

**CUMANN CAMÓGAÍOCHTA COISTE CHONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH**

**ANNUAL CONVENTION 2011**

**Naomh Peregrines Clubhouse**

**Saturday November 26th 2011**

**Registration: 09.45am**

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## **ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

The proposer of a resolution or an amendment may speak for three minutes.

A delegate speaking to a resolution or an amendment may not exceed three minutes.

The proposer of a resolution or an amendment may speak for a second time for two minutes before a vote is taken. No other delegate may speak a second time to the same resolution or amendment.

An Cathaoirleach may, at any time he/she considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on a proposer for a reply. When that has been given, a vote may be taken.

An Cathaoirleach may consider any subject not on An Clár provided that he/she receives the consent of the majority of the delegates present.

Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering a matter not on An Clár except with the consent of a majority, equal to two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

## **APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS**

# CUMANN CAMÓGAÍOHTA COISTE CHONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH

## ANNUAL CONVENTION 2010

Thomas Davis Clubhouse

Saturday November 27th 2010

Dublin Camogie County Board held their Annual Convention on Saturday, November 27 2010 at 10 am in Thomas Davis GAA Clubhouse.

### Delegates in attendance:

Marie O'Brien, Cathaoirleach, Brendan Cooper Leas-Cathaoirleach, Mona Uí Shúilleabháin Runaí, Mary Gibney Leas-Runaí, Denis Murphy Development Officer, Patsy Powell (Cathaoirleach Minor Board), Tom Hayes, Cisteoir; Frank Malcolmson, Leas-Cisteoir, Maria Grandfield Claratheoir, Seamus Massey, Leas-PRO, Germaine Noonan, Leinster Delegate, Patsy Murphy, Eve Talbot RDO. 1. Naomh Peregrines, 2.Oliver Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh, 3.Crumlin, 4.Liffey Gaels, 5.Castleknoch, 6.Craobh Chiaran, 7.Cuala, 8.Faughs Celtic, 9.Kilmacud Crokes, 10.Whitehall Colmcille, 11.Naomh Barrog, 12.Ballinteer St. Johns, 13.Ballyboden St. Endas, 14.Na Fianna, 15.Lucan Sarsfields, 16.St. Vincents, 17.Good Counsel, 18.St. Annes, 19.Erins Isle, 20.C.B.C. 21.Naomh Brid, 22.Crumlin, 23.Naomh Olaf, 24. Thomas Davis, 25. Portobello.

**Apologies:** Gerry O'Sullivan PRO, Raheny, St. Finians,

1. **Adoption of Standing Orders.** Proposed Mary Gibney. Seconded Denis Murphy
2. **Appointment of Teller** Eve Talbot. Proposed Seamus Massey Seconded Patsy Murphy
3. **Consideration of Minutes of Convention 2010.** Taken as read. No matters arising. Proposed Seamus Massey. Seconded Denis Murphy
4. **Cathaoirleach Address.** Taken as read. Proposed by Tom Hayes. Seconded by Denis Murphy
5. **Tuaraisc an Runaí.** Report taken as read. Proposed Mary Gibney Seconded by Gerry White
6. **Treasurers Report.** Tom Hayes stated costs must be looked at in the context of over a few years e.g. the cost of jerseys. He proposed that the Board run a draw in May/June as a major fund raiser for the year. He also said that the issue of people not wanting to pay for attending Finals and inter-county matches must be looked at. It was suggested that clubs inform their supporters that there will be an admission fee. The cost of medals was mentioned and the following proposal was made: **Proposal that there would be no runner up medals for Adult League.** Proposed Liz Baker Seconded Aoife Maguire. 9 for in vote rest against. **Proposal not passed**

**Treasurers Report:** Proposed Patsy Murphy Seconded Denis Murphy

7. **PRO Report:** Seamus Massey complimented Gerry O'Sullivan on his work as PRO. John Murphy OPER asked if the score difference would not be shown in the results published in the newspapers. Discussion re if the Fixture Book is necessary as fixtures and club contacts now on website. Decided that clubs should indicate on the Affiliation Form in January if they wanted hard copy of Fixtures Book.

PRO Report Proposed Tom Hayes Seconded Gerry White.

8. **Leinster Report:** Germaine Noonan thanked Eve Talbot for the very successful U16 Leinster Pink Day run in Thomas Davis and also thanked Thomas Davis for their help in running the competition. Germaine also stated that there will be no U14 Leinster competition from now on. First intercounty competition will be at U16. She also congratulated Ballyboden St. Endas on a great display in the Leinster Final.  
Leinster report Proposed Dave Pearson Seconded Gerry White
9. **Development Officer Report:** Denis Murphy presented his report under the following headings. 1. Competition Structures/Fixtures. 2. Participation Levels. 3. School/Club Link. 4. Development Squads- Underage I/C. 5. Coach Education. 6. Development Committee.

**Issues/actions under 2/3/5 as follows:**

Cumann na mBunscoil is run well. Referee course was run by Eve Talbot for transition students in October. She also sent a survey to schools to see if GPO cover was available to the school from the local club. A full response for all schools is needed. Workshops are being run with the cooperation of the GAA. A Foundation level course camogie will be run in Feb 2011. Parnell Park will notify of courses by text as they have taken the mobile numbers from the Fixture Book.

**Competition Structure: Adult structure-** aim to get to 8 team leagues by 2012 – top 4 and bottom 4 after 1<sup>st</sup> round. Team's finishing place from 1-56 will determine position for next year. There will be 7 league Divisions. Championship 2011 – same structure as this year. **Can there be different grading for teams in League and Championship to be checked in An Treoráí Oigfigíúil.** Concern expressed by some delegates at timing of Championships other than Senior A. It was felt that League for most other grades fell apart after the Championship finished with a high amount of walkovers being given. Timing of Championship will be looked at with this in mind. Need to look at U16 Div 1 winners go up to Intermediate. Will this affect new structure and can it be changed. Perhaps Championship can be played after 1st round of League which then can be run on the top 4 and bottom 4 basis which may stop walkovers being given. Delegates happy with proposals but look at timing of leagues and Championships.

**13- 16 age group** – U16 8 teams 1<sup>st</sup> Round Spring then have Leinster with 3 other counties Div 1,2,3, and Final at Pink Day. It was hoped that Leinster Council would look favorably on this proposal and if not and if all clubs agree blitz days can be arranged. If this works bring in at U15. U13 and U14 bring in top 4 and bottom 4 which worked well this year at U13. 7 aside played this year during the summer worked well for U13 teams. **Delegates agreed with proposal for U13 – U16**

### **U12 Go Games**

Croke Park has brought in rule that Go Games are to be played from U8 to U12 from 2011. Cluster blitzes to be arranged. U8, U9, U10 are 9 aside. U11 and U12 are 11 aside. Some delegates asked if this can be brought in following year as U11 this year was competitive. Eve Talbot will check with Croke Park but it is a ruling for 2011.

### **Development Squads**

From 2011 there will be no inter-county competitions until U16.

Proposed the following squads for 2011 on the division North South and West U13 – 3 squads of 25

U14 - 3 squads of 25

U15 – 2 squads of 30

U16 – 1 inter-county team of 30 Players.

1 person approved by the County Board to co-ordinate and liaison with all squads. Also need to communicate with Ladies Football. Review of panels at the end of each year. There has to be rotation. Might be problem getting quality coaches for each squad. Should be liaison person between each club, parents and Management. Guidelines will be put in place by County Board. A development Committee needs to be put in place ASAP.

Marie O'Brien thanked Denis Murphy and Eve Talbot for all their work.

**Development Plan Proposed Tom Hayes Seconded Ann Colgan**

#### **10. Minor Board Report**

Mistake to be changed: Whitehall won Div 2 Féile na nGael Naomh Brid Runner up.  
Marie O'Brien thanked Patsy Powell and Mary Gibney for all their work.

**Minor Board Report Proposed Germaine Noonan Seconded Patsy Murphy**

#### **11. Fixtures Report**

Thanks to Liz Baker for the work on the fixtures.

Proposed Denis Murphy. Seconded Ann Ryan

#### **12. Registrars Report**

Juvenile numbers are up. Full information is not being sent by some clubs on the registration form and the registration must be sent in hard copy and electronic copy. Ask that all clubs get their registrations in on time.

Proposed Gerry White. Seconded Ann Ryan

#### **13. Referees Report**

A referee course will be organized in 2011 by Management.

Proposed Ann Noctor. Seconded Ann Ryan

#### **14. Team Reports**

**U14 Team Report** Proposed Patsy Murphy Seconded Denis Murphy

**U13 Development Squad.** Report Proposed Denis Murphy Seconded Gerry White

**U16 Team Report:** Inaccurate details in report. **1.** It is not the first Leinster Title for Dublin. **2.** Patsy Powell went in to the dressing room after the Leinster Final and congratulated the team. **3.** Presentation would have been organized by the County board and as is traditional the medals would have been presented at the Juvenile presentations. **4.** Photos were up on website. Mentors to be written to by An Runaí re above.

Report Proposed Denis Murphy. Seconded Paul Kelly

### **Senior Team Report**

Marie O'Brien thanked all the people involved in looking after this team during the year.

Report. Proposed Patsy Murphy. Seconded Denis Murphy

### **Junior Team Report**

Report. Proposed Denis Murphy. Seconded Ann Colgan

### **Minor Team Report**

This team is in the Leinster Final which had to be postponed today due to weather. Gerry McGough stated that lots of work done with this team and they were passing on a very good group for next year. He said that Tom Humphries the present U16 manager was interested in taking the team. He thanked the County Board for all their assistance.

Report Proposed Frank Malcolmson Seconded Tom Hayes

### **Election of Officers**

The Following were elected as officers of Dublin Camogie Board for 2011

Cathaoirleach.....	Marie O'Brien (St. Judes)
Leas- Cathaoirleach .....	Brendan Cooper (Na Fianna)
Runáí .....	Mona O'Sullivan (Ballyboden St. Endas)
Leas-Runáí	Mary Gibney (Naomh Olaf)
Cisteoir	Tom Hayes (Ballinteer St. Johns)
Leas-Cisteoir	Frank Malcolmson (Thomas Davis)
PRO	Gerry O'Sullivan (Ballyboden St. Endas)
Leas-PRO	Seamus Massey (St. Judes)
Claráthoir	Vacant
Cathaoirleach Minor Board	Patsy Powell
Comhairle Laighean	Germaine Noonan
Development Officer	Vacant

Denis Murphy will stay as Development Officer until the EGM. The EGM re the Byelaws will be held in Jan/Feb

### **Motions and Recommendations**

#### **Motions**

Motion-That the County Board for 2011 seeks to arrange all uneven age groups games (i.e.u11,13,15) on one day (Sat.or Sun.) and all even age groups (u10,12,14,16) on the other day (Sat.or Sun)

Motion-That Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael would render void a score achieved directly as a result of a hand pass.

**(St. Judes)**  
**NOT PASSED**

## **Recommendations**

**1.** That Saturday league matches be played in the following sequence U12, U13, U14 instead of the existing U14, U13, U12 sequence. This will allow clubs to more easily enter teams at each age group as younger girls can play up to an older team later in the day. The 2010 sequence of U14, U13, U12 causes many difficulties in that managers of the younger team are reluctant to release their players to the older team before their own match later in the day. It is also easier to get younger girls on the pitch for the early morning throw-in. The proposed arrangement would also make it easier for hockey girls to play U14 camogie at the later time.

**(Lucan Sarsfields)**

**Passed**

**2.** That further to last year's motion, we propose that, where clubs who request later match times on Saturdays because of school sports commitments, they should have the late match time of 3pm printed in the fixtures book. **Passed**

**3.** Any club which gives a walkover on the day of the match should be required to pay both clubs referees fees. **Passed** as is policy **To be clarified in guidelines for 2011**

**(Kilmacud Crokes)**

**4.** A penalty fine of €100 be imposed on any club giving a walkover, in any competition, less than 24 hours before the fixed match time. **Withdrawn (It is in Byelaws)**

**(Good Counsel)**

**5.** That a separate championship be run for each division at juvenile level. **Passed**

**(Ballyboden St. Endas)**

**6.** We recommend that the Camogie and Football Boards agree a schedule of games on alternate football/camogie weekends, starting 1 March and ending 31 October each year. The time for each age-group should be the same each weekend regardless of whether it is a camogie or football weekend.

We attach a suggested program showing how a full program of league and championship games can be easily facilitated. We have also included suggested time-slots for each age-group. Both of these are suggestions only with the detail to be worked through by the respective Boards.

The rationale behind this recommendation is as follows:

A similar program has been in place for Juvenile Boys for at least 25 years and operates successfully. It makes for a significantly easier administrative and logistical burden for mentors.

A structured season with alternating football and camogie weekends will significantly reduce the incidence of girls being required to play multiple games across the one weekend, especially in clubs where "playing up" is required across codes to ensure fixtures are fulfilled.

Having a set time for each age-group (not each code) should help reduce the incidence of players choosing one code over the other, particularly when they move to secondary school, where camogie/football compete with other sports and activities.

We suggest that the fixtures committees could review any unplayed matches (due to weather) at the start of May each year and refix those matches for mid-week during May and June.

We have allowed for 2 weekends in September when both codes possibly need to play to facilitate the timely playing of the group stages in the championships. This would only apply to U11 and upwards and it would require the Boards liaising to ensure that no age-group has 2 matches on the same day.  
The single-code clubs could have additional blitzes or a cup competition on free weekends, for example during April & May.

**C=Camogie F=Football**

**L1=League match 1**  
**C1=Championship match 1**

<b>2011</b>	
<b>March</b>	<b>October</b>
5/6 F (L1)	1/2 F(C4)
12/13 F(L2)	8/9 C (C4)
19/20 C (L1)	15/16 F (C5)
26/27 F (L3)	22/23 C (C5)
	<b>29/30 Mid-term</b>
<b>April</b>	
2/3 C (L2)	
9/10 F (L4)	
16/17 C (L3)	
<b>23/24 Easter weekend</b>	
30/1 C (L4)	<b>Suggested time-slots</b>
	<i>Saturdays</i>
<b>May</b>	10am: U9
7/8 F (L5)	11am: U10
14/15 C (L5)	12noon: U11
21/22 F (L6)	1:30pm: U12
28/29 C (L6)	3pm: U14&U16
<b>June</b>	<i>Sundays</i>
4/5 F (L7)	11am: U15
11/12 C (L7)	12noon: U13
<b>September</b>	
3/4 F&C (C1)	Football 12 matches
10/11 F (C2)	Camogie 12 matches
17/18 F&C (C3/C2)	(7 league & 5 C'ship)
24/25C (C3)	
2 'double' weekends in Sept. during Championship group stages	

**(CUALA)**  
**Carried**

**7.** League divisions be composed of teams of eight whenever possible. All division 1 sections to be run on this basis.

Phase 1: All teams play each other once.

Phase 2: At the end of Phase 1 the league splits into a top four and bottom four. Each team then plays the other three teams in the section and points are added to those won in the first phase.

Phase 3: (From u-13 up) All teams are involved in a play-off as follows 1<sup>st</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> v 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> v 8<sup>th</sup>. Home venue decided by coin toss.

The top two teams in each division are promoted the following year at the next age level. The bottom two teams are relegated the following year at the next age-group.

Any league section containing 6-10 teams to be run on the same basis.

Any league section with less than 6 teams to be run on the traditional two round basis but with Phase 3 above applying as appropriate.

Championship:

All championship divisions be arranged in two sections (ideally with four teams in each section). All division 1 championships be arranged in this manner. Championship and league placings the same in any year. A separate championship to be run for each division.

Phase 1: All teams play each other once.

Phase 2: a) The top two teams in each section play each other in cross-over semi-finals 1<sup>st</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup>. The winners play in the championship final (neutral venue), the losers play in a 3rd/4<sup>th</sup> place play-off (Home venue decided by coin toss).

b) The bottom two teams in each section from phase 1 play cross-over semi-finals 3<sup>rd</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup>. The winners play in the Shield final (neutral venue), the losers play in a 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> place play-off. (Home venue decided by coin toss). **Withdrawn**

**8.** The first championship be played at U12 level. League activity for all levels up to and including U11 to continue until October. **Withdrawn**

**(St. Oliver Plunkett/Eoghan Ruadh)**

**9.** That the Dublin County Board asks National Feile organisers to allow the Dublin Div.2 and 3 Feile winners to take part in the National Feile Finals, similar to what happens in Hurling. **Passed (Apply to National Féile)**

**10.** That where Clubs have 2 teams in the same age group, they would be allowed to regrade (B) players

to (A)grade for the Championship. **Passed**

**(St. Judes)**

**11** That underage Championship start September and Finish by before October Bank Holiday Weekend.  
**Passed**

**Naomh Uinsionn**

**A.O.B**

**Bray Emmets** sent thank you letter for allowing the club to take part in Dublin Leagues and requesting permission to take part in 2011. **Agreed**

Phil Gough Crumlin asked that there is agreement going forward re the use of the **Phoenix Park** dressing rooms, access etc

**Dublin Bye Laws** have to be looked at in relation to the new Treoraí Oifigiúil

**Mona Uí Shúilleabhair**

**Runai**

## **Cathaoirleach's Address 2011**

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the County Board I welcome you all here today to Naomh Peregrine G.A.A. Club for Annual Convention 2011. Once a year we have the opportunity to reflect on the Dublin Camogie scene of the past 12 months and formulate plans for the coming season. It is also at Convention that officers are elected to the Executive. This year there are a number of important vacancies that need to be filled. I ask all delegates here today to seriously consider the situation. The onus is on delegates to elect a working committee so that the whole Co Board can work effectively and efficiently. Our Leagues and Championships at all levels were run successfully. Some tweaking and adjustments have been suggested. With these in mind I hope that after discussions and suggestions that we have agreed plans at the end of our day here. Congratulations to all our League and Championship winners at Juvenile and Adult levels. These will all be listed in Reports later on.

For Camogie to flourish we need a constant supply of referees. Some Clubs are not good at supplying referees. One of the reasons is that there is still a problem with abuse of referees by a minority of mentors and supporters. Each Club is reminded that they are responsible for their players, mentors and supporters. Abuse of referees will not be tolerated and sanctions will be imposed. All clubs are asked to support the Executive in trying to stop this behaviour. Many thanks to Aoife Maguire for all her hard work in organising referees throughout the season.

Many thanks to all our County managers, mentors, selectors, helpers and trainers of our Development Squads and Inter County teams. Camogie in Dublin is progressing because of these dedicated people volunteering their valuable time. Clubs are asked to encourage their players to join these squads and teams. Sincere thanks to clubs who put their facilities at our disposal for training, Feile, Dub Stars, Inter County games and Championship finals. Many thanks to Dublin G.A.A. for the use of Parnell Park for our Senior A and Minor finals.

Brendan Cooper is stepping down as Vice Chairman this year. Brendan's hard work and commitment to Dublin Camogie is tremendous. Brendan always volunteers and always gets the job done efficiently. He is not leaving Dublin Camogie totally he assures me. He will be Fixtures Chairman for the coming season. Many many thanks Brendan.

A special word of thanks to Liz Baker. Her efficient running of the League tables is brilliant. My sincere thanks to the other members of the Executive Committee, Mona O'Sullivan Ballyboden St Endas, Tom Hayes Ballinteer St Johns, Gerry O'Sullivan Ballyboden St Endas, Mary Gibney Naomh Olav, Frank Malcolmson Thomas Davis, Seamus Massey Naomh Jude, Patsy Powell Naomh Brid, Pat Duncan Naomh Peregrine. Thank you each and every one of you for all your hard work and dedication.

On behalf of the County Board I wish all our players, mentors, supporters and friends a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. Sincere condolences to all who suffered bereavements during the year. I now ask all delegates to observe a minutes silence as a mark of respect. May they rest in peace.

*Maire Óg Bhriain*

## **Tuaraisc an Runáí**

Please see below an overview of Dublin Camogie for 2011. Full reports will be available at Convention

### **Intercounty Teams**

In 2011 Dublin played in the following competitions:

- Leinster U16
- Leinster Minor
- Leinster Junior Championship
- Leinster Senior Championship
- National U16
- National Minor
- National Senior League and Championship
- National Junior League and Championship

Thank you to all involved as it takes a hugh commitment from both the management and players for all these teams to represent Dublin in competition. Thanks are also due to all the clubs who provided their grounds as venues for club and inter county matches. Sincere appreciation to John Costello and his colleagues at the Dublin GAA Board for the use of Parnell Park.

### **Sponsorship**

Thank you to all our sponsors:

- **OZO Ltd** sponsor of the Senior and Junior Dublin teams and current U14 team as well as all adult cup, league and championships.
- **Masita Ltd of Kells** is the official supplier of all playing gear and leisurewear for all Dublin teams
- **Webtrade** of Rathfarnham continues to be the sponsor of the website

I would ask that everyone support our sponsors as without them Dublin Camogie would not be able field and support all of our teams.

### **Competitions 2011**

The Adult fixtures were run very well with the text service for the results in operation for the second year. Once again there were problems running the Minor Championships and these will have to be resolved if this competition is to continue.

Again this year there was a hugh amount of juvenile league matches and championship matches fixed and the text messaging service for results was in operation for these matches. The texting service enables the results of matches to appear on the Dublin Website on the day the match is played providing and enabling clubs to see how their team is doing in their league. A vote of thanks is due to Mary Gibney, Patsy Powell, Liz Baker and Aoife Maguire for organising fixtures and referees for the matches.

More detailed reports from the Minor Board, Fixtures and Referees below

## **Finances**

Tom Hayes assisted by Frank Malcolmson again looked after our finances. I would like to thank them for all their work and especially for their time spent standing at gates collecting admission to matches. Again this year the matter of supporters not wanting to pay and giving abuse has to be mentioned. Clubs should ensure that their supporters are aware that it takes a significant amount of money to support our competitions and provide medals etc.

## **Registrations**

Thank you to Patrick Martin who keeps the database of all players up to date. The new registration form will make this job easier going forward.

## **P.R.O.**

Once again thanks to Seamus Massey and Gerry O'Sullivan for keeping us updated with all the club and county activities. The website is a great source of Dublin camogie news and the more information clubs submit the better it becomes. The programmes produced for all the Championship Finals are a great record for players and supporters.

## **Presentation Nights**

Presentations were organised for Adult Teams in Clanna Gael Fontenoy and presentations were made to the players of the year. The Juvenile presentations will take place in January in Lucan Sarsfields. The Board is very grateful to both clubs for facilitating these events.

## **Development**

Thanks to Eve Talbot for all her work in this area and assisting in the setting up of a new club, Commercials, this year.

## **Discipline**

Discipline was a major issue this year with an increase in the number of Red cards and Yellow cards issued. Mentors and supporters were also summoned to appear before the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee. I would like to remind all clubs that they are responsible for the behavior of their supporters and should ensure that they behave in a manner that reflects well on their club.

I would also like to thank Marie O'Brien, Brendan Cooper, Pat Duncan and Maria Grandfield for all their help during the year. I would also like to thank all the clubs for their cooperation during the year.

**Mona Uí Shúilleabháin  
Runaí**

## **Treasurers Report 2011**

Total income for the year ended October 2011 amounted to €131,089. Of this figure, affiliations and registrations accounted for €121,850 (93%) which represents a 14.7% increase on the corresponding figure for the previous year. With no increase in fees this year, it represents a reasonable increase in the number of players participating in our games during 2011. The sponsorship figure of €4,800 was a welcome new source of revenue during the year. Gate receipts make a modest contribution with a figure of € 2,480 (€950 received after closing of a/c's and which will appear in next years figures).

We have also received confirmation that the €15,000GAA development grant has now been approved and this money will be received in the next few weeks.

The finances of the Board are extremely tight with very little room for manoeuvre should we encounter any emergency. I would hope that the development draw will make a reasonable contribution to the Boards finances with all clubs making every effort to maximise ticket sales.

On the expenditure side we invested heavily in development squads during the year and while we must invest in the future we must also be mindful of the expense involved.

I am suggesting that for 2012 a plan be worked out at the beginning of the year providing a detailed estimate of the costs involved in running the county teams and development squads.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank OZO for their generous sponsorship and I hope that our partnership with them will continue into the future. I would also like to urge all clubs to promote their services within their own clubs.

I would also like to say a special word of thanks to Frank Malcolmson for his continued support which is very much appreciated.

I am happy to clarify any specific queries which anyone may have with regard to the accounts.

**Tomas O hAodha**

**Cisteoir**

## **PRO REPORT**

The Camogie Association in Dublin enjoys a strong public presence with the Board's website [www.dublincamogie.ie](http://www.dublincamogie.ie) winning the Association's website of the year. In the past year, there were 147,200 visitors to the site. Many thanks to all who supply material and to Webtrade for their continued sponsorship. Clubs are invited to make greater use of the Match Report facility - a great vehicle for raising further the profile of the games. Many thanks to Liz Baker and Aoife Maguire for their support in maintaining the Fixtures and Results service. Appreciation also to Daire Ó Súilleabháin for photographic assistance.

The Board also inputs to the Camogie Association's Facebook page which attracts huge interest.

Gerry O'Sullivan is a member of the Association's Communications Committee and among the projects being pursued is a new Association website. This is at an advanced stage and will be launched in the coming months.

Match programmes are another key activity and a number were produced for club and county fixtures.

The support of the Evening Herald (Kevin Nolan, Niall Scully, Ronan MacLochlainn), the Echo (William O'Connor) and the Gazette (Rob Haigh) is gratefully acknowledged.

Gerry O'Sullivan was a member of the Dublin GAA Strategic Review Committee which has issued a range of recommendations relating to the further development of gaelic games in the county. A key recommendation proposes the integration of camogie and ladies football under the umbrella of the Dublin GAA. This is a matter that should receive considered discussion by the Board and the camogie clubs during 2012.

Playing our games in Parnell Park was another positive PR feature of the year - an indication of the close relationship with the GAA.

Next year we will host Féile na nGael and under Pat Martin this is another major promotional opportunity. At the end of the day the most positive PR is generated by the clubs themselves working on the ground and reflecting all that is good in our game.

Many thanks

**Gerry O'Sullivan and Seamus Massey**

## **LEINSTER REPORT 2011**

### **CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS:**

Senior: Wexford

Junior: Meath

U-18A: Kilkenny

U-16A: Kilkenny

### **REFEREES:**

There is a lot of dissatisfaction at the standard of referees generally for intercounty games within Leinster.  
Ciaran Quigley (Kildare) does a conversion referees' course (from hurling to camogie).

### **PINK DAY:**

The venue was St. Martins (Wexford) on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Lucan Sarsfields represented Dublin. The Marie Keating Foundation was the beneficiary of fundraising for the event.

Final Result: Rathnure 1-04 Thomastown 1-03.

Shield Final: St Martins 3-02 Lucan Sarsfields 2-01.

### **SURVEY:**

A survey was recently conducted to try to establish why so many players (aged 16 to 19) quit playing camogie. The following are some of the reasons:

1. Subs—very little playing time in games.
2. No support from home/family.
3. Boys
4. Peer groups change
5. No fun – all work and no play.

### **U-16 LEAGUE**

In 2012 it is planned to run a club league in Leinster probably during Feb. and March.

**Pat Duncan**

**Leinster delegate 2011**

## **Minor Board Report**

As the 2011 season draws to a close the following is a summary of the events over the past year and plans for the future.

### **2011 Juvenile League:**

We had 245 teams take part in our league fixtures this year from 31 different clubs including Kilcoole and Bray Emmets from County Wicklow. Our competitive leagues have all but finished except for some play offs to determine winners and a huge thank you, to you the clubs for ensuring this happened, and indeed to Liz Baker our fixtures secretary who kept on top of all fixtures/results weekly allowing us to be proactively dealing with any back matches. This was a huge achievement and a big thank you to Liz. As always Aoife Maguire has assigned referees to all our matches during the season, a special word of thanks to her.

This year saw the introduction of Go Games at U11 and U12 in addition to the age groups of U10/U9/U8. The U11/U12 year started with blitzes and ended with a blitz where all players were presented with medals. Between the blitzes teams participated in non competitive leagues. The U10/U9/U8s played mainly 4 team blitzes all season. At time of printing a questionnaire has been distributed to U8/U9/U10/U11/U12 club mentors looking for feedback on the season. There is still however a concept of winning amongst mentors and parents. The main concept to be remembered for the U8/U9/U10/U11/U12 is that all girls should be playing an equal amount of time and they be coached to play their skills/ positions on the pitch. Where one team is much stronger than another then changes should be made by stronger team to try and balance proceedings. New rules will be looked at for 2011 to ensure this concept is followed.

For round 2 of the league in the U13 to U16 age group the top 4 clubs would play each other and the bottom 4 played each other. This worked out very well and in Division 2 we actually had a 3 way play off for runner up position. 7 a-side games were run over a number of weeks during the summer at U13. This was a huge success and even more so due to the fact that conditioned rules were introduced to keep the games interesting for the girls. Thank you to Fintan Mahon of Faughs/Celtic for organising this year. This is also something we will look to introduce next year for other age groups.

Again one of the major disappointments during the year has been the issue of missing trophies for league/championship winners. A number of these are still missing since 2008 season and those handed out last year have not been returned by many of the clubs to date. This unfortunately may mean that some teams may not receive their winning trophy at the presentation day, teams will however receive their medals.

Below is list of league winners and runners up. The juvenile “Player of the Year” awards will be announced at juvenile presentation day on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> next.

<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>League Winner</u></b>	<b><u>League Runner Up</u></b>
Un 16 Div 1	Lucan Sarsfields	Naomh Uinsionn

Un 16 Div 2	TBD Naomh Brid/Lucan Sarsfields B	TBD Naomh Brid/Lucan Sarsfields B
Un 15 Div 1	Lucan Sarsfields A	Oliver Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh A
Un 15 Div 2	Naomh Uinsionn	Crumlin
Un 14 Div 1	Lucan Sarsfields	Naomh Jude A
Un 14 Div 2	Erins Isle	TBD Good Counsel/Whitehall Colmcille
Un 14 Div 3	Bray Emmets	Ballyboden St Endas B
Un 13 Div 1	TBD	TBD
Un 13 Div 2	Good Counsel	Kilmacud Crokes
Un 13 Div 3	TBD Thomas Davis/Crumlin	TBD Thomas Davis/Crumlin

### **2011 Juvenile Championship:**

Thank you to Lucan Sarsfields and all their helpers who hosted our Juvenile U13 to U16 finals in October. Thank you to Frank Malcolmsom who did the gate for 2 days on his own, a thankless job and to Gerry O'Sullivan who captured all the photographs/results for the website.

Again Liz Baker was instrumental in ensuring all championship matches proceeded as per schedule and Aoife Maguire assigned all referees, both give an enormous amount of their time to Dublin camogie not to mention their clubs and are always one step ahead, thank you for all the support during the year and for a job very well done. Clubs were delighted to be able to see up to date tables and results on [www.dublincamogie.ie](http://www.dublincamogie.ie) as a result of the text results service.

### **Championship winners and runners up**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Championship Winner</u>	<u>Championship Runner Up</u>
Un 16 A	Lucan Sarsfields	Naomh Uinsionn
Un 16 B	Naomh Jude	Naomh Bríd
Un 15 A	Lucan Sarsfields	St. Oliver Plunkett/Eoghan Ruadh
Un 15 B	Naomh Mearnog	Crumlin
Un 14 A	Lucan Sarsfields	St. Oliver Plunkett/Eoghan Ruadh
Un 14 B	Erins Isle	Naomh Jude B
Un 14 C	Ballinteer St Johns	Ballyboden St Endas B

Un 13 A	Lucan Sarsfields A	Naomh Brid
Un 13 B	Na Fianna	Faughs Celtic
Un 13 C	Crumlin	Naomh Padraig

### 2011 Feile:

Division	Winner	Runner-Up
Division 1	Naomh Jude	Lucan Sarsfields
Division 2	Naomh Brid	Whitehall Colmcille
Division 3	Ballinteer St Johns	Kilmacud Crokes

Naomh Jude had a great year on winning Division 1 Feile and went on to represent Dublin admirably in Galway.

Again, a huge debt of gratitude to Faughs who hosted the finals as well as Division 1 and to Cuala who hosted Division 2 and Naomh Mearnog on hosting Division 3. The hospitality at all three venues was second to none. Sunday's finals in Faughs/Celtic were run very professionally and it was the little extra touches that made it so enjoyable and special for everyone. Our president Joan Flynn and a number of the winning Dublin hurling league players visited Faughs on the Sunday, thanks to Gerry O'Sullivan for organising.

Our Féile skills winner was Jenny Ryan of Lucan Sarsfields with Holly McGregor of Good Counsel an U13 (Runner up) and Faye McCarthy of Naomh Jude in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done to Jenny who went on to finish in 1<sup>st</sup> place in Leinster. Thank you to Mary Gibney, Pat Martin, Brendan Cooper, Frank Malcolmson and Seamus Massey and all our helpers (especially Deirdre Wade who stepped in last minute to assist with score keeping). Thank you to Naomh Jude who offered their facilities when we were forced to change venue due to the closure of the Phoenix Park. A number of clubs had held their own competition in the week preceding Féile.

### Juvenile County Teams/Schools of Excellence:

The U16s led by Pat Clinton and his management team put in some fine displays in the championship and were very unlucky not to advance from the group stages of the championship. They also went down to Kilkenny in the Leinster final. A big thank you to Paul Beecher(U15s), Pat Martin(U14s), Dave Pearson(U13s), Paul Beecher(U12s) and their management teams for all the effort and hard work in improving the girls skills during the season at both training sessions and inter county blitzes. The depth and strength of squads going forward should bring dividends in the very near future.

### Future:

The following gives a picture on how many teams we had play at each grade during 2011 from 41 registered clubs compared with 2010.

Grade	Number of Teams 2010	Number of Teams 2011	Number of participating Clubs 2010	Number of participating Clubs 2011
U8	30 (7 a side)	34 (7 a side)	16	17

U9	36 (9 a side)	38 (9 a side)	22	20
U10	42 (9 a side)	49 (9 a side)	28	31
U11	35 (11 a side)	38 (11 a side)	26	27
U12	26 (13/15 a side)	36 (11 a side)*	23	26
U13	22 (13/15 a side)	24 (13/15 a side)	21	22
U14	21 (13/15 a side)	23 (13/15 a side)	19	21
U15	10 (13/15 a side)	14 (13/15 a side)	9	12
U16	17 (13/15 a side)	17 (13/15 a side)	17	16
Total	209 teams	245 teams	Max 28 Clubs at U10 41 Clubs registered	Max 31 Clubs at U10 42 Clubs registered

\* Team size reduced for 2011

Clearly there is huge work to be done on the development of camogie in our existing clubs not to mention bringing on new clubs (a big welcome to Commercials). The development /management committee has and will be addressing these amongst other items in the coming year. We also need to formally link up with Cumann Na mBunscoil at a management level (55 school teams took part in the 2011 camogie competitions) every school should have a link to a club and vice versa. We also need to link in with the GPOs in all clubs in relation to camogie and what/how they can help us. As a management committee we need to be spending 75% of our time on development of camogie at club and county level and at the moment this is not the case. In short we need to sell the game and make it attractive to girls of all ages! Only 21(half) of our 41 registered clubs had an U14 team in 2011!

At the start of the season we linked up with the Ladies Football Board to ensure smooth running of our leagues and championships, many thanks in particular to Mary O'Connor who was our main contact on the juvenile side. We await the report from working group from both codes looking at the possibility of playing alternate weekends.

A heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in camogie in each and every club and to all those who were involved at county/province level, it is your dedication on a voluntary basis that keeps everything going during the season and we look forward to the same dedication next year.

Many thanks, to all on the management committee for their support during the season and in particular to Minor Board secretary Mary Gibney as we look forward to 2012 and in particular the National Féile na nGael competition which will be held in Dublin for the first time since 1983.

**Patsy Powell**  
**Cathaoirleach**  
**Dublin Minor Camogie**

## **Juvenile Fixtures Report 2011**

**Matches:** Under 16-13 league & Championship-540 games played: Under 12-11 Mini Leagues-340 played (not including the cluster or gala blitzes): Under 10-8 Cluster blitzes- Clubs had between 8 & 10 blitzes dates throughout the year.

**Under 16- Under 13.** The majority of these leagues consisted of 8 teams which meant each team had a total of 10 league matches. 7 from the 1<sup>st</sup> round and 3 for the top and bottom 4. It was suggested to me during the year that the top and bottom 4 should be played as 2 new competitions to keep the interest and competitiveness going till the end of the league. I feel this suggestion has merit as in a lot of cases the top team couldn't be caught which meant clubs just lost interest towards the end of the league. Under 15 division 1 and under 14 division 3 had not got the required 8 teams and were played as a double round. Championship again was dominated by some very strong clubs in the A section. We also need to look at the subbing up issue in the B championship. In many cases strong players from division 1 in the next younger age group were used to strengthen a B championship team which is legal but doesn't encourage weaker clubs which really what the B championship was initially designed for. We may need to look at the amount of players we allow to do this. We may also need to look at the way we decide the winner of the round robin championships if teams are on equal points. Deciding by goal difference can result in teams putting up huge scores against weaker opposition when a win will suffice. However play off can also cause problems. It needs to be looked at.

**Under 12- Under 11:** The structure of competitions for these age groups completely changed this season. I have attached the results of the questionnaire which the majority of clubs returned giving fantastic feedback both positive and negative about the way these competitions were ran. It was more difficult for the under 12 age group as they had played championship last season and now had to play in a non-competitive league, with some different rules. Surprisingly a lot of the feedback was quite positive which a testament to clubs is as there was a lot of resistance initially. In general the composition of the Un 12 and 11 grades was well received – Cluster blitzes, mini leagues and a gala blitz at the end of the season.

**Under 10-Under 8:** Cluster blitzes were ran for this age group. Team had 8-10 cluster blitzes each hosting twice during the year. They were played with great enthusiasm and were fun. Again the results of the questionnaire are attached which will give a better idea how they all went.

**General:** The automatic result system ran quite well with a lot of clubs getting the hang of it immediately. I would ask that clubs who don't return results correctly please try again as it is great that clubs can access results immediately but everyone has to play their part for it to be successful.

Mary Gibney and I had a very successful meeting with the ladies football. We basically agreed on a schedule for the championships for both codes which ran very well. These meetings should continue on a yearly basis to iron out any problem and to try and work at making life easier next season for players who are playing both codes.

A lot of clubs are looking for more fixtures which can be difficult for the following reasons: Ladies football, No matches from mid June until September, clubs subbing up and the amount of bank holidays during our playing season. I would suggest that playing matches midweek late April until Mid June would really help this issue.

Congratulations to all clubs who won Championship, League and the Feile competitions in 2011. I have attached the role of honour.

Finally thanks to all who endeavoured to make my life easier as the juvenile fixtures officer throughout 2011. It really is appreciated.

## **RESULTS OF GO GAMES QUESTIONNAIRES 2011**

### **Un 12-11 Go Games Questionnaire- 21 returned**

#### ***General answers to questions:***

Strong majority in favour of cluster blitzes at start of year and to their benefit. However the time factor needs to be looked at. Blitzes should not last more than 1 hour as parents and players get tired after that. All clubs were in favour of the streaming by ability in the 2 team groups and that it's particularly beneficial to the weaker players. Most clubs are happy with the smaller 11 a side games and felt it will contribute to improving skill levels. Generally felt referees were aware of the rules and all were pleased with the games composition of Cluster Blitz, Mini League and Gala Blitz. A majority of clubs NOT happy at all with the no soloing rule. Felt there could be some compromise on this e.g., players allowed to take a 5/6 steps and then release the ball. The majority of clubs would favour the return of championship.

#### ***Other comments:***

\*\* Teams who do not take part in the cluster blitzes should NOT be allowed to enter the mini leagues. It's unfair to clubs who took the time and bother to host one. 1 club felt that clubs should not be forced to enter the cluster blitzes

\*\* The zone concept (changing players around) in the blitzes did not happen. It's not really suitable for this age group and should be abandoned as it wasn't adhered to anyway.

\*\* Suggestion that at under 11-12 a point over the bar should carry 2 points as it's a more difficult skill than scoring a goal. (2 clubs)

\*\* A lot of clubs were aggrieved that after playing 11 championships in 2010 there was none in 2012. A lot of clubs felt there should be championship at Under 11 and 12. A small number of clubs like the fact that it made the games less competitive.

\*\* A lot of clubs felt the kicking rule needs to be looked at. If it's not deliberate it shouldn't be a foul.

\*\* Most agree that there needs to be a course on the GO GAME rules that referees MUST attend before being allowed to referee. This happens in the GAA.

\*\* Clubs would like the Mini Leagues to be run on a home and away basis thus ensuring more matches.

\*\* It was suggested that the 2 team league might be a higher standard than the 1 team group. It's a good idea to mix them all for the Gala Blitz.

### **Un 10-8 Go Games Questionnaire – 28 returned**

#### ***General answers to questions:***

Again the majority of clubs didn't feel the hosting of blitzes was too much work and were happy with the small size teams. All clubs stated the 'zone' concept was not adhered to at most blitzes and that clubs were really not interested in implementing the rules. Half the clubs agreed the referees did not know the rules. Clubs generally did not like playing the same 3 or 4 clubs for the whole season as it became boring. All clubs agreed that at under 9-10 the scoring system was an excellent idea but could be expanded more. At Under 8 all clubs wanted to continue the blitz format but at under 9 and 10 clubs there was a strong preference (at least 90%) for the same format as Under 11 and 12 i.e.: 1 Cluster blitz hosted, Mini League and Gala Blitz. They got totally bored playing the same clubs throughout the year. Clubs don't see the reason why there cannot be a mini league at Under 9 and 10 after hosting cluster blitzes.

***Other Comments:***

\*\* Some clubs need to show more respect to clubs who are hosting blitzes by turning up on time etc. Also clubs need to be more organized and consistent when running the blitz- having the schedule done before clubs arrive.

\*\* Again as above referee need to attend a GO GAMES course as the referees performed far worse at these age groups than at 11 & 12 which caused major confusion for the mentors and players. A Go GAMES top should also be worn at matches.

\*\* Playing blitz in any weekend in May is a problem for these age groups due to First Communions. This needs to be looked at.

\*\* If teams have not got the required players in the 2 x team groups at Under 9 & 10 they should only enter 1 team.

\*\* All agreed that there should be no streaming according to ability at this age group.

\*\* In some group the blitzes took up to 3 hours!! Hosting clubs should try to ensure that blitzes only take 1 hour. Many felt there should be no half time as this takes too long.

\*\* Some clubs would encourage 1 week camogie and 1 week ladies football at this young age group to avoid burn out.

***Thank you to all the clubs who returned the questionnaire***

**League Winners /R-Up 2011**

	<u>Winners</u>	<u>R-UP</u>
<b>Un 16 Div 1</b>	<b>Lucan A</b>	<b>N Uinsionn</b>
<b>Un 16 Div 2</b>	<b>N Brid</b>	<b>Lucan B</b>
<b>Un 15 Div 1</b>	<b>Lucan A</b>	<b>Ol Plunketts A</b>
<b>Un 15 Div 2</b>	<b>N Uinsionn</b>	<b>Crumlin</b>
<b>Un 14 Div 1</b>	<b>Lucan A</b>	<b>N Jude</b>
<b>Un 14 Div 2</b>	<b>Erins Isle</b>	<b>G Counsel</b>
<b>Un 14 Div 3</b>	<b>Bray Emmets</b>	<b>Ballyboden B</b>
<b>Un 13 Div 1</b>	<b>Lucan A</b>	<b>Boden//Vins/N Brid</b>
<b>Un 13 Div 2</b>	<b>Good Counsel</b>	<b>Kilmacud</b>
<b>Un 13 Div 3</b>	<i>Crumlin/Thos Davis</i>	<i>Crumlin/Thos Davis</i>

**Championship Winners/R-Up 2011**

	<b><u>Winners</u></b>	<b><u>R-Up</u></b>
<b>Un 16 A</b>	<b>Lucan A</b>	<b>N Uinsionn</b>
<b>Un 16 B</b>	<b>N Jude</b>	<b>N Brid</b>
<b>Un 15 A</b>	<b>Lucan A</b>	<b>Ol Plunketts A</b>
<b>Un 15 B</b>	<b>N Mearnog</b>	<b>Crumlin</b>
<b>Un 14 A</b>	<b>Lucan A</b>	<b>Ol Plunketts</b>
<b>Un 14 B</b>	<b>Erins Isle</b>	<b>N Jude B</b>
<b>Un 14 C</b>	<b>St Johns</b>	<b>Ballyboden B</b>
<b>Un 13 A</b>	<b>Lucan A</b>	<b>N Brid</b>
<b>Un 13 B</b>	<b>Na Fianna A</b>	<b>Faughs/Celtic</b>
<b>Un 13 C</b>	<b>Crumlin</b>	<b>N Padraig</b>

**Dublin Feile Winners/R-Up 2011**

<b>Division 1</b>	<b>N Jude</b>	<b>Lucan A</b>
<b>Division 2</b>	<b>N Brid</b>	<b>Whitehall</b>
<b>Division 3</b>	<b>St Johns</b>	<b>Kilmacud</b>

**Liz Baker**  
**Dublin Camogie Juvenile fixtures officer 2011**

**Registrars Report**

Not available at time of going to print

## **REFEREES' REPORT 2011**

### **Overview:**

2011 saw over 300 Adult fixtures and over 1,200 juvenile fixtures. Dublin Camogie is certainly on the up. The amount of referee courses ran this year was the largest ever – Beginners course, Go Games Courses, Adult Refresher Courses and my thanks to those clubs who gave their club premises to facilitate these courses. They were very well attended and in some cases – over crowded – which in one way is a great complaint. This year was the first year to introduce the Go Games and with anything new – needs some tweaks, which I will report on in my recommendations. I could not have run these courses without the assistance and input of Brendan Cooper, who has always been a constant support to me. Brendan is one of the few people who is aware of the amount of time and organisation that goes with this position.

### **Recommendations**

1. Referees Committee to comprise of 4 people – to appoint referees, to run courses, to monitor all referees both juvenile and adult and to check referee reports.
2. A fee to be paid by all attendees at courses, to cover administration and jerseys.
3. Go Games courses to be run over 2 sessions, with practical/written test on second session. On successful completion, a Go Games jersey to be awarded. No referee can referee a Go Games match without having successfully completed course.
4. All named referees to wear referees' uniform.
5. Compulsory course to be run for U13-U16 referees – with referee jersey awarded on successful completion.
6. All adult referees to pass a fitness test and must wear full referee uniform.
7. A group of referees or members to arrange random checks of all juvenile and adult matches.

I have worked with the County Board for over 25 years and have enjoyed working with so many people from every club in Dublin. It is time now for new people with fresh ideas. Thank you to all the adult referees who have officiated for me down the years – I have made some great friends. Thank you to all the clubs who have supported me and appreciated my efforts. Thank you to the Managements over the years of the County Board in having trust in my intentions of promoting referees. Finally, a personal thank you to Áine Derham, who encouraged me so many years ago to take up the whistle.

I sincerely hope that my replacement/s will not have to leave their term on a negative note. However, recently, myself, my club and all Good Counsel referees were personally slighted by a Dublin Club, I can only assume that they are now willing and in a position to do a better job than I have always endeavoured to do over the years.

Mise le Meas  
**Aoife NicUidhir**

## **Transfers, Hearings, Disciplinary Committee (THDC) Report**

For the start of the 2011 playing season all Counties were instructed to set up their own internal THDC committees. This unit is made up of people not currently sitting on a Management committee. This unit would be responsible for ensuring that all disputes were heard in a timely and fair manner.

The Dublin THDC was made up of the following, Pat Clinton (Na Fianna), Eddie Byrne (OPER), Paul Beecher (Nh Peregrine), Jenny Byrne (Round Towers) and throughout the season met on 7 occasions.

On average the THDC heard 3 or 4 cases at each session. Almost all were to do with players both Juvenile /Adult being dismissed from the field of play with the remainder involving alleged abuse to referees. These figures make for grim reading and is something which has to be addressed as a matter of urgency by every club. It is totally unacceptable that this number of issues have come before the THDC.

In general the THDC have issued suspensions towards the minimum end of the scale but clubs should note that players receiving suspensions towards the maximum end of the scale are likely to miss 6 matches, depending on what has appeared in the referees report. Going forward the THDC are likely to take a “zero tolerance” towards players being dismissed from the field of play and it is the sole responsibility of every mentor to ensure that his/her team act within the playing rules of camogie at all times.

The County Board are most grateful to the members of the Dublin THDC for their commitment to this committee. It can be a thankless task at times but one which has to be carried out. Going forward into the 2012 season I would hope that clubs will take on board the above comments to ensure that this committee sits on an occasional basis as opposed to 2011, when this committee sat all too frequently.

**Brendan Cooper.**

## **County Team/Development Squad Reports**

### **Dublin Senior Camogie Team 2011.**

2011 was a year during which the rebuilding process began for the Dublin Senior Camogie team. This process was aimed at rebuilding the:

- credibility of Dublin as a national force at senior level
- morale of the players on the senior squad
- ambition of eligible Dublin players to want to play for Dublin
- structures supporting the senior team.

No miracle quick fix was promised nor expected. However we believe that progress has been made. On the field we played eleven competitive games without a win. However in all bar three, Kilkenny (L) and Cork (CH & L), the team was competitive and extremely disappointed not to have won three of those games. Statistically, the teams scoring difference deficit against the six teams played in the 2010 championship improved by 22 goals i.e. 11points per game better. But it is a sad reflection that this is the type of statistic that we have to go to as a reflection of improvement.

The initial rebuilding steps taken this year must only be seen as that – small and initial. The efforts of all concerned at club and county level must be re-doubled to achieve much more. 2012 must see some victories on the field of play. Without our flagship team repositioning itself as a National force we will struggle to achieve our objectives of increasing club standards, player participation and enhancing the image of Dublin Camogie.

Despite our under-performance in the game versus Kilkenny played as part of the “Spring series” we feel that it is an excellent opportunity to showcase the game and if the opportunity arises again in 2012 that we accept it.

We express our thanks to:

the players who committed to the squad this year. We finished with a strong committed group of players for our championship campaign  
the club managers and officers who co-operated with our efforts in 2011  
the county board officers who supported us throughout the year.

**Denis Murphy, Ann Colgan, David Needham.**

### **Inter County Minor / Junior Report.**

It was decided earlier in the year to let the Minors and Junior Inter County teams train as a single unit as all the mentors were involved with both teams. As our Minors were effectively involved in the Leaving certificate exams it meant that a lot of these girls were not available until the end of June and our first game was scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup>June. In addition some of the Junior team were involved in the Senior set up and this meant that we very seldom had a full panel to train with in either Minor or Junior.

Our Minors travelled to Tipperary on 29<sup>th</sup>.June and were beaten. We than had to travel to Galway the following Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>.July and again we were beaten. Two games in quick succession immediately after the Leaving was probably not the best preparation but we fulfilled both games to the best of our ability. Our Minors then played in the Leinster final against Kilkenny and again we had to travel to Thomastown. We had an opportunity to train as a unit for a period prior to the Leinster Final and this left us in good shape for the game against KK. This was the teams best performance all year and for much of this Leinster final we were on top. It was only in the last 6 minutes that Kilkenny actually got in front and eventually won by 4 points. We took a lot of positives from this game and given the right preparation we have a chance of competing with the best.

Our Juniors played 7 times in both league and championship and lost all games. On the face of it this doesn't read very well, but one must bear in mind that on each occasion we played, we were in effect playing our oppositions Senior team in Meath, Kildare, (twice) Armagh, Roscommon, Waterford and Down. There was a very good spirit in the panel and we always travelled with a full team plus subs. The fact that we were always competing above our correct grade was a disadvantage to our Junior panel. That said we laid the foundations for the current season by having this team regarded to a more realistic standard. This should allow us to develop the Juniors by competing on equal terms with other Counties and so provide a platform for those Juniors to progress to the Senior Squad.

The County Board are indebted to the mentors of the above teams, Pat Clinton, Sandra Tarr, Colm Berkeley, Gerry McGough, Dave Dunning, Martina McGilloway and a little help from myself. The fact that all of the above have given a commitment for 2012 is a great boost to these panels as a lot of the girls will be known to management. The mentors are very keen to pick up where they left off last year and in this respect County trials are being organised over the coming weeks in an effort to unearth other future stars which up until now may not have got the opportunity of playing for their County. We see both our Minor and Junior teams competing for honours in their respective competitions.

**Brendan Cooper.**

## **U15 Development Squad Report**

While it was an off year for this group of girls the work continued on after their year at U14 was over. The group was kept ticking over during the winter of 2010/2011 with 52 girls divided into 2 squads.

The Stormbirds (A & B panels) wanted to stay together over the year and participated in Blitzes in Limerick, Cork, Wexford and Dublin. These were mainly in the summer months when the club scene was very quiet. Valuable experience was gained and fringe players got their opportunity to play when some of the more established players were on holiday or were being rested.

The girls set goals at the start of the year. The ultimate goals were to win the Munster U15 Blitz in Mallow and the Dublin U15 All Ireland weekend Blitz. But we were beaten in all 4 finals and had to do with winning the U15 section of the main Dublin Blitz in July.

Overall it was a productive year when the girls got to train and play together on 21 occasions. Thanks to all the U15 girls for their attitude, commitment and good humour as well as their desire for continuous improvement. Doireann Mullany of Ballyboden S E was the Dublin U15 player of the year. Thanks to all the parents who helped during the year and a special thanks to Joan Kehoe for always being around with her first aid skills.

Thanks also to Aine Fanning, Eimear Butler, Joan Twomey, Fiona O'Sullivan and Stephen Hoary for all their coaching and leadership day in day out and thanks to the County Board for all their support.

The girls made it a very good year and I hope they will all continue to work and play clever and set even higher individual and team goals for 2012. They could have their eye on the All-Ireland U16 Title.

**Paul Beecher**

**U12 Development Squad Report**

The U12 Academy started in June and ran right through till the middle of August with 134 Girls from 28 Clubs participating – there were 110 on average each Sunday morning and the weather was with us most of the time. A very big thanks to all the coaches – Fiona Ni Shuilleabhairn, Roisin Walsh, John Murphy, John Bergin and Donal Ryan and thanks to Maria Gannon for keeping all the paperwork.

There are many skills to playing quality Camogie but for the Academy we concentrated on 40 broad skills, taking 5 or 6 each day. The Academy is for U12 but most of the girls had played up at U13 and in doing so got quite a bit of exposure to full Camogie, without which they would have been at a big disadvantage.

The summer coaching sessions were just over 1 hour long and consisted of about 44 minutes on skills and 15 on small sided games. We ran a very successful blitz on 29<sup>th</sup> of October in which 110 girls participated and another is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Overall it was a productive year when the girls got to play and train together on 14 occasions. Thanks to all the girls for their good attitude, commitment and good humour. Girls from different clubs made friends and shared sandwiches etc. We had many budding stars and the future looks really good for this lot of girls. I'm sure they can go on to Cork next June and win the Primary Cup down there which would set them up nicely for the following year.

There were many very talented girls but Kerrie Finnegan, Eimear O'Leary, Nicole Malcolmson, Niamh Rock, Isabelle Costelloe, Niamh Gleeson, Aoife Byrne are all outstanding. However, our player of the year was Grainne Eley from Lucan.

Thanks to the many parents who helped with training, sandwiches, drinks, driving the girls and all the other little things during the year and thanks to the County Board for all their support.

The girls learned a lot in a fun environment and that is what Camogie is all about at U12.

**Paul Beecher**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>STANDING FOR RE- ELECTION</b>	<b>NOMINEE</b>	<b>Nominated by Club</b>
<b>Cathaoirleach</b>	<b>Marie O'Brien</b> (St. Judes)	<b>YES</b>	<b>Marie O'Brien</b>	Ballyboden St. Endas, Na Fianna, Whitehall Colmcilles, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn
<b>Leas- Cathaoirleach</b>	<b>Brendan Cooper</b> (Na Fianna)	<b>NO</b>	<b>Pat Martin</b>	Ballyboden St. Endas, Na Fianna, Naomh Brid, Good Counsel, Naomh Uinsionn
<b>Runai</b>	<b>Mona O'Sullivan</b> (Ballyboden St. Endas)	<b>YES</b>	<b>Mona O'Sullivan</b>	Ballyboden St. Endas, Na Fianna, Whitehall Colmcilles, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn
<b>Leas-Runai</b>	<b>Mary Gibney</b> (Naomh Olaf)	<b>YES</b>	<b>Mary Gibney</b>	Na Fianna, Whitehall Colmcilles, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn
<b>Cisteoir</b>	<b>Tom Hayes</b> (Ballinter St. Johns)	<b>NO</b>	<b>Frank Malcolmson</b>	Na Fianna, Ballyboden St. Endas
<b>Leas Cisteoir</b>	<b>Frank Malcolmson</b> (Thomas Davis)	<b>NO</b>	<b>Tom Hayes</b>	Na Fianna, Ballyboden St. Endas
<b>Claraitheoir</b>	<b>Pat Martin</b> (Naomh Brid)	<b>YES</b>	<b>Pat Martin</b>	Whitehall Colmcilles, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn
<b>Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí</b>	<b>Gerry O'Sullivan</b> (Ballyboden St. Endas)	<b>NO</b>	<b>Seamus Massey</b>	Na Fianna, Ballyboden St. Endas
<b>Leas Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí</b>	<b>Seamus Massey</b> (St. Judes)	<b>NO</b>	<b>Gerry O'Sullivan</b>	Na Fianna, Ballyboden St. Endas

<b>Minor Board Cathaoirleach</b>	<b>Patsy Powell</b> (Naomh Brid)	<b>YES</b>	<b>Patsy Powell</b>	Ballyboden St. Endas, Na Fianna, Whitehall Colmcilles, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn
<b>Teachta Chuig Comhairle Laighean</b>	<b>Pat Duncan</b> (Naomh Peregrines)	<b>YES</b>	<b>Pat Duncan</b>	Ballyboden St. Endas, Na Fianna, Whitehall Colmcilles, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn
<b>Development Officer -----</b>			-----	
<b>Childrens Officer</b>	<b>Maria Grandfield</b> (Naomh Barrog)	<b>NO</b>	-----	-----

## **Notices of Motion and Recommendations**

### **Proposed Dublin Bye Laws 2011**

Recommendation - that all existing Dublin bye-laws to be rescinded at Convention 2011  
- that proposed new bye-laws to be approved at Convention 2011.

#### **BYE LAW 1**

##### **Jurisdiction**

The Dublin Camogie County Board is the controlling body of An Cumann Camogaíochta (the Camogie Association) in the area known as County Dublin, comprising of the administrative areas of Dublin City Council, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council and South Dublin County Council.

#### **BYE LAW 2**

##### **Executive Committee**

In addition to the 8 Core members of the Executive Committee outlined in Rule 3.4 of the Treoráí Oifigiúil, the Executive Committee of the Dublin County Board shall include a Leas- Rúnaí (Assistant Secretary), a Leas-Cisteoir (Assistant Treasurer), a Leas-Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí (Assistant PRO) and the Cathaoirleach of the Minor Board, all of whom will be elected at Convention. The Executive Committee may co-opt other members. Any officer absenting herself/himself from 3 consecutive meetings without sufficient reason must resign.

#### **BYE LAW 3**

##### **The Minor Board**

The Minor Board, a Subsidiary Committee, shall be comprised of a Cathaoirleach, a Leas-Cathaoirleach and a Rúnaí. The Cathaoirleach shall be elected at Convention. The other members, who will be nominated by the Cathaoirleach of the Minor Board in consultation with the Cathaoirleach and An Rúnaí, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

#### **BYE LAW 4**

##### **Fees**

County Board fees shall be reviewed annually at Convention. All County Board fees shall be paid in full on or before the March County Board Meeting (Second Monday in March). Clubs failing to comply may not be allowed to participate in any of the current season's competitions.

#### **BYE LAW 5**

##### **Registrations**

A club registering a Juvenile player for the first time must provide evidence of age. A copy of birth certificate or a copy of passport will suffice.

A club registering an adult player who has not been registered in the two previous years must provide information in writing of the date last played in a competitive game and the grading at that time.

## **BYE LAW 6**

### **Transfers**

Applications for transfers between clubs under the jurisdiction of the Dublin County Board must be lodged with the Runáí by the first County Board meeting of each season. Any transfer application received after this meeting shall be invalid.

## **BYE LAW 7**

### **County Players**

Any player on any county panel shall be exempted from training with the county four days before any club championship match. Any player on any county panel shall be exempted from training with their club 4 days before an inter-county match.

## **BYE LAW 8**

### **Referees**

All clubs shall nominate at least one referee for each grade for which they have entered a team. It is the responsibility of the Home team to contact the referee at least 48 hours before the game to confirm match, time, date and venue.

Referees to be paid as follows;

Under 8, 9 and 10: €20.00 per match, €10.00 from each team.

Under 11: €30.00 per match, €15.00 from each team.

Under 12 - Adult: €40.00 per match, €20.00 from each team

## **BYE LAW 9**

### **Competition Management and Administration**

In the event of a club failing to notify An Rúnaí in writing 14 days before a match of its inability to fulfill its fixtures, the Management may award a walkover to the opposing team.

Teams giving notification of its inability to fulfill a fixture within 48 hours of official match may be fined €100.00 (except in exceptional circumstances)

## **BYE LAW 10**

### **Return of Trophies**

Any club failing to return a trophy when requested will be liable for the cost of replacement of the trophy – current value or €300.00, whichever is the lowercost.

**(Executive Committee)**

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### **Proposed amendment to Rule 20.8 (Uniform)**

That Rule 20.8

Teams are required to wear distinctive colours. In all instances all members of the same team must be uniformly dressed.

Uniforms, which shall be of Irish manufacture if possible, shall consist of skirt/skort divided skirt with matching sports underwear, sports shirt with long or short sleeves, knee socks and boots.

Goalkeepers may wear full uniform, full club/college/county/provincial tracksuit or the tracksuit bottoms with uniform jersey.

The crest of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael shall be displayed on the uniform jersey and skirt/skort/divided skirt.

**be amended to read:**

Teams are required to wear distinctive colours. In all instances all members of the same team must be uniformly dressed.

Uniforms, which shall be of Irish manufacture if possible, shall consist of **shorts**/skirt/skort/divided skirt with matching sports underwear, sports shirt with long or short sleeves, knee socks and boots.

Goalkeepers may wear full uniform, full club/college/county/provincial tracksuit or the tracksuit bottoms with uniform jersey.

The crest of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael shall be displayed on the uniform jersey and **shorts**/skirt/skort/divided skirt.

**Proposed by Naomh Peregrine**

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**Recommendations**

**1.** That all juvenile referee's are supported even if they omit names from their reports. The respect of every club/mentor/parent accepts the referee's decision. If any member/mentor opposes the referee's decision and becomes abusive to the referee that the club be held responsible. This will excuse any story that might be made up by club to cover up events. The County Board should respect the decision from the referee if they feel threatened by a volatile situation that it might not be the best time to look for names of their abusers.

**2.** We recommend that all clubs should be fined regardless of the individual who abuses the referee. Co Board needs to recognise that all supporters take on the responsibility of ensuring good behaviour on the side line. Therefore when this breaks down they need to be held responsible. Unfortunately that should include the team and we recommend that the team loose home advantage on their next match. The fine should depend on the severity of the abuse. €150 for 1<sup>st</sup> offence €200 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence and so on.

**3.** Precedent must be set to prevent more abuse to our referee's. We need to support these girls because if the bad behaviour continues we will end up with no referees

**(Whitehall Colmcilles)**

**4.** We propose a motion to enshrine as a policy of the Dublin Camogie Board, that the board will at all times use all reasonable endeavours to minimize the number of Juvenile camogie matches that are fixed for the same weekend as Ladies football matches for the same age-group.

**5.** For all league matches at Juvenile level we propose that unlimited substitutions are allowed with the option to use up to 20 players in each match.

**(Cuala)**

**6.** We propose that Juvenile Camogie and Juvenile Ladies Football matches are played on alternative weekends

**(Ballyboden St. Endas)**

## **7. Re the U8, U9 and U10 blitz format for the season 2012:**

St Vincents would like to propose the following to replace the U8-U10 blitz format that was documented in the Games Development Document that was presented at Convention in 2010

The U/8, U/9 and U/10 camogie blitz for the season 2012 be run like the Go Games for U11 Mini-Leagues without streaming the teams. The teams can still be balanced and there would be no need to have Red and Blue teams as it is with the U11 Mini-Leagues. We are proposing that the teams should not be grouped regionally and they should be grouped Go Games x3 Teams Groups, Go Games x 2 Team Groups and Go Games x 1 Team Groups. The composition should be made up of what clubs have 3 teams, 2 teams, 1 team. We are proposing that only two clubs play each other on the given dates and they all get to play each other over the course of the season. We are suggesting the games be played bi-weekly and over the months of May and June to increase the number of games so the girls can get in as much camogie coming into the summer months before the break-up.

**(St. Vincents)**

**General:** Support the bid to alternate Dublin Juvenile Camogie and football on different weekends.

## **8. All ages:**

Maximise the number of competitive games for all Juvenile ages. Leagues should be played from March to October - home/away (2 Round), allow for a Summer Break and a Championship. With greater provision for organised fun/skill-based Blitz's and schools of excellency.

### **U13:**

**9.** Camogie team sizes at Under 13 all Divisions should be regularised at 13 a-side - this in effect reflects the reality. It would also encourage larger clubs to field two teams and help keep more players in the game.

### **All Ages:**

**10.** Change the current Juvenile playing injury rule from a thrown in to an indirect free, as the team in possession is always unfairly penalised. (Probably rule would be needed to be changed at national level?).

### **U12 Go-Games:**

**12.** Two-team clubs playing in Two-Team leagues (Red/Blue) at U12 (2011) all fielded teams which where either streamed on ability or balanced. This has led to gross mismatches between teams particularly in the weaker B (Blue) League. Better to scrap the U11/U12 Go Game Two team league structure (Red/Blue) and play straight separate leagues as it is a logistical imposition as well.

**13.** “Playing up” at U11/U12, clubs fielding multiple teams should only be allowed play up players of equal ability. For example in the U12 Two-team league playing up U11A (Red league) players onto an U12B (Blue) Team should not be allowed as it has caused some severe beatings for B Teams.

Important: This will not restrict players playing up per se, as this is very important to allow the maximum number of girl's get time on the pitch and to enable teams to field as many teams as is possible. But playing an U11A (Red) player on an U12B (Blue) team should not be allowed, U11A (Red) players should only play up onto U12A (Red) teams.

**14.** Allow limited/restricted soloing in U12 Mini-Leagues, for example as per the U12 Cork Camogie Go Games who have the following rule "no soloing (catch, 4 steps / 1 touch / 4 steps is allowed)".

**15.** Overturn the decision of the 2010 Convention to go with an 8 team structure for Adult leagues in 2012 season and in place have one team promoted and one team relegated from each Division in 2011.

**16.** That the County Board change the title of all its leagues from 2012 onwards to read as follows: Senior A becomes Senior 1, Senior B becomes Senior 2, Intermediate 1 becomes Senior 3, Intermediate 2 becomes Senior 4, Junior A becomes Senior 5, Junior B becomes Senior 6.

**(Na Fianna)**

**17. Recommendation**

Scoring difference should not be used in juvenile competitions.

**18. Recommendation**

For juvenile league matches, each team must play a home match and an away match if playing the same opponent twice in the league campaign (i.e. in first round and in top 4/bottom 4). For championship matches, the winner of the group will be given home advantage in the semi-final.

**19. Recommendation**

That the Adult Championship does not commence until mid-August. Commencing championships in July makes it very difficult to field teams in the early rounds due to summer holidays.

**20. Recommendation**

All league and championships will be 15 a side competitions. However, for adult junior and juvenile competitions teams will play 13 a side when the opposition is unable to field 15 players.

**(Naomh Brid)**

**21.** We would like to make a recommendation that all competitive matches from U13 and upwards are played on grass pitches and not an astro-pitch if the away club do not have access to an astro-pitch. If both teams do have an astro-pitch, then the match can be played on an astro-pitch. If the home team has access to an astro-pitch and the away team does not, we believe it gives the home team an advantage if matches are played on the astro-pitch. Matches played on astro-pitches are completely different than those played on grass pitches and clubs with no access to train on an astro are at a disadvantage.

**(St. Annes)**

**22.** No player can play for two or more teams of the same age group in Juvenile Championship. This means where a club have entered more than one team in one age group they must declare full separate panels including underage players.

Reason; Some clubs may enter one or more teams in one age group. They are using strong division 1 underage players on both teams in the one age group which gives them an unfair advantage in the B and C Championships.

**(Raheny)**

**23.** Referees for all juvenile matches be 4yrs.older than the age group involved and to insure compliance that the referee submits his/her date of birth on the referee's report.

**(Naomh Jude)**

## **Financial Statement**