County Committee. It will be the main fundraising arm of Kildare County Committee. All funds raised by Club Kildare shall be lodged to the account of Club Kildare and then transferred to the account of the County Committee who shall be responsible for the disbursements of the said funds.

9) Grading/Regrading:

Under Rule 6.20 T.O. 2019 the C. C. C. shall process applications and make decisions by a date set by CCC at February County Board meeting. Applications for grading and/or regarding of clubs and players shall be with the County Secretary seven days prior to the appropriate meeting. Note: The County Committee shall retain the right to make the final decision on an application for Regrading by a Club. A Player aggrieved by a decision on his application for Regrading shall have the right of appeal to the County Hearings Committee whose decision shall be final.

10) Attachment to First Club:

Coiste na nOg shall compile, and annually update, a first club players register within the County. In all cases a player's first club shall be determined on the basis of the definition of First club. Rule 6.3 T.O. 2019. A player shall have an unfettered choice when joining his first Club.

11. Transfers within the County:

(i) All inter-club transfers within County Kildare shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 6.5 (a) T. O. 2019. A player who wishes to transfer from one club to another must apply to the Secretary of County Committee on the form prescribed for this purpose. Applications must be submitted to the County Secretary no later than February 1st and applications received after this date shall not be considered in the current year. The CCC, in the first instance, shall make decisions on applications for transfers at least one week prior to the March County Committee Meeting.

(ii) The County Competitions Control Committee (C.C.C.), when adjudicating and reaching its determination on a Transfer Application in accordance with Rule 6.5 T.O. 2019, shall also give due consideration to Rules 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 T.O. 2019. It shall further consider the response of his current Club, and shall;

- Be cognisant of the role played by his current Club, in nurturing and developing the individual Player.
- Consider the potential impact on his current Club.
- Give special consideration to clubs that are affected by demographic decline.
- Be cognisant of the imbalance in player membership that generally exists between urban and rural clubs.
- Consider the potential impact on the promotion of the Association's aims in County Kildare.

(iii) To have a transfer request considered the applicant must qualify under at least one of the conditions outlined hereunder:

- The applicant and/or the applicant's permanent family residence is changed.
- The applicant is applying for a transfer to his First Club
- The applicant has other relevant connections (as defined in Rule 6.3 T.O. 2019) with the club to which he wishes to transfer.
- The applicant is applying for a transfer from a Senior Club to an Intermediate or Junior Club, or from an Intermediate Club to a Junior Club to play first team Football/Hurling, in circumstances where he does not have the opportunity to do so at his existing club.

The County Competitions Committee shall retain the right to consider extenuating circumstances in all transfer applications.

(iv) *Permanent residence*, in the context of this Bye-Law and Rule 6.3, T.O. 2019, shall mean residing at a fixed address for a minimum period of twenty four consecutive weeks, prior to the date of the Transfer application, and likely to reside at that fixed address for at least the ensuing year. The applicant must satisfy the CCC of such residency by provision of documentary evidence, as required. For a player, up to and including Minor level, residence shall be considered to be the permanent residence of his Family.

(v) Multiple transfers from a Club shall not be approved pending consideration by the CCC and the presentation of a report thereon to the County Committee.

12) Playing Restrictions (Club):

Rule 6.8 (c) shall only apply to 'Single' Clubs, where a player does not have the opportunity to compete in both codes. Rule 6.8 C will not apply to either 'Dual' Clubs or to 'Twin' Clubs.

Definitions:

A 'Single' Club means a stand-alone Hurling Club or Football Club.

A 'Dual' Club means a Club that caters for both codes, Hurling and Football.

A 'Twin' Club means two Clubs, i.e. a Hurling Club and a Football Club separately registered under the same name.

County Convention Minutes 11.12.2019

The 2019 County Convention was held in The Osprey Hotel commencing with Mass at 7.00pm.

Standing Orders: Standing orders were adopted on the proposition of Tom Hickey seconded by Larry Graham.

The minutes of the County Convention held on the 6th December 2018 were approved on the proposition of Pat Healy seconded by Pat Kelly.

Tellers: The following Tellers were appointed on the proposition of Sean Moriarty, seconded by Dick Maher - John McCarthy, Pat Dunney & Niall Sheridan. Eoghan Meagher, a former Returning Officer in Dublin County Council will oversee to ensure all is in order.

Treasurer's Report: Brendan Waters attended on behalf of Mazars, Auditors. Alan Dunney gave a detailed presentation summarising the accounts for 2019. Key highlights included:

- Surplus of €484,999 for the financial year with turnover just over 2.5million.
- €200,000 was transferred to the St Conleth's Park Development Fund
- Loan values continue to decrease with the Croke Park Loan now at just over €10,000
- Alan finished off the presentation by showing pie-charts of the progress made with finances over the last number of years.

Dermot Reilly noted an error where the Gate Figures for St Conleth's Park & Manguard Plus Hawkfield were duplicated. Secretary committed to issuing Gate Figures for both venues to clubs in the morning.

The accounts were adopted on the proposition of Mick Fennin, seconded by Anna Marie Bissett.

Chairman Ger Donnelly extended a thank you to Alan and the audit committee for the work this year.

Secretary's Report: The report was adopted on the proposition of Jack Hennigan, seconded by Greg Brennan.

Officer Reports: The reports were dealt with in detail and were adopted on the proposition of Niall Sheridan, seconded by Seamus Deering.

Reports on Grounds:

Marty McEvoy advised that Athy were successful in obtaining full planning permission for floodlighting on two pitches and had received Sports Capital Funding for the project. Marty also thanked Ger Donnelly and Martin Heydon for their assistance with the project. No debt was incurred with the project.

Ger Donnelly informed delegates use in Manguard Plus Hawkfield is at full capacity. Planning permission has been received to build a gym in Hawkfield.

Delegates were also advised that funding amounts have yet to be announced for the LSSIF project - we are hopeful this will be announced shortly.

Chairman's Address:

Dia daoibh go léir a chairde agus fáilte romhaibh

As Chairman of Kildare GAA I am delighted to welcome you all to the Osprey Hotel in Naas for our 132nd Annual convention. This is my last time to address you as chairman and I am truly honoured and privileged to have held this position. I first got involved with the county as an administrator back in 08 when I became Bord na nOg chairman, from there I took up the role of Vice Chair and 5 years ago I was elected as Chairman. I sincerely thank you all for putting your trust in me and giving me the opportunity.

At tonight's convention Mick Gorman will take up the reins as our new county chairman. I want to congratulate Mick on his elevation to the position and to wish him well in his tenure. I have no doubt he along with his management team will do an excellent job and will continue all the good work.

I also want to acknowledge the other members of the management team whose term in their current role comes to an end at this convention and I thank them for their work during their time.

Our county secretary Dave Cahill has compiled the annual report for convention and if you haven't read it already, I suggest you do as it gives a detailed account of all activities that took place throughout the year. I want to thank Dave for his work and commitment and his attention to detail in all aspects for the role of secretary, he has been a great help to me. Thanks a lot Dave.

Kildare GAA is a huge organisation and has grown year on year and requires a large number of volunteers and committee members to assist with the running of our county. I would like to thank all our volunteers and Sub-Committee members who work behind the scenes to ensure we operate to very high standards across so many different fronts.

At last year's convention our strategic plan was launched outlining a clear vision and pathway for our county for the next five years, by setting out specific goals. This year we implemented the first operational plan for the focus areas identified, Club, Games, Capital Financial and Urban/Rural Development and the plan was presented to all delegates at the recent county board meeting. A big thanks to our Management Committee for their support and for implementing their section of the operational plan over the last year.

Under the guidance of our Development officer our focus continued with the Club Leadership Development Programme. Workshops were held on Club Governance, Club Development, Corporate Trustee and Pre-AGM's throughout the year and the plan for next year is to continue on this path. Regarding the Club planning process we now have 6 trained facilitators in Kildare and they are available to assist any club that is developing their strategic plan. Many of our clubs are now developing their facilities and have received grants from the Leinster Council and the Sports Capital Fund. I wish you all well with your developments.

It was another busy year in our Coaching and Games department and the full details of all activities are contained in the convention booklet. I want to pay tribute to John McCarthy our coaching officer as his term comes to an end after 5 years in the job. John has done tremendous work over that time and I thank him for his commitment to this role and I wish him well for the future.

The year saw the continuation of all current activities and the introduction of new initiatives with structures put in place for the East Leinster Coaching project and new ventures such as the Caman Lets Hurl project and the increase of Games Centres.

We have also employed in conjunction with Leinster Council additional GPO's that will assist the clubs that are committed to the East Leinster Project and they will also help deliver all the projects under the guidance of our Games Manager and assisted by our GDA's and current GPO's.

Again we witnessed an increase in the children that attended the Cul Camps with the number of clubs that held camps for both codes also on the increase.

Our development squads competed in the Leinster and National Blitzes in both codes and I want to thank all the mentors that looked after the various age groups throughout the year.

I want to thank Bord na nOg, North & South Boards and Cumann na mBunscoil for the promotion of GAA and the arranging of competitions and games.

The review of the internal under age games programme is completed and the report has been sent to CCC and Bord na nOg for discussion and consideration with recommendation included. It is anticipated the report will form the basis of our games programme over the next few years.

On the PR front we continue to get our message out on our social media sites. This is a perfect platform to allow us to engage with all our Clubs, our supporters our members and our commercial partners.

I also want to thank our media colleagues for the coverage of our games at club and county level throughout the year.

Our County teams had a year of mixed fortunes, the senior footballers did maintain their League status, we exited the Leinster Championship at the semi-final stage to our great rivals Dublin and following a third round defeat to Tyrone in the All Ireland Qualifiers Cian O Neill decided to step down as manager after four years at the helm. I want to thank Cian his management team of Tom Cribben, Karl O Dywer and Alan Flynn, the backroom team and all the players for their work and effort through out the year.

In Sept Jack O Connor was appointed as our new senior football manager along with his management team of Ross Glavin and Tom Cribbin. I wish Jack, Ross and Tom all the best in their new roles and I would ask that we all are patient and give them a chance as they prepare for the coming years.

Due to transition and unavailability of players for various reasons it was a difficult first year for manager David Herity and his management team of Deckie O' Toole and Ronan McWilliams. However our Senior Hurlers did retain their league status and we beat London to retain our Christy Ring Status for 2020. I would appeal to all our hurling clubs to do their utmost to ensure that their players make themselves available and commit to the Senior Hurling panel. I wish David and the lads well for the new season.

Our Junior football team managed by Declan McGrath with Chris Byrne and Sean Brilly on the management team beat Longford in the Leinster semi-final but narrowly lost out to Meath in a very entertaining game in the final. Thanks to Declan, Chris and Sean for the work they done with this team in such a short period

With the change in competition format for the U20 age grade from 2018 and the introduction of a knockout championship and a new developmental league our U20 footballers were in a division along with Dublin, Galway, Cork and Kerry. Although they competed well they didn't progress to the knock out stage. In the Leinster Championship they lost out to Laoise. The timing of both these competition were reviewed at National Level and as a result from 2020 the league competition will start in January and the championship will now start in February.

I want to thank the manager Gay Campbell and his management team of Frank Byrne and Brian Hewson for their work and we look forward to next season.

The U21 age grade for hurling changed to U20 following the Annual Congress and our under 20 hurlers lost in the first round of the All Ireland B championship to a strong Meath team. Again the timing of this competition is not ideal for preparation. I want to thank the Manager Martin Fitzgerald and his management team of Neil O' Muinechain, Diarmuid Cahill and Mick Gillick for the work they done with this group.

It was a very successful year for our Minor Football team as they were crowned Leinster Champions defeating Dublin after extra time in a very entertaining, exciting and nerve racking game. They were unbeaten in the group stages and went straight through to the semi-final where they accounted for Laoise. Thanks to the manager Colin Ward and his management team of Mickey McGuigan, Liam Carroll, Jim Bergin, the back room team and the panel of players. You gave us a great year to remember.

Last month Michael Conneff was appointed as the new manager for next season with Mark Hogarty, John Conway and John O Dwyer forming his management team and I wish them well in their new roles

The Minor Hurlers also had a great year to remember playing in the Leinster Championship they beat Offaly in a thrilling game in Newbridge in the Qtr final and lost out in the semi-final to Kilkenny. They also played in a game of Shinty against Scotland in St Conleths Park which proved to be a wonderful experience for them.

I want to thank Cathal Fenton the Manager and his management team of Eoin Stapleton and Chris Murray for the work they done for the last 2 years. Both Cathal and Chris decided not to continue in the role and I wish them well for the future.

Eoin Stapleton was appointed as the new Manager and he will be joined by Noel Ryan, Pat O Meara and Mairtin Boran on his management team and I wish them all the best.

The GAA is a games oriented organisation and as you will have seen in our Treasurer Alan Dunney's presentation of the accounts we are continuing to invest in all our county teams to allow them to prepare and perform to the highest level for all the games

Again I want to thank our loyal supporters who travelled around the country in support of all our county teams we really appreciate your support

I want to acknowledge all the winners of our club competitions in both codes in the Leagues and championships. The full list of all the winners are in the booklet. Congratulations to Sarsfields, Monasterevin and Ballymore who won the Senior, Intermediate and Junior football championships and they went on to represent us in Leinster. On the hurling front it was a brilliant year for Naas, winners of the Senior, Intermediate, Junior, U21 and Minor championships a clean sweep. Along with the success in the hurling league div 2 and 3 and coupled to their wins in football of the Leader cup, U21 & Minor c/ship level and the various titles at Underage this is really a tremendous achievement and I congratulate them. They also represented us in Leinster in the IHC with Maynooth playing in the Leinster JHC.

I want to thank our Competitions Control Committee who do a tremendous job in organising all the competitions and arranging the fixtures schedule which is a massive task and should not be underestimated.

Our match officials are crucial to the successful running of our games programme and I want to thank all our referees, linesmen and umpires that continue to make themselves available to officiate at our games. The County Referees Administration Committee (CRAC) continued their work in running workshops on rules and carrying out fitness tests, new referees were recruited with assessors attending more games to evaluate

performance. Well done to Brendan Cawley who made the National Referees Panel for the championship and as a result he is now one of the top referees in the country

Tonight Mick Fennin steps down after almost 20 years co-ordinating and appointing referees to all our fixtures. Mick has also held the position of county referees administrator and worked tirelessly and around the clock to ensure that all games had a referee appointed and in some cases at very short notice. He has done a massive job and will be a huge loss. I want to wish Mick the very best for the future and he will always be a great friend of Kildare GAA.

The Hurling Action Plan continues to be implemented and at the beginning of the year a review was undertaken which showed the majority of clubs were making steady progress but progress in some clubs needed to be addressed. A further review will take place at the beginning of next season.

A new initiative was launched this year Caman Chill Dara, A festival of Hurling, a fun day that showcased all aspects of hurling that included coaching, skills and games with the highlight of the day the hosting of the Poc Fada.

Last month a Coaching and Games workshop was arranged in conjunction with Maynooth University. The workshop was very well attended and the guest speakers were Derek McGrath, Paudie O' Neill and Ken Hogan.

I want to thank Colm Nolan and the hurling committee for all the work they have done through-out the year.

Tonight also sees Pauline McBride our County Children's Officers term come to an end after 5 years in the position. During her time Pauline has always focused on the welfare of the child been paramount and also on the importance of the role of the Children's Officer at club level and the support needed from the Club Executive to ensure the role is carried out effectively. She has delivered numerous workshops to our club children officers on child safeguarding and the code of behaviour and best practice and constantly made us all aware of the mandatory requirement of Garda Vetting for all members involved with the underage and vulnerable adults.

Pauline was instrumental in ensuring we had the code of best practice hearings and determining committee at county level and also she expressed that these committees had to be implemented at club level.

I want to thank Pauline for the excellent job she done in this position, she carried out the role with the minimum of fuss and in a very professional way.

I want to acknowledge the Scor Committee for the promotion of Scor Sinsear agus Scor na nOg but we would love to see more clubs getting involved. However the clubs that entered the competitions excelled in their respective disciplines winning Kildare titles with both Ardclough and Milltown winning Leinster Titles and getting to the All Ireland Final.

Kildare Handball had another very successful year as they again won All-Ireland, Provincial and National titles in both the Men's and Women's game at various grades. Best of luck for 2020

Financial Development and establishing and maintaining a sustainable financial model in support of all areas of the county has been a continuous focus of the Management Committee for the past 5 years.

It's great to see that we have a healthy surplus again in 2019 while at the same time being able to maintain very strong levels of investment in our teams and coaching and games. This surplus will allow the county to further invest in the National Development Fund in support of the St Conleths Park project and you will see from the accounts presented that we are investing a further two hundred thousand euros into this fund following on

from the 2019 financial year. The total funds ring fenced as our cash contribution to the project is now €650,000.

Our continuing financial health and the sustainability of our finances, has been driven by financial governance measures implemented by the county over the course of the past number of years coupled with continued growth with new commercial partners in 2019.

Our gates have again showed an increase on the previous year, thanks in no short way to a replayed County Senior Football Final and they are making a big contribution to the income side. At this stage I want to pay a special thanks to our Treasurer Alan Dunney who I have worked very closely with over the last five years he has done a tremendous job on managing our finances, well done Alan. Thanks also to all the gate people for their work during the year to make this a success. Our CCC also plays a big role in this by fixing the games for both Manguard Plus Centre Of Excellence Hawkfield & St Conleth's Park Newbridge and of course our supporters for attending our games. I also want to thank Club Kildare for their work in raising funds and want to particularly acknowledge the growth in membership over the past two years. I wish them well for the next 12 months and beyond, with the push to increase their revenue raising initiatives to allow us to fund the St Conleths Park redevelopment project and maintain, and indeed, increase support for our teams.

I am delighted to announce this evening that our level of engagements with the commercial world is continuously increasing. Over the course of the past 12 months we welcomed new, and some old, partners into the Kildare GAA family and I want to thank EMS Copiers, Joe Fox Tool & Plant Hire, DHL and most recently CraoÍ Laighean Credit Union joined us as sponsor for all of our Bord na nÓg competitions and we very much look forward to working with them in that regard.

To our main sponsor Brady Family and all of our existing sponsors and partners who have been with us over the last number of years; your support is very much appreciated, and Kildare GAA would not be in such a positive position without your continued support and loyalty. The commercial support from our Business Community allows Kildare GAA seek superior performance across a broad number of areas, both on and off the pitch.

In relation to our plans for Capital Development, the re-development of St Conleths Park is awaiting funding allocation from the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund. Our application is fully supported by Croke Park and we made our submission back in April. Our Design Team are well advanced with the preparation and have all the tender documents prepared and we are ready to commence the procurement process post this vital announcement. All indications are that the announcement decision relating to of this funding will be made later this month or early January.

With regard to Mangaurd Plus Centre of Excellence in Hawkfield, we have received planning permission for a 420sq meter Gymnasium and our design team is just about to seek tenders for this project. Further decisions will be taken after this stage has been completed.

Since our last convention many families have lost loved ones. On behalf of Kildare GAA I want to express our condolences to all those families who suffered a bereavement during the year. To our departed friends May they rest in peace. I also want to wish a speedy recovery to all that are ill at the moment and I want to give a special mention to Sean Malone who has been at almost every convention and county Board meeting long before my time involved. Get well soon Sean, Also good to see Joe Moore here after his short illness.

The role of Chairman, is a very busy job and requires around the clock commitment and dedication. I want to thank the many people who helped and supported me, not only this year but over all the years and especially my time as Chairman.

To our Operations Manager Cormac Kirwan, the Executive committee and the management team of Kildare GAA for their support, the players, officials and management teams at both club and county, our sponsors, our supporters, our referees, our assessors, our stewards, our coaches and the members of our numerous committees, all the clubs and the delegates and everyone who has helped in any way. I sincerely thank you all.

It was a honour for me to serve as chairman and looking back over my time, there have been some brilliant days, plenty of enjoyable days, some challenging days, some great days and some not great days and I have memories that will remain with me forever.

Overall a lot was done and achieved and I am pleased that our county is on a good sound footing, we have a strategic plan in place, we have a large number of sponsors and partners, our Croke Park loan is paid, revenue from our gates has grown year on year, turnover has grown by almost 900K, our all county club draw is well bedded in and is in its fifth year, we have €650K on deposit for the re-development of St Conleth's Park. Club Kildare fund raisers and membership has grown significantly, our coaching and games staff have increased as have our cul camp numbers, we got planning permission to build a Gymnasium in Manguard Plus Hawkfield and we've had relative success on the playing fields winning Leinster Minor, U20 and Junior titles an U20 All Ireland and Christy Ring Title and getting to the inaugural super 8s but we must not rest on our achievements .

I can safely say I don't think I could have done the job without the support of my family. It's hard to describe in words the support my wife Martina has given to me so that I could carry out the role of chair. She is an out and out GAA person with an unbelievable work ethic and will go the extra mile for the GAA, especially for Kildare GAA. She has been so supportive and understanding of the work and the time that has to be put into doing this job. To my son Niall and my daughter Meg I know I have missed a lot over the years, thanks a lot for going with the flow and for your support it made it easier. I am already looking forward to been able to spend more time with you's.

Finally I wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous new year. And once again I thank you all for your tremendous support

Cill Dara ABU

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Gearóid Ó Donghaile

The report was adopted on the proposition of Niall Sheridan, seconded by Mick Fennin.

Election of Officers:

Cathaoirleach (Chairman): Mick Gorman.

Leas-Cathaoirleach (Vice Chairman): Colm Farrell.

Rúnaí (Secretary): Dave Cahill (Outgoing).

Cisteoir (Treasurer): Alan Dunney (Outgoing).

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli (PRO): Christine Murray (Outgoing).

Oifigeach na gCluichi (Coaching Officer): Shane Power.

Oifigeach na Gaeilge (Irish Officer): Seamus Ó Midheach (Outgoing).

Comhairle Laighean (Leinster Council Delegates X 2): Mick Mullen (Outgoing), Larry Curtin.

Ard Chomhairle (Central Council Delegate): Ger Donnelly.

Leinster Convention: Mick Gorman, Dave Cahill, Alan Dunney, Ger Donnelly, Colm Farrell.

Congress: Mick Gorman, Dave Cahill, Alan Dunney, Ger Donnelly, Petria Dobbins.

Development Officer: Petria Dobbins was nominated for the position and this was approved on the proposition of Martin Whyte, seconded by Mick Fennin.

Children's Officer: The appointment was deferred to the February County Board Meeting.

Bye Laws: The Bye Laws for 2020 were approved on the proposition of Joh Flood, seconded by Tom Hickey.

Motions / Recommendations:

Motion 1. Na Raithini (Raheens)

Insert a new rule called Rule 2.7(c) into The Playing Rules of Football in Part 2 of the Official Guide as follows:

A player in receipt of a kick-out cannot pass the ball directly back to his goalkeeper.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS RULE - A free kick will be awarded to the opposition from the position the goalkeeper receives the pass, or if the goalkeeper is inside the 13m line when in receipt of the pass the free will be from the 13m line opposite where the foul occurred.

- Motion was unanimously carried on proposition of Shane Malone, seconded by John Gallagher.

Motion 2. Na Raithini (Raheens)

(A) Delete Rule 1.4(e) (ii) from the Playing Rules of Football in Part 2 of the Official Guide.

(B) Delete the words "or an open hand" from Rule 1.4(f) of the Playing Rules of Football in Part 2 of the Official Guide.

Rule 1.4 currently reads as follows:

"1.4 When a player is in possession of the ball, it may be:-

- (a) Carried for a maximum of four consecutive steps or held in the hand(s) for no longer than the time needed to take four steps;
- (b) Played from the foot to the hand(s) -toe tapped;
- (c) Bounced once, and once after each toe-tap;
- (d) Changed from one hand to the other once, with the original holding hand maintaining contact until the change is completed;
- (e) Played away with:
 - (i) A fist
 - (ii) An open hand-in which instance there shall be a definite underhand striking action
- (f) Released for a kick, a toe-tap or a pass with a fist or an open hand.

The ball may be knocked from an opponent's hand(s) by flicking it with the open hand.

- **Motion was withdrawn.**

Grants: The Annual Grants for handball and the Gaeltacht were approved on the proposition of Sean Moriarty, seconded by Dick Maher.

Corporate Trustee: Following a lengthy discussion, Outgoing Chairman Ger Donnelly advised delegates that the incoming Management Committee will review the practicalities for Kildare GAA should they adopt the Corporate Trustee and advise Clubs of same. It is hoped a decision will be taken next year on this item.

Incoming Chairman: Incoming Chairman Mick Gorman addressed delegates and expressed his pride and honour being elected to the position whilst also thanking his family, the St Laurence's club and all those who helped him on his journey. Mick reminded all that we are gatekeepers and it was his intention to prove himself worthy of the confidence all have placed in him. Mick touched on a number of key items which will be worked on during the coming year including the St Conleth's Park Redevelopment, Kildare GAA Strategic Plan along with Coaching.

AOB: Lar Cooke thanked Ger Donnelly for his work over the last five years for Kildare GAA and hoped that he will stay involved with the St Conleth's Park Redevelopment Project.

Presentations were made to John McMahon, John McCarthy & Pauline McBride who all completed their five year terms as Leinster Council Delegate, Coaching Officer & Children's Officer respectively.

A presentation was also made to Mick Fennin who stepped down after 20 years in the position of Referee Administrator. Mick thanked all who assisted him whilst in the role and also expressed his sincere and heartfelt thanks to his family for the support and understanding they provided him. Ger Donnelly advised that the County owe big thanks to Mick who has been a great friend and we are forever indebted.

The meeting then concluded.

Hurling Report 2020

As we come to the end of 2020, one of our goals for the year was achieved.

The success of our County Senior Hurlers is being celebrated (socially distanced of course) in homes, clubs, and Schools across the County. The success of the Senior team has given everyone a lift at the end of a difficult year for many.

The success of this and all our County teams is owned by many. It is due to planning and hard work by many, often unseen. Winning trophies doesn't just happen, and we should also remember it's not the only measure of our progress or success in Kildare.

Creating a Plan

Having a clearly defined plan is essential to achieving our goals as a County.

One of the goals/outcomes was achieved this year when our County Captain Brian Byrne raised the Christy Ring Cup in Croke Park.

In framing the Kildare Hurling Action plan launched in January 2018 the agreed vision of all stakeholders was:

- To maximise participation at Child, Youth and Adult levels.
- To optimise performance at all levels - Clubs, Schools, Development Squads, and Inter-County.
- Promote "Wellness" in Clubs and Communities throughout Kildare, by providing healthy recreational and competitive Hurling opportunities at Child, Youth and Adult levels.
- Create a network of Hurling communities throughout Kildare.

Since its launch, each Club has engaged through their "Action Agents" (Hurling Advocates) in developing their individual Club Hurling Actions Plan. Each plan has been designed to address the following key areas.

- Club Hurling Actions - to identify what is currently working, what needs to be improved across the following headings in their Club.
- Club/ Primary School Links - Develop strong supportive connections between schools and clubs who are at the heart of the community.
- Kildare Club Hurling Profile - develop a communications strategy which would promote the game at all levels throughout the county.
- Games Programme - develop a meaningful games programme for all participant - in addition to an appropriate county fixtures programme.

In parallel Kildare Coaching and Games have also been working hard to support the coaching needs of Clubs & Schools providing them with much needed encouragement and coaching resources which they in turn can make their own.

The work on this has been steered under the chairmanship of John McCarthy and now Shane Power. There has been tireless work undertaken by Noel Mooney, John Doran and Paul Divilly as well as the other members of the Coaching and Games team based in Hawkfield.

So what does success look like?

Success is measurable in many ways but in Kildare Hurling we believe it includes:

- Participation - increasing numbers participating around the county at all ages.
- Skills Development - allowing every participant to develop their potential and to enjoy the game we all love.
- Communications Strategy - Letting everyone know what's going on and how to access resources.
- County - Winning promotion to the Joe McDonagh Cup, Winning the Christy Ring Cup, NHL promotion, Minor & U20 competing successfully at their current levels and seeking promotion to higher tier competition, creating a clear county player pathway.

Measuring the Hurling Action Plan's Success

Devising a plan is one thing but making sure it's successfully implemented is another challenge. Hence the need for ongoing and consistent measurement of key indicators.

Measurement and review is essential and this process is undertaken initially at club level and includes each of the stakeholders.

Mid -Term Review

Given that we reached the mid-point of the hurling action plan in 2020, we were ready to embark on a comprehensive review or "health check" of each Club - what's working, what needs improvement, participation levels, issues needing improvement.

We are very grateful to John Doran who oversaw and undertook the task of liaising remotely with each club to gather the information needed to assess where we stand now, what progress have we made, where do we need to improve, what steps do we need to take to continue to improve.....

The results of this survey have been considered by the Kildare Hurling Committee and presented to the County Chairman and Management Committee for consideration and action.

A full report will be provided to clubs in early 2021 and will form the basis of future strategic development in support of Hurling development in Kildare.

It's all about the People

Key to the success of the Hurling Action Plan is the people. Whether they are players, coaches, mentors, administrators, referees, committee members, parents, supporters each has an equally and important role to play in the support and development of Hurling in Kildare. Without each other we cannot succeed - Ní neart go chur le chéile.

If we've learned anything from 2020, it is that our members also play hugely important roles within our communities often coming to the fore in the most difficult of times.

While we may not have been able to tog out on the field for large parts of the year, nonetheless we "togged out" in many different ways for our communities:

- Community support roles - in support of all those impacted by Covid19 including frontline workers and those cocooning
- Coaching & Skills - Promoting virtual coaching, skills development, fun activities. Who would've thought hurling skills would be the hit of the summer on social media.
- Inclusion - supporting everyone, regardless of their ability, to participate in Gaelic games. Sport is inclusive.
- 24 Hour Fundraiser run undertaken by the Kildare Senior and Minor teams & backroom.

Camán Chill Dara

In 2019 we launched Camán Chill Dara - The Kildare Festival of Hurling.

In September 2019 on the Curragh we held the first County family fun day and Kildare Poc Fada competition (team, individual (boy & girl), Adult (men/women)).

This event was followed up with an evening Q&A with Derek McGrath, and finally our coaching workshop held in Maynooth University.

Sadly Covid meant we were unable to build on the success in 2019 but we look forward to the return of this successful programme in 2021.

Club Competitions

We were delighted to see games re-commencing after the various lockdowns affecting Kildare.

This created significant challenges for the CCC, clubs, players, and officials. It's been a difficult task for the CCC with so many continually moving parts ensuring compliance with Governmental, Public Health and Croke Park directions. Thanks to all involved for their hard work in difficult circumstances delivering a fixtures programme during the year.

The challenge is not yet over given the direction from Croke Park to cease club activity. This will lead to our 2020 Championship Competitions being concluded in early 2021 at the same time as our County team commence their NHL campaign. I wish all teams still involved in the 2020 Championships well in their preparations.

Inter - County Competitions

We've been fortunate in the last couple of years to have a strong representation at Minor (U17) level. Managed this year by Eoin Stapleton and his team, the Minor group won their first and sadly only, championship game against Antrim in Abbotstown.

At U20 level we were unable to compete this year. It should be recorded that a significant amount of work has been undertaken by the U20 and Minor management teams in 2019/20 which was, and will be, pivotal to the continuing development of our inter county senior team for the future.

In establishing this U20 group, with the assistance of Mairtin Boran and Paul Dermody, our intention was to ensure we created a "bridge" for players coming through to the Senior ranks. This is essential to develop a Kildare brand of Hurling, sharing knowledge and expertise to our best advantage between the County teams. Thanks to everyone involved.

Kildare Senior Team

Our league campaign started very strongly but finished in disappointment when we lost out on a final place with a draw against Derry in Celtic Park.

Covid then intervened and shut down all activity. However, although group inter county activity was curtailed, the senior squad and management were still working remotely supporting each other and their club throughout.

The Christy Ring Cup had 3 different structures in 2020 because of Covid19. The final structure ensured a minimum of 2 games for each team and this change was as a direct result of representations made to Croke

Park by Kildare GAA and others. A minimum of 2 games is not much to ask when you consider the time and commitment of ours and the other participating counties.

In recent days I've heard many remark about the "luck" coming from that competition draw, the "luck" of receiving a walkover in the first round, the "luck" of Down knocking out Offaly.

Make no mistake the success of Kildare being promoted to the Joe McDonagh Championship as winners of the Christy Ring Cup is down to "making our own luck" and that's a simple formula....

Hard work + dedication + commitment

(by everyone with the support of the Kildare County Board.)

Central to this success has been the 54 players and back room team who made themselves available throughout the year in supporting our league and championship programme. Each played their part in building this team's success.

It is a source of great disappointment that the entire group could not be together, appropriately distanced, in the 82,300 Croke Park stadium to share in such a special day. When time and circumstances permit, we will ensure the entire group can celebrate and be celebrated for the 2020 success to which each has contributed.

This success has its origins with our manager David Herity. He's an extraordinary blend of humility, passion, drive and determination and it's been a pleasure working so closely with David since his arrival in late 2018. Time and again, he has supported us in the implementation of the Hurling Action Plan. He has given selflessly of his time to clubs, managers, players, and officials building an encyclopaedic knowledge of hurling at all levels in Kildare. We thank Ciara and Oliver for all their support too. Míle buíochas ó chroí.

Fresh from their success the extended squad have been bringing the Christy Ring cup to clubs and schools around the county inspiring players of the future.

This is just the start of a journey and we look forward to the new challenges that lie ahead for 2021 and the future.

Faoi dheireadh - In conclusion

- One man who has been key to inspiring our youth and promoting Hurling in Kildare is John Doran, Kildare Director of Hurling. On the Monday night after winning his 3rd Christy Ring medal, John was out coaching a juvenile group. Such is the quality of the man and we are fortunate to have him.
- I would like to thank our Cathaoirleach Mick Gorman for his leadership of the county in such a challenging year and his continuing support of hurling in Kildare as we continue our journey.
- Communication is vital in all we do and we have been supported brilliantly this year by our PRO Christine Murray who has made hurling visible and accessible to all. I would like to thank her and wish her every success in her new role as Rúnaí.
- Throughout his term as Rúnaí, Dave Cahill has provided invaluable support, advice, and assistance. The workload of a County Secretary is enormous yet Dave was always accessible and helpful. I am delighted Dave will take on a new role in 2021 as PRO and look forward to continuing to work with him.

- I would like to record my thanks to each member of the 2020 Kildare Hurling Committee, John McCarthy, Joe Doolin, Noel Burke, Abby Murphy, Declan Lynch, Colette O'Hara, John Doran, Noel Mooney, Jason Hickey, Brian Murnane.
- I would not wish to cause offence by inadvertently omitting anyone from my report of the year, which by its nature is intended to be a summary. To everyone involved in any way in Kildare Hurling your contribution is invaluable and we celebrate with you the continuing development of hurling at all levels in the county.
Míle buíochas as bhur n-oibhre agus tacaíochta.
- To those within our GAA family who have been bereaved in the year, you and your loved ones are, and will remain, in our thoughts and prayers. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dilís, go bhfanfaidh siad i suaimhneas.

Le dea ghúí daoibh go léir.

Colm Ó Nualláin
Cathaoirleach Coiste Iomána Chill Dara

*“Vision without action is merely a dream.
Action without vision just passes the time.
Vision with Action can change the world.”*

Joel A. Barker



Coaching & Games Report 2020

As 2020 draws to a close, Kildare GAA Coaching and Games wish to thank everybody who helped out in the running of the various activities that have taken place this year in difficult circumstances due to Covid 19.

Due to the volume of help and co-operation that we have received, it isn't possible to name everybody individually in this report but we would like to acknowledge the great support that we have received from Bord na nÓg, all clubs' members, and development squad mentors, referees, North & South Board officers, county board personnel and Kildare Sports Partnership. This report gives a breakdown on all the various projects that we have been involved in. This year has seen our activities grow with new projects including our online courses, TURAS workshops at youth level and Club Strength & Conditioning programme.

This year the coaching and games activities have been overseen by Coaching Officer Shane Power, County Games Development Manager Noel Mooney, Operations Manager Cormac Kirwan and the Games Development Administrators David Murphy, Declan O'Toole, Tadhg Fennin, Paul Divilly, John Doyle, John Doran and Jonathan Daniels GPO, Conor Herbert GPO, Mark Fitzharris GPO, Leon Gordon GPO, Mark Bulter GPO, David O' Neill GPO and Mick Gillick. We are also delighted to have welcomed Kelly Perkins GPO and Ciaran Farrell GPO to Kildare GAA Coaching & Games team to deliver these projects.

We would like to thank Aaron Gorman for all his work done and wish him every success in his new adventures.

The following is a rundown of our year's activities.



KELLOGG'S CÚL CAMPS 2020



Initially there were 60 Cúl Camps planned to be held in Kildare, these dates were finalised in December 2019 with the host clubs and Local Cúl Camp Coordinators, and were due to start on June 29th and run for a period of eight weeks.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic all camps were cancelled and, after much deliberating with Croke Park and the HSE, it was decided to plan an alternative camp schedule which would start on July 20th. All clubs were contacted directly and were asked to consider an alternative date to host their Cúl Camp, 34 clubs chose to proceed with their Cúl Camp over five weeks.

This was a monumental task to ensure that all camp participants, camp coaches and club assistants would be able to partake. Measures were put in place at each camp to make it as safe an environment as possible. Please see the following guidelines that were adhered to at each camp;

- No walk-ins on the first morning of camp, all participants had to be booked-in online before 11am on the previous Friday of the camp starting.
- Traffic plan in place to avoid any congestion of groups of people gathering on arrival or departure each day.
- Each parent had to complete a Covid 19 GAA Education Module before commencement of camp and confirm each morning during the duration of the camp that their child's health condition has not changed from what is recorded in the initial health questionnaire completed by them.
- Each coach had to complete and submit the health questionnaire (Safe Return for Gaelic Games) in advance of the Cúl Camp and provide it to the Camp Head Coach who also acted as the COVID Supervisor, they completed the COVID-19 Online Educational training and various Cúl Camp online modules.
- Sanitisation stations at each venue.
- Groups were placed in a pod supervised by their coach for the entire day.
- Three 15-minute breaks were allocated to each group as opposed to previous years where there was a 15-minute break and a 30-minute lunch break.

Unfortunately, due to a specific county lockdown, involving Kildare, Laois and Offaly we had no alternative but to cancel the last two weeks of the schedule which would have involved 13 camps from August 10th to August 21st.

The 2020 Kildare GAA Kellogg's Cúl Camp schedule would not have been possible if it was not for the help, patience and hard work of our full-time staff (Games Development Administrators and Games Promotion Officers), Club camp coordinators, host clubs and all 138 camp coaches.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank profusely all those mentioned for their help in a Summer full of challenges.

Special thanks to David Murphy - County Cúl Camp Coordinator.

Kildare Primary Club School Link Programme 2020

This year sees us embarking on our 15th year of our club coaching in primary school initiative. This scheme brings coaches, linked with the local clubs, to the primary schools of County Kildare to encourage fun, skill development and participation in Gaelic Games.

This initiative is a joint venture between our county board and our local clubs. The scheme sees coaches visit their school for 50 hours coaching. These coaches are a great asset in our schools helping to forge greater links between clubs and schools, and also helping the recruitment of children to local clubs. 40 club school links were held in 2020 in Kildare schools until this coaching had to stop due to Covid 19 restrictions, this scheme is currently on hold and will be reviewed in early 2021.

Primary school coaching is continuing with our GDA's & GPO's under strict Covid 19 guidelines.



GAA Coach Education Courses carried out in Kildare 2020

The following courses were undertaken over the past 12 months in Kildare:

- 11 Football Foundation Courses Online & Face to Face
- 5 X Hurling Foundation Courses Online & Face to Face
- 2 X Dual foundation courses
- 2 X Award 1 Youth Adult Courses
- 92 TURAS Age Specific Workshops Online & Face to Face

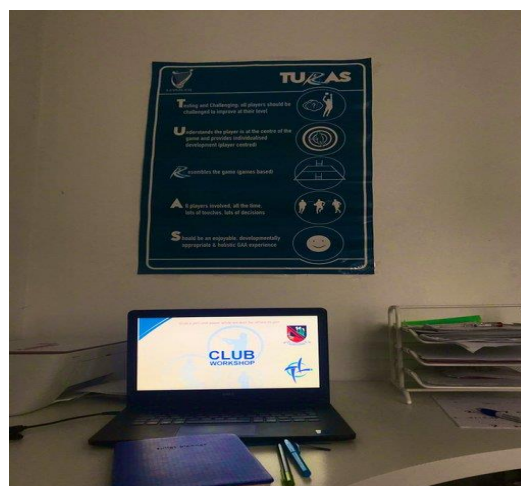
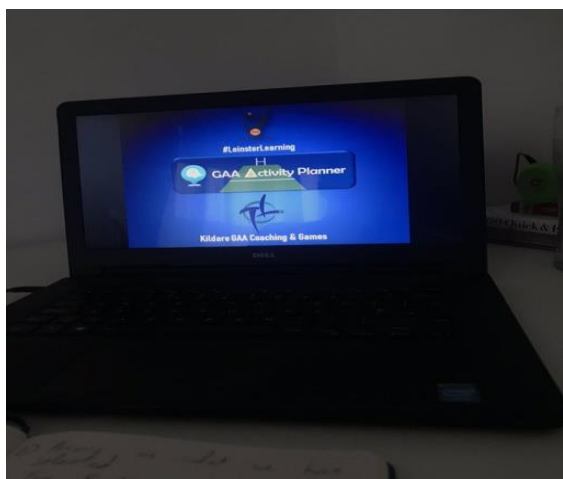
In total, there were 9 Go Games Referee courses held throughout the county and 289 people attended.

This year we decided to run a series of Coaching Webinars during the months of April, May & June which proved to be a huge success with 2065 people logging in. The following topics were covered; Go Games Referee's Course, Nursery Workshop, Building Resilience in Our Players, Youth Adult Coaching through Small Sided Games, Movement Development in Children, Coaching the Child, Online Foundation Registration & GAA Activity Planner Guidelines.

Finally, there was huge demand for our 6-week Strength & Conditioning programme with over 120 people logging in each night. Thanks to Paul Divilly & Mick Gillick for presenting.

Clubs wishing to hold a foundation course or Award 1 from January to December 2021 must make contact with one of the county coaches to book a date due to new regulations from Croke Park and National Coaching Ireland. All club coaches must be hold a coaching qualification.

Contact: Declan O' Toole 087 6642369



Secondary Schools

Kildare GAA Coaching and Games offer the following Coaching Programme to Secondary Schools supporting promoting and developing Gaelic Games (Hurling & Gaelic Football).

Kildare GAA Secondary Schools Coaching Programme:

- School Team Coaching Support or designated age groups i.e. 1st or 2nd years
- Strength and Conditioning Support

- Competitions (internal & external)
- Nutrition Support
- Recreational Games

How the Kildare GAA Secondary School Coaching Programme worked?

All teachers involved in Gaelic Games in their school are asked to:

- Identify what support they require and the priority in which they come.
- Draft a schedule when they would like to receive this support.
- Schedule a meeting with me to discuss and finalize this plan.

Four secondary schools participated in the programme. We hope to increase the number of schools in 2021.

Secondary School Athletic Development Pilot Programme to be delivered in schools by Paul Divilly and Mark Fitzharris

- An athletic development coach will be appointed to five schools to deliver an athletic development programme.
- All GAA teams (Football & Hurling) in the school will take part in the programme (see sample timetable below).
- All teachers coaching GAA have agreed to attend a GAA 15 workshop and deliver this programme to their team regularly.
- All teachers are invited to attend the Leinster GAA Youth Resistance Course which will run December/January.
- Each school will have access to a smartabase licence (they can choose to use this with their senior team or all teams).

Schools involved 2020/21

- Maynooth Post Primary
- Patricians, Newbridge
- Naas CBS
- Árdcoil na Tríonóide, Athy

Comhairle Iarbhunskoileanna Laighean & Kildare GAA Coaching & Games

Kildare 2nd Level Schools Games Programme 2020/21

Background:

Leinster GAA PP and Kildare Schools, in conjunction with Kildare GAA Coaching & Games have recognized the need for a coordinated programme of games for our second level students especially in the current climate of uncertainty. Our full time staff will be available to co-ordinate and support our 2nd level schools throughout the county in order to provide students the opportunity to play GAA within the school setting. Initially in Phase 1 we have identified an opportunity for each individual school to provide 1st year students with football/hurling in an in house structured 7-aside games programme. In Phase 2 we intend, in conjunction with all schools, to expand this programme to include inter school activity at a later stage possibly using Kildare GAA facilities.

Phase 1:

Taking into account each schools circumstances, i.e. facilities, P.E times, half days. The following structure is a general guide for the proposed 1st Year School League.

- 7 aside teams with a max panel of 10 players
- 15 mins aside with no half time
- Teams play 3 games per session
- Full GAA pitch divided in 3 pitches playing across from side line to side line
- Use of poles for goals if portable goals not available
- Teams named along county lines (Kildare, Cork, Kerry, etc.)
- Teams are randomly selected (dates of birth, alphabetical)
- TY/5th year students to act as referees
- Full time staff can offer a basic Referee Course for TYs beforehand
- Rules to be decided beforehand (one hop one solo, no play of ball, goals only)
- Gear required-football, bibs/school jerseys, poles/portable goals

The above can be tailored to suit each school and the numbers involved. Coaching and games staff in Kildare will support the staff to organise and help implement the plan as required when Covid 19 restrictions allow.

**COACHING THE CHILD
WEBINAR**

June 22nd 7.30pm

Delivered by:
**Johnathan Daniels
and Kelly Perkins**

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Super Games Centre

Six super games Centers were held in Post primary schools and one in Hawkfield, where over 350 players got to participate in recreational games being organised.



Hurling Projects:

This year we continued the before school hurling program called Camán Lets Hurl. This involved 8 schools across Kildare. The program was aimed at pupils from 3rd and 4th classes many of whom have never played hurling before. The sessions were made up of fun warmups, skill stations, game stations and mini matches overseen by teachers, club coaches and Kildare Coaching and Games staff.

The ultimate success of the program was the transfer of a large proportion of players in the schools to the associated club for training and club matches.

A hurling Club health check was carried out in 23 hurling clubs out of 25 to help identify playing numbers and other areas of support the clubs will need from Coaching & Games. These findings will help us provide a base for further analysis & future strategic planning.

Other Projects:

- Youth Games Centre
- Development Squads functional movement and screening
- Hurling & Helmet Scheme
- Hurling Action Plan

Hurl with Me Program



Kildare GAA Talent Academy

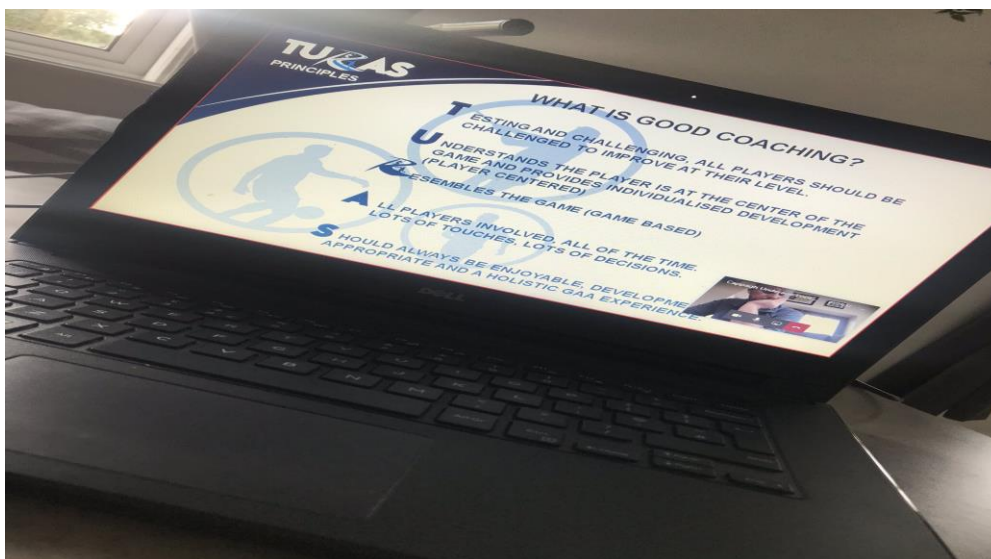
The Kildare GAA Talent Academy includes county panels for GAA players from the ages of U14 to U16 in Football & Hurling.

Unfortunately, these panels have had to stop activities from St Patrick's Day due to ongoing Covid 19.



TURAS

Supporting Kildare GAA Coaches to Develop Tomorrow's Players to Play, Stay and Achieve



TURAS PHILOSOPHY, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

TURAS, the Irish for journey, was purposefully chosen to reflect the journey that is player and coach development. The TURAS programme will challenge coaches to engage in lifelong coach education by providing flexible, context-appropriate, and bespoke opportunities delivered within their coaching environment.

The overarching objective of TURAS is to implement a coherent and consistent coaching and player philosophy within Leinster GAA that supports the long-term development of players and coaches at county, school, and club levels. It recognises that coaching is central to player development and investing in quality, long-term and sustainable coach education will have significant and positive implications on the development of young players and the competitiveness of senior teams into the future.

TURAS aims to ensure a consistency and clarity of message about long-term development and coaching philosophy across all levels of the game; club, school and county. It is a set of principles that outline the type of player each county is trying to develop and the coaching process that support this. TURAS recognises that both coaching and player development is a long-term process that requires continuous investment, engagement and communication.

TURAS will have positive outcomes at all levels by bringing more players into clubs and schools (Play the Game), developing thriving developmental and competitive structures in clubs and schools (Stay in the Game), and achieving success at county level (Achieve in the Game).

It is widely recognised that coaches have a preference for informal and self-directed modes of learning. Consequently, it is important that TURAS provides coaches with CPD opportunities (to complement formal coach education) that provide those operating on the Player Pathway with the skills they need (and the ability to refine and reflect on these). Underpinned by the TURAS principles, the establishment of communities of practice within each county as well as peer coaching, mentoring, and facilitated workshops will be the primary focus of TURAS Community of Practice.



Our Annual Coaching & Games Golf Classic was held on Friday 24th July. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Newbridge Golf Club for their hospitality and to all our clubs, parents, mentors & companies who entered teams or sponsored tee boxes



Conclusion

We wish to acknowledge the very generous sponsorship by Joe & Anthony Mallon of Mallon Motors for their continued support of vans for our coaching staff and this is a very welcome initiative in promoting our coaching and games development projects.

Again we would like to take this opportunity to thank the County Chairman Mick Gorman and his management team, club officials and mentors, also sub boards' officials, primary and post primary teachers, development squad mentors, parents and children who supported our programmes.

Our special and sincere thanks also to our Operations manager Cormac Kirwan, Martina Donnelly, Declan Jacob - Referees Coordinator, Larry Curtin - Kildare Second level schools, Seamus Dooley, Tommy Murphy, our coaches David Murphy GDA, Declan O' Toole GDA, John Doyle GDA, Tadhg Fennin GDA, Paul Divilly GDA, John Doran GDA, Michael Gillick GPO, Jonathan Daniels GPO, Conor Herbert GPO, Mark Fitzharris GPO, Leon Gordon GPO, Kelly Perkins GPO, Dave O'Neill GPO, Mark Butler GPO, Ciaran Farrell GPO for their continued dedication and commitment. Many thanks to Jenny Duffy, Maynooth NUIM for use of their facilities and to Colm Nolan who chaired our Hurling Mentoring Workgroup.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Teehan Chairman Leinster Council, Leinster Coaching and Games committee, Leinster GAA Development managers Alan Mulhall, James Devane and Colm Clear Coach Education Manager.

Noel Mooney

Games Manager

Shane Power

Coaching Officer

Kildare Children's Officer

Youth Committee.

At the beginning of 2020 a new *GAA* Youth committee was formed. Each member took on their position on the committee with enthusiasm and good intentions. Regrettably, the committee got to meet in person on just one occasion prior to the initial lockdown in March. At that meeting a number of key areas were identified as possible avenues of work for 2020, examples being a focus on increasing participation amongst young people with disabilities, and also an analysis of 'drop out' rates of teenagers within the *GAA*.

Given the restrictions imposed for the bulk of 2020, the work of the Youth committee did not 'take off' at the level that had been hoped, although some great work was done on National Inclusion Fitness Day which I shall detail below.

I want to thank all members of the Youth Committee, and I hope that all will return in 2021 when hopefully we will have the opportunity to achieve more.

Child Safeguarding Training.

Over the course of 2020, the landscape of Child Safeguarding 1 training has altered on a regular basis. At the beginning of the year many clubs hosted face-to-face Safeguarding 1 courses for their mentors. Thankfully the majority of clubs had managed to facilitate training for mentors prior to the lockdown in March when such courses were suspended. I would like to express gratitude to the tutors in Kildare who provide this essential service to clubs.

More recently Child Safeguarding courses have moved to an online format. This will remain the case until further notice. A number of Kildare clubs have already availed of the online version of the Safeguarding 1 course for their mentors, with others awaiting confirmation of course scheduling.

It is hoped that Safeguarding 2 for Club Children's Officers, and Safeguarding 3 for Designated Liaison Persons, will be available online in the coming weeks and months.

Garda Vetting.

It is a legal requirement that all those involved in working with young people in the *GAA* are vetted by Gardaí. It is of utmost importance that clubs maintain accurate an up to date records in this regard.

From 1st January 2021 there will be a significant change with regard to Garda Vetting. The lifespan of a valid Garda Vetting application, formerly 5 years, will be reduced to 3 years in accordance with guidelines nationally. This means that all those vetted by *GAA* prior to 1st January 2019 must re-apply for Garda Vetting via the online e-vetting system. This will be a large task for clubs, and a six-month period from 1st January 2021 will be permitted for this task to be completed. Although this may be an onerous task for clubs, it is absolutely essential. Persons who do not hold a valid Garda Vetting will not be permitted to partake in any *GAA* activity involving young people.

Dealing with Alleged Breaches of Code of Behaviour (Underage).

An important role of the Club and County Children's Officer is in dealing with alleged breaches of good practice. Over the course of 2020 this aspect of the work has brought me in contact with numerous dedicated Children Officers and Committee members in clubs across the county. I am grateful for the work that they have

undertaken in promoting best practice and in dealing with alleged incidents of poor practice in an efficient and effective manner. This work at a club and county level is 'unseen' by most, but it is valuable and very important work. I want to thank all Children Officers in the clubs throughout Kildare for their great work in 2020.

I also want to thank the members of the County Determining Committee for their work in dealing with alleged breaches of the Code of Behaviour.

National Inclusion Fitness Day.

September 23rd was designated as the inaugural GAA National Inclusion Fitness Day. This was an event whereby clubs were encouraged to promote and celebrate diversity in the GAA. Despite restrictions imposed, clubs found a way to host events to mark the day.

Examples of promoting GAA amongst young people with various disabilities have been to the fore in 2020. Kill GAA set up a 'GAA for All' group within their club to cater for young people with autism and other needs in early 2020. I am aware that Caragh GFC are making plans to set up a similar group. The great work of Round Towers GAA was highlighted by national media in their efforts to make our games accessible to a young player with specific physical needs.

I am sure that there are many other examples of such great work across the county, and I hope that in 2021 there will be an increased focus by clubs in promoting our games amongst young people irrespective of their ability or disability.

Acknowledgements.

I want to thank Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichill, National Child Welfare and Safeguarding Manager, and Michelle Harte, Child Welfare and Safeguarding Officer in Croke Park for their continued assistance and guidance.

In conclusion I want to express my appreciation to all my colleagues on the Kildare GAA Management Committee for their support and hard work throughout the year. It has been a difficult and challenging year in so many ways and I am proud to have been part of a Management Committee and an organisation that has done such excellent work in 2020.

Dermot Lavin

Kildare GAA Children's Officer

COISTE SCÓR CHILL DARA - SCÓR REPORT 2020



Tacaíonn Cumann Lúthchleas Gael le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge, an damhsa Ghaelaigh, an cheoil, na hamhránaíochta agus an chultúir Ghaelaigh i gcoitinne. Chun an ról sin a chomhlíonadh tá struchtúir éagsúla i bhfeidhm ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

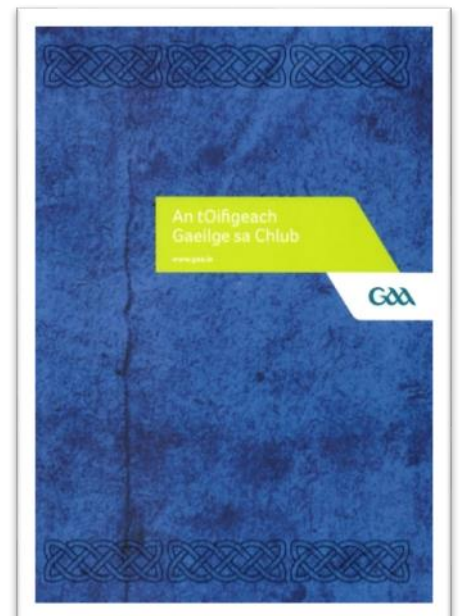
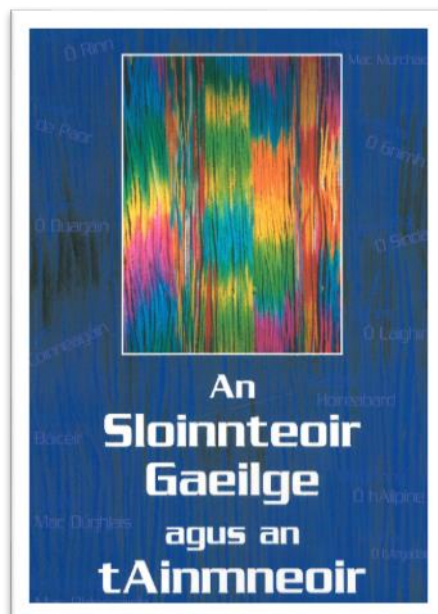
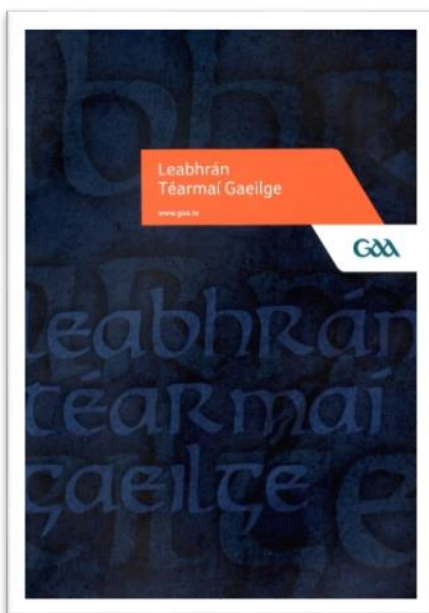
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Tá Oifigeach Gaeilge i ngach contae agus i ngach cúige.

Tá sé de dhualgas ar gach club sa tír Oifigeach Gaeilge/Cultúir a cheapadh.

Is í an Ghaeilge an ceangal nádúrtha sin idir ar gcultúr agus ár gcluichí.

Tá dhá leabhrán ann le treoir agus cabhair a thabhairt do na hOifigigh sin - 'An tOifigeach Gaeilge sa Chlub' agus 'Leabhrán Téarmaí Gaeilge'. D'fhoilsigh Coiste Náisiúnta na nGaeilge na leabhráin sin.



Tugann an tOifigeach cabhair agus tacaíocht do eargais eile a bhíonn ag cur chun cinn na Gaeilge.

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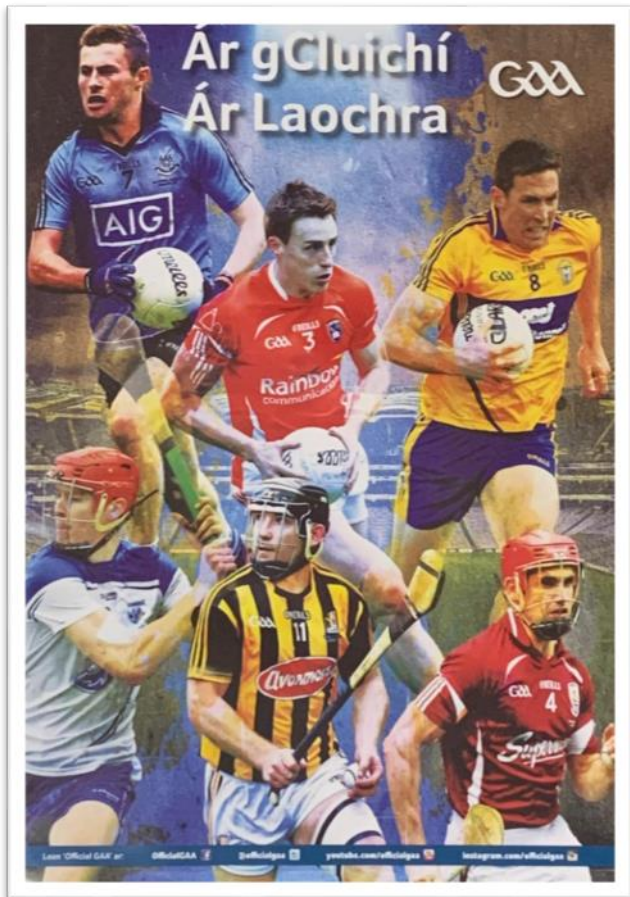
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Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha

Is scéim tacaíochta de chuid Glór na nGael agus de chuid an Chumainn Lúthchleas Gael í Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha le haghaidh clubanna CLG ar mian leo an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn.

Tá formhór na gclubanna ag cur na Gaeilge chun cinn bealach amháin nó bealach eile. Is é cuspóir na fondúireachta seo ná na hiarrachtaí sin a fhorbairt ar bhonn tomhaiste agus pleanáilte. Cuirfidh Glór na nGael cuidiú ar fáil don Oifigeach Gaeilge i bhfoirm chomhairle, tacaíochta agus idéanna le tógáil ar an obair mhaith atá á déanamh sa chlub cheana féin. Is féidir deontas a lorg ón Fhondúireacht chun cuidiú leis na pleananna sin a chur i gcrích agus bronnfar bonn ar na clubanna as méid áirithe a bhaint amach ar son na teanga.

Trí chlárú leis an Fhondúireacht tá do chlub ag tabhairt tiomantais go gcuirfear an Ghaeilge chun cinn go gníomhach agus go dtabharfar spás lárnach di i saol laethúil an chlub.

Tapáigh an deis. Cláraigh agus fógar tacaíocht i bhur gclub don Ghaeilge!

The Joe McDonagh Foundation is a support service provided by Glór na nGael and the Gaelic Athletic Association to GAA clubs wishing to further the Irish Language in their community.

Most clubs have been promoting the Irish language in some form or another. The Foundation is here to help develop that promotion in a more measured and planned fashion. Glór na nGael will offer help to the Oifigeach Gaeilge to give them direction, support and ideas to build on the good work that has already been done within the club. Grants are available from the Foundation to help realise your plans and medals will be awarded to clubs for various levels of achievement in promotion of the language.

By registering with the Foundation your club is giving a commitment to actively promote the Irish Language and to make it an important aspect of the daily life of your club.

Seize the opportunity. Register and declare your club's support for the Irish Language!



Is féidir breis eolais faoi ról na Gaeilge i Cumann Lúthchleas Gael a fháil ó CLG Chill Dara ach teahmháil a dhéanamh le Séamus Ó Mídheach 0876296433 nó tríd an ríomhphost ag somidheach@gmail.com



Cumann na mBunscol Chill Dara



2020 was indeed a very difficult and unusual year in Cumann na mBunscol Chill Dara. At the start of the year we had intended to run the following competitions under Cumann na mBunscol.

- Tráth na gCeist
- Mini sevens Boys and Girls Football, Camogie and Hurling
- Boys and Girls Senior Football
- Boys Under 10 Football
- Under 11 Boys and Girls football
- In Hurling we had decided to run an Under 12 competition in Spring and the Senior competition in Autumn
- Girls Senior Camogie
- Girls Under 11 Camogie
- Cross-country athletics event

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak we were unable to complete the Mini 7's, however we had completed the regional finals of the competition.

All other competitions were cancelled in adherence to the directive from Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta.

Since schools have reopened in September, many schools are trying to keep skill levels up during P.E., this is also made possible with the help of the GAA coaches. We appreciate that it is a very challenging time for schools and staff. We hope that schools will continue to work on the skills of the game as we look forward to the coming year.

We appreciate the help and assistance of the county board during the year and look forward to their continued support in the year to come.

We wish everyone the best in these challenging times.

Mise le meas

Seamus Hanafin

Post Primary Schools

In the context of COVID 19, complete school closure from the 12th March to the 1st September, the initially postponed and subsequently cancelled Leaving and Junior Cert examinations and the challenges of reopening schools in a COVID environment in September, the suggestion of playing Gaelic Games would not have been at the top of the list of priorities for all school managements or Boards of Management in recent months.

However, rather than accept a global pandemic as a reason to cancel all Gaelic Games in schools, significant efforts were made by a large number of people to ensure that our teenagers had some access to football and hurling in our schools.

Great credit is due to all of the relevant teachers and our coaching staff for the manner in which alternative solutions were considered, developed and implemented. This process led to a situation where activity recommenced in a number of schools in October 2020 only to fall victim to the level five restrictions which were implemented in November.

When one door closes, another opens and we all look forward to the New Year with renewed enthusiasm and hope.

What Gaelic Games will look like in second level schools from January to May 2021 remains to be seen and is dependent on external factors including transmissions rates of the virus which are beyond our control.

What is not beyond our control is our collective response to the challenge. As an association we need to keep coming up with methods of reorganising the manner in which we play inter school games, reorganising the manner in which we run in-school blitzes and competitions, reorganising methods of getting students to matches, overcoming the issue of dressing rooms and overcoming a number of associated challenges.

We look forward to all of these activities and we look forward our schools taking part in local, regional, provincial and national competitions preferably in the early stages of 2020, COVID permitting, but in any case before the end of the coming year.

Larry Curtin

PRO Report 2020

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who helped me in my role throughout the year. Special mention to Lorcan O'Rourke, Lorraine O'Connor & Sandra O'Dwyer for their hard work behind the scenes over the last 12 months, they were a great assistance to me throughout the year. I would also like to thank my fellow County Board Officers for their support in my role.

The local media have been once again a fantastic support to me and always obliged when I requested articles for the match day programmes. Thanks to Tommy Callaghan (Leinster Leader), Pat Costello (Kildare Nationalist), Richard Commins (Kildare Nationalist), Ger McNally (Kildare Nationalist/KFM), Vincent Sutton (Liffey Champion), Lorcan O'Rourke, Robert Cribbin, John, Ian Baker and Clem Ryan (KFM) for their cooperation throughout the year. The coverage from the local media on a daily/weekly basis is invaluable to Kildare GAA. This year we launched the streaming of our club championship games with Seamus Finn, Enda Grace & Dundara TV, Enda & his team supplied a very professional service throughout the 6 week's with excellent commentary by John Holden & Frank Moran. I would like to thank all involved who brought the streaming to fruition & I believe this is something that we can build on for 2021.

Thanks to Clem Ryan for KFM's live coverage of all of this year's County games and Club Championship games and for accommodating Kildare GAA for the Championship Draws and the Club & County Draw. Also thanks to Sean Brilly, Pat Tinsley, Michael Anderson, Piaras Ó Midheach, Paul Dempsey and to all the local photographers for allowing me to use their photographs. Thanks to Karl and Ray O'Sullivan for the design and printing of the programmes.

Thanks to Jack O'Connor, David Herity and to all the coaches, mentors & Kildare GAA coaches for their assistance during 2020. I would like to thank the clubs of Kildare GAA for their support during the year. Once again, the club PRO's and secretaries were great to work with over the year and were always obliging whenever I needed results, team lists and information for the championship programmes. Due to Covid-19, 2020 was a very different year to what we are used to & our club PRO's went above & beyond to promote our games & supply match updates online for supporters following at home.

Congratulations to all the club teams that won their respective championships, leagues and pre-season cups during the year and I would like wish our Club and County teams the very best of luck for the 2021 season. Thanks to my own club Moorefield GAA for their continued support and encouragement to me in my role as County PRO, it was greatly appreciated during my five years in the role.

Unfortunately my five year term as Public Relations Officer has come to an end & I would like to express my final thanks to everyone that I worked with over the last five years. I was very lucky to meet some great people during my term, from county board officers to match stewards to club officers to club supporters. It was a role I thoroughly enjoyed over the last five years and I have made many great memories & great friends. It was a privilege to be part of Kildare County Board & wish my successor the very best of luck.

Yours in sport,

Christine Murray/Cristíona Ní Muirí

PRO Kildare GAA/Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí Cill Dara

2020 Kildare GAA Handball Report

Unfortunately, as a predominantly indoor sport, handball has been very badly hit by COVID with all competitive action ceasing in March and when competitive action began again in the summer, for 60 * 30, it was restricted to only Minor and Senior (Open) singles grades. As a result Kildare handballers have seen little to no competitive action since the initial lockdown last March.

Kildare 2020 County 40*20 Championships

Paul Moran (Leixlip) defeated Ballymore's Myles Carroll in the Senior Singles while all other grades were at the semi-final stage when play suspended due to COVID restrictions.

2020 All-Ireland and Leinster 40*20 Round Up

Prior to suspension of play Ballymore duo of Micky Dowling (Diamond Masters A) and Brendan Higginbottom (Emerald Masters B) qualified for their respective All-Ireland 40*20 finals with victories over Mayo and Galway opponents. The duo are both scheduled to play Antrim opponents in their respective finals.

Leixlip's Paul Moran reached the Leinster Intermediate Singles final where he lost out in a tie-break to Kilkenny's Shane Dunne while his club colleague Cillian Hogan had reached the final of the Men's Junior C when play was suspended.

The Leinster Doubles competitions, and by extension the All-Ireland Adult Doubles, had only just started when played ceased and unfortunately have subsequently cancelled

Other Adult 40*20 News

In the Irish 40*20 Nationals Leixlip's Ellen O'Connor won the Ladies B singles in a competition that was played in a round-robin format.

In Ladies 40*20 competition teenager Mollie Dagg had an impressive first season as an open player, including reaching the Ladies Senior Singles quarter-final, and is currently ranked 5th in Ireland while In the Men's 40*20 national rankings Kildare now have three players ranked in the top thirty. Niall O'Connor is ranked 7th, with Paul Moran 12th and Kevin Diggins 25th. Paul also won the Open plate in the Gaffney Memorial event while Kevin also reached the final of the Golden Gloves A event in Belfast.

Niall O'Connor also competed in a number of US Race4Eight pro stop tournaments in late 2019. Following some good performances, including victory over Daniel Cordova, the US second seed, in Tucson, Arizona, he finished the season in 14th position in the US rankings.

In 3rd Level Colleges Cillian Hogan and Kevin Diggins, representing DCU, competed in both the Irish and US Collegiates (held in Texas last February). Cillian reached the semi-final of Men's C singles in the Irish event while Kevin lost out at the same stage in the Open event to eventual champion Sam Esser (Missourri State). Kevin also reached the Open quarter finals in the US where he lost out in a tie-break. In recognition Kevin was awarded DCU Handballer of the Year.

New National Handball Centre

A real positive this year for the Handball Community was the completion of the new Centre in Croke Park. When restrictions allow we all look forward to availing of this resource.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank our Chairman, PJ McGrath and the Committee members for their support and patience in exceptional circumstances this year. I would like in particular to acknowledge Pat Ryan, our former Leinster Handball Secretary, for his assistance (and expertise) in relation to Kildare Handball's successful appeal to the Central Appeals Committee in relation to the re-instatement of one of our top players into the Ladies 40 * 20 All-Ireland Senior Singles Championship.

Finally on behalf of all members of the Handball Committee, and all our players, I would like to thank the County Board for its ongoing support to handball over the year.

Andrew Diggins

Runáí

Liathroid Laimhe Cill Dara

Coiste Eisteachta Chill Dara

- The Hearings Committee met on 5 occasions in 2020. Three of these meetings were via Microsoft Teams due to Covid-19 restrictions
- One of these meetings dealt with transfer appeals, of which there were 2
- We met on one occasion to plan for Hearings via Microsoft Teams
- We also met on 3 occasions to deal with requests for Hearings for which we had a total of 4 cases
- Two of the hearings resulted in Appeals to Leinster, with one appeal being successful and the other failing
- There was also 1 request for a hearing which was subsequently withdrawn a day prior to the scheduled hearing

The committee was comprised of the following members:

Andrew O'Sullivan Chairman
Morgan O'Callaghan Secretary
Des O'Brien
Eamonn Costelloe
John Flood
Tom Fitzgerald
Tommy O'Rourke
Martin Murray

Morchadh Ó Ceallacháin

Rúnaí

Bord na nÓg 2020

The end of the year reports are traditionally a look back at all that has been achieved by different groups in the year and what went right and what we can improve on. I think everyone will agree that this year we were thrown into an unprecedented event that is Covid 19 and we were left to think on our feet as we went through the various lock downs and re openings and restrictions. I hope from this we have learnt that we are incredibly resilient and can change and adapt to new situations especially when we work together.

I was honoured to be asked to take over from Jennifer Shortt early in 2020. Jennifer was always going to be a hard act to follow as she is the most efficient person I have dealt with but she has been there throughout the year to answer any questions I have had no matter how small, for this I want to thank Jennifer.

We started the year with Club registrations nights in Hawkfield and Rathcoffey, clubs attended on both nights and signed up to the competitions for the coming year. The U13 and U15 Football were the first competition to start and we had completed a few rounds of these games before bad weather caused us to postpone games. We had restarted the competitions when unfortunately, Covid 19 arrived at our shores and all competitions were postponed. Due to length of the restrictions these games were never restarted, and the competitions abandoned.

As the lockdown continued, we never got to start the Feile Hurling and Football U14 and the U16 competitions in Spring 2020.

The cancellation of the National Feile na nGael which was being hosted by Kildare, Dublin and Meath was also a huge disappointment to all the Hurling clubs in Kildare. Those clubs who had signed up to participate in this event were well advanced in their preparations. This it would have been a great opportunity to show Kildare Hurling at its best and all the work that clubs are doing for the game. I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members on the Kildare Feile committee that was set up to plan for this event, Pat Dunney, Christine Murray, Gerry Delaney, Brian Murnane, John Doran, Pat O Meara and Joe Doolan.

When we were finally able to recommence competitions, we started with the U14 and U16 Hurling and Football. Despite fears and concerns that surrounded playing clubs were on board to get the competitions up and running. We had 17 clubs entering teams in the u16 Hurling competitions and 19 clubs entering u14 hurling and all clubs were delighted to get games for the boys. On the football side we had 34 clubs entering at u16 and 34 entering at u14 level also, again clubs were happy to have games for players. Despite another lock down in the middle of these competitions we were able to reach the finals stages for the u14 and U16 Hurling and these finals were played between St. Conleth's park and Hawkfield on the weekend of the 26th and 27th September. We also got the U16 Football finals played on the weekend of the 3rd and 4th October. Both these weekends went well, and we were glad to get competitions to the finals stages for the players. The finals were all ticket games in line with restrictions to adhere to strict supporter numbers at venue. We took the decision to not present cups or shields at these finals to prevent groups gathering on the pitch, we did however give medals to the winning team managers for them to distribute at a later date to the players and we will make the Cups and Shields available at a suitable time to the clubs if they wish.

We had at this stage completed the various rounds of u12 and u14 football and had reached the finals for these competitions, which were planned for the weekend of the 10th and 11th October. With another lockdown imminent we looked at bringing these finals forward to Wednesday 7th October but unfortunately the second lockdown came into force on that Monday 5th October, leaving us in the situation that these matches could not be played. We do plan on holding these finals at the earliest opportunity.

With regards to monthly meetings we held one in February and March and all clubs sent a representative to these. Due to the lockdown from March Bord na nÓg were not able to hold any further meetings. As we are in Level 5 restrictions at present, we aren't in a position to hold and an AGM this year.

At present we don't have any competitions running so this is the opportunity to reflect on the year that has gone and plan for 2021. Changes that were introduced for the competitions this year 2020 included players playing on the age with an allowance made for players to play just one year up. This resulted in some clubs voicing concerns and we will be looking at this for 2021 and seeing how it can be adapted. We also introduced that all games were to be played on the date they were fixed for and no changes allowed except for exceptional circumstances, while this was met with some resistance initially it resulted in the competitions being run in an efficient manner and helped with clubs planning for games, and fixtures running to schedule. We would hope to build on this for 2021. From the point of reporting results and access to serva sport and promoting Bord na nÓg from a social media perspective these are areas we are looking at improving. We are planning our registration nights in Rathcoffey and Hawkfield, provisionally 13th, 14th January 2021 and will look at competition fees for 2021 given the few competitions that we held this year. While none of us know what next year will be like we have to be prepared to adapt and change how we organise competitions and fixtures and we will look and see how we could have handled this year better. We will also look at how we communicate to clubs around the area of cancelling games etc. at short notice to ensure all know in plenty of time the changes.

On a personal note I want to take this opportunity to thank Pat for all his help and patience as I have learnt this new role. To the other members of the Bord na nÓg executive especially Val, Gerry Moran and Ger Delaney, Henry, Dermot, Hugh, thank you for all your help, patience, and guidance. I also want to thank Declan Jacob the referee coordinator for his help during this past year when demand for referees was enormous. To Dave Cahill thank you for all your help during the past year and putting me on the right track when needed.

On behalf of Bord na nÓg I want to thank Mick Gorman, Dave Cahill, Mick Mullen and all members of the Kildare GAA executive, I also want to thank Cormac Kirwan the Operations manager and all staff in Hawkfield, the grounds staff in both St. Conleth's and Hawkfield for always having the facilities and pitches in great condition.

A special word of thanks to Henry Barrett for doing the fixtures which this year was an incredibly challenging and time consuming task, not only did Henry have to do fixtures once but several times as we stopped and started competitions, we are indebted to Henry for this. Another person who had the task of adapting and changing is the referee co Coordinator Declan Jacob, again we are indebted to Declan for all he did to supply referees for our games, your patience and professionalism is gratefully appreciated.

A final word of thanks to all the Clubs who were unwavering in their support of Bord na nÓg and their patience and understanding as there were numerous changes and short notices for changes and cancellations to fixtures. Without their cooperation we would not be able to successfully run competitions.

Roll of Honour list

U14 Hurling

Div 1	Cup Winners: Naas	Runners Up: Maynooth
	Shield Winners: Ardclough	Runners Up: Celbridge
Div 2	Cup Winners: Clane	Runners Up: St Laurence's

Shield Winners: Naas Runners Up: Sallins

Div 3 Cup Winners: Broadford Runners Up: Moorefield

Shield postponed: Round Towers V Confey

U16 Hurling

Div 1 Cup Winners: Naas Runners Up: Eire Og Corra Choill

Shield Winners: Celbridge Runners Up: Maynooth

Div 2 Cup Winners: Broadford Runners Up: Naas

Shield Winners: Wolfe Tones Runners Up: Cappagh

Div 3 Cup Winners: St. Columba Runners Up: St Laurence's

Shield Winners: Moorefield Runners Up: Two Mile House

U16 Football

Div 1 Cup Winners: Raheens Runners Up: Naas

Shield Winners: Sarsfields Runners up Round Towers

Div 2 Cup Winners: Celbridge Runners Up: Kilcock

Shield Winners: O'Tooles Runners Up: Leixlip

Div 3 Cup Postponed

Shield winners: Sallins Runners Up: Suncroft

Div 4 Group A

Cup: Kill Runners Up: Aylmer Gaels

Shield Winners: St. Edward's Runners Up: Athgarvan

Group B

Cup: Rathangan Runners Up; Carbury

Shield Winners: St. Kevin's Runners Up: Cappagh

Div 5 Cup Winners: Celbridge Runners Up: Sarsfields

Shield Winners: Maynooth Runners Up: Naas

U12 Seanie Barber

Div 5 Group A

Cup winners: Castledermot Runners Up: Rheban

Shield Winners: Moorefield Runners Up: Castlemitchell

Group B

Cup Winners: Allenwood Runners Up: Athgarvan

Shield Winners: Sallins Runners Up: Ballyteague

Is mise le meas,

Jan O Donoghue

Ruaini Bord na nÓg

Kildare GAA North Board 2020

2019 AGM

The 2019 Kildare GAA North Board AGM took place in Rathcoffey GAA on the 28th November 2019. Board officers 2019:

Board Members 2019:

Ronan Lynch (Celbridge)	Chairman
David Schuller (Maynooth)	Secretary
Barry Moran (Leixlip)	Assistant Secretary
Bernard Delany (Naas)	Treasurer
Jerry Foster (Ardclough)	Vice Hurling Chair

Motions / Items for Discussion:

- Election of officers: All five current board members confirmed they would be staying on in their current roles. Stephen McCabe Allenwood was nominated by Ciaran Swords from Allenwood for the role of vice football chair (proposed by DS Maynooth seconded by TO'G Clane) Stephen elected to role of vice football chair.
- New U12 League: Introduce an U12 Hurling League in Autumn (Maynooth GAA): **Motion PASSED** however before committing to this we will have to wait for board na nÓg calendar to be issued and instead of a league a blitz format was proposed.
- Goal Post safety: Introduce to the rules that goal posts must be secured adequately to prevent them from blowing/falling over (Maynooth GAA) **Motion PASSED**

- Shin guards to be compulsory up to and including U10, U11 & U12 Hurling (Ardclough GAA) **Motion PASSED** however the motion was changed slightly to KNB strongly advise that shin pads be worn up to and including age 10.
- Board structure proposal: Chairman, Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Treasurer, V Chair - Football, V Chair - Hurling (Ardclough GAA) **Motion PASSED**
- Seanie Barber Format change: The current format of an all-county league on Wednesday nights needs reviewing. Although the competition is required for registration purposes a better format is required for kid's welfare. The whole point of North & South Boards in Kildare is to reduce travel for kids. Suggestion - 8 team leagues split 4 north, 4 south. Round robins first 3 rounds then 1 v 1, 2 v 2, etc. on finals day? Or revert back to 1 day blitz? Or groups of 4 and 3 blitz days (Ardclough GAA) **Motion PASSED** however this will have to be put forward to Bord na nÓg for final confirmation. (also clarification of the rules needs to be undertaken as there has been confusion between North Board and South board clubs regarding the rules)
- Fee increase: KNB has not raised its fees for several years and costs have increased as well forms of costs. Raise fees from €50 per code per year to €100 (Ardclough GAA) **Motion NOT PASSED** however it was agreed if needed at the board's discretion fees can be increased in Autumn.
- Introduce a Spring U13 league: as there are kids who don't get any hurling from autumn from one year to the next autumn season. (Éire Og CC) **Motion PASSED** however with a slight change instead of a league a blitz format was suggested, this will have to be referred to Bord na nÓg for final approval and to see if there is space in the Bord na nÓg calendar to fit this in

At the AGM clubs present voted on the Hurling and Football Clubs of the Year and the winners were Sallins in Football and Coill Dubh in Hurling.

All winning clubs of the Under 12 and Under 13 competitions received their medals at the AGM.

Referees

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 it was not possible to organise any Go Games Referee coaching courses.

North Board Spring League

The North Board Spring League was planned to run from 21st March through to 21st June in both hurling and football the Spring leagues did not commence due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The league was structured to offer approximately seven to ten fixtures for each team at each age group and also with the Under 8s, 10s & 12s on one weekend and Under 7s, 9s & 11s on the next weekend this allows the option of players playing up to the next age group if they wish. Each age group and code have a games coordinator whose job it is to receive and tabulate results (for grading purposes), liaise with mentors to ensure all matches are played and to report to the board on progress of the league. There were no Spring league finals. As well as North Kildare Clubs the North Board Spring leagues also involved clubs from Kildare South Board and clubs from out of the county: Edenderry and St Vincent's Daingean of Offaly and Blessington of Wicklow.

Football Spring Leagues

In total there are 294 team entries (an increase of 10 compared to same period in 2019) and 1083 football games scheduled for the Spring League. The Spring Football League was structured as follows: Spring leagues did not commence due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

North Board Spring Football League Structure						
Age Group	Under 7	Under 8	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11	Under 12
Number of Team Entries	55	54	54	50	42	39
League Structure	8 Groups of 6 & 1 of 7	6 Groups of 8 and 1 of 6	9 Groups of 6	4 Groups of 8 & 2 of 9	4 Groups of 8 and 1 of 10	1 Group of 8, 3 of 10
No of Scheduled Matches	196	189	189	182	147	180
Start Date	21 st March	28 th March	21 st March	28 th March	21 st March	28 th March
Timing of Matches	Saturdays 2:30pm	Saturdays 2:30pm	Saturdays 3:30pm	Saturdays 3:30pm	Saturdays 4:30pm	Saturdays 4:30pm

Hurling Spring Leagues

The North Board Hurling Spring League was planned to commence on 22nd March and run through to 21st June. The number of team entries was up across all age groups from last Spring with 200 teams this year from Under 7 to Under 12 as opposed to 186 last year. In total 763 hurling games were scheduled for the Spring League. As well as North Kildare Clubs the North Board leagues also involved clubs from Kildare South Board and clubs from out of the county: Edenderry Co. Offaly, Blessington and Western Gaels Co. Wicklow.

The Spring Hurling League was structured as follows: Spring leagues did not commence due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

North Board Spring Hurling League Structure						
Age Group	Under 7	Under 8	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11	Under 12
Number of Team Entries	40	40	37	31	28	24
League Structure	5 Groups of 8	5 Groups of 8	3 Groups of 8, 1 of 7 & 1 of 6	4 Groups of 8 and 1 of 7	2 Groups of 8 & 2 of 6	4 Groups of 8
No of Scheduled Matches	140	140	133	140	98	112
Start Date	29 th March	22 nd March	29 th March	22 nd March	29 th March	22 nd March
Timing of Matches	Sundays 10:00am	Sundays 10:00am	Sundays 11:00am	Sundays 11:30am	Sundays 12:00pm	Sundays 12:00pm

North Board Autumn Leagues

The Leagues commenced on 18th July through to 24th October in both hurling and football. In general the league was structured to provide at least 7 matches per team for football and hurling as these ran every second weekend. U13 Hurling ran every weekend and provided 9 matches.

Due to the Covid-19 crisis the planned calendar above was interrupted due to Kildare County restrictions, the leagues commenced on 18th July and was suspended on the 7th Aug - 29th Aug due to Kildare local restrictions. The leagues recommenced on the 29th Aug and were again suspended on the 7th Oct for the remainder of the 2020 season.

Football

The Leagues commenced on 18th July In total there are 234 team entries which is 8 teams less than 2019, 826 football games were scheduled for the Autumn League. Note: Following a review of the 2020 calendar and the scheduling of the Bord na nOg Seannie Barber competition, Kildare North Board could not facilitate the running of the Kildare North Board U12 football leagues in 2020.

The Autumn Football League has been structured as follows:

North Board Autumn Football League Structure						
Age Group	Under 7	Under 8	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11	
Number of Team Entries	50	52	47	47	38	
League Structure	3 Groups of 6 & 4 of 8	5 Groups of 8 & 2 of 6	3 Groups of 8 & 4 of 6	3 Groups of 8 & 4 of 6	4 Groups of 8 & 1 of 6	
No of Scheduled Matches	175	182	168	168	133	
Start Date	18 th July	25 th Jul	18 th Jul	25 th Jul	21 st Jul	
Timing of Matches	Saturdays 2:30pm	Saturdays 2:30pm	Saturdays 3:30pm	Saturdays 3:30pm	Tuesdays 19:00 /Saturdays 4:30pm	

Hurling

The North Board Hurling Autumn League commenced on 19th July. We have had 181 teams enter the Autumn League this year from Under 7 to Under 13. In total 450 hurling games were scheduled for the Autumn League.

The Autumn Hurling League has been structured as follows:

North Board Autumn Hurling League Structure						
Age Group	Under 7	Under 8	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11	Under 13
Number of Team Entries	37	35	35	27	26	21
League Structure	4 Groups of 8 & 1 of 6	3 Groups of 8 & 2 of 6	3 Groups of 8, 2 of 6	2 Groups of 8, 2 of 6	3 Groups of 6, 1 of 8	1 Group of 8, 1 of 7 & 1 of 6
No of Scheduled Matches	133	126	126	98	91	73
Start Date	26 th July	19 th July	26 th July	19 th July	26 th July	23 rd Aug
Timing of Matches	Sundays 10:00am	Sundays 10:00am	Sundays 11:00am	Sundays 11:00am	Sundays 12:00pm	Fridays 6:45pm

Coordinators

Each age group and code has a games coordinator whose job it is to receive and tabulate results (for grading purposes), liaise with mentors to ensure matches are played and to report to the board on progress of the league

Age Group	Football	Hurling
Under 7	Brian Higgins	Jason Hickey (Killculen)
Under 8	Stephen McCabe Allenwood	Dave Schuller Maynooth
Under 9	Simon Clarke Celbridge	Aidan Buggle Ardclough
Under 10	Derrick Lynch Naas	Dave Schuller Maynooth
Under 11	Tony O'Grady Clane	Ian Power Celbridge
Under 12	Seanie Bennett Balyna	Colette O'Hara EOCC

Lily Óg Academies

Due to the Covid crisis this was not carried out in 2020.

Under 12 Lily Óg Hurling

Due to the Covid crisis this was not carried out in 2020.

Under 12 Lily Óg Football

Monthly Meetings

Due to the Covid crisis and suspension of the leagues there was one meeting held in Feb 2020

2021 Spring League

The calendar for the 2021 Spring League is currently being drafted and clubs will be requested to submit their team entries in December.

North Board Roll of Honour

Club of the Year

Year	Football	Hurling
2019	Sallins	Coill Dubh
2018	Cappagh	Maynooth
2017	Clane	Celbridge
2016	St Edwards	Maynooth
2015	Maynooth	Éire Óg Corrachoill & Cappagh
2014	Balyna	Naas
2013	Celbridge	Éire Óg Corrachoill
2012	Balyna	Naas
2011	Sarsfields	Sallins
2010	Carbury	Celbridge

Under 12 Hurling League No update in 2020 due to Covid crisis

Year	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
2019	Maynooth 1	Maynooth 2	Coill Dubh	Confey
2018	Naas 1	Ardclough	Cappagh	
2017	Clane 1	Western Gaels	Maynooth 2	
2016	Naas 1	Cappagh 1	Celbridge 3 & EOCC 2 (shared)	
2015	Naas 1	Clane	Kilcock	
2014	Naas 1	Sallins 2	Moorefield	
2013	Naas 1	Naas 2	Coill Dubh	
2012	Naas 1	Naas 2	Celbridge 2	
2011	??	??	??	
2010	Celbridge	Clane	Naas 3	

Under 13 Hurling League No update in 2020 due to Covid crisis

Year	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
2019	Naas	Ardclough	St Laurences	Kill
2018	Naas 1	Ardclough	St Laurences	Celbridge 2
2017	Naas 1	Cappagh	Rathangan	Coill Dubh
2016	Naas 1	Celbridge 2	Maynooth 2	N/A
2015	Maynooth 1	Kilcock & Naas 2	Coill Dubh	N/A
2014	Naas 1	Naas 2	Celbridge 2	N/A
2013	Naas 1	Kilcock & Leixlip	N/A	N/A
2012	Naas 1	Leixlip	Kilcock	N/A
2011	??	??	??	N/A
2010	Clane	Maynooth	Ardclough	N/A

Under 12 Football League No update in 2020 due to Covid crisis

Year	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
2019	Clane 1	Allenwood	Blessington	Round Towers 2
2018	Clane	Balyna	Raheens 1	St Kevin's
2017	Celbridge 1	Kilcock	Celbridge 3	N/A
2016	Raheens	Kilcock	St Edwards	Balyna 2
2015	Clane	St Edwards	Maynooth 2	Maynooth 3
2014	Naas	Carbury	Clane 2	N/A
2013	Naas	Leixlip 2	Confey	N/A
2012	Naas	Maynooth 2	Celbridge 2	N/A
2011	Sarsfields	?	?	N/A
2010	Kilcock	Kill	?	N/A
2009	Clane	?	?	N/A
2008	Sarsfields	?	?	N/A

Under 12 Football Championship Cup No update in 2020 due to Covid crisis

Year	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D
2019	Maynooth 1	Carbury	St Kevin's	Celbridge 4
2018	Leixlip 1	Raheens 1	N/A	N/A
2017	Naas 1	Carbury	N/A	N/A

Summary of KNB meetings 2020 (AGM not included)

One meeting held 20th Feb Rathcoffey GAA, no other meetings were held due to the Covid-19 crisis

Summary of Number teams and matches played 2020:

2020 has seen the KNB leagues increase in both the number of teams entering and the number of matches played in the leagues this is testament to the hard work and efforts put in by players / mentors / coaches / clubs / coordinators and the KNB.

Football Spring 2020: 294 teams entered (10 more than 2019) 1083 matches scheduled (finals not included)

Hurling Spring 2020: 200 teams entered (12 more than 2019) 763 matches scheduled (finals not included)

Football Autumn 2020: 234 teams entered (8 fewer than 2019) 820 matches scheduled (finals not included)

Hurling Autumn 2020: 181 teams entered (3 fewer than 2018) 450 matches scheduled (finals not included)

Although 2020 was significantly affected by the Covid-19 crisis The Kildare North board would again like to thank all the Players, Coaches, Mentors, Clubs, referees, coordinators and board members for their commitment and dedication in continuing to advance our Gaelic Games program within Kildare and the development of our young Footballers and Hurlers. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2021 and welcoming new players and clubs to the Kildare North Board leagues.

Mise le meas,

David Schuller

Secretary, Kildare GAA North Board

SOUTHBOARD REPORT 2020

SOUTHBOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The Southboard A.G.M. was held on Thursday, 28th. November, 2019 at 8.00p.m. in Conleth Park, Newbridge.

The following Officers were appointed:

Chairperson	Rosanna Curran
Vice Chairperson	
Secretary	Marie Knight
Assistant Secretary	Elaine Connolly
Fixtures	Marie Jacob
Treasurer	Michael Hartnett
P.R.O. /Web Site	
Lily Og co-ordinator	Colm Dunne

Delegates

Bord Na n'Og	Dermot Lawlor Tierna Lambe
Executive	Kevin Jones Mark Rogers

Marie (Knight) and Rosanna informed the meeting that they will be standing down from their positions as Chairperson and Secretary at the next A.G.M. Rosanna welcomed Elaine on board as Assistant Secretary

REGISTRATION:

Registrations took place:

Thursday, 30/1/20 St. Laurence's 7 - 8 p.m.
Friday, 31/1/20 Moorefield 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.

Thanks to both clubs for the use of their facilities.

GO GAMES REFEREES COURSE:

Referees course arranged for March and other courses which were due to be held in March/April were cancelled

LILY OG PROGRAMME

Meetings held in February to discuss the future (if any) for the Lily Og programme. The Boards were informed the present programme not fit for purpose and will have to be seriously reviewed.

Present at the meetings:

John Doyle, John Doran and Shane Power Coaching & Games
Rosanna Curran, Colm Dunne & Michael Hartnett Southboard
Ronan Lynch, Gerry Forester & Stephen McCabe Northboard.

Discussed: Review of the current programme
Player's selections

Mentors selections
Equipment
Sponsorship (None)

The Boards were due to meet but due to lockdown everything was cancelled. Hopefully we will continue talks early in 2021 and the programme will continue.

CALENDAR:

The 2020 calendar completed and forwarded to all clubs in January with games starting 2nd. April.

We had intended to start out fixtures on the 2nd. April with our U/12 Emmet McConville league but as a result of lockdown all games were postponed. We rearranged for our restart on the 4th. August but unfortunately had to drop our U/12 competition as Bord Na nOg were running the Seanie Barber at the same time . After second lockdown the Board decided to suspend games after some clubs voiced concerns. After discussions with Bord na N'ogy we agreed to allow clubs that wished to continue playing to do so.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

One Meeting took place in July, 2020 18 clubs in attendance
Four absent - Grange (apology) Two Mile House, Nurney and Robertstown.

The Board would like to thank the following:

Bord na N'Og, Club delegates, Team Mentors, parents and all the players for all their help and support during a very difficult year and look forward and hope that things will return to some normality in 2021.

I want to thank my fellow officers for all their help and support during a difficult and uncertain year. A great team in Marie Knight,
Colm Dunne, Michael Hartnett, Marie Jacob, Elaine Connolly, Dermot Lawlor, Tierna Lambe, Kevin Jones and Mark Rogers.

A special thanks to Marie Knight who is stepping down as secretary, for all the great work and support given to the committee and clubs over the past number of years. I am delighted that Marie will continue on the Executive Committee.

Rosanna Curran Southboard Chairperson.

NET INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

(Net figures used indicate final Income and Expenses, figures adjusted according to cash kept in hand for financing subsequent events)

INCOME	€	EXPENSES	€
¹ Registrations & Bonds	1,510.00	Bank Fees & Govt. Duty	43.24
		² 2019 AGM Printing	150.00
		³ 2019 Blitz Medals	899.99
		⁴ Misc. Expenses	295.06
TOTAL	1,510.00	TOTAL	1,388.29

OPENING BANK BALANCE 01/11/19	€7,533.59
INCOME	€1,510.00
	€9,043.59
LESS EXPENSES	<u>€1,388.29</u>
BALANCE (Projected at 31/10/20)	<u>€7,655.30</u>

1 Registration & Bonds for 2020, includes 2 cheques in hand to be lodged.

2 Printing Expenses for 2019 AGM

3 Includes medal expenses for 2019 blitzes.

4 Includes Website Registration and Hosting, Retirement Gift for Mick Fennin, Meeting Expenses, etc.

Michael Hartnett
Treasurer Southboard.

2020 Southboard PRO Year-end Report.

First of all, I would like to thank our Chairperson Rosanna and the Kildare Southboard Committee for all their help and guidance over the past 12 months. Without the support of the Committee the information that is published on the Web site, www.cilldarasouthboard.com , would never have been as informative as it has been!!

I would like to thank everybody who contributed in any way towards the publication of information on our website and for all the Club delegates who submitted match reports throughout the year, thank you.

Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, nearly all of our activities were curtailed to about 20% of our normal yearly schedule. Our website still proved a helpful and worthwhile medium to get information out to all the Southboard Clubs. As the hit statistics on the site, even though the number of hits were way down in comparison to previous years, there was still quit a high volume of hits during the year.

With next to no activity during the lock down, the local papers were not really interested in publishing the curtailed reports but, with a bit of luck, in 2021 we hope to get the reports back into the print media.

Again thanks to everyone that contributed in anyway and I hope and pray that all this hardship the Covid-19 pandemic has brought in 2020 will be a distant memory going forward in 2021.

Stay safe.

Regards,

Colm Dunne.

Kildare Southboard PRO.

Development Report 2020

2020 has been an unprecedented year for the country and the impact of Covid 19 on clubs has been unparalleled with significant repercussions for club development.

Due to the uncertainty caused by Covid 19 and the lack of games which fell under the remit of Leinster Council, the Leinster Club application Grants have been paused for an unspecified period. The Clubs that applied for the 2020 Development Grant will be notified when they can submit their receipts for work completed and the applications will remain open. All Clubs have been made aware by Croke Park that no further development should take place in clubs unless the funds are already in the club to meet the cost of same.

Many Kildare Clubs have benefited from the Leinster Club Grants in the last number of years and now combined with the recent Sport Partnership announcements for many clubs in the County, the facilities across the County have never been better.

GAA Club Leadership Development Programme & Workshops

Kildare Development Committee offered a number of workshops to clubs earlier this year and with great support from the clubs within the county, the Chairperson, Secretary and PRO workshops were completed before the first lockdown in Mid-March. Attendance at the Chairperson and Secretary workshop was superb. For the first time in Kildare, the workshops were made available to members of the LGFA and the Camogie Association. For the PRO workshop, LGFA PRO Donal Fitzpatrick facilitated a joint work shop with Kildare GAA. Going forward it is our goal to combine our workshops with both the Camogie and LGFA associations.

I would like to thank Croke Park and their facilitators who helped in this workshop. The feedback from this workshop from those in attendance was very positive. I would also like to thank Martina Donnelly for her assistance in hosting the two courses held in the Osprey Hotel.

For the coming year our Development Programme will be redesigned with feedback from the clubs playing a major role. In the first week in December I will be releasing a list of modules to all clubs with those in the highest demand being organised in conjunction with Croke Park for the first quarter of the year. The Workshops for 2021 will be held via Microsoft Teams in the form of webinars.

Club Planning Process

The Club Planning process was rolled out by Croke Park at last year's convention. This process offers support and help to all clubs in developing their three or five year plans tailored to suit each club's own requirements. There are currently three clubs engaging in the Club Planning process and we will be advertising once again for clubs to come on board and get their 3 or 5 year Development Plans in place. This is the ideal time of year for clubs to put their plans in place.

The building of the Gym in Hawkfield has commenced and the walls of the structure underway. It is hoped that the Gym will be completed before commencement of competitions in 2021.

I would like to thank both Ruari Harvey and Jack McCarney in Croke Park and Micheal Reynolds in Leinster who have always been on hand to offer advice and solutions to any questions or issues arising throughout the year.

Mise le Meas

Petria Ni Dhubhain, Oifigeach Forbarta

Ard Comhairle Report 2020

The first meeting took place in Croke Park on Sat 29th February immediately after the completion of congress. This was the only meeting throughout the year that was held in a group format.

At this meeting it was noted that all amended rules passed at congress would come into effect on 29th March 2020 but it was agreed to defer the implementation date of the Raheens Motion to allow the National Football League Finals to be played under the existing rules.

As we all know 2 weeks later all GAA activity was suspended due to Covid.

All other meetings held during the year were on Microsoft Teams.

Thursday 9th April: This meeting was held with regards to the decision making of the organization for the next 12 weeks due to Covid. It was agreed that a Special Congress would be held on Friday 17th April to deal with this.

Friday 17th April: Special Congress. At this congress a motion was passed that gave the management committee special emergency powers to run the organization for a 12week period.

Thursday 4th June: At this meeting delegates were given an update on Covid and an explanation on "The Safe Return to Gaelic Games Guideline Document" which was adopted in anticipation of the Government announcing progression to Phase II. We were also told of the importance of clubs appointing appropriate persons as their Covid Officers and that all the necessary online training and supports would be provided

Thursday 13th August: This meeting was called where approval was granted for the Special Emergency powers to be extended to the management team for a further 8 weeks up to 9th Oct

Sat 12th September: At this meeting it was agreed that the All Ireland Hurling & Football Championships would be commencing in October as well as the completion of the National Football League. Due to Covid restrictions counties from Britain would not be partaking in the championships this year. A document on Intercounty training and return to play would be sent out to all counties.

Approval was also given for the Special Emergency powers to be extended to the management team for a further 8 weeks up to 4th Dec

The next meeting is scheduled for 28th November

Ger Donnelly

Ard Comhairle Delegate

Referees Report 2020

I would firstly like to acknowledge the many years of hard work and commitment of former Referee Administrator Mick Fennin has given to the improvement of Referees within Kildare GAA. I would also like to thank him for his help and advice throughout 2020.

2020 has being a most testing time for all GAA people throughout the county, be it members, players, club and county board officials and also our referees due to Covid19 and all the restrictions associated with it. The standard of refereeing throughout the county has improved over the last number of years and this year was no different due to the hard work of our Referees Committee and various referee volunteers. We organised workshops for our referees early in 2020, Foundation Course for new referees, In-service courses, Fitness Assessments and Rules Quiz and Assessments online and in person at various times over the last year. Also, we had Webinar for club officials, club managers/mentors, players and referees on new rules in both Hurling and Football. Special thanks must go to Brendan Cawley, Mick Sheridan, Syl Merrins, Martina Donnelly, Cormac Kirwan and the coaching staff in Hawkfield for all their help.

Congratulations to all our referees who made the Leinster Panel of referees in 2020, special mention to Brendan Cawley who was selected for the 2020 referee's championship panel. Thanks also to Martin White for his help throughout the year and congratulations on his appointment to head of referees within Leinster GAA. Welcome to our new referees who participated in our foundation course on two different dates in Hawkfield and Conleth's Park in the last year. Thanks to the members of the CCC Committee, chaired by Mick Mullen for all their help with fixtures and appointments of referees to these fixtures. Also, thanks to Bord Na nÓg officials, especially Henry Barrett for their work and help during the last year.

I wish to highlight to Clubs the Give Respect - Get Respect awareness campaign that seeks to ensure that Gaelic Games are promoted and played in a positive, fair and enjoyable manner and where Players, Coaches, Spectators and Referees Give Respect - Get Respect from each other. The RESPECT campaign applies at all levels and amongst all players regardless of age, competition or ability. The key participants in the Give Respect - Get Respect campaign are not just the Players themselves but Coaches, Clubs, Parents and Supporters.

Finally, I would like to congratulate any referee who officiated a county final this year and hopefully we will get to finish our competitions and more referees will get the honour of refereeing a final. To all the referees throughout the county, a sincere thanks for your cooperation and help in 2020. Thanks also to county board officials for their assistance over the last year.

Regards,

Declan Jacob.

Health & Wellbeing

The Health and Well-Being Committee have been required to adapt to the restrictions placed on all meetings by Covid 19 restrictions.

Throughout the year all members have been in communication with different clubs throughout the county and are aware of the excellent support, initiatives offered by GAA members to their club and community.

February 1st 2020 was GAA Healthy Clubs National Orientation Day. As Chair of Kildare H&W I met Healthy Clubs from Phase 4 who were present in Croke Park, Sarsfields Newbridge, Ballymore Eustace and Clane.

Kildare also has Healthy Clubs from Phase 2 & 3.

On February 25th 2020, Aoife Reilly, GAA Community and Health Administer, attended and discussed the role of Healthy Club Committee at county level. The agreed focus in 2020 was to be on establishment of

*Critical Incident Procedure at county level,

*Support for Phase 4 "Healthy Clubs."

*Gathering list of Kildare Healthy Club Officer.

The development of a Critical Incident Procedure was a priority for the H&W Committee and the draft document was developed. This document informed the support provided to clubs who were faced with a Critical Incident. The supports offered were in line with guidance from Croke Park.

As part of the support for Phase 4 clubs a Healthy Club Officers Training was arranged for 25th February 2020, in the Osprey Hotel.

*7 Clubs were represented.

*12 officers in attendance.

* 2 Healthy Club Officer Tutors in attendance

Aoife Reilly, GAA Community and Health Administrator, facilitated Workshop. Following on from this workshop clubs throughout the county were to be given an opportunity to attend further workshops. The clubs present also arranged to support each other and share some events.

*Due to Covid 19 no dates could be arranged.

The Provincial Healthy Club Webinar was held on 28th November and the main themes were "Inclusivity" and "Social Games". This allowed the Clubs from Kildare to share their experiences with Healthy Clubs from other counties in Leinster. Despite Covid 19 restrictions "Fun Runs", and "The Irish Life Steps Challenge" were some of the initiatives which were successful. Resources, other than physical exercise/skills, which could be shared on-line were requested from Croke Park.

All GAA Clubs were asked to appoint a Healthy Club Officer and forward the name to the County Secretary. Currently 25 clubs have appointed these officers. Many clubs already have initiatives in place to support the physical and mental wellbeing of the club members and community. The Healthy Club Officer offers support to the Club Chairperson and the members who have introduced initiatives.

The CHWC National Forum is due to take place, via webinar, at a date to be decided in November.

The committee wish to acknowledge the support and work of

Daithí Ó Cathail / Dave Cahill, Rúnaí Chill Dara / Kildare GAA Secretary, in requesting, providing the names and contact details of Healthy Club Officers from Club Secretaries,

Christine Murray, Kildare PRO, for her work on promoting the resources available to members since the onset of Covid 19 from the GAA and the HSE,

Cormac Kirwan, County Operations Manager, in providing logistic and practical support to Clubs with their Community Activities around Covid 19.

Pauline Mc Bride,

Chair, Kildare GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee.

Grounds

St Conleth's Park Re-Development Project

At this stage last year we were awaiting a decision on a grant application we made to Government under the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF). This decision came through early this year and we received an award of €4.85m. This was a great boost to the overall funding of the Project. We had sought borrowings of €2.15m from our house bank (Bank of Ireland) and were negotiating a grant of circa €3.5m from Croke Park/Leinster Council. Neither the Bank loan or indeed the GAA funding had been agreed but negotiations were ongoing. This would have provided the full financing package of €10.5m which at that time was the Quantity Surveyor's estimate for the completion of the entire Project including contingencies and inflation up to our proposed start date of Quarter 1 of 2021. It was obviously our intention to reduce bank borrowings, once the Project had gotten underway, through fundraising and sponsorship.

Covid 19 happened and everything went into abeyance.

The Government had set a number of conditions precedent to the finalisation of the €4.85m grant. These included a new business plan, a multi criteria analysis on the decision to completely rebuild the facilities and a 25 year operation plan. These have all now been submitted.

We have recently had a follow up meeting with Bank of Ireland and they are still enthusiastic to support the Project.

We have been told by Croke Park that due to Covid and the severe restrictions on income they will not be in a position in the near future to provide financial support for the Project. They are not, understandably, able to confirm when this situation will change and it will depend very much on when patrons are allowed to return to attending games.

We have decided to proceed with the completion of the detailed design, prequalification of contractors and tendering for the entire works. This will put us in a position to be ready to start construction in Quarter 4 of 2021 subject to the availability of funds from Croke Park.

Given the delays it is likely, due to inflation in the construction sector that the overall Project cost will rise to €10.8m.

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Padraig McManus

Manguard Plus Hawkfield

During the reporting period Kildare GAA teams, Kildare Camogie, Kildare LGFA, Kildare GAA Development Squads and Club teams have availed of the facilities in both Manguard Plus, Hawkfield and St Conleth's Park, Newbridge.

During the month of Nov 2019, Kildare GAA Club teams that were competing in the Leinster Provincial Championship used the facilities in Manguard Plus, Hawkfield as part of their preparation. Sarsfields, Naas, Ballymore Eustace and Monasterevin GAA Club's all availed of our training facilities.

From December until March 13th, Manguard Plus was used by all county squads representing Kildare GAA, Camogie and LGFA as part of their preparation for their respective competitions. This amounted to approximately 20 sessions per week. In addition to county squads, local schools also availed of the facilities, where available. All squads suspended all activities after 13th March and no match related activities took place in either Manguard Plus, Hawkfield or St Conleths until the resumption of the Club Championship in early Aug. Club Championship, including the additional lockdown, availed of the facilities up to the resumption of Inter county training after 14th Sept across Kildare GAA, Camogie and LGFA Squads. Once again all squads availed of facilities in preparation for their respective matches up to November 2020.

During this timeframe, Kildare GAA are extremely grateful to the professional advice of Sport Ground Solutions as our facility consultants and to Patsy Power and his staff for ensuring our grounds were in excellent condition when needed from August to Nov.

Le meas

Cormac Kirwan

Athy

The new pitch development has been approved sports capital approval, tender documents are back and we are in the process of appointing a contractor to carry out the works, it is hoped work will commence in the New Year. When fully complete the development will include a fully lit senior pitch and a juvenile pitch with walking facilities around the perimeter.

Athy GFC supports all GAA activity and our facilities have in the past and will continue to be made available to the County board, Leinster council and the Schools.

Le meas

Joe Barry

Athy

Strategic Plan Update

Background

Kildare GAA's Strategic Plan was launched in December 2018 with the aim of providing a blueprint for the direction of Cumann Luthchleas Gael Cill Dara over the period 2019-2023. The plan addresses the specific issues and challenges facing our county and provides a roadmap for success for the county at all levels. The primary aim of this plan is to achieve superior performance across several areas for the association in Kildare. The plan is centred around five key focus areas, namely Club Development, Games Development, Capital Development, Financial Development and Urban/ Rural Development. 2020 was an extremely challenging year for all involved in Kildare GAA, yet we still managed to achieve objectives identified for the year.

The following will provide a concise update in relation to the five focus areas:

Club Development

Kildare GAA circulated a list of potential Club Leadership Development Programme (CLDP) workshops to all club delegates at Convention 2019 to allow our club officers select topics that our club personnel would like a workshop on. Kildare GAA's Development Officer collated the requests prior to lockdown. Furthermore, the workshops were made available to members of the LGFA and the Camogie Association. For the PRO workshop, LGFA PRO Donal Fitzpatrick facilitated a joint workshop with Kildare GAA. Thereafter all webinars/courses, either from The Leinster Council or Croke Park, were delivered remotely. The following webinars/courses were available to all our club officers:

- Play it Safe - COVID-19 Awareness Course run through Kildare Sports Partnership
- GAA Governance workshops
- GAA Covid webinars and updates throughout 2020

Several clubs indicated their wish to be assigned a mentor to undergo the Club Planning Process, however COVID certainly impacted on their ability to engage with this programme. Currently there are three clubs involved in this process.

Games Development

Kildare GAA Coaching and Games delivered all programmes, post 13th March, online using both Games Development Officers and Games Promotion Officers. The following courses were delivered:

- Club TURAS Workshops
- Online Foundation Course GAA Planner
- Nursery Workshop
- Go Games Referee Course
- Multidirectional speed(COD & Agility), Conditioning Strategies, Maximising Training Adaptation
- TURAS - Building Resilience in your players
- Youth / Adult Hurling Coaching through small sided games

- Movement Development in Children
- Coaching the Child

In addition, all GPO's also delivered online coaching sessions within their own respective clubs. Once coaches were permitted to deliver in a non-contact environment, engagement recommenced with Clubs and Schools, across both Primary and Secondary.

Kildare GAA Development Squad activity, on direction of Croke Park, was suspended in March because of COVID-19.

Our Senior Footballers retained their Division 2 status and were beaten by Meath in the Leinster Senior Football semi-final. Our Senior Hurlers finished the season in style by winning the Christy Ring and will now compete in the Joe McDonagh in 2021. Our U20 Footballers were beaten in the Leinster semi-final by Laois and both our Minor Squads compete over the next few weeks.

Capital Development Projects

Please see report from Padraig McManus, Chairman of St Conleths Redevelopment Programme, attached in Convention Booklet.

In relation to our Centre of Excellence, Manguard Plus, Hawkfield; our new gym is nearing completion, and this will ensure that Kildare GAA have a 420 sq. metres facility to meet the requirements of all our county squads. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in early 2021.

One of our challenges as a county, reflected in the Strategic Plan, was to engage with Kildare County Council, Croke Park etc. regarding strategic planning resulting in more pitches to allow our clubs develop, particularly in the north east of the county. During 2020, Kildare GAA have engaged with Kildare County Council and are working in collaboration with other sporting organisations in relation to spatial planning over the next 10 years, resulting in more recreational space to develop our games.

Financial Development

Kildare GAA achieved its objective of build a sustainable financial development model which resulted in a turnover slightly above €2.5 million. Unfortunately, this was impacted significantly in 2020 due to the challenges of COVID-19.

Despite COVID-19, Kildare GAA still achieved the following:

- Increase Club Kildare membership numbers from 2019.
- Streaming of Club matches
- Increase participating of Clubs in All County Draw
- Additional fundraising activities for 2020
- Breakfast Morning in The Glenroyal Hotel in February
- Corporate Golf Classic in Kilkea Castle in September
- Unfortunately, Kildare GAA's Race Day in Punchestown was lost in 2020 because of COVID.

Despite all the challenges in 2020, Kildare GAA still managed to report a surplus of over €300,000 which will support Kildare GAA's Capital development plans of the future

Rural/Urban Development

There was no significant inroads into this area during 2020 and will be analysed more closely in 2021.

Conclusion

Despite the impacts of COVID-19 on all sporting organisations, Kildare GAA still managed to deliver over 2020 and realise objectives reflected in our Strategic Plan 2019-2023. We look forward to 2021 with renewed optimism and energy.

Club Kildare Review - 2020

Introduction

On behalf of Club Chairman, TJ Malone, and the committee for 2020, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our activities during the last 12 months.

In what has been a very challenging year in the context of COVID, the focus of Club Kildare, as the official fundraising arm of Kildare GAA, has been on increasing membership and organising and running several fundraising activities over the year. Our collective efforts have resulted in Club Kildare generating around €300,000 for Kildare GAA over the last financial period, an increase just under €50,000 on 2019.

Membership

Club Kildare membership has continued to increase during the last year reflective of the hard work of the membership committee, driven by Colm Farrell. Your membership goes directly towards supporting Kildare GAA, especially with St Conleths Redevelopment still on the horizon despite COVID.

Fundraising

With the onset of COVID and the cancellation of gatherings for much of the year, Club Kildare was forced to refocus our efforts in raising funds. We focussed on three main fundraising activities during 2020 and we are delighted to report that each was a resounding success. Our first activity was our Breakfast Morning that took place in The Glenroyal Hotel on Friday 21st February 2020. Our guest speakers were Jack O'Connor, Kildare Senior Football Manager and Tony Griffin, former Clare Hurler who is working with our county footballers. We had over 230 guests on the morning in what turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable occasion, professionally compered by Eamonn O'Flaherty throughout.

Our second key fundraiser was our Corporate Golf Classic. To spread the reach of Club Kildare into the business community we decided to target our annual golf day at the corporate sector. The event was a great success and eventually took place on the 18th Sept in Kilkea Castle, having fallen in August during a COVID lockdown. 35 teams enjoyed a great day in the splendid surrounds of the golf course and castle. Our winners on the day were Boran Packaging pictured below, a hugely prominent Kildare GAA family, Club Kildare member and local business.

Our third key fundraiser under the umbrella of Club Kildare was our 'All County Draw' in 2020 which proved to be the most successful in the history of the draw. Several Clubs used this draw as their main fundraiser for 2020 and Kildare GAA Clubs realised close to €370,000 between them as a result.

Unfortunately, our Punchestown Race day that was scheduled for Saturday 02nd May was cancelled because of COVID-19. This occasion has previously proven itself to be a hugely enjoyable social occasion, on top of a fundraiser, and we are already planning on Punchestown race Day 2021.

Re-Development Project St Conleths Park

See above update from Padraig McManus

Conclusion

In conclusion, Club Kildare Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the last 12 months during what was a challenging time. We hope you are all are keeping well and anticipate an exciting year ahead for all our teams.

Our hurlers, after the fantastic success of winning the Christy Ring 2020, are now promoted to the Joe McDonagh Cup. Our Footballers are scheduled for a highly competitive National Football League Division 2 and both our flagship teams will compete in their respective championships in April. Our minor squads await clarification of their championships 2020.

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JT Malone & Ollie Ryan

Attendance County Convention 2019

Allenwood	Joe Jacob		
Ardclough (Football)	Brian Mullin	Larry Graham	Pat Corrigan
Ardclough (Hurling)	Noel Burke	John Walsh	John Flood
Athy (Football)	Joe Barry	Marty McEvoy	Tony Foley
Ballykelly	Tom Fitzgerald		
Ballymore	John O Malley	Natasha Graham	
Ballyteague	Brian Hyland	Declan Jacob	Catherine Murphy
Broadford	Meave O Donnell	Angela Gorman	
Cappagh	Tim Downey	John O'Connor	
Caragh	Joe Moore	Shona Brereton	
Carbury	Dermot Reilly		
Castledermot	Tom Hickey	Matthew Kelly	Seamie Dowling
Castlemitchell	Michael Fennin	Ger McDonagh	David Fennin
Celbridge	Richard O Sullivan	Ian Power	Andrew O'Sullivan
Clane	Pat Browne		
Clogherinkoe	Eddie Fanning	Seamus Galligan	
Coill Dubh	Joe Fox	Trevor Carew	Leonie Delaney
Confey	Kieran Baker	John Slattery	Margaret Daly
Eadestown	Pat Byrne	Ciaran Dowling	Ger Kavanagh
Éire Óg / Corra Choill	Declan Lynch	Charlie Dunney	Colette O'Hara
Ellistown	Tom Dunne	Seamus Wilson	Ger Arnold
Grangenolvan	Tierna Lambe	Ciaran Lambe	
Johnstownbridge	PJ Doran	John Cooney	Danny Murphy
Kilcock Football	Pat Larkin	Brian Connaughton	Tom Durkan
Kilcullen	Debbie O'Brien	Jim Buckley	Dan Bell
Kildangan	Michael Higgins	Declan McGrath	
Kill (Football)	Clive Byrne		
Kill (Hurling)	Robert Byrne		
Leixlip (Football)	Ronan Murnaghan	Tony Carpenter	
Leixlip (Hurling)	Bert Farrell		
Maynooth	Mark Carroll	Aidan Minnock	
Milltown	George Ottley	Fran O'Sullivan	Noel Dunne
Monasterevan	Peter Earley		
Moorefield (Football)	John Cummins	Tony Doyle	
Naas (Football)	Pat Healy		
Naas (Hurling)	Richie Hogan	Richie Shaw	
Nurney	Pat Kelly	Seamus Deering	Syl Merrins
Raheens	John Gallagher	Shane Malone	Mark Murphy
Rathangan	Larry Curtain	Paudi Teehan	Alison McMullan
Rathcoffey	John Flood	Sean Moriarty	John Cleary
Rheban	Dick Maher	John Foley	
Robertstown	Lar Cooke	Dano Keely	Marie Cooke
Round Towers	Brendan Barber	Padraig Gill	Ken Morley

Sallins (Football)	Tom Cross	Greg Brennan	Craig Hughes
Sallins (Hurling)	Pat Kinsella		
Sarsfields (Football)	Niall Sheridan	Rebecca Sheridan	
St. Kevin's	John Noone	Alice Casey	
St. Laurence's (Football)	James O'Neill	Colm O'Toole	David Byrne
St. Laurence's (Hurling)	Martin Heydon	John Joe Walsh	Brendan Gorman
Straffan	Jack Hennigan	John Neenan	
Suncroft	Johnny McGuirk		
Two-Mile-House	Mark Sheridan	Joe Coleman	Padraig Conneely
President	Seamus Aldridge		
Chairman	Ger Donnelly		
Vice Chairman	Mick Gorman		
Secretary	Dave Cahill		
Operations	Cormac Kirwan		
Treasurer	Alan Dunney		
PRO	Christine Murray		
Development Officer	Petria Dobbins		
Children's Officer	Pauline McBride		
Bord na nOg	Pat Dunney		
Coaching Officer	John McCarthy		
Oifigeach na Gaelige	Seamus Meade		
Hurling Board	Colm Nolan		
Leinster Council	Mick Mullen	John McMahon	
Ard Chomhairle	Colm Farrell		
Referees	Martin Whyte		
Cumann na mBunscoil	Shane Power		
Secondary Schools	Con Ronan		
Media & Papers	Ger McNally	Robert Cribbin	Tommy Callaghan

Inter Club Transfers 2020

Name	From Club	To Club	CCC Decision
Martin Larkin	Kilcock	Monasterevan	Granted
Eoghan Connolly	Ballykelly	Monasterevan	Granted
Ryan Moran	Kildangan	Monasterevan	Granted
Michael Donoghue	Moorefield	Monasterevan	Granted
Donal Shaw	Kilcullen	Naas	Granted
Stephen Rowley	Moorefield	Kill	Granted
Evan Kavanagh	Round Towers	Ellistown	Granted
Darragh Lynch	Round Towers	Kilcullen	Granted
Samuel Ryan	Naas	Moorefield	Granted
Sebastian Oglinzeanu	Celbridge	Monasterevan	Granted
Daniel Houlihan	Ballykelly	Monasterevan	Transfer Withdrawn

Benjamin O'Reilly	Eadestown	Ardclough	Granted
Sean Culleton	Ballykelly	Monasterevan	Granted
Alex Smyth	Rathangan	Ballykelly	Granted
Christopher Rafter	Confey	Raheens	Granted
Daniel Sands	Carbury	St Kevins	Granted
Darren Lawler	Rheban	Athy	Granted
Seán Foley	Athy	Rheban	Granted
Robbie Herbert	Clane	Robertstown	Granted
Cillian Ryan	Clane	Rathcoffey	Granted
Harry Dunne	Maynooth	Rathcoffey	Transfer Withdrawn
David Herd	Milltown	Moorefield	Granted
Roan Lynam Hunter	Kilcock	Maynooth	Granted
Luke Geaney	Celbridge	Confey	Granted
Simon Mackey	Rathcoffey	Carbury	Granted
Tim Lane	St Kevin's	Cappagh	Granted
Andrew Wilson	Kildangan	Ellistown	Granted
Joe Dillon	Sarsfields	Milltown	Granted
Philip Doyle	Rathcoffey	Clane	Granted
Niall O'Brien	Clane	Rathcoffey	Granted
Darragh McEvoy	Celbridge	Rathcoffey	Granted
Shane Farrell	Monastervan	Kildangan	Granted
Dean Owens	Rheban	Athy	Granted
Josh Dee	Broadford	Coill Dubh	Granted
Darragh McMahon	Kill	Ardclough	Refused
Michael Hurley	Caragh	St Kevins	Granted
Adam Stynes	St Laurence's	Rheban	Granted
Tommy Conlon	Leixlip	Clane	Granted
Liam Rapple	Two Mile House	Naas	Granted
Jamie Connolly	Moorefield	Suncroft	Granted
Muiris Curtin	Rathangan	Moorefield	Granted
Cian Dempsey	Rheban	Castlemitchell	Granted
Cian Ryan	Rheban	Castlemitchell	Granted
Jack Owens	Rheban	Castlemitchell	Granted
Mark Lewis	Naas	Two Mile House	Transfer Withdrawn
Sam Garvey	Naas	Two Mile House	Transfer Withdrawn
Terence Shanley	Rathcoffey	Straffan	Granted
Kai Kenna	Round Towers	Clane	Granted
Ryan Keogh Doyle	Rathangan	Sarsfields	Granted
Derek Nolan	Sarsfields	Athgarvan	Granted
Frank Delaney	Sarsfields	Athgarvan	Granted
Evan Dunne	Moorefield	Athgarvan	Granted
Aran Donnelly	Sarsfields	Athgarvan	Granted
Niall Tierney	Ellistown	Athgarvan	Granted
Derek Craddock	Sarsfields	Athgarvan	Granted
Cathal Bolger	Suncroft	Athgarvan	Granted
Philip Tinsley	Sarsfields	Athgarvan	Granted
Eoin Coffey	Rheban	Castlemitchell	Granted
Calum O'Brien	Nurney	Athgarvan	Granted
Cody Mulhall	Athy	Castlemitchell	Granted

Connor Goldrick	St Laurence's	Castlemitchell	Granted
Aaron Cullen	St Kevin's	Cappagh	Granted
Brendan Sheridan	Maynooth	Cappagh	Granted
David Nolan	Ardclough	Ballymore Eustace	Granted
Kevin O'Connell	Rheban	Eadestown	Granted
James Maguire	Moorefield	Suncroft	Granted
Ryan Foley	Athy	Rheban	Granted
Paul Farrell	Sarsfields	Athgarvan	Granted
Adam Condon	Kilcullen	Athgarvan	Granted
Stephen Moore	Sarsfields	Athgarvan	Granted
Harry O'Donnell	Moorefield	Athgarvan	Granted
Eoin Skelly	Kilcock	St Kevins	Granted
Cathal Starcken	Naas	Kill	Granted
Sean Nolan	Naas	Kill	Granted
Aaron Guthrie	Celbridge	Maynooth	Granted
Colm Mayock	Leixlip	Rathcoffey	Granted
Alo Hackett	Rathangan	Éire Óg CC	Granted
Aidan Ralph	St Kevin's	Robertstown	Granted
Dylan Meade	Ballykelly	Moorefield	Granted
Dean O Donagáin	Sarsfields	Milltown	Granted

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Approval Date	Name	Old Club	New County
Oct 22, 2020	Neil Comerford	Naas	Queensland
Oct 05, 2020	Shane Champion	Kilcock	Lancashire
Sep 21, 2020	Ian Doyle	Maynooth	Scotland
Sep 15, 2020	Shane Ryan	Clane	London
Sep 14, 2020	Kevin Dowling	Robertstown	London
Sep 07, 2020	Declan Plunkett	Round Towers	Laois
Sep 04, 2020	Patrick O'Brien	Raheens	London
Sep 02, 2020	Shane Broderick	Ballymore Eustace	Cork
Aug 14, 2020	pj Grace	St Laurence's	Wicklow
Aug 11, 2020	Vincent Feeney	Éire Óg Corra Choill	New South Wales
Aug 10, 2020	Jarlath Moran	Sarsfields	Galway
Jul 24,	Eamonn Diamond	Straffan	Meath

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Jul 24, 2020	Martin Redington	Leixlip	Galway
Jul 22, 2020	Gearóid O Sullivan	Confey GAA	Kerry
Jul 20, 2020	Shane OSullivan	St Laurence's	Kerry
Jul 17, 2020	Calvin Finn	Leixlip Hurling Club	Galway
Jul 14, 2020	Robert Small	Leixlip	Meath
Jul 13, 2020	Kevin Dempsey	Castledermot	Carlow
Jul 13, 2020	Noel O Neill	Carbury	Offaly
Jul 10, 2020	Eoin Horgan	Kill	Dublin
Jul 09, 2020	John O'Brien	Kill	Western Australia
Jul 09, 2020	Richard Ryan	Nas na Riogh	Donegal
Jul 07, 2020	David Smyth	Ardclough	Sligo
Jul 07, 2020	Michael Purcell	Naas	New South Wales
Jul 06, 2020	Caoimhghin McDonnell	Sarsfields	Western Australia
Jul 06, 2020	Barry McCarthy	Confey GAA	Cork
Jul 02, 2020	Shane Broderick	Naas Hurling Club	Cork
Jul 02, 2020	Damien Flaherty	Kilcullen	Down
Jun 26, 2020	Alan Rigney	Sallins	Westmeath
Jun 24, 2020	Cathal McCarron	Athy	Tyrone
Jun 23, 2020	Greg Murphy	Kilcock	Western Australia
Jun 16, 2020	keith conway	Ballymore Eustace	Philadelphia
Apr 21, 2020	Colin Canny	Straffan	Roscommon
Apr 14, 2020	Denis Kelly	Rathcoffey	Toronto
Apr 06, 2020	Daniel Lawless	Sarsfields	Western Canada
Apr 06, 2020	Sean Higgins	Moorefield	Wicklow
Apr 02, 2020	Eric O Hara	Kildangan	Toronto

Mar 09, 2020	Brendan Corcoran	Éire Óg Corra Choill	Galway
Mar 09, 2020	Cian Corcoran	Éire Óg Corra Choill	Galway
Mar 09, 2020	Luke Faughnan	Nas na Riogh	South West (SW)
Mar 03, 2020	John McNamara	Sarsfields	Dublin
Mar 02, 2020	Cathal Egan	Clane	New South Wales
Mar 02, 2020	Daniel Pyke	Clogherinkoe	Toronto
Mar 02, 2020	Tomas Fahy	Clane	Galway
Feb 28, 2020	Emmet Carroll	Naas	Dublin
Feb 26, 2020	Robin Lawler	St. Laurence's GAA	Dublin
Feb 21, 2020	Philip Cocoman	Naas	Chicago
Feb 21, 2020	Richard Whelan	St Laurence's	Yorkshire
Feb 17, 2020	Niall Carney	Confey GAA	Victoria
Feb 17, 2020	Jamie Walsh	Kilcock Hurling Club	Meath
Feb 14, 2020	Mikey Cooke	Maynooth	Meath
Feb 12, 2020	Art Lowry	Clogherinkoe	Western Canada
Feb 11, 2020	Lee Drewett	Sallins	Western Canada
Feb 11, 2020	Brian Robinson	Clogherinkoe	Western Canada
Feb 11, 2020	Richard Forde	Kill	Europe
Feb 11, 2020	Mark Whelan	St Laurence's	Limerick
Feb 10, 2020	John O'Mahony	Caragh	Kerry
Feb 10, 2020	Alan O'Connor	Carbury	Canterbury
Feb 07, 2020	Brian O Dwyer	Maynooth	Wicklow
Feb 06, 2020	William Bright	Kilcock	Toronto
Jan 31, 2020	Kevin Whelan	Moorefield	Toronto
Jan 31, 2020	Jack Brady	Eadestown	Toronto
Jan 31, 2020	Adam Shaw	Celbridge	New South

2020			Wales
Jan 31, 2020	Shane Newman	Moorefield	Western Canada
Jan 29, 2020	James Payne	Kilcock	Mayo
Jan 29, 2020	James Walsh	Maynooth	New South Wales
Jan 27, 2020	Luke Barry	Kildangan	Dublin
Jan 23, 2020	Patrick Moolick	Leixlip	Leitrim
Jan 23, 2020	Sean Daffy	Round Towers	New South Wales
Jan 22, 2020	Carl Doolan	Sallins	Antrim
Jan 22, 2020	Wayne Leonard	St Kevin's	Meath
Jan 22, 2020	Aidan Kennedy	Rathangan	Tyrone
Jan 22, 2020	Jamie Adams	St Kevin's	Dublin
Jan 22, 2020	John Bell	St. Laurence's GAA	Wicklow
Jan 15, 2020	Robert Tone	Leixlip	Western Canada
Jan 15, 2020	dylan mcguire	Ballymore Eustace	Wicklow
Jan 13, 2020	Kevin Brady	Clane	Dublin
Jan 10, 2020	Darach Mac Donncha	Naas Hurling Club	Western Canada
Jan 09, 2020	Donal Hurley	Johnstownbridge	Limerick
Jan 03, 2020	Jack Bambrick	Ardclough	North East (NE)

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Dec 01, 2020	Rory Tobin	Dublin	Carbury
Nov 27, 2020	Cathal McCarron	Tyrone	Athy
Oct 12, 2020	Gary Delaney	Tipperary	Sarsfields
Oct 02, 2020	Michael Bolger	Kilkenny	Broadford
Sep 28, 2020	Emmet Meehan	Europe	Leixlip

Sep 25, 2020	Gregory allard	Clare	Sarsfields
Sep 15, 2020	Adam Knight	Wexford	Kill Hurling Club
Sep 02, 2020	Liam Brady	Galway	St Kevin's
Aug 31, 2020	Caomh McAuley	Western Canada	Cappagh
Aug 27, 2020	Eoin Noonan	Cork	Ardclough Hurling Club
Aug 26, 2020	conor kelly	Dublin	Ardclough Hurling Club
Aug 21, 2020	Cameron Pedreschi	Laois	Athy
Aug 17, 2020	Nathan Moloney	Dublin	St. Laurence's GAA
Aug 11, 2020	david byrne	Dublin	Kill
Aug 10, 2020	Mark Gibbons	Lancashire	Leixlip
Aug 04, 2020	Boyle Ciarán	Kilkenny	Clane
Aug 03, 2020	Ciaran Malone	Clare	Sarsfields
Jul 30, 2020	Conor Fitzsimons	London	Two Mile House
Jul 30, 2020	Jack Drumm	Monaghan	Kildangan
Jul 29, 2020	Tomás Seale	Roscommon	Leixlip
Jul 27, 2020	Darragh Kennedy	Tipperary	Sarsfields
Jul 27, 2020	Enda Scully	Galway	Sarsfields
Jul 27, 2020	Niall Coffey	London	Confey GAA
Jul 27, 2020	Eoin O'Riordan	Kerry	Sallins
Jul 23, 2020	Niall Cawley	Victoria	Confey GAA
Jul 22, 2020	Evan Donnelly	Meath	Maynooth
Jul 22, 2020	Conor Murphy	New York	Clane
Jul 20, 2020	James Finn	Cork	Naas
Jul 17, 2020	Daniel Faughnan	Galway	Sallins
Jul 17, 2020	Fionn Doyle	Wexford	Kill
Jul 17, 2020	Fionn Doyle	Wexford	Kill Hurling Club

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Jul 16, 2020	Gerry Keegan	New South Wales	Celbridge
Jul 13, 2020	Jamie O Brien	Carlow	Moorefield
Jul 13, 2020	David Smyth	Louth	Ballyteague
Jul 13, 2020	David Carton	Galway	Ballyteague
Jul 13, 2020	Conor Feeney	Hertfordshire	Confey GAA
Jul 09, 2020	Andrew Shanagher	Clare	Celbridge
Jul 09, 2020	Pat O Sullivan	Kerry	Caragh
Jul 06, 2020	Ryan Dean	Victoria	Moorefield
Jul 06, 2020	Shane Newman	Western Canada	Moorefield
Jul 06, 2020	Jack Purcell	Galway	Kill
Jul 06, 2020	Paul Clifford	North East (NE)	Sallins
Jul 06, 2020	Niall Carney	Victoria	Confey GAA
Jul 03, 2020	Malvin Moloney	Laois	Moorefield
Jul 02, 2020	James Black	Meath	Cappagh
Jul 02, 2020	Andrew Creighton	Wicklow	Ballymore Eustace
Jun 30, 2020	Mark Donnelly	South West (SW)	Sallins
Jun 30, 2020	Dean McAvinue	Victoria	Maynooth
Jun 30, 2020	shane O Callaghan	Monaghan	Eadestown
Apr 06, 2020	Conor Sheridan	South West (SW)	Kilcock
Mar 12, 2020	Kevin Dowling	London	Robertstown
Mar 10, 2020	Daniel Nea	Western Canada	Sarsfields
Mar 10, 2020	PJ Foley	Dublin	Naas
Mar 02, 2020	Michael Savage	London	Kill
Feb 28, 2020	PJ (Patrick) Foley	Dublin	Naas
Feb 28, 2020	Ian Keating	Offaly	Maynooth

Feb 24, 2020	Brian Dunne	Offaly	Clane
Feb 18, 2020	Ryan Houlihan	Western Canada	Moorefield
Feb 14, 2020	Ryan O'Shaughnessy	Laois	Athy
Feb 10, 2020	Denis Galvin	Dublin	Kilcock
Feb 10, 2020	Mark McCarthy	Clare	Johnstownbridge
Feb 10, 2020	Adrian Crinnigan	Toronto	Carbury
Feb 07, 2020	Cian Mallen	Meath	Leixlip
Feb 07, 2020	PJ Foley	Dublin	Naas
Jan 31, 2020	Daryl O'Brien	Galway	Carbury
Jan 31, 2020	graham holmes	Wexford	Leixlip
Jan 31, 2020	Sean O'Sullivan	Kerry	Eadestown
Jan 30, 2020	Brian Quinlan	Offaly	Johnstownbridge
Jan 30, 2020	Brian Quinn	Tipperary	Naas
Jan 29, 2020	Max Parry	Tipperary	Leixlip
Jan 29, 2020	Jack Guiney	Cork	Naas
Jan 27, 2020	Cian Ivers	Meath	Celbridge
Jan 27, 2020	Michael Jones	Limerick	Kill
Jan 27, 2020	Graham Holmes	Wexford	Leixlip
Jan 27, 2020	Robert Dwyer	Meath	Leixlip
Jan 22, 2020	JJ McLoughlin	Kilkenny	Maynooth
Jan 22, 2020	Graham Dowler	Dublin	Naas
Jan 22, 2020	Oliver Lewis	Meath	Cappagh
Jan 21, 2020	Colin Ryan	Dublin	Raheens
Jan 21, 2020	Darren O'Connor	Dublin	Leixlip
Jan 21, 2020	Christopher Hobbs	Dublin	Maynooth
Jan 20, 2020	Colin Quill	Dublin	Kill

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Jan 17, 2020	Tom Walsh	Tipperary	Maynooth
Jan 15, 2020	Sean Mc Mahon	Derry	Two Mile House
Jan 13, 2020	Gary Moran	Carlow	Kill
Jan 10, 2020	James Hayde	Kilkenny	Kill

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