

CLG Naomh Peadar Dún Búinne

Secretary's Report to the Annual General Meeting, 2020



I would like to welcome all our Members to the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Football

In what was obviously a very challenging year on and off the field, we had a total of 107 players who participated across all levels in football. Although we took no championships this year, our seniors got to the Division 1 League semi-final, which remains unplayed. One loss in championship meant we exited the competition to the runners-up, Kells.

Unfortunately, all grades had a reduced number of games this year but all in all we had some very memorable and enjoyable games.

We had two minor teams this year who between league and championship managed to play 22 games in total. Our Under 15s were also lucky enough to have the numbers for two teams but only had 5 games each in their championship.

I wish to thank all coaches, selectors, Covid supervisors and physios for their input this year.

Hurling

In a very much disrupted and not yet completed season our adult hurling teams each played 3 games in their respective leagues and competed in the Championship at both Senior and Junior 1. While the exits from the championships for both teams was disappointing it did not reflect the hard work and huge effort put in on the training pitch during the year.

Great thanks go to our management teams of John Gilmartin, Peter Moran, Ray Mitchell and Tony Reilly for the Junior side and Paul Reilly, Colm Brennan, Declan Finlay, Sean Boylan and Tom Watters for the seniors. With the addition of a number of new players we look forward to being able to field 3 teams in 2021.

We had 2 minor championship teams this year with one team progressing to a shield final which was unfortunately not played. Great numbers at this level.

We entered two U15 teams into the championship at Division 1 and Division 3 level and they progressed to a Shield final and Cup Final respectively which were also not played.

Ladies Football

Even with the extraordinary year that we had we had some great success in our Ladies Section. Our Senior Ladies started the year winning the 2019 League Final against Simonstown. They then repeated the feat in September in the County Final, winning the Senior County Championship for the first time.

Our Junior B Ladies had a difficult time in Championship and as a result will play in Junior C next year and we are looking forward to watching them play some more competitive games in 2021. They only got to play one game in the league before it was abandoned.

The underage section also thrived this year with our U14 Division 6 group becoming league champions in September. Just a week later we enjoyed a great day of football when 3 of our U12 teams took to the Rooske and became League Champions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lenny Rooney for her outstanding work as Ladies Chair for the last 3 year and we wish her all the best, she will be missed at our meetings. Garbhán Blake has taken over the reins and we wish him great success in his new role.

Camogie

It was a very difficult year on the pitch having been drawn in a very strong group in the Championship. Their results most definitely did not reflect the effort and enthusiasm shown by them. There was unfortunately no League this year and they had 3 Championship matches.

They also had 4 friendlies which was a great way to give game time to all girls. Numbers continue to be positive with good numbers attending training and games and an introduction of some younger players this year too. It's refreshing to see the more experienced players take these new players under their wing and guide them in the arts and slightly darker arts of all things camogie.

Many thanks to Gavin McCoy for all his help with the S&C and to Ronan, Gillian, Teresa and John for their time, dedication and encouragement.

Our underage camogie continues to flourish under the guidance of Matt Dwyer, Evelyn McGovern and Paul Brady. The numbers are still rising in all age groups each year which is very promising for the future. The year was short, but they managed to get many training sessions and games in, with our Under 15 group reaching a final.

Juvenile

Despite the unprecedented challenges that we faced through 2020, our Juvenile section responded very well and grew. 2020 brought the introduction of training pods and non-contact training which both mentors and children adapted to very well. We managed to play some of our Go Games from U7 to U11 and our Under 12 and Under 13 groups were kept very busy in their hurling and football leagues playing 2 games a week to fulfil their fixtures and both groups made it through to finals.

With a start date for 2021 still unknown, we look forward to returning to our pitches for training and games.

Academy

Our academy grows from strength to strength and we now have over 180 children from U5 to U7. With the restrictions this year the nursery had to be divided in to 2 time slots to accommodate these big numbers.

Our Sunday morning training slots consist of Football, Hurling and Camogie skills and they take place under the watchful eye of our Academy Director, Sean Murphy. Sunday morning is definitely one of my favourite times of the week.

GPO

Our GPO Teresa continues to prove to be a wonderful asset to the club. Her work in the local schools has resulted in massive numbers at juvenile level and those numbers have increased by 7% this year. Unfortunately, our Easter Camp did not occur, and our Summer Camp was literally a wash out, we only managed to complete 2 days. At the end of the year Teresa managed to complete the skills assessment in both codes for all age groups from U7 to U13 and she also trained 8 new go games referees which will prove to be most helpful in 2021 with our ever-growing numbers. Her plan for 2021 is to continue to upskill our coaches and provide ongoing online coaching sessions until we can resume face to face coaching.

County Representatives

St Peter's have several players and mentors who represent the club at county level across all codes from Senior to underage. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their achievements and I wish them every success in 2021.

I of course wish to extend the clubs congratulations to our 6 representatives who became All Ireland Intermediate Ladies Football Champions in December. Well done to Vikki Wall, Sarah Wall, Emma Duggan, Shelly Melia, Alison O'Sullivan and Annie Moffatt.

Fundraising

Unfortunately, our Head of Fundraising, Kevin McKeon, was unable to organise as many events as he would have liked but the fundraising team managed to get the Golf Classic played. Later than the usual June date we had over 30 teams take to the course in September. We would like to give a shout out to the King of the Golf Classic John Geraghty for his stellar work as always.

Our one constant is our Lotto which is most ably looked after by Peter Moran. The weekly draw could not take place in the usual setting of the clubhouse bar, but Peter was not to be defeated.

Choosing his weekly outfit for the Dunboyne GAA TV draw took serious consideration. I think we have a Social Media star in our midst. Much thanks also to Ann Gallagher, PJ Conway and Mick Kenny with the running of the Lotto. This fundraiser cannot continue without the support of our members and wider community and I would invite all our members to sign up and continue to support this important fundraiser.

With Christmas approaching Peter, PJ and Myles were out again every weekend in December with the annual Christmas Tree Sale which I'm reliably told hit record sales this year. Once again, we see familiar names cropping up.

The Bingo was halted in March and we don't yet know when it will return but we very much look forward to welcoming back our regulars on a Friday night in the hall. Thanks to the bingo committee which consists of Peter Moran, Caroline Dunne, Joe Reilly, Patricia Reilly, Teresa Gannon, Bernard Reilly and Mary Grindan.

The year ended with the Car Draw fundraiser run by Brian Howlin and Kevin McKeon. Ciara Quinn did a great job of running the communications for this event. They went to many lengths to sell tickets outside Supervalu; from bundling Senior hurlers into the boot of the car and Geraldine Nugent dressing up as a Reindeer and a Christmas tree! Some of our Adult players also helped with ticket sales and all profits go towards our Development. Sales are encouraging and we look forward to the draw on St. Patrick's Day.

Development

Our Club Development plans have been in full swing this year. We were due to turn sod next week, but this has now been pushed out to a later date to be confirmed. Headed up by Fergus McNulty this group have worked tirelessly during the year to progress different aspects of our project, including fundraising, corporate sponsorships, marketing, the management of our tax rebate scheme and 'buy a brick' schemes.

While there are too many to name individually, we would like to specifically acknowledge Niall O'Connor, Matt Dwyer, John Harkin, Liz Gallagher, Terence McGovern, Niall McNulty and Pat Thoma for their work and professional expertise in supporting the design of our new facilities, including liaising with the county council, and the management of our tender process.

As the person responsible for allocating pitches for training and games, I cannot express enough how important and essential these new facilities are for our club and future generations of our club. We have over 500 families in our membership, and less than one quarter of those families have directly contributed. In order for us to access our grant our remaining target stands at €150,000. If you have not already committed to the fund, then I urge you to contact our Development Team.

PRO

With everything closed down this year our PRO group came into their own. The group, led by Gus Lynch, proved themselves to be a great resource in the club. They kept us updated and entertained during the first lockdown and then when we returned to play the live score updates made us feel like we were at the games. Match reports and photos flooded all social media outlets and for that I wish to thank the PROs for all sections for time taken to keep everyone in the loop.

Membership

Membership is a vital source of income for the club. We were challenged this year for membership as we did not know when or if we would return to play. Thankfully due to the support of our members we achieved the same level of membership as we did in 2019. Many thanks to our Registrar Sandra Dunbar and Aoife Eager. Membership rates will remain the same for 2021.

Gym

Our gym is a great resource for our players and for those with a gym membership. A gym doesn't just run itself it needs time and care and thankfully Gavin McCoy has done exactly that by maintaining the equipment and general upkeep of the gym. Due to Covid, there were a huge amount of restrictions around our gym in 2020 and I wish to thank all our members for adhering to the ever-changing rules.

Covid

With the closure and unsure future of being able to play games or train the club pulled together to keep a link between us and our members. The campaign 'Waiting on the Whistle' instigated by Lenny Rooney involved members of our senior teams demonstrating skills, highlighting our frontline workers, player profiles, through the archives and many competitions to keep everyone involved. We also helped out in the community with delivering shopping and prescriptions in conjunction with Supervalu, McElroy's Pharmacy and Your Local Pharmacy. This was headed up by Gus Lynch and we know that this was greatly appreciated by those who availed of the service.

We were allowed to return to play at the beginning of July but with this came new protocols. The main item on our list was to allocate a Covid Supervisor to every team in the club. We had numerous people put their hand up to fulfil these roles. This was a big undertaking for them and returning to play would not have been possible without them. Compiling lists and checking and chasing entries into the Return to play app had to be completed sometimes 3 times a week so they really had a mammoth job to do. The club would like to thank them so very much and to remind them that their job is not over yet.

Facilities

There is a group of men in our club whom we most definitely would not like to see wearing tights, but I am very confident that each and every one of them owns a cape. This bunch of superheroes is led by the legendary Martin Craig and they can be found at the club every single day of the year without fail. They are responsible for maintaining our beautiful pitches, the dressing rooms, gym, facilities and all outside areas.

On behalf of the club and executive I wish to thank Martin Craig, Joe Murray, PJ Conway, Peter Moran, Tony Dunne, Brendan McNamee, John Geraghty, Terence McGovern, John Blaney, Brendan Sweeney, Ned Dowdall, Damien Egan and Niall McNulty. Thanks to Andrew Nuzum for providing the Covid signage and car park markings around the club.

Another section of our facilities, which is essential to our financial structure is our bar. Tom Dermody, Linda Kane and PJ Conway do trojan work in running the bar on a day-to-day basis as well as the hiring of our hall and rooms. This year our bar was hit financially because of Covid but once we opened up again under new regulations it was a joy to see our members return. With the bar open again we could welcome our members to watch our footballers and hurlers in the games that were held behind closed doors.

With these new regulations we had to put a number of procedures in place and we were required to serve food. Many thanks to Sidewalk Catering for assisting us in being able to do so. As the rules changed again, Gary Byrne and his team at Gecko Catering assisted the club in ensuring that the kitchen was up to code. Without this help we would not have been able to open. I don't have enough words to thank the team of people who ensured that the bar could open in a safe and comfortable manner, but we are very grateful to Tom, Ronan, Teresa Tobin, our bar staff and Gillian Reilly. Gillian spent her weekends prepping the bar for opening, taking table bookings, taking orders, serving food, and then cleaning up after. Another superhero in my eyes.

Sympathy

Many families both involved in the club and in the community have suffered a loss through bereavement and we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to them.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamnacha.

We would also like to extend our best wishes to families who are fighting or recovering from illness.

Thank you

My first year as Secretary has been a strange one and even though we didn't have as much game or training this year you can see that there is still so much to do and so many people needed to help run this club every day.

What people contribute to this club never ceases to amaze me. I wish to thank all of our coaches, mentors, selectors etc for the time and dedication that you show every year but especially in the year we have just experienced.

I would like to thank Ronan and Gillian for their hard work, support, guidance and friendship and together we would like to extend our thanks to our Club Sponsors whose support is vital to the running of our teams.

I wish to end on the good news story of the year and that was the return to Dunboyne of our clubman Sean Cox, we look forward to seeing you on a sideline this year.

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ST. PETERS DUNBOYNE AGM 2020 NOMINATIONS

AGM WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 14th Jan 2021 @ 8PM

Executive Management Committee

Position	Outgoing	Nomination
Chairperson	Ronán O Doherty	Ronán O Doherty
Vice Chairperson	Gillian Reilly	Gillian Reilly
Secretary	Andrea Lynch	Andrea Lynch
Treasurer	Linda Kane	Linda Kane
PRO	Gus Lynch	Gus Lynch
Registrar	Sandra Dunbar	Sandra Dunbar
Club Delegates to County Board	John Reilly & Tom Dermody	John Reilly & Tom Dermody

Full Executive Committee

Position	Outgoing	Nomination
Football Chairperson	Gary Byrne	Appointed by incoming Executive
Hurling Chairperson	Johnny O Connor	Appointed by incoming Executive
Camogie Chairperson	Ronán O Doherty	Ronán O Doherty
Ladies Football Chairperson	Lenny Rooney	Garbhán Blake
Juvenile Chairperson	Gillian Reilly	Appointed by incoming Executive
Assistant Secretary	Gillian Reilly	Gillian Reilly
Assistant Treasurer	Billy Jones	Billy Jones
Development Officer	Fergus McNulty	Fergus McNulty
IT Officer	Derick Murphy	Derick Murphy
Commercial Officer	Brian Howlin	Brian Howlin
Insurance Officer	Andrea Lynch	Andrea Lynch
School Liaison Officer	Ciara Quinn	Ciara Quinn
Fundraiser Chairperson	Kevin Mc Keon	Kevin Mc Keon
Lotto Rep	Peter Moran	Peter Moran
Player Representative	Laura Reilly Bronagh Moran Michael Dunne Padraig Curran	Appointed by incoming Executive
Social Member Rep.	John Geraghty	Appointed by incoming Executive
Irish Language & Culture	Cliona O Doherty	Cliona O Doherty
Community Officer		
Facilities Officer	Martin Craig	Martin Craig
Safety Officer	Des Rooney	Des Rooney
Bar/Clubhouse Officer	Tom Dermody	Tom Dermody
Children/Welfare Officer	June Boyle	June Boyle