

**Minutes of Clara GAA Club Annual General Meeting held in Clara GAA club on 24/11/2017**

Apologies:

Andrew O Carroll, Michael Prendergast, Paddy Prendergast, Robert Shortall, Eamon Dunne, Pascal Connolly and John Prendergast.

Minutes from 2016 AGM were read by club secretary Áine Prendergast

Matters arising:

It was noted that U21 used Gaelscoil already last week

Carmel thanked Áine for running the concert with the Thukola Choir.

Minutes were proposed by Dermot Nolan Minutes Seconded by Caroline Clifford

Secretary Report: already received and AGM attendees agreed not required to read this out.

Report Proposed by Trevor Cummins Report Seconded by Michael Phelan

Treasurers Report:

Some Expenditure points noted:

County Board increased Property & Public Liability Insurance

New flags for both pitches were purchased and Juvenile Goalposts

Maintenance Costs: New Lawnmower €12,000, Spiking pitches €8,250.

Medical costs: €1870 Lodges and A&E.

Miscellaneous: €800 to County Players for Holiday. 2 Planning applications had to be renewed. Training: €960 for player screening. €2,400 for Physio. €400 Hire of flood lit pitches. €500 for Adrian Ronan. Referree fees €785.

No cost for stationary/postage as documents for AGM etc uploaded to website.

Some Income points noted:

Thukola Choir concert fundraiser, Car parking in St Canices, Gate receipts. Healthy Club Award €1500, Grant for Irish Language Programme €600. Parish Lotto: €10,800. Piltown Tickets: €6,610

New Senior Sponsors: JJ Byrne €5000. Membership €

Closing Balance: €10,032.46

Loan Balance now at €67,711.63

Club Development A/c:

Applied for grant for Gym equipment and Lighting the Ball Wall – awaiting reply.

David Shortall advised that he was stepping down. It was noted that during David’s 8 years as treasurer, he passed €1.3 million Income/Expenditure through his hands.

Report Proposed by Gerry Farrell Report Seconded by Jimmy Coogan

Chairpersons Address:

Carmel opened her address as Gaeilge.

She reflected on the year of hurling and thanked the players and management from Senior through to U21 for all their hard work and dedication. She highlighted that Clara received Beko Leinster award and €1000 worth of gear, achieved the Healthy Club status and were presented with a plaque and flag. This was from various initiatives in place for all our members eg running club, Pilates, Men on the move, recipes for success, Set dancing etc. We will also be awarded the Joe McDonagh bronze medal for promoting Gaeilge within the club. Carmel thanked everyone involved in running these initiatives. She also thanked the following: those involved in organising such a great weekend for Feile, the ladies running the shop, Jimmy Fitzpatrick for all the hours he spends at the club maintaining such a high standards, the grass cutters for keeping the pitches in such excellent condition, those who supported our fundraisers throughout the year, our sponsors at the various age groups ie JJ Byrne & Co., Kilkenny Osteopathic Clinic – Jim and Carmel Bergin, McSweeney Media – Neans McSweeney and Nick O’Keeffe Photography.

She thanked her fellow officers, in particular those who are stepping down and she welcomed any newcomers that may join the executive committee.

She finished by wishing everyone a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Election of Officers:

President: Tom Brennan Vice President: Michael Prendergast

Chairperson: Carmel Brennan Vice Chairperson/Development Officer: Tom O Shea

Secretary: Áine Prendergast Assistant Secretary/County Board Delegate: Bob Shortall

Treasurer: Assistant Treasurer:

Bord na Nog Chairperson: Dara Cooke

Registrar: Pam Cummins

Players Rep: David Langton

Coaching and Games Officer: Mícheál Nolan

Childrens Officer: Gary Brickell

P.R.O.:

Clubs Officer: Clare Farrell

Health and Wellbeing Officer: Caroline Clifford

Ground Maintenance: Jimmy Fitzpatrick

Motions:

LGFA and Camogie would each appoint/elect a representative onto the GAA executive committee in line with National One Club Policy.

Proposed by Caitriona Corr.

Motion passed to have a representative elected onto the GAA executive committee from LGFA and also from Camogie thus reducing the committee member positions from three to two.

To change the title of Health & Wellbeing Officer to Healthy Club Officer

Proposed by Caroline Clifford.

Motion passed.

Recommendation:

We propose to allow coaches in 2018 season only to move up one age group to facilitate the new age groups proposed by County Board

Proposed by Dara Cooke

Recommendation passed to allow for this year only. (U10 coaches from 2016 could move to U11 for 2017)

Adoption of Club Constitution:

Constitution Proposed by Susan Murphy Constitution Seconded by Eamonn Rafter

Carmel wished all members a Happy Christmas

Caroline wished Carmel & PJ the very best of luck for their upcoming nuptials.

This concluded our AGM