

CUMANN CAMÓGAÍOCHTA COISTE CHONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH

ANNUAL CONVENTION 2012

Monday 3 December 2012 in Parnell Park at 7pm

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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

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ANNUAL CONVENTION 2011

Naomh Peregrine Clubhouse

Saturday November 26th 2011

Dublin Camogie County Board held their Annual Convention on Saturday, November 26 2011 at 9.45 am in Naomh Peregrine GAA Clubhouse.

Delegates in attendance:

Marie O'Brien, Cathaoirleach, Brendan Cooper Leas-Cathaoirleach, Mona Uí Shúilleabháin Runaí, Mary Gibney Leas-Runaí, Patsy Powell (Cathaoirleach Minor Board), Tom Hayes, Cisteoir; Frank Malcolmson, Leas-Cisteoir, Pat Martin Claratheoir, Seamus Massey, Leas-PRO, Pat Duncan, Leinster Delegate, Eve Talbot RDO. 1. Naomh Peregrines, 2. Oliver Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh, 3. Raheny, 4. Liffey Gaels, 5. Castleknock, 6. Craobh Chiaran, 7. Cuala, 8. Faughs Celtic, 9. Kilmacud Crokes, 10. Whitehall Colmcille, 11. Naomh Jude, 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. Naomh Pdraig, 23. Naomh Olaf, 24. Thomas Davis, 25. Portobello, 26. St. Marks, 27. Skerries Harps

Apologies: Gerry O'Sullivan PRO, Naomh Barrog, Trinity Gaels.

- 1. Adoption of Standing Orders.** Proposed Aoife Maguire. Seconded Gerry White
- 2. Appointment of Teller** Eve Talbot and Patrick. Proposed Seamus Massey Seconded Brendan Cooper
- 3. Consideration of Minutes of Convention 2010.** Taken as read. No matters arising. Proposed Seamus Massey. Seconded Brian Kavanagh
- 4. Cathaoirleach Address.** Taken as read. Proposed by Tom Hayes. Seconded by Seamus Massey
- 5. Tuaraisc an Runaí.** Report taken as read. Proposed Liz Baker Seconded by Brian Kavanagh
- 6. Treasurers Report.** Proposed Brian Kavanagh Seconded Ann Colgan
- 7. PRO Report:** Seamus Massey complimented Gerry O'Sullivan on his work as PRO. Question was asked if in view of the Dublin GAA Strategic Report was there any progress in the integration of Camogie and Ladies Football. Brendan Cooper stated that there were regular meetings re fixtures between Ladies Football and Camogie in Dublin. Eve Talbot said that while the 3 Presidents of Ladies Football, Camogie and GAA had met there were no significant

developments – 3 different management styles involved. Most camogie clubs in Dublin were integrated within their club. PRO Report Proposed Brendan Cooper
Seconded Deirdre Wade.

8. Leinster Report: Proposed Denis Murphy Seconded Mary Gibney

9 Minor Board Report

Patsy Powell complemented Mary Gibney on all her work. Delegates were asked to go back to their clubs and check if they had any of the Trophies that are missing. It was disappointing on the day of the Juvenile Finals that when the Cup was presented it had to be taken back for presentation to the next winning team. From now on fines will be imposed on clubs that do not return trophies.

Proposed Brian Kavanagh Seconded Brendan Cooper

10 Fixtures Report

Proposed Denis Murphy. Seconded Brian Kavanagh

11 Registrars Report

Proposed Gerry McGough. Seconded Donal Ryan

12. Dublin Development Report – Eve Talbot

Proposed Brian Kavanagh Seconded Gerry White

13. Féile na nGael 2012 Dublin Report

37 Dublin clubs will take part in National Féile na nGael. 40 will take part in Dublin Féile na nGael

Proposed Aoife Maguire Seconded Paul Beecher

14 Referees Report

Proposed Donal Ryan. Seconded Ann Ryan

13 Team Reports

Senior Team Report

Marie O'Brien thanked Denis Murphy and Ann Colgan for their work in 2011. Naomh Uinsionn delegate asked why the best players were not going out with the Senior Team. Denis replied that 48 were asked out last year, 35 turned up but by the end of the league 8/9 had gone. Various reasons were given by those you did not go out. This year again 48 have been asked out. 34 have responded to date. Erins Isle delegate asked why the County Champions for the past 2 years Ballyboden St. Endas had no players on the Senior team. Ballyboden Delegate Gerry White responded that many of the team were dual players and played for Dublin Ladies Football. The camogie committee in Ballyboden St Endas encourages players to play for Dublin. Denis Murphy was positive for the coming year.

Senior Team Report: Proposed Brian Kavanagh Seconded Alan Buckley

Junior/Minor Team Report

Gerry McGough said the change in date to March for the Minor Competition is positive for the team as the timing last year in July after the leaving Cert effected preparations.

Proposed Ann Colgan Seconded Brian Kavanagh

U16 Team Report: Proposed Brian Kavanagh Seconded Denis Murphy

U15 Development Report: Paul Beecher complemented by Brendan Cooper on his great work for Dublin camogie and bringing together a great team of coaches.

Proposed Denis Murphy Seconded Brian Kavanagh

U14 Team Report

Pat Martin thanked Barbara Grennell for her administration work. He also congratulated Jenny Ryan from Lucan Sarsfields who won the Dublin U14 Puc Fada and also went on to win the Leinster U14 Puc Fada. Eve Talbot informed meeting that in 2012 there will be competition for U14 at provincial and National Level. Paul Beecher said that Dublin need to compete in the Munster Blitz as Kilkenny are their only opposition in Leinster and it is of no benefit only playing this team. Eve Talbot said if Dublin want to host blitzes to let Croke Park know before January 2012 so Runaí will write to Croke Park this week

Proposed Brian Kavanagh Seconded Liz Baker

U13 Development Report Proposed Denis Murphy Seconded Brian Kavanagh

U12 Development Report proposed Brian Kavanagh Seconded Pat Duncan

Marie O'Brien thanked all mentors involved with Dublin Squads for all their hard work.

Election of Officers

The Following were elected as officers of Dublin Camogie Board for 2012

Cathaoirleach	Marie O'Brien (St. Judes)
Leas- Cathaoirleach	Pat Martin (Naomh Brid)
Runaí	Mona O'Sullivan (Ballyboden St. Endas)
Leas-Runaí Deirdre Wade (Whitehall Colmcilles) & Denise O'Neill (Naomh Uinsionn)	
Cisteoir	Frank Malcolmson (Thomas Davis)
Leas-Cisteoir	Tom Hayes (Ballinteer St.Johns)
PRO	Seamus Massey (St. Judes)
Leas-PRO	Gerry O'Sullivan (Ballyboden St. Endas)
Claráthoir	Brendan Skehan (Naomh Brid)
Cathaoirleach Minor Board	Patsy Powell (Naomh Brid)
Comhairle Laighean	Pat Duncan (Naomh Peregrines)
Development Officer Ruadh)	John Murphy (Oliver Plunketts/Eoghan

Notices of Motion and Recommendations

Recommendation: that Adult Team fees increase from €100 to €150 and Juvenile team fees increase from €25 to €50 per team.

Tom Hayes Cisteoir

Vote: 27 For. 10 Against. Passed

Seamus Massey gave a presentation re the new Treoraí Oifigiúil and in particular the effect on next year's registration. Further clarification needed from Croke Park on the player grading rule.

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. – **Croke Park confirmed that there is no need for this BYE LAW.**

In a change from New Bye Laws send to all clubs before Convention New Bye Law 2 will now become Bye Law 1, Bye Law 3 now Bye Law 2 etc.

BYE LAW 1

Executive Committee

In addition to the 9 Core members of the Executive Committee outlined in Rule 3.4 of the Treoraí 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. **Passed**

BYE LAW 2

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. **Passed**

BYE LAW 3

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. **Passed**

BYE LAW 4

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. **Passed**

BYE LAW 5

Transfers

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

BYE LAW 6

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. **Passed**

BYE LAW 7

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

New Payment structure proposed as follows:

Under 8 to U12 €20 per match, €10.00 from each team.

Under 13 to Adult: €40.00 per match, €20.00 from each team

Proposed Gerry McGough Seconded Donal Ryan

Vote: 14 For. 12 Against. Passed

BYE LAW 8

Competition Management and Administration

In the event of a club failing to notify An Rúnaf 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) **Passed**

BYE LAW 9

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 lower cost. **Passed**

(Executive Committee)

Proposed Seamus Massey Seconded Brendan Cooper. Passed.

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:

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Proposed by Naomh Peregrine Vote 4 For 16 Against Not Passed

The following change to the above rule 20.8 was proposed as follows: remove the word matching from the rule

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Proposed: Maria O'Sullivan (Cuala) Seconded Brendan Skehan

Vote: 16 For. 15 Against PASSED

This proposal is to go to Camogie Congress

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. **Withdrawn**
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 1st offence €200 2nd Offence and so on. **Withdrawn**
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 referee's **Withdrawn**

(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. agreed
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. This recommendation to be sent to Camogie Congress**

(Cuala)

From the floor Proposal that Sub Committee of Dublin Camogie and Ladies Football are directed to have dates set out for 2013 competitions for presentation at Convention 2012. Proposed Denis Murphy Seconded Gerry White Agreed 31 Passed

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

(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. **PASSED**

(St. Vincents)

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

All ages:

8 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. **Withdrawn**

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. **Withdrawn**

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?). **Withdrawn**

U12 Go-Games:

12 Two-team clubs playing in Two-Team leagues (Red/Blue) at U12 (2011) all fielded teams which were 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. **Withdrawn**

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. **Withdrawn**

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. **Withdrawn**

14 Allow limited/restricted solo'ing 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)". **Withdrawn**

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. **Not passed Agreement from 2010 Convention stays**

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. **Not passed Agreement from 2010 Convention stays**

(Na Fianna)

17. Recommendation

Scoring difference should not be used in juvenile competitions. **Withdrawn**

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). **Withdrawn**

For championship matches, the winner of the group will be given home advantage in the semi-final. **Passed**

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. **Passed**

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. **Need clarification on Rule from Croke Park**

(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. **NOT PASSED**

(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. **Withdrawn**

(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. **NOT Passed**

(Naomh Jude)

A.O.B.

Thank you received from Bray Emmetts for allowing them to take part in Dublin Juvenile Leagues and requesting permission to take part again in 2012. Permission granted.

Delegates also agreed that Kilcoole have permission to take part in Dublin Leagues.

Cathaoirleach's Address 2012

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the County Board I welcome you all here this evening to Parnell Park for Annual Convention 2012. Once again we have the opportunity to reflect on the Dublin Camogie scene for the past 12 months and to formulate plans for the coming season.

2012 was a busy year for Dublin Camogie. National Feile was organised very successfully by a very hardworking committee led by Patrick Martin and assisted by Barbara Grennell. Who will ever forget the sight of all the bands, banners and young camogie players marching down O'Connell Street. It was a marvellous display.

Our Leagues and Championships at all levels were run successfully. Some adjustments and minor changes have been suggested. With these in mind I hope that after discussions we will have agreed plans for going forward at the end of this evening. Congratulations to all our League and Championship winners at Juvenile and Adult levels. These will all be listed in later reports.

Many thanks to all our County managers, selectors, trainers and helpers of our Development squads and our County teams. Camogie in Dublin is progressing thanks to these dedicated and hardworking people. All we have to do is look at the fantastic results with our Under 16 teams winning Leinster and All Ireland titles. Our second adult team also took home an All Ireland title and with a bit of luck could have made it a double. Well done to all concerned. Clubs are asked to encourage their players to join these teams. Sincere thanks to all Clubs who put their facilities at our disposal for training, games, Feile etc. Many thanks to the GAA for the use of Parnell Park.

To continue playing camogie we need to have a constant source of referees. Some Clubs are not good at supplying referees. One reason is that there is a problem with abuse of referees by a minority of mentors and supporters. Each Club is reminded that they are responsible for the actions of their players, mentors and supporters. All clubs are asked to support the Executive in stamping out abuse of referees. We should of course be leading by example. Many thanks to Gary Beagan and his Committee for all his hard work in organising referees and referee courses throughout the season. The new jerseys being worn by Dublin referees really look the part. Very professional.

A special word of thanks to Liz Baker. Her efficient running of the League tables is second to none.

Many thanks to Brendan Cooper for his very efficient handling of the Fixtures schedule. I do not know how he managed to do it. With the number of games, bad weather, time constraints, venue availability etc Brendan managed to get the games played and competitions completed on time.

As I step down as Chairman of Dublin Camogie I want to thank the other members of the Executive for their hard work and dedication...Patrick Martin, Mona O'Sullivan, Deirdre Wade, Denise O'Leary, Frank Malcolmson, Tom Hayes, Seamus Massey, Gerry O'Sullivan, Brendan Skehan, John Murphy, Martina MacGilloway, Patsy Powell, Gary Beagan and Brendan Cooper. Thank you each and every one for your patience, understanding and support.

I wish the new Executive under the Leadership of Patrick Martin all the very best for the future. It is marvellous to have people of this calibre volunteering to work on the County Board. I know Dublin Camogie will be in good hands. If I ever can be of assistance I am only a phone call away.

I wish all our players, mentors, supporters and friends a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and every success for next season. 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 Ui Bhriain

Tuaraisc an Rúnaí

Please see below an overview of Dublin Camogie for 2012.

Intercounty Teams

In 2012 Dublin County teams played in the following competitions:

- Leinster U16A and U16B
- Leinster Minor
- Leinster Junior Championship
- Leinster Senior Championship
- National U16A and U16B
- National Minor
- National Senior League and Championship
- National Junior League and Championship

This year Dublin attained success with the U16A team winning the All-Ireland Final, the Junior team winning Division 4 of the National League and reaching the All Ireland Junior A Championship Final. The Senior Team reached the Quarter finals of the Championship and the U16B team won Leinster. Thank you to all involved for their commitment, both the management and players of all these teams. 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 and O'Toole Park. The Development Squads attended Blitzes during the year and full reports of these will be available at Convention

Club Competitions 2012

The Adult fixtures went well this year however Summer Cups matches turned into winter matches due to the bad weather in the middle of the Competition. Thank you to Brendan Cooper and the Fixtures Committee for all their work organising League, Championship and Summer Cup matches.

This year again there was a huge amount of juvenile league matches and championship matches and also the addition of Shield in Championship gave teams further matches. A vote of thanks is due to Patsy Powell, Denise O'Neill, Deirdre Wade and Liz Baker for organising fixtures. Thank you to Garry Beagan and Derek Oman for organising referees for the matches both Adult and Juvenile.

The Text Result service for all matches is a great addition as it enables the results of matches to appear on the Dublin Website on the day the match is played providing clubs with up to date information about the competitions in which their teams are involved.

Finances

Frank Malcolmson assisted by Tom Hayes 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.

Registrations

Thank you to Brendan Skeeahan our Registrar who keeps the database of all players up to date.

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.

National Feile na nGael

This year National Feile na nGael took place in Dublin. It was a massive undertaking and the Committee under Chair Patrick Martin and Secretary Barbara Grenell did a magnificent job. Thank you also to the other members of the Committee and also the all the clubs whose involvement made it such a great success.

Presentation Nights

A very successful Presentation night for Adult Teams took place in Westmanstown on Friday 23 November.

The Juvenile presentations will take place in January.

Development

Thanks to John Murphy, the Development Committee, Eve Talbot and Carol Nolan, who took over for Eve while she was on maternity leave, for all their work in this area and assisting in the setting up of a new club, Fingallions, this year.

Discipline

Discipline was again an issue this year with an increase in the number of Red cards and Yellow cards issued. There was also an increase in issue of abuse of referees.

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.

Sponsorship

Thank you to all our sponsors:

- **OZO Ltd**
- **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
- **Roomex**
- **justMATHS.ie** who sponsored the Adult Player of the Year Awards

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

Finally, I would like to thank all the Executive members for all their help during the year and the clubs for their cooperation during the year.

Mona Uí Shúilleabháin
Runaí

Treasurers Report 2012

The 2011-2012 year was a relatively good year for our finances, from a very poor start which seen us with €79 in the bank and outstanding invoices of € 22,505 it was a cause for concern to say the least. We received €15000 Sponsorship from Parnell Park and a cash advance of €5,000 in November which helped us until we started taking in registrations in January 2012 .The overall income was €181425 an increase of €4,000 on 2011.

Registrations for 2012 were €23,000 up on last year a sum which reflects the increase in fees to enter competitions but more importantly a significant increase in the player registrations. Also in the receipts is €7,190 which relates to the juvenile development draw and €5000 fees related to the Feile. A Development Grant of €15,000 that we usually receive from Parnell Park was not available this year.

With regard to the day to day expenses incurred in the running of the board there was a massive effort made by the managers and mentors to keep costs to a minimum Considering that we have more development squads this year and that we entered more competitions this year this was no mean achievement. Food costs were down €2000, Hurley costs were down €2300, Travel down €2000 & Stationery by €2300 mainly due to the efforts of Gerry O Sullivan, Seamus Massey & Pat Martin.

Most of the invoices for cups and trophies due for 2011 ran into this year as we did not have the money to cover them last year .This year we have spent €4000 replacing Cups that were not returned and had to be replaced . This brings the total spent on replacing cups over the last 5 years to €13000 . This is totally unacceptable and is a scandalous situation. Not only is this a cost that we could do without but the history of the competitions is lost .Clubs have a responsibility to look after trophies and keep track of where they are and the person that has them.

There are a few anomalies in some of the headings when comparing them with 2011 this is due to the fact that various items did not have a separate section and some were one off payments. Medical fees are up and €3500 of this refers to 2011. Pavilion maintenance is way up and this is due to the repairs to the pitches and the day to day running of the building. Miss. includes payment for 4 years website maintenance € 4600 and € 1200 due to Croke Park for solicitor fees. Committee fees were up as there was a € 5000 cash advance to be paid back.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank in particular Tom Hayes who manned all the County Gates this year, a thankless job at any time. Abuse at the gates is still alive and well no matter how small the charge ,with most of the complaints referring to “all the money we get from Croke Park “ something that Clubs need to educate their followers about .The other excuse was of course the recession but even during the Cetic Tiger abuse was rampant. Many thanks to all the members of management who are always

there for advise and help throughout the year, to all the people involved in the running of the County teams and the development squads who made my job a lot easier to cope with .

Pronsiás Mac Maolchólm
Cisteoir Cumann Camogaoichta Atha Cliath

PRO Report 2012

2012 has been a good year for Camogie in the capital.

We continued to provide coverage of club leagues and championships, of intercounty games, of events and happenings in the county throughout the year.

We provided programmes for our club championships and all home intercounty League and Championship games.

We send weekly notes, photos and information to the Evening Herald and other media outlets including the Gazette Group and Tallaght Echo in the capital and participate in radio programmes when the opportunity presents itself. We thank Mick Hanley of Dublin City FM and Declan King of Sunshine Radio and Niall Scully and Kevin Nolan of the Evening Herald.

The website continues to grow in popularity. Fixtures and results, club directory, links to relevant websites, up to date reports of matches, and events, photo gallery, face book - it's all there on the website. The website is updated on an almost daily basis. There were 168,422 visitors in the period 1 Jan – 23 November 2012 compared to 129,845 over the same period in 2011. Over 90% come from Ireland with the UK, USA, Germany, Australia, India, France and Spain the next most popular sources of visitors.

Dublin Camogie won Camogie's best Website of the Year Award for the second year in succession at the Media Awards ceremony held in Croke Park in March.

Our current Sponsorship deals with OZO and Masita are now coming to an end. We welcome new sponsors and of course we invite our current sponsors to discussions for next year. We thank these companies for great support.

Congratulate the Organising Committee of the Awards Gala Night – a great success. We thank Westmanstown Sports and Conference Centre for exceptional service in hosting this event - surely an ideal venue for Awards night. We congratulate the 7 Club Payers of the Year and the 5 County Players of the Year, the 3 Clubs of the Year and the inaugural recipients of the Dublin Camogie's Hall of Fame Phyllis Breslin and Sile Wallace.

We congratulate the Seniors on getting to All-Ireland Qr. Final, Juniors winning National League Div. 4 and getting to All-Ireland final and especially our under 16s – Leinster title

for the under 16B team and All-Ireland title for the under 16A team. These successes highlighted our games and drew much favourable comment for Dublin Camogie.

Féile na nGael 2012 was a tremendous occasion for Camogie in Dublin. A hugely successful event brilliantly organised by the Féile Committee and fully supported by clubs throughout the county. Well done to all. Again a very tangible public relations success story.

I would to take this opportunity to thank Gerry O’Sullivan who does outstanding work on the PR front. Both Gerry and myself work well as a team sharing the PRO duties throughout the year. I would like to thank Cathaoirleach, Marie O’Brien, Rúnaí Mona O’Sullivan and all the members of the Executive Committee for their help and support throughout the year.

We look forward to good ideas, lively debates and wise decisions at this year’s Convention.

Seamus Massey and Gerry O’Sullivan

Dublin Camogie Board Development Committee

Report to Convention 2012

A newly constituted Development Committee was appointed for 2012 as follows

John Murphy (St Oliver Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh) – Development Officer

Eve Talbot/Carol Nolan – Regional Development Officer

Paul Beecher – (St Peregrine’s)

Liam Costelloe – (Faughs/Celtic)

Helen Cosgrave – (St Judes)

Derek Oman – (Ballinteer St. John’s)

The committee met monthly from February through to November

In line with guidelines from Croke Park the following areas were included in our work during the year:

- Games Programme
- Schools (Primary and Secondary)
- Schools of Excellence/Development Squads
- Summer Camps

- Referee Education
- Club Development
- Coach Education

A Development Plan outlining initiatives and targets in each of these areas was presented to the May meeting of the Co board. The following is a summary of the business of the committee in 2012.

1) **Games**

- 1) Go Games Review (liaised with Liz Baker re organisation of 2012 structure; Have submitted proposals for changes to rules for 2013)
 - Inter County Club Games – Twinning Initiative with other counties – (No Leinster Development meeting to develop this)

2) **Schools**

- Meeting with Primary School Rep re Cumann na mBunscol competitions – 3rd/4th class league for primary schools
- Met with Chair of Dublin Colleges with a view to improving the profile of second level colleges camogie – The following targets were achieved: a) Secondary school fixtures on county board website; b) Restructuring of Dublin colleges competition (U16/U18 played in autumn - U14 in spring)
- Cluster Schools competition (September 2012 – did not take place)
- 11-a-side blitz for non-playing schools (November 2012)

2) **Schools of Excellence/Development Squads**

- Guidelines for running and operation of Development squads/ schools of Excellence – currently at draft stage
- Provide on-going training for all squad mentors (one planned session fell through due to bad weather – will resume in 2013)

- Established an U12 School of Excellence – manager Joe Leonard (Lucan Sarsfields)

3) **Camps**

- Easter Training camp for U15 girls
- Summer Advanced Camp for 13-16yrs – (2 camps run in Faughs/Celtic and Erins Isle in July with approximately 40 participants. Targeted at players not on Development Squads)

4) **Referee Education:**

- Liaised with Referees Committee regarding Referee Education

5) **Developing Clubs:**

- Held a workshop for developing clubs in Parnell Park – October

6) **Coach Education:**

- Foundation and Level one courses organised in liaison with RDO
- Workshops organised and submitted to Dublin GAA Board for inclusion in 2012/13 schedule.

LEINSTER REPORT 2012

LEINSTER CAMOGIE CONVENTION 21/1/2012

Aileen Lawlor gave an outline of the proposed rule changes. Joan O’Flynn gave a presentation under the heading ‘One Club Model’, i.e. equal promotion of hurling, football, camogie and ladies football.

SUCCESS FOR LEINSTER COUNTIES

IN THE ALL IRELAND C/SHIP :

Wexford won Senior. Meath won Premier Junior. Westmeath won Jun A
 Carlow won Jun B. Dublin won U-16A. Offaly won U-16B.
 Westmeath won U-16C.

IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE;

Kildare won Div 3. Dublin won Div 4.

LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wexford won Senior. Kildare won Junior. Kilkenny won Minor and U-16A.
Dublin 'B' won U-16B.

GAEL LINN TOURNAMENT

Leinster won the Senior final with Dublin's Louise O'Hara getting the Player Of The Tournament award.

PINK DAY

The Pink Day was held on August 12th. The U-16 Blitz was won by the hosts St. Martins (Wexford). The beneficiary of the fundraising was again The Marie Keating Foundation.

LEINSTER UNDER 14 C/SHIP

Strong views are still being expressed, in Dublin and other counties, at the scrapping of the U-14 C/ship in 2011 and 2012.

LEINSTER CAMOGIE WEBSITE

The Leinster camogie website is up and running since Sept. 2012.

LEINSTER FIXTURES COMMITTEE

A Leinster fixtures committee has been formed. Pat Martin (Dublin) is the chairman.

Pat Duncan

Leinster delegate 2012.

Minor Board Report 2012

What a year it has been for juvenile camogie in Dublin.

First we had the under 8-11 year old blitz. Go Games for Under 12, League and championships for under 13 -16 years old, Development squads, the under 16A team winning the All Ireland also the under 16B team winning Leinster. Congratulations to all involved.

Féile na nGael: not only did we have our own Dublin Féile na nGael but we were privileged to host National Féile na nGael

I would like to thank the management team for all their assistance this year and to my two secretary's Denise and Deirdre a massive thank you for all you have done throughout the year which made my job so much easier.

As the 2012 season draws to a close the following is a summary of the events over the past year.

The Minor Board would like to congratulate the Dublin U16 Team and Mentors Paul Beecher, Stephen Hoary, Ciarán Hayes, Eimear Butler and Joan Kehoe on an epic All-Ireland Title which they won in style in O'Connor Park, Tullamore in August. Congratulations are also due to the Dublin U16B squad who captured the Leinster U16B Title in September, again a fantastic achievement by this group of young players and the future certainly looks bright in Dublin.

Well done to all the Dublin Development Squads this year and many thanks to the mentors who gave up their time to train the girls. A lot of time and effort is required and put into these squads and co-operation and help is required from all clubs and without this our Development Squads would not be able to train or perform to the best of their ability. Many thanks to all again.

Many thanks to Pat Martin, Barbara Grennell and the host of helpers who organised and ran the very successful Dublin Féile na nGael in May and then National Féile na nGael in July. The amount of work, time and effort that went into the organisation of these competitions was immense and on behalf of the Minor Board many thanks for this. The Féile na nGael competitions were fantastic and a great feast of camogie was played over the weekends of Féile na nGael and well done to the Féile na nGael Officers in each club who ensured the smooth running of National Féile na nGael in July.

Dublin Féile na nGael 2012

	Winners	Runners up
Division 1	Ballyboden St Endas	Lucan Sarsfields
Division 2	Kilmacud Crokes	Good Counsel
Division 3	Castleknock	Naomh Mearnog
Division 4	Naomh Peregrine	Naomh Padraig
Division 5	Erin go Bragh	Commercials

We had 90 teams taking part in the juvenile leagues from U13 - U16 inclusive. From U8 - U12 213 teams participated in the Go Games. The Gala blitzes were held during October and November for these age groups where all participants received a medal on the day.

Our competitive leagues are still ongoing to determine winners and runners up and a huge thank you to Liz Baker our fixtures secretary who kept on top of all fixtures/results weekly. Many thanks to Liz Baker for the huge amount of work, effort and time she puts into the fixtures, results updated and lists of back matches for each club. Many thanks to Garry Beagan who assigned referees for all the juvenile games this season.

In the Under 13 to Under 16 age group, U13 Division 1 was a single round with top and bottom 4 play offs, in Division 2, 3 and 4 it was a double round. In U14 Division 1 - Division 2 it was single round with top and bottom 4 play offs and Division 2 and Division 3 were double rounds. U16 Division 1 - Division 3 were double rounds and in U15 Division 1 it was a double round and Under 15 Division 2 it was a single round with top and bottom 4 play offs. In 2013 it will be top and bottom four play offs for all U13 - U16 age groups.

Faughs/Celtic ran their successful 7 aside games over the summer break and again a great success with conditioned rules for the games which kept the games interesting for all participants. Many thanks to Foughs/Celtic for running this again.

Below is a list of championship winners and runners up. The juvenile “Player of the Year” awards will be announced at the juvenile presentation day in January.

The juvenile camogie leagues have not been completed as yet and we will issue a list of winners/runners up prior to convention in December.

2012 Juvenile Championship

This year Shield Semi-Finals and Shield Finals were introduced and increased the number of games that club teams got in the championship. Many thanks to Trinity Gaels and all their helpers who hosted our Juvenile U13-U16 finals in November. Many thanks to Brendan Cooper and all the helpers who ensured the smooth running of the Shield Finals in the Phoenix Park over two weekends in November. Many thanks to the Army Grounds for their pitch in hosting the juvenile championship and shield finals.

Liz Baker was instrumental in ensuring all championship games went ahead as per schedule and Garry Beegan assigned all referees. There was a huge amount of fixtures for the championship with the inclusion of the Shield and Liz did a fantastic job in getting them all organised and the schedule out to all the clubs and many thanks to Garry to for ensuring referees were assigned to all games. There was a feast of camogie over two weekends and it was fantastic to see all the girls participating in the games.

Championship Winners and Runners Up 2012

Grade	Championship Winner	Championship Runner-up
U16 Div 1	Ballyboden St Endas	Lucan Sarsfields
U16 Div 2	Naomh Brid	Whitehall Colmcilles
U16 Div 3	Lucan Sarsfields B	Naomh Peregrines
U15 Div 1	Lucan Sarsfields	St Oliver Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh
U15 Div 2	Na Fianna	Naomh Olaf
U14 Div 1	Lucan Sarsfields	Naomh Brid
U14 Div 2	Cuala	St Oliver Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh
U14 Div 3	Naomh Maur/O’Dwyers	Whitehall Colmcilles

U14 Div 4	Na Fianna	CBC
U13 Div 1	Lucan Sarsfields	Castleknock
U13 Div 2	St Oliver Plunketts	Naomh Jude
U13 Div 3	Thomas Davis	Cuala
U13 Div 4	Naomh Barrog	St Annes

Shield Winners and Runners up 2012

Grade	Shield Winner	Shield Runner-up
U16 Div 1	Naomh Uinsionn	St Oliver Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh
U16 Div 2	Faughs/Celtic	Naomh Mearnog
U16 Div 3	Ballyboden St Endas	Erin Go Bragh
U15 Div 1	Naomh Jude	Erins Isle
U15 Div 2	Ballinteer St.Johns	Naomh Jude
U14 Div 1	Good Counsel	Naomh Jude
U14 Div 2	Castleknock	Crumlin
U14 Div 3	Lucan Sarsfields	Naomh Padraig
U14 Div 4	Commercials	Ballyboden St Endas
U13 Div 1	Kilmacud Crokes	Naomh Mearnog
U13 Div 2	Good Counsel	Ballinteer St Johns
U13 Div 3	Naomh Fionnbarra	Ballyboden St Endas
U13 Div 4	Fingallians	Na Fianna

At the start of the season Brendan Cooper and Liz Baker linked up with the Ladies Football Board to ensure smooth running of our leagues and championship. Many thanks in particular to Mary O'Connor who was our main contact on the juvenile side. For 2013 the Camogie Board will approach the Ladies Football Board with a view to playing Week 1 Camogie, Week 2 Football and Week 3 Camogie & Football. We will await the outcome of that meeting.

National Féile na nGael came to Dublin in 2012 and reports have been provided by the Féile na nGael Committee on a separate attachment.

Finally, I would like to thank the Management Committee of the Dublin County Board for all their help and support during the year and the Secretaries of the Minor Board who make my job so much easier.

Patsy Powell

Dublin Camogie Juvenile Fixtures Report 2012

It was another busy year for the juvenile section of Dublin Camogie. At under 16-13 there were approximately 640 matches played in various leagues, championships and

shield. Go Games Mini County Leagues teams at under 12 & 11 played just short of 300 games with an additional 4 blitzes played by each team in accordance with instructions from Croke Park. At the 8-10 Go Games age group 132 teams took part in Mini Blitzes all around Dublin throughout the year.

Under 16-13 age groups:

Under 16- (20 Teams) - 3 Divisions- Division 1 was probably the most competitive that it has been in years which is great to see. Possibly why the county teams did so well this year. Division 2 & 3 were also competitive. Playing no games in May this year did extend the league until the end of November.

Under 15- (14 Teams) - 2 Divisions- Division 1 still a problem regarding the amount of teams entering it. Division 2 was really a two standard league but playing top and bottom 4 did help. The simple solution to this problem is more clubs entering team.

Under 14- (27 Teams) - 4 Divisions- All four leagues very competitive. Good to see division 1 particularly so. Top teams in Division 2 not far off this standard which can only be good for Dublin camogie. Division 1 & 2 had top and bottom 4 which worked well. All of these teams played at least 3 fixtures in the National Feile in July 2012.

Under 13- (28 Teams) – 4 Divisions- Great competition in all divisions with all teams capable of beating each other. We had teams in division 2 looking to compete in division 1 at the start of the season. It's normally the other way around! Division 1 & 2 had top and bottom 4 which kept the interest going until the very end of the leagues.

The introduction of the Shield competition this season appeared to go well. It certainly kept a lot of clubs involved until very later in the year. However we may need to look at the fairness of the way it is run.

We met with the ladies football board at the start of the season this year to look at schedules for both codes. We appeared to have fewer problems than previous years. However club from both codes are looking for a better way of structuring matches so both County Boards need to look at this. Personally I feel midweek matches from later April to Mid June would certainly help.

Go Games Mini County Leagues:

Under 12- (39 Teams) - 5 Leagues- Ran very well on a league basis and clubs played 4 blitzes.

Under 11- (42 Teams) - 5 Leagues- Again very organised with all teams playing matches on a regular basis with 4 blitzes each.

The 2 team leagues worked very well with stronger players participating in the Red league and weaker in the Blue league. However 1 or 2 clubs decided to split the players

which had a negative impact on the Blue league. This sort of practice needs to be reported to the county board as it's not fair to the weaker teams. (It's against the rules!)

Under 10-8 Go Games Blitzes:

Under 10- (48 Teams) – 9 @ side Go Games

Under 9- (44 Teams) – 9 @ side Go Games

Under 8- (40 Teams) - 7 @ side Go Games

The 8-10 Go Games seem to run a lot better this year. The issue of referee's not knowing the rules at these ages was addressed by the running of referee's courses at the start of the season. All players were presented with a Go Games medal at the end of the season. Medals are of equal value which lends to the ethos of fair play and enjoyment for this young age group.

I would like to thank Denise O'Neill and Deirdre Wade for their help throughout the year. They were so efficient it's hard to believe they are only 1 year doing the job as secretary of the minor board. Many thanks also to Patsy Powell and Pat Martin both whom I can and did approach with any problems I had throughout the year. Also the Garry Beagan who took over the busy job of appointing juvenile referee's and has done this with great efficiency. To Brendan Cooper who without his help in the Phoenix Park in November at the Shield finals we would have been in big trouble many thanks. Finally to all the clubs who have finally grasped the art of returning results to Sports Manager a big thank you as it makes my job a lot easier.

Liz Baker

Dublin Camogie Registrar's Report 2012

1. Registration Numbers:

There are currently 41 camogie clubs in Dublin.

These include Fingallians who registered as a camogie club for the first time in 2012, Portobello, the smallest club with 29 members, and the largest club - Na Fianna which currently boasts approximately 500 registered members.

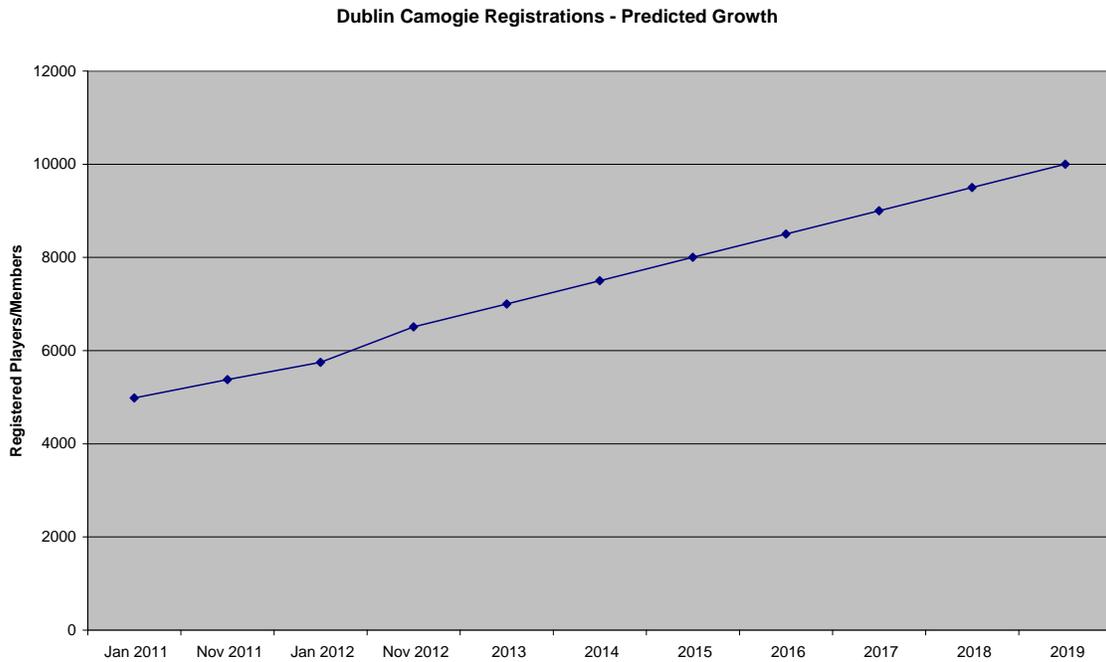
Camogie in Dublin is expanding rapidly and this growth is not just limited to a few large clubs, there are currently more than 10 clubs with between 40 and 100 players registered at U9/U8 level alone.

To further emphasise this growth, in January 2011, registrations stood at approximately 4980 players/members.

The current registration count now stands at 6506.

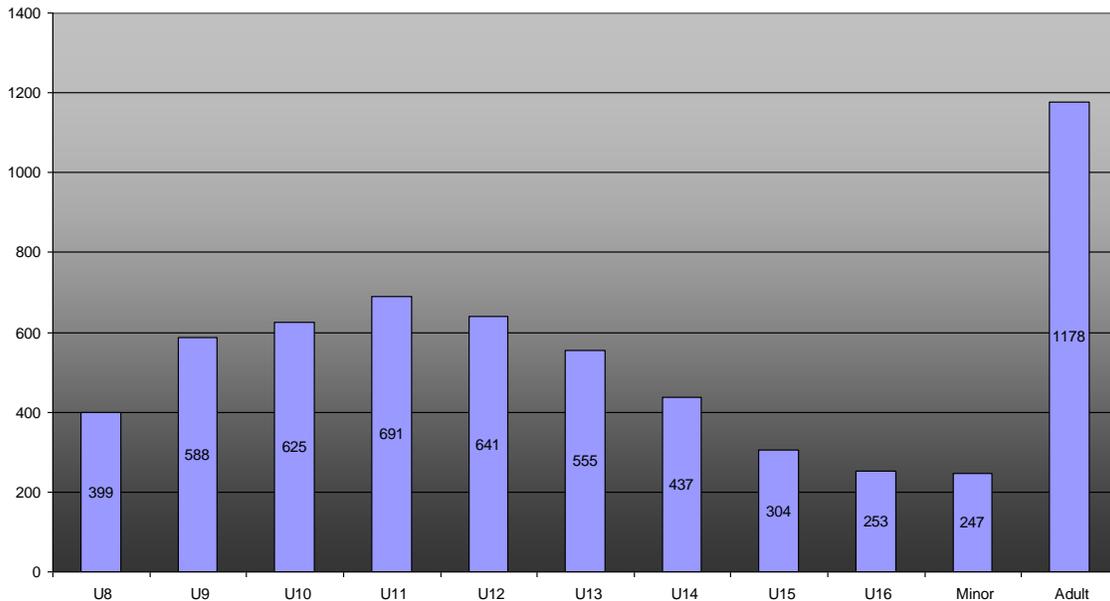
That's an increase of 30% in just two years.

Looking to the future, if we assume a more conservative increase in registrations of approx 10% per year we could expect to see numbers of up to 10,000 before the U8's of 2013 reach their Feile year. Plenty to look forward to, but also a big challenge.



The current numbers for coaches/mentors stands at almost 470, again a big increase on the 323 registrations at this stage last year. There are 60+ members/administrators registered. The number of referees on registration records is 22, but is not reflective of the practicing numbers due to overlap with player/coach/administrator registrations.

Dublin Camogie Player Registrations 2012



With over 1400 Adult and Minor players and a further 4500 Juvenile players (of which 3500 are U13 and younger), the future for camogie in the city looks very bright indeed. Hopefully in years to come with the correct approach, we'll see these large numbers progressing from left to right on the above chart.

2. Registration Process:

There have been ongoing enhancements to the registration process in an attempt to make it easier for club registrars and the county board management to maintain registration sheets in an accurate and efficient manner. Going forward, further process changes will be made to help clubs submit additional registrations throughout the year based on the most up to date records. These changes will also help county board management to maintain registration fee payment details and allow associated registration fee payment records to be made available to clubs on a regular basis.

The Monitoring of team sheets and player eligibility per registration records will also continue. Team mentors should be aware that it is their responsibility to ensure that match team sheets are in agreement with the latest submitted club registrations. It is planned to have a workshop with Club registrars early in 2013 to cover all aspects of the registration process.

Brendan Skehan
Dublin Camogie Registrar 2012

Féile Na nGael - Átha Cliath 2012

Ever since the news that Dublin were to host the National Féile Na nGael in 2012 there was a extra excitement came over Dublin Camogie. I was honoured to have been picked along with my committee by the Dublin Camogie Management and the later by the County Board.

A question was asked if we need to have our own county Féile Na nGael and it was agreed that it would and it would be a run up to the National Féile. All clubs were contacted and given the rules and terms of the Dublin Féile as set out by the Féile Committee trying were possible to keep the Rules of the National Féile Na nGael to that Dublin Camogie Clubs would be used to the for the National Féile.

The response from the Dublin Clubs was huge, we had a first for Dublin Camogie as 2 clubs had B teams (BBSE & Lucan) playing in the lower divisions of the u14 league as well as having teams in the division 1 and the Féile committee allow them to play but only with the players that they had registered at the start of the season.

It soon appeared that we would have 5 Divisions in the Dublin Féile making it the best Féile to date. With Having 5 Divisions we had to have 5 Locations, please see the following list Division 1 Venue: Naomh Brid – (Russell Park) Teams: Lucan A, N Brid, Ballyboden A, N Uinsionn, N Jude, Na Fianna & St John’s Féile official: Barbara Grennell Division 2 Venue: Cuala (Thomastown) Teams: Good Counsel, Kilmacud Crokes, Ol Plunketts, Cuala, Faughs/Celtic, Erin’s Isle, Raheny & N Olaf Féile official: Paul Beecher Division 3 Venue: Naomh Mearnog (Clubhouse) Teams: N Maur/O’Dwyers, Thomas Davis, Lucan B, Whitehall, Castleknock, Crumlin, N Mearnog & Bray Emmetts. Féile officials: Deride Wade & Michael Ward Division 4 Venue: Ballyboden St Enda’s (Pairc Ui Mhurchu & Cherryfield) Teams: Ballyboden B, Kilcoole, N Fianna B, Cuman Baire Caoimhin (CBC), N Pdraig & N Peregrine Féile official: Aoife Maguire Division 5 Venue: Trinity Gaels Teams: Setanta, Trinity Gaels, Erin Go Bragh & Commercial Féile official: Collette Coady

I would like to thank all the 5 clubs who pulled out all the stops to ensure that Dublin Féile shone in the Sun Shine that hot weekend. Well done to the 700 plus players from the 35 teams who competed in this year's Dublin Féile. To the Referees a huge Thank You for making sure all games were covered and refereed to a high standard.

Dublin Camogie Board and the Féile Committee would like to thank Dublin Gaa and John Costello for allowing us to hold our 5 Dublin Féile Na nGael 2012 Final at Parnell Park. Another 1st for Dublin Camogie.

Between the Div 2 and the Div 1 Féile finals we had yet another 1st for Dublin Camogie. Clubs were asked to come along on the finals and take part in a Parade of Colour. Clubs were asked to wear their Club Colours and bring their Club Banner as there were 2 awards to be won, best presented club as the march around Parnell Park this was won by the White and Red of the Ladies of Whitehall and the Best Club Banner was won by Ballyboden St Endas

Féile Na nGael 2012 Skillstar Competition

Féile weekend got off to a great start with a superb Skillstar competition held in brilliant sunshine Ballyboden St. Endas the Friday evening. Almost 100 girls from 28 clubs took part in this event - easily the best attended Skillstar event ever held in the capital. It was great to see so many Camogie helpers and supporters. Congratulations to Pat, Barbara and everyone on the organising committee on a job very well done. Our thanks to Ballyboden for hosting this event. and i would like to thank the pink Ladies for their wonderful help yet again . After keen competition in each of the 5 disciplines the top three eventually emerged with only 2 points separating first and second placed girls. Congratulations to 1st place Niamh Mahon (Faughs/Celtic) 2nd place, Hollie McGregor (Good Counsel) 3rd place Danika Donnelly (Erin's Isle)

National Féile na nGael 2012

Féile Na nGael Camogie Committee

On behalf of Dublin Camogie I would like to thank the National Féile na nGael for the help, advice and wisdom on the planning of the Féile in Dublin and a special word of thanks to Maire Ni Cellaigh for the advice and support to me and Dublin Camogie.

To the Dublin Féile committee itself I would like to thank each and every one of you for the planning and help in what has been dubbed the most successful Féile na nGael ever. As a committee you have helped and welcomed our Camogie Code as if it was your own and have treated us as an equal part of the whole GAA Family. I would like to thank Bernie MacLaughlin for her guidance as Féile Chairperson and to Kathleen Mc Poland, Secretary for her everlasting drive for professionalism and excellence in everything that had to be done for Féile and to the rest of the Chairpersons of each of the sections and to all the committee members a huge Thank You from Dublin Camogie and The Camogie Association. Everyone expected a great Féile from Dublin and this Committee rose to the task of making it the Best Féile Ever. NA DUBS ABU !! To our own Camogie Féile Na nGael committee I am proud and honoured to have been the Camogie Chairperson of such a strong, wonderful and hardworking group of members that are dedicated to our sport of Camogie. Paul Beecher thanks for the advice and support, to Barbara Grennell that has worked so hard in making sure that every Club from All Over the 32 counties were welcomed and supported in every way possible from Garda Vetting, Team Photos and every part of the admin of Féile. To the rest of the Camogie Féile team who made sure that Dublin Camogie shone in Féile. To the real heroes of Féile 2012, Club Féile Officers who have made this Féile the Best Ever with the help of their club members have made sure that their club welcomed their Guest Teams in to the Heart of their Club and ensured that they have made memories and friends for life. So in years to come when Féile na nGael is mentioned it will be their memories of the Dublin Féile na nGael 2012 that they will have.

Patrick Martin

Camogie Féile Na nGael Chairperson
Vice Chairperson of Dublin Camogie

Transfer Hearings Disciplinary Committee. (THDC)

The Dublin THDC committee was made up of the following people, Aoife Maguire, Good Counsel (Chairperson), Eddie Byrne (SOPER), Jenny Byrne (NP/Towers), Paul Beecher (Nh Peregrine), Damian Noble (SOPER), Pat Clinton (Na Fianna) & Brendan Cooper (Na Fianna – Runai).

The brief of the THDC was to investigate any and all incidents relating to indiscipline both on and off the field of play. It would be considered a good year if this committee were to meet on as few occasions as possible, but sadly I cannot report this to be the case. In total the THDC met almost on a monthly basis and at the time of writing had dealt with 38 cases of breaches of indiscipline. These ranged from sending offs to mentors being abusive to referees and or other opposing mentors. They also had to deal with a growing number of admin errors by mentors in relation to filling out team sheets and the like. The committee dealt with 22 sending offs between juvenile and adult. Under new procedures the THDC must issue mandatory sentences for all sending offs. It is totally unacceptable that so many of our players were dismissed from the field of play.

Going forward into 2013 players must start taking responsibility for their own actions and mentors must impress upon their players that failure to comply with our playing rules will result in possible stricter sanctions. In addition to sending offs we also had an unacceptable level of abuse directed towards our match officials. Again this is not acceptable. Where clubs feel they were unfairly treated by a match official, then there is a recognised method for bringing these issues to the notice of the County Board. (Letter to An Runai, outlining a particular issue). Garry Beagan and a number of senior referees have conducted referee courses for a lot of new referees in 2012, but just as young players are encouraged to develop their skills then these referees must be encouraged to do likewise without having to deal with possible interference from the line. This principle should apply to all our referees as without their services we, as a County Board cannot run our competitions.

Being a member of a THDC is a thankless job, but the County board are indebted to all the members of this committee for giving so freely of their time especially when one considers that all of the members of this committee are actively involved on many different fronts both at club level and County level. Our expectations for 2013 are to deduce significantly the number of times the THDC meets in order to resolve disciplinary matters. If we can achieve this aim we are going in the right direction.

Brendan Cooper

Referee Committee Report

2012 has been another solid year for referees, with the coverage of games reaching close to 100% attendance. Dublin Camogie has seen another year of growth, which has resulted in more games and a busy time for myself, as referee coordinator. I would like to thank, Derek Oman, who helped with late unavailability of referees to matches, and also his work with the development committee. I would also like to thank all the club referee coordinators, who continue to do a very profession job, every week. Thanks also to all our referees, both juvenile and adult, without who, we would have no games. Being the first year in the role, no doubt some errors were made, however the general feedback has been positive, and I look forward to the continuing support of the co board and referees as we move forward to 2013.

The major goal in 2012 was to increase the amount of juvenile referees we had to cover 'Go Games'. Thanks to Paul Beecher, Donal Ryan and Derek Oman, we managed to run 7 "First Whistle, level one" courses, which were recognized by Croke Park, and resulted in 160 newly qualified juveniles referees. Each course was run over 2 nights with a written test at the end, where the pass mark was 85%. Many thanks also to Eve Talbot who was a big help in outlining course material. Most of these juveniles have now refereed 'Go Games' and going forward into 2013, I intend to set up a reporting structure to ascertain how well our 'Go Games' are being managed by our new referees. I feel this is an important step, as it should help our new referees gain confidence, and that they have a full understanding of the rules. The continued progression of referees from Juvenile games to adult games continues, with 1 male and 4 female referees advancing to referee matches in our adult leagues on a regular basis. During the year, our adult referees commenced wearing some new colours (Purple, Orange) which is distinct for Camogie referees. In 2013, all our referees from Go Games to Adult, will be required to wear an official camogie jersey, and to cater for all our new juvenile referees, I have added a pink jersey to list. All the Jersey's are visible on website, with details on how to purchase. Thanks to Gerry O Sullivan who has added a referee section to the Dublin Camogie website, where I intend to have all rules and referee information listed.

Going forward in 2013, I hope to run 2 "" foundation" courses, which will be run from Croke Park. This course will be a full one day course, and will be run by an official trainer from Croke Park. It will be aimed at referees who hope to referee in the U13 to U15 age bracket, however the course will be open to all referees. In 2012, there was 2 referee forums held, and I intend to use this system more regularly, to help deal with the many issues that arise on a regular basis. Also I hope to enlist some help from our experienced referees to guide our new referees after their training course.

In general, the main goal is by the end of 2013, all referees will have done a certified course, wear an official camogie referee jersey, and will have been assessed during the year on at least one occasion. This is a huge undertaking, but one which I think is achievable, with the help from our experienced referees.

I hate to finish on a negative note, but the continuing mistreatment of referees, especially juvenile ones is a serious blight on our beautiful game. It has been a major disappointment for me in 2012, that not one weekend goes by, without myself receiving a complaint from either a coordinator or a referee themselves. I am sure every person, who is involved in Camogie agrees with me when I say, this cannot continue. If the simple guidelines from the recent Croke Park Child Protection rules were adhered too, a lot of these complaints would simply disappear. Page 19 covers Code of Behaviour for Supporters. Points to note: 1. Encourage and be positive towards players. 2. Maintain good behaviour whilst supporting our teams. 3. Respect the decisions of all referees 4. Show respect to the opposition and referee.

I would encourage our THDC to be more proactive in dealing with indiscretions, and to deal with them in a more open and transparent manner. Our referees deserve better protection.

Once again, a big thanks to all our club referee coordinators for all your work in 2012.

Garry Beagan
Referee Co-coordinator

Senior County Team Report

2012 was a year of significant progress for the Dublin Senior squad. The preparatory work put in by the players in 2011 and over last winter was obvious throughout both the League and Championship campaigns.

Improvement was obvious in the pre-season games but the first real test came with the home League game against Tipperary in February. A one-point victory represented the team's first success against one of the top six teams in competitive games for many years. The remaining league games did not yield another victory but the disappointment felt at one and four point losses to Kilkenny and Offaly reflected the growing belief among the players that victories at this level were there for the taking.

A disappointing slow start to the championship was offset by a number of good performances in the latter stages. A drawn game against Clare left the team with a qualifying match against Kilkenny to reach a quarter-final. In an epic struggle in Portlaoise neutral fans would have felt Dublin had lost their chance to progress by allowing Kilkenny to draw level at the end of normal time. However, the work put in during the year and the growing belief in the team, saw Dublin with a one-point advantage at the end of extra time. Dublin's first All-Ireland quarter final in almost three decades beckoned. In another tight exciting game against Offaly the girls were on the wrong side of a 2-9 to 1-13 score line and so missed out on a last four spot.

Progress was made but the players and management know that more work on a number of aspects of the game is needed; converting scoring chances created, starting away games stronger and getting more consistency in performances during games and from game to game are a number of key targets for 2013.

With the great successes at Junior and Under 16 level in 2012 there is an onus on the seniors to take another step forward in 2013 and to be competing at the business end of competitions.

Denis Murphy

Junior and Minor County Team Report

It was decided at the start of the 2012 season to train the two panels as one. This was because the Minor grade competition had been brought forward from June to March 2012. In addition the two panels were being looked after by the same selectors and it made perfect sense to train as a single unit.

The Minor competition is by its very nature a short competition as there are only a handful of clubs competing in this event. We were drawn in a section which included Galway and Cork. The Minors played very well in both games but sadly didn't manage to win either game. They then entered the Leinster competition and managed to reach a Leinster final where they played Kilkenny prior to the Senior game involving Wexford Vs Dublin. For long parts of this game we were very competitive, but eventually Kilkenny ran out 4 point winners. This was another stepping stone as far as our minors were concerned and a very good introduction for those girls coming out of minor grade into adult camogie.

Sincere thanks must go to the following people who put in a tremendous amount of time and effort into this squad. Colm Berkeley (Man/Coach), Dave Dunning (Fitness), Sandra Tarr (Admin), Brendan Cooper (Selector). In addition I must pay tribute to Rina Berkeley who was present at all our games and helped out in so many different ways. To all involved in this squad including the panel I would say "thank you" for the dedication shown throughout the season.

Our Junior panel took part in the National League Div 4 competition and were drawn in the same group as Wicklow, Carlow, Cavan, Offaly, Tyrone & Monaghan. They easily beat Wicklow in Arklow in their first outing and then played Cavan in Clanna Gaels ground where they eventually got the better of a spirited Cavan outfit. We then played Carlow in Naomh Mearnog and got caught "napping" by a well organised Carlow side eventually losing by 2 points. As this competition was a round robin competition this was considered a set back, but nothing more. We won our remaining games and found ourselves in a final against Carlow. Having been beaten by Carlow in an earlier round the panel were determined to reverse this result and bring some much needed silverware back to Dublin. The final was played in the Ashbourne in Donaghmore's wonderful

venue. After a hard fought battle Dublin eventually came out on top against a well drilled Carlow outfit. This was a fitting return for the girls who had put so much into reaching a national league final.

We then entered the All Ireland Championship in which we were drawn in the same group as Offaly, Cavan, Westmeath, Tyrone, Monaghan. We went through our round robin campaign unbeaten with our best result coming against Westmeath, the previous seasons beaten All Ireland finalists. In effect both ourselves and Westmeath were destined to meet again in the All Ireland final. Once again we were returning to the scene of our national league triumph with the All Ireland schedule for Ashbourne. This was a game in which we lead for a long way, but eventually we were beaten by a very good Westmeath side. It was only in the last 10 minutes that the Westmeath girls got the better of us, eventually winning by 5 points. Although we were disappointed at not winning the All Ireland, both management and the girls themselves were determined to come back in 2013 and try and go one better and this still remains the long term plan.

Again I would thank, Colm Berkeley, Dave Dunning, Sandra Tarr and Rina Berkeley for all the hard work. I must always thank Gerry McGough who although could not be part of our championship run was very involved in our league campaign and deserves a lot of credit for his input into this squad. Another member of the management team who came on board for our championship run was Dave Pearson who did a lot of good work with our goal keepers. Dave is coming on board full time in 2013 and we look forward to continued success with the target of going one better in the championship and winning an All Ireland.

U16 Team Report

In November 2011 trials were run in St Brigids and a total of 44 girls were selected for the 2012 Stormbirds representing 12 clubs. During the winter of 2011/2012 we ran a game specific Strength & Conditioning program in Ballymun under the guidance of Philly McMahon. This was a big success with an average of 81% turnout over the core 3 months of the program. Mental strength and confidence grew over this period also.

The All Ireland series was put out to July/August this year having normally been played in March/April. There were 4 challenge games, 2 against Cork and 1 against Tipperary and Wexford which gave us a good idea of where we stood as they were all on the other side of the draw in the All Ireland. The B panel also played Cork, Tipperary and Wexford. They say no arrow reaches the target without aim or no boat reaches the port without direction, so it was for the U16s, targets and goals had to be set. Goals:

A: Win Leinster and All Ireland Championships B: Get to last 4 in All Ireland and win the B Leinster Championship.

Both panels started their quest for All Ireland glory on the same weekend at the beginning of July, the A's V Clare in Ennis and the B's V Offaly in O'Toole Park. The A team had an easy enough win over Clare and the B team performed really well but lost to a really good Offaly side by 6 points, Offaly later went on to win the B All Ireland.

On the 8th of July the A panel took on Galway with Dublin playing the better Camogie but with a very big tally of wides lost the game by a single point. On the same day the B panel travelled north to play Derry, the girls played superbly but at the end of a bruising encounter lost out to Derry who would later be the other finalist in the All Ireland. The B panel had 2 further games with Galway which ended in a draw and with Down whom Dublin beat comprehensively. It was a very good campaign for the B panel.

On the 22nd of July the A team took on Kilkenny in the Semi-final in Athy. Dublin were very slow to get going and were 4 points down after 12 minutes and ended the half 7 points behind and not playing well. It was a different Dublin team in the 2nd half and for many periods they completely dominated Kilkenny and had gone 4 points ahead with a few minutes to go. Kilkenny converted some rather fortunate frees in added time and at the final whistle the sides were level at 4-8 for Dublin to 3-11 for Kilkenny.

The replay was a week later and this time it was Dublin out of the blocks quickly with a goal and a point in the first few minutes. Two goals from Tara O'Flaherty and another from Aisling O'Leary gave the Stormbirds a half time lead of 3-3 to Kilkenny's 8 points. Niamh Byrne was outstanding at fullback once again and Martha O'Donoghue of Ballyboden gave Dublin a very strong hand in controlling midfield. In the second half Dublin were under continuous pressure but there was no way through for Kilkenny. At full time Dublin were deserving winners by 2 points on a scoreline of 3-6 to 0-13 and could now look forward to an All Ireland Final.

All Ireland Final: Dublin V Galway in Tullamore
Playing with the breeze Galway set the early pace but the strong Dublin defence held very firm and it was Orla Beagan who registered the first point for Dublin. Then Dublin turned on the style and controlled the game with some textbook teamwork before Tara O'Flaherty found the net from the tightest of angles. Doireann Mullaney was having her normal brilliant game and was a dominant figure in the middle for Dublin and it was fitting that she send over a superb point towards the end of the half to give Dublin a deserved 1-5 to 1-2 half-time lead.

The 2nd half started at a blistering pace after Eve Kehoe moved to midfield and within a minute Martha O'Donoghue slipped a perfect pass to Orla Beagan who made a 30 yard solo run before blasting the ball to the roof of the net, Dublin were on their way. 6 minutes later a long delivery was caught in front of the square by the ever dangerous Aisling O'Leary who burst through the defence and palmed to the net. Dublin's confidence went sky high and within a minute player of the match Orla Beagan drove a nice ball into the empty right corner forward position (Martha had cleverly moved out) and again it was Aisling who was quickest on to the running ball and in a flash slipped it past the Galway goalkeeper. Led by Captain Annemarie Courtney Dublin grew in confidence and were playing like champions. When the final whistle sounded Dublin were All-Ireland U16 Champions 4-10 to Galway's 2-8

It was the Turn of the B team again to show what they could do in Leinster. In the quarter-final they had a comfortable win over Laois on a scoreline of 5 – 9 to 1 – 6.

Dublin were dominant for most of the game with Laura Morrissey who was player of the match putting 4 goals past the Laois keeper. Dublin also dominated the Semi Final against Westmeath running up a score of 5-10 to 1-8. A final against Wexford offered a thrilling prospect under lights in Cleanna Gael on Friday 28th September. On a very cold dry night it was top class action all the way from Dublin, Indeed the speed with which Dublin went about their task was one of the most striking features of their display. Laura Morrissey bagged the first of her three goals in the 9th minute and quickly added another to give Dublin a 3-3 to no score lead after 14 minutes. Laura Kilcoyne was commanding at full back and the other defenders Katelyn Murphy, Elise O'Grady, Hannah Hegarty and Sophie Lyons never put a foot wrong. At the end of 60 minutes Dublin were Leinster Champions having beaten Wexford by 5-10 to 0-4

There were many contenders for U16 player of the year, short listed were Faye McCarthy, Niamh Byrne and Martha O'Donoghue. In the end it was Niamh Byrne of Lucan Sarsfields who got the honour. Likewise for U16B player of the year: short listed were Vanessa Boland, Laura Kilcoyne and Laura Morrissey with Laura Kilcoyne taking the honours for U16B player of the year.

Thanks to all the parents who helped during the year and a special thanks to Joan Kehoe for her first aid skills. Thanks also to Eimear Butler, Ciaran Hayes & head coach Stephen Hoary for their contribution and commitment day in day out and thanks to the County Board for all their support.

Overall it was a fantastic year when the girls got rewarded for 4 years of dedication to achieving goals that were set back in 2009. Thanks to all the U16 girls for their attitude, commitment and good humour as well as their real desire to win. The girls had a very good year and I hope they will all continue to work and play with confidence and set even higher individual and team goals for their years ahead in Minor. They could have their eye on the All-Ireland Minor title in 2014. I asked the girls at the end of the season what they thought made the difference for them in 2012: the answers that came back were characteristics like Desire, Determination, Attitude & Workrate. Nobody mentioned Size or Skill made the difference. Interesting.

Paul Beecher

Dublin Under 15's Development Panel 2012

Moving from under 14 to under 15 developments was done easy with a programme put in place before the members of the panel before they finished the u14's season so everyone knew what was the next stage of their Camogie Development. With the news coming for the Executive that the Dublin under 16's will now have A and B panel and after discussions with Paul Beecher, 19 of the under 15's were invited to trail for the panel and with 16 of them select to train as a training panel. With this in mind the management of the 15's set out their aim/goals for 2012 which was to focus on Game Play and Game awareness with our attention on "what if and keep calm" as the core of last year's best

were now playing up to the Strombirds it was felt that we had more time to developed B players to A's. We are delighted to have Collette Coady from Naomh Bríd to join the Management Panel of the 15's were she brought her excellent training and experiences and up to date information and training techniques as she is a member of the National Development Committee for Camogie.

With the bad weather behind us we started in January a six week programme and finished end of February when clubs started back playing League Matches. With discussion with RDO Eve Talbot it was arranged to have an Easter Camp in Naomh Bríd for 2 days on the 4/5 April at a cost of €15.00 were Eve has arranged GPOs, RDO's and Intercountry Players from both Camogie and Hurling which include the following.

- GPO coaching – specific/specialist skills/intensive training
- Athletic development – a session on long term player development
- Nutrition

We would like to thank Eve Talbot for the help and advice shown to this panel and management.

Dublin Senior Hurler Ryan O'Dwyer and Helen Cosgrave, Dublin Senior Camogie Player, (centre Back Row in photo) attended one of the days to put the girls through their paces with a session on wall ball and some defensive and forward play. The girls also had a very intensive session on first touch/tackling with GPO Mark McManus and an introduction to athletic player development with GPO Nollaig Ryan. Thanks to all the coaches who delivered excellent sessions for the girls. Well done to all.

Claire Ryan Super Camp

I had to mention this camp that Tipperary Senior player, Claire Ryan, is held a Super Camp in Cleanna Gael Fontenoy Ringsend on Sunday 24th June for one day. There were 6 serious current Senior County players doing the coaching for 4 and a half hours. Claire Ryan – Tipperary, Una Lacey – Wexford, Aoife Murray – Cork, Aisling Connolly – Galway and our very own Louise O'Hara -Dublin. We should arrange more of these one day Super Camps with our own Dublin Stars

Limerick Blitz.

Our 1st blitz of the year was the Limerick Blitz held in Rathlea . Both panels were out that day. We have seen a huge improvement in the B Panel were they won 2 and lost 1 and lost the Semi-Final to Cork. The A panel won their 3 games against Clare, Cork and Tipperary (our 1st win over Cork in 2 years as we had previously meet them in the 4 blitz finals from 2011 a monkey so to speak more on this later)the A final was against Limerick were we lost to a last minute goal.

Paul Beecher Cup.

Under 15 Section of this ever growing Blitz was moved to the Army Grounds in the Phoenix Park away from the hustle and bustle of Naomh Bríd Club on the 14th July. The A panel won all 3 games for a place in the final against Tipperary which was won but a close game by 2 pts. The B Panel had won their 2 match against a weak Kildare side and Clare panel were they met Clare again in the final and were narrowly beaten by the banner county. Again grow and bonding in the panel could be seen in both panels.

Management players were delighted as this was the 1st major win for the A's and for the B's it was their 1st major title.

Clare Blitz

With a trip to the great hurling club of Sixmilebridge in Clare both panels were in good form and spirits. The B panel played 2 and lost 1 (Clare B) won 1(Cork B) and that put them in the semi final against a strong Tipperary A Team and lost to them. We felt that Tipperary A should have been in the A group with the other A counties. The A panel won all games and played a Final against Clare A in which they won and won well.

Kilkenny Blitz

this blitz is ran as part of the run up to the All Ireland Senior Camogie Finals it's not the usual run of the mill blitz as there are no finals or semi-finals all teams get to play each other in group matches and the winners of each other get to play in the last match put no medals. A panel won all 3 games and played well in each. The B panel won 2 and lost one too a very strong Galway Team. This was the first time that Galway had appeared in any of the u 15 blitzes. So Dublin U 15's A panel had to play the last game against Galway U 15's so we taught as the game started a couple of Our All Ireland U16's champions who travelled to support the u15's came to me and make me aware that this Galway Team was the All Ireland u16 losing team which our Super Strombrids had well beaten the previous week. We found this to be very un sportsman's like and were not very happy with this and made it known to Croke Park. but in the end the 15's had a great day and had a parade around Nolan Park between the Semi Finals. Again happy we had played Cork 1&2 and were happy that the monkey was again off our back as both panels had beaten Cork.

Camogie Focus group

Launch of Camogie and NHF "Move smart" Camogie physical activity week was June 28th. The physical activity week is on from July 2nd until July 8th. The focus groups among players from the Dublin U15 and Wexford U15 squad. This was 1 to 2 hours in length and was facilitated by qualified NHF facilitators. Both Dublin and Wexford were provide lunch and also a free tour of Croke Park. The teams also got to meet President of the camogie association – Aileen Lawlor

Essentially the focus group is a brainstorming session to find out;

- Would girls use a diary?
- What would they like to see included?
- What in terms of diet and nutrition do girls know or want to know?
- What format would they prefer?
- How we insert info on diet and nutrition and also camogie activity (recording of training and matches etc)?

Many thanks to Dr. Mary O'Connor on allowing our players to take part in the focus group.

Now back to the monkeys!!!!

Now back to the monkeys so to speak. Our Friends at Dublin Zoo heard about these monkeys that have been on our backs and after a chat with our very good friend Gerry Creighton, Operations manager at Dublin Zoo he invited the 15's to see Dublin Zoo's Monkeys. All had a great day Many Thanks to Dublin Zoo and Gerry! We also used this day to wish Shauna Harte and her family from Whitehall a very safe trip and good life as she was leaving for Australia later that week. To the Parents of u15's a huge thank you for the help always there to help no matter what was asked.

Lastly to my Management team Mick Ward, Barbara Grennell & Collette Coady a huge thank-you for your time, energy and commitment to this panel of Players. To your Families for their support and understanding shown to you and Dublin Camogie U15's I thank you. I would also like to thank my own Family for the support and help they have shown me.

Patrick Martin

Dublin U14 Development Squad report

Our main goal for the year was to provide a coaching environment which would further develop and prepare the girls for future competition at inter county level. We also planned on entering as many U14 county blitzes as was practical to ensure that we provided competitive games at the correct level and had some system of measuring the girl's progress on an ongoing basis.

We began the year in January and ran a six week skills school, inviting clubs to send as many players as they wished along. The focus here was on mixing small games with some challenging drills in a fun and not too competitive environment. This provided us with the opportunity to view and assess the technical ability and athletic potential of approximately 120 girls while at the same time offering various coaching tips to these girls. Hopefully all involved found it to be a very positive experience.

By the time March arrived we were able to identify a panel of 75 players that we believed possessed the necessary potential and enthusiasm to carry forward on to the U14 School of Excellence. Our aim for the season was to further enhance the technical skill levels of the girls and also to develop a greater sense of awareness in them of better support play and sharp decision making under pressure. Having 10 coaches on board ensured that the girls got the correct level of attention, feedback and encouragement towards achieving these goals.

Between April and September, the girls had competed in 10 blitzes in total. We also set a goal of providing 3 training sessions prior to each blitz, so they had plenty of summer camogie. There were some ups and downs on the way, some very early starts and long drives with some of the blitz competitions offering more playing time than others. It was also noticeable that the girls competed more successfully in blitzes where there was more game time and where the distance travelled was shorter. By the end of the

summer the very strong team performances reflected their progress in development and their enthusiasm to compete to the very end to support one another.

We would sincerely like to thank all players, parents and club mentors/coaches for their continued support. We would also like to thank the county board for their support and all of our own school of excellence coaches for their unfaltering dedication and enthusiasm.

Dave Pearson, Kevin Kenny, Brendan Skehan.

U13 Development Squad Report

The U13 Development squad were relatively busy all year till the end of August with 77 Girls participating in a number of blitzes and other Intercounty games. At the end of the year a further 28 girls joined us bringing the total to 105 representing 27 clubs.

2 panels took part in 6 Intercounty Blitzes during the year: Limerick, Cork, Munster (in Cahir), Dublin, Tipperary and Kilkenny. The 3rd panel played Kildare and Wicklow and participated in the Dublin blitz. There were numerous training sessions fitted in at random when the girls were available. There were 4 wins in those blitzes which is really good for the girls' confidence in themselves and in each other, which will be a big help going forward to next year. Thanks to all the girls for their good attitude, commitment and for wanting to be there all the time.

There were many real achievers but Kerrie Finnegan, Grainne Eley, Niamh Gleeson, Zoe Couch, Martha McNally, Emily McIntyre and Danika Jade Donnelly are short listed for their outstanding contribution to the progress of the team. However, our U13 player of the year for 2012 was Niamh Rock from Na Fianna.

A very big thanks to all the coaches – Fiona Ni Shuilleabháin, Róisín Walsh, John Murphy and Donal Ryan. Thanks also to the many parents for helping during the trips to Limerick Cork, Kilkenny etc and for driving the girls here and there and everywhere, and for doing all the other little things during the year. Thanks to the County Board for all their support and funding the blitz trips when participation in blitzes is crucial to development at this age.

The girls learned a lot in a fun environment and are sure to do Dublin proud during 2013 and in the future. They will fear no camogie team.

U12 Development Squad

101 girls, nominated by their clubs attended a series of six coaching sessions during July and August and participated in a very successful internal blitz on Sat October 27. The levels of skill and commitment displayed by the girls was admirable and the sessions were enjoyed by players and coaches alike. Coaching at these sessions was led by the squad management and ably assisted by a range of coaches many of whom are current senior and junior inter-county players. The knowledge and experience of these players is greatly appreciated. All involved are looking forward to 2013 with anticipation.

Management: Joe Leonard (Lucan Sarsfields) Claire Graham (CBC) Niall Mullen (Faughs) Robbie Lewis (Faughs)

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POSITION	CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINATED BY
Cathaoirleach	Marie O'Brien (St. Judes)	Marie O'Brien	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn, Kilmacud Crokes
Cathaoirleach		Patrick Martin	Na Fianna, Naomh Brid, Naomh Padraig
Leas-Cathaoirleach	Patrick Martin (Naomh Brid)	Patrick Martin	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn, Kilmacud Crokes
Leas-Cathaoirleach		Brendan Cooper	Na Fianna, Good Counsel
Runaí	Mona O'Sullivan (Ballyboden St. Endas)	Mona O'Sullivan	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines,
Leas-Runaí	Deirdre Wade (Whitehall Colmcilles)	Deirdre Wade	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn, Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines,
	Denise O'Neill (Naomh Uinsionn)	Denise O'Neill	Naomh Uinsionn
Cisteoir	Frank Malcolmson (Thomas Davis)	Frank Malcolmson	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn, Kilmacud Crokes

Leas Cisteoir	Tom Hayes (Ballinteer St. Johns)	Tom Hayes	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn
Claraítheoir	Brendan Skehan (Naomh Brid)	Brendan Skehan	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn, Kilmacud Crokes
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	Seamus Massey (St. Judes)	Seamus Massey	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn, Kilmacud Crokes
Leas Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	Gerry O'Sullivan (Ballyboden St. Endas)	Gerry O'Sullivan	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn, Kilmacud Crokes
Minor Board Cathaoirleach	Patsy Powell (Naomh Brid)	Patsy Powell	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn, Kilmacud Crokes
Teachta Chuig Comhairle Laighean	Pat Duncan (Naomh Peregrines)	Pat Duncan	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Peregrines, Naomh Uinsionn, Kilmacud Crokes
Development Officer	John Murphy (Oliver Plunketts /Eoghan Ruadh)	John Murphy	Ballyboden St. Endas, Naomh Uinsionn, Oliver Plunketts/Eoghan Ruadh
Development Officer		Paul Beecher	Naomh Padraig, Naomh Brid, Naomh Mearnog, Kilmacud Crokes Naomh Peregrines

Motions and Recommendation

1. Kilmacud Crokes would like to put in the following motions:

For the **adult** 13-a-side leagues: where both teams have 15 players, the match is played with 15-a-side. In the event that one or both teams have a maximum of 14 players, the match is played as 14-a-side.

In the event of an injury to a player, the opposition will, in the spirit of fairness, take off a player also.

For the **juvenile** 13-a-side leagues: where both teams have 15 players, the match is played with 15-a-side. In the event that one or both teams have a maximum of 14 players, the match is played as 14-a-side.

In the event of an injury to a player, the opposition will, in the spirit of fairness, take off a player also.

(Kilmacud Crokes)

2. Proposal to Change the following: Rules relating to Adult competitions in 2012.

1) Fixtures Committee may under certain circumstances reschedule a league fixture but must give each club at least 5 days written notice after which time it becomes an official fixture. Senior 5, 6 & 7 League and Championship will be 13 a-side competitions, but the Board strongly urges teams to play 15 a-side. Teams must agree in advance of fixture if 13 or 15 a-side and referee notified of same prior to throw in.

St Vincents propose that it should be changed to:

Rules relating to Adult competitions in 2013.

8. Fixtures Committee may under certain circumstances reschedule a league fixture but must give each club at least 5 days written notice after which time it becomes an official fixture. **Senior 1 to Senior 5 league inclusive should be played at 15 a-side, for both league and championship. Senior 6, Senior 7 and Senior 8 can be played at 13 a-side should a team be unable to field 15 a-side. A 13 a-side game can only be played where a team has only 13 players available and no more than two substitutes. Team sheets for 13 a-side games must be submitted to the referee before the match commences.**

(St Vincents)

3. Trinity Gaels Propose to change

Rules relating to Adult competitions in 2012.

8. Fixtures Committee may under certain circumstances reschedule a league fixture but must give each club at least 5 days written notice after which time it becomes an official fixture. Senior 5, 6 & 7 League and Championship will be 13 aside competitions, but the Board strongly urges teams to play 15 a side. Teams must agree in advance of fixture if 13 or 15 a side and referee notified of same prior to throw in.

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Rules relating to Adult competitions in 2013.

8. Fixtures Committee may under certain circumstances reschedule a league fixture but must give each club at least 5 days written notice after which time it becomes an official fixture.

Senior 1,2,3,4 & 5 League and Championship will be 15 a Side Competitions.
Senior 6 &7 League and Championship will be 13 a Side Competitions. In senior 6 &7 League and championship, where both teams have more than 13 players, they may play 14 or 15 aside by agreement and the Referee must be notified of same prior to throw in.

(Trinity Gaels)

Motion to introduce a new Bye-Law 10

Preparing for the Playing Season

The Fixtures Schedule for Juvenile Games [all age groups up to and inclusive of U18] shall be arranged on alternate weekends with the Dublin Ladies Gaelic Football Association [DLGFA] commencing for the 2014 season.

- (a) Representatives from the Minor Board and Fixtures Representatives from DLGFA shall meet before each season to draft a Fixtures Schedule to take into account the Master Fixtures Plan of each Association's Governing Bodies; public holidays; examinations and other known events.
- (b) The draft Fixtures Schedule shall adhere as far as is practicable to alternate weekends for camogie and football [so that *there are no* excessive time spans between games of the same code and there is a similar or equal division of available dates]
- (c) The season shall be extended [to start earlier and/or finish later] so as to provide a proper programme of games in each code

(Proposed by Cuala and seconded by Naomh Olaf)

Recommendation

That similar to previous arrangements at under 9 and Under 10, the concept of alternative camogie and football weekends be introduced again for 2013 at under 9, U10 and U11”

(Proposed by Cuala and seconded by Naomh Olaf)

4.

Motion 1:

Grading of Adult Teams

Teams should not be in separate divisions for championship and leagues as this will create significant playing and administrative difficulties and also could make players ineligible for league games based the association grading rules. Both championship and league winners should be promoted to the next division. If one clubs wins both championship and league then play off between the runner up in league and runner up in championship to determine second promoted team. If one club is runner up in both league and championship and another club wins the league and championship then that runner up club is promoted. The same principles apply to relegation.

Motion 2:

Cost of Registration of Juvenile Teams

The cost of a juvenile team is 50 euro per team regardless of the number on the team so that for a team of 8 under8 players and a team of 20 U16’s both costs 50 euro. This is a disincentive to clubs as it could be cost prohibitive to register 3 or 4 teams of U8’s, U9 etc. Fees should be more reflective of team size i.e. an incrementing scale through U8/U9/U10/U11/U12 and with U13 to U16 at a flat amount.

We propose that the registration fees for team should be amended to reflect the number of players required to be registered on each team and suggest the following scale:

- U8/U9 - €15 per team
- U10/11/12 - €25 per team
- U13 to U16 - €50 per team

Recommendations:

1. We have a defined season with set starting and finishing dates to be advised to clubs in January.
2. League must finish before commencement of championship as a significant number of clubs do not fulfil league fixtures once the championship has been completed. To facilitate this the summer cup should be abolished and league matches played once the Leaving Certificate is finished. Furthermore league matches should be played without inter-county players if the league and inter-county schedules conflict.
3. For championship competitions where there are only two groups quarter finals should be abolished. The top two teams from each group should go directly to the semi finals with the remaining teams playing in the Shield.
4. All league and championship games should be set as 15-a-side. For the lower divisions if a team is unable to field 15 then the opposing club should be encouraged to reduce its numbers and start the match with 13 or 14 players.

(Naomh Brid)

5. Recommendation from Good Counsel

For 11-16 age groups that clubs must have their entry of teams in to County Board by the 10th December.

Reason for this is to alleviate the work on the Fixtures Committee at the beginning of every year. This is common practice with Hurling & Football in the G.A.A.

(Good Counsel)