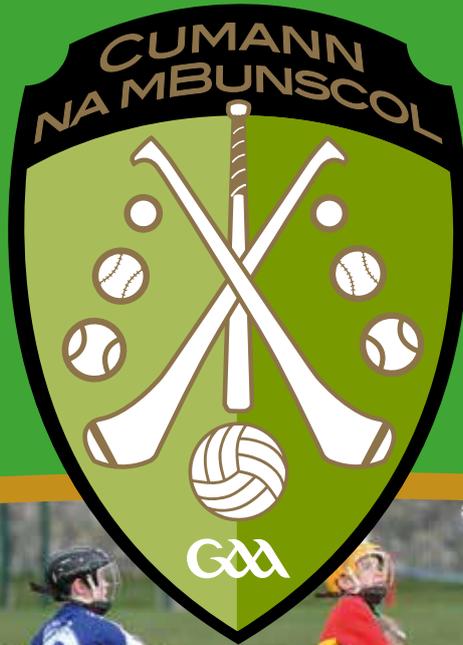


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Presidential Address

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

Is mór an phribléid dom fáilte a chur roimh chuile dhuine chuig an Ollchruinniú Chinnbhliana anseo i gCora Droma Ruisc, Condae Liatroma. Fáilte faoi leith roimh ár gcuairteoirí.

It is my privilege to welcome you here to Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim for our Annual General Meeting. I welcome especially our guests, the delegates from all the thirty two counties of Ireland and from Britain.

Cumann na mBunscol is a unique organisation in that we are active in virtually every school, large or small, mixed or single-sex, urban, rural and suburban in Ireland. The work of Cumann na mBunscol is hard to quantify but I know it is easy to underestimate. It survives on the goodwill, commitment and dedication of teachers, male and female, young and not so young, and let's not forget our retired colleagues who give invaluable assistance when we are at our busiest. For my own part, I want to acknowledge the great efforts of teachers who give up their time to look after teams and promote the ideals of Cumann na mBunscol in their schools. The work behind the scenes of the officers on various committees must also be acknowledged.

Ar mo shon féin, ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le gach aon duine atá páirteach in obair Cumann na mBunscol. Guím gach rath oraibh agus tá súil agam go mbeidh cruinniú maith againn inniu agus go rachaidh sibh uilig slán abaile i ndiaidh an cruinnithe.

Guím Rath Dé oraibh go léir agus ar obair na bliana atá romhainn.

Mise, le meas.

An Br. Séamus Ó Duidiórma.
Uachtarán
Cumann na mBunscol Naisiúnta.



*To have Gaelic Games
the games of choice
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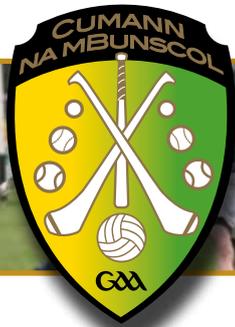
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Standing Orders

1. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
2. Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than the last Friday in January.
3. All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
4. The National Committee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration at the AGM.
5. Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before the AGM.
6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at least one hour before the AGM.
7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
9. (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.
(b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.
10. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than three minutes.
11. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than three minutes.
12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed.
13. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
14. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
15. The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
16. In the event of the proposition "That the question be put", and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or 'Put the question'.
17. In the event of the proposition "That the AGM, move to next business " and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
18. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
19. The chairman may at his discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
20. The chairman may at his discretion and in consultation with order officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.
21. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.
22. Only properly constituted delegates may speak at the AGM. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.



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Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

Date: Saturday 8th February 2014 @ 10-30a.m.

Venue: The Heritage Golf & Spa Resort, Killenard, Co. Laois.

Present: Liam O'Neill [Uachtarán], An Choiste Náisiúnta and County Delegates, Pat Culhane.

The meeting started with presentations from counties on games promotion initiatives in their counties.

10-30am: Allianz Cumann na mBunscol successfully promoting Rounders in Primary Schools in Sligo

10-45am: Games in Ciarraí --Playing under lights

11-00am: Allianz Young Whistlers -- Báile Atha Cliath

1. Welcome of Delegates

Bernadette Ryan welcomed delegates to the meeting in particular Liam O'Neill Uachtarán C.L.G. She thanked Gerry Kavanagh Chairman Laois County Board who addressed those who had attended the dinner the night before. She also thanked Fiona Delaney Chairperson Laois Cumann namBunscol also the Provincial representatives who vetted motions for the A.G.M.

2. Adoption of Standing Orders

Tony O' Farrell [Corcaigh] proposed a change to standing orders to allow delegates discuss the Primary Schols Review Workgroup Report. This was seconded by Mairéad O Callaghan [Corcaigh]. On a show of hands this was accepted.

3. Minutes

Delegates were invited to read through the minutes of the 2013 A.G.M. The minutes were adopted on the proposal of Cyril Mannion [Gaillimh] seconded by Eadbhárd Ó Riordáin [Báile Atha Cliath]

4. Matters Arising

Aodán Wrenn [Tiobraid Árann] asked where we were re: the Website and asked if there was an update - Noeleen Rooney [An Longfort] Secretary of the National Committee is looking after it.

5. Correspondence

Primary Schools Review Workgroup Report 2014 - this item to be discussed later on in the meeting.

6. Address of Chairperson

In her address Bernadette Ryan [Sligeach] mentioned the following:

- Changes taking place within the Teaching Profession
- Croke Park / Haddington Road Agreement - The Croke Park Hour
- Level of Volunteerism

d. National Audit of Cumann na mBunscol

e. Well done to all Teachers who are involved with Cumann na mBunscol

f. Challenges from other sports

h. Cost of travel to games

i. Thank you to fellow officers in particular Noeleen Rooney Secretary for organising the A.G.M.

7. Secretary's Report

The Secretary Noeleen Rooney gave a very comprehensive report which commenced with a tribute to Paul Duggan who had retired as Chairperson of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta in October 2013 due to ill health. Paul was on the national Committee since 2005 and held the offices of Development Officer, Secretary and Chairperson. He did tremendous work in all these positions. We thank him for his services and wish him good health in the future.

Administration

An Coiste Náisiúnta met on seven occasions since the A.G. M. 2013. The County Audit was carried out and results presented to the September Meeting 2013. A special meeting was held to review the Constitution

Allianz

We continue to be grateful to Allianz for their continued support and generous sponsorship. Thanks to all County P.R.O's.

Cornmarket National Awards in Conjunction with Mycro

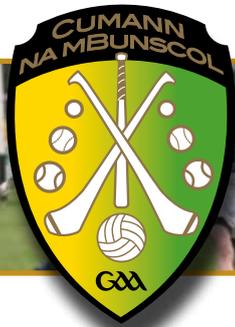
The Cornmarket Awards Banquet took place in The Hogan Mezzanine Suite, Croke Park Stadium on Saturday, November 16th 2013. Ivan Ahearne Cornmarket, Liam O' Neill G.A.A. President and Brendan O' Sullivan I. N. T. O. President, were present. Congratulations to all the winners and a special word of thanks to all who participated.

Handball

The National Handball Exhibition took place in Kingscourt - Boys 2nd March and Girls 23rd March Thanks to Brother James Dormer and to Darragh Daly GAA Handball National Development Officer. In 2014 - Kingscourt - Boys 1st March and Girls 15th March.

GAA/INTO Mini - Sevens

Congratulations to Pat Mc Givern on a very successful 2013 series. Pat has completed six years as Mini-Sevens co-ordinator. We thank him for all his work. We



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also thank Br. James Dormer and the Dublin Teachers, in particular Gerry O' Meara, Edward O' Riordan and Tadhg Kenny. Thanks also to our sponsors the INTO and Brendan O' Sullivan President [INTO] also thanks to Croke Park for their financial support.

Special Thanks

Noeleen thanked GAA President Liam O' Neill, and the Ard Stiúrthóir Páraic Duffy for their continued support of Cumann na mBunscol. She also thanked Pat Culhane for his assistance throughout the year. Noeleen thanked the National Committee and all the teachers for your tremendous work in promoting Gaelic Games.

Proposed Kevin Mollaghan [An Longfort],
Seconded Danny Charlton [Maigh Eo]

Aodán Wrenn [Tiobraid Árann] - asked that all correspondence coming from the National Committee should have Allianz Cumann na mBunscol on it. He also spoke about some papers not recording the word Allianz.

8. Treasurer's Report

Liam Magee [Fear Manach] gave a very detailed report to the meeting

Total Income was €194,920 for 2013

Income was down mainly due to a reduction of €80,000 to €68,000 GAA Games Development Funding

Expenses were €193,698 for 2013

Surplus for the year €1,222 [Transferred to Reserves]

Net Current Assets €187,235

Brought Forward 2012 €186,013

Killian O Reilly [Port Láirge] complimented the Treasurer on his report, and questioned whether the money was in a Croke Park account. The Treasurer stated that he had never seen the account and did not know the account number. In 2008 it was stated that all payments re Cumann na mBunscol would be paid as long as it was within GAA guidelines. The Treasurer thanked Croke Park but stated that that the year had been a difficult one.

Killian O Reilly asked what was the position re the other Educational Bodies and the cheque book - have they got

their own. Liam Magee stated he didn't know.

Treasurer Report Proposed Killian O' Reilly [Port Láirge],
Seconded Eadbhard O Riordáin [Ath Cliath].

9. Development Report

In his report the Development Officer referred to the following:

- a. Primary Schools Review Workgroup
- b. Governance issues such as:
Finance, Increased involvement of ladies, All Ireland Tickets, Sponsorship/Marketing and Website, Coaching and Games, Control, Teachers in Schools and Retired Teachers
- c. Games and Development in 2013
- d. Recommendations re
3rd and 4th class children, multiple teams - multiple divisions, meaningful games.

Proposed Tomas Ó Hainféin [Ciarraí],
seconded Stephen O' Brien [Cill Dara].

Arising from the report John Byrne [An Mhí] asked, where does the report go to, from here. There was a general discussion on the review document undertaken by Croke Park. There was widespread dissatisfaction from a large number of the delegates with the process undertaken - no communication with any Cumann na mBunscol units, results based on returns by approximately 5% of teachers. Some of the specific comments raised were as follows:

Jim Dempsey [Loch Garman] - There was a lack of communication from our initial representative on the Primary Schools Review Workgroup. Put a proper structure in place where Provincial Bodies and Counties are informed of all decisions

Tony Farrell [Corcaigh] - We have a great show going, lets take it on from here, the Primary Schools Workgroup smacks of a big brother operation - take over

Gary Farrell [Ard Mhaca] - The Cumann na mBunscol Constitution was never there to mirror the Treoraí Oifigiúil Rule 6.26

Eadward O Riordan] [Báile Atha Cliath] - he agreed with a lot that had been said, but it was now time to move forward, during the course of his involvement with



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Cumann namBunscol he has worked with a lot of very fine Croke Park people.

Aodán Wrenn - hand ball not mentioned. Who made the decision to run the Handball earlier this year?
In reply Bro. Dormer said - The Provincial finals have to fit in with the National Finals. Darragh Daly Comhairle Liathróid Láimhe coordinates. The finals were held the same time last year. This year in Kingscourt, County Cavan - 1st March - Boys, 15th March - Girls.

10. P.R.O.'s Report

The P.R.O. report including the following:

a. Allianz Sponsorship

Overall degree of ownership [Allianz mentions]

Sept. 2011 to June 2012 = 49%

Sept. 2012 to June 2013 = 45%

Sept. 2012 to Dec. 2012 = 53%

As can be seen we are still a long way from reaching that magical figure of 70%

Counties must ask themselves the following questions

- If a paper refuses to print 'Allianz' should they continue to use it?
- Have counties informed their schools to use 'Allianz' in their reports?
- Should counties who have a high return of ownership be rewarded?
- Should counties who have a low return of ownership be sanctioned?

b. I.N.T.O. Congress

The congress was held in the Silver Springs Hotel Cork. Thanks to Pat Culhane for coordinating the 3 days.

c. In Touch

The teacher's magazine In Touch was used throughout the year. However it would be much easier to maintain this page if counties used it a source of publicity and sent on information re events and happenings in each county.

d. Website

A big thank you to Noeleen Rooney [Secretary] who continues to update the website The address is www.cmb.gaa.ie

e. Cornmarket National Awards

The Cornmarket National Awards was a great night.

Thanks to our Secretary Noeleen Rooney for organising the event.

f. Match Programmes

Thanks to all counties who submitted articles for the programmes.

Proposed Aodán Wrenn [Tiobraid Árann], seconded Frank Reidy [An Mhí]

Fiona Delaney [Laois] Some papers report on matches themselves and do not include the word Allianz

Frank Reidy [An Mhí] Our primary function is to bring to the attention of the general public what we are doing for our games and sometimes things are out of our control.

Cyril Mannion [An Gallimh] Do we know how much Kantar are being paid by Allianz?. Why do we have a situation that photographs and our websites are not recognised by Allianz?

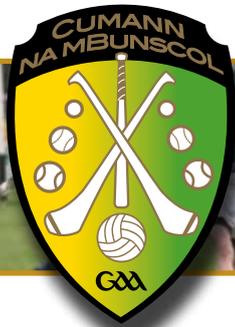
Patrick Kelly [Tiobraid Arann] all counties should be able to access the results. He asked that the PRO forward results to all county PRO's

11. GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Report

The Mini-Sevens continues to provide thousands of Primary/National School pupils with an opportunity to represent their school and county on All-Ireland Semi-Final and Final Days both in Hurling and Football in Croke Park. Each Sunday from the 11th August 240 pupils represented their schools and counties in exhibition games in Croke Park.

As in previous years the President of the GAA, Liam O'Neill gave of his time to be with the children on 5 of the 6 Sundays. We are very grateful to Liam for giving of his time so generously each week.

The Mini-Sevens would not be the success they are without the large financial support that Croke Park gives to it. There is a huge outlay in financial terms for the 6 Sundays in Croke Park and Cumann na mBunscol would like to thank Paraic Duffy, Árd Stiúrthóir, for the support that Croke Park continues to give to the Mini-Sevens The teachers of Cumann na mBunscol Átha Cliath deserve a special word of thanks, for their continued loyalty to the Mini-Sevens over the years. Sincere thanks to Gerry O' Meara and Bro. James Dormer, their held is greatly appreciated.



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This year has been the 4th year of our new Mini-Sevens Structure and to date it has proved successful.

Proposed, Malachy McGeeney [Ard Mhaca]
seconded Kevin Toner [Doire]

12. Election of Officers

Uachtarán: Br. Séamus Ó Duidhíorma, [Luimneach]

Proposed, Liam Shinnors [Ceatharlach]
Seconded, Gerry O Meara [Áth Cliath]

Cathaoirleach: Bernadette Ryan [Sligeach]

Proposed, Danny Charlton [Maigh Eo]
Seconded, Gerry Hussey [An Gallimh]

Leas Cathaoirleach: Tomás Ó hAiféin [Ciarraí]

Proposed, John Byrne [An Mhí]
Seconded, Aodán Wrenn [Tiobraid Árann]

Runaí: Noeleen Rooney [An Longfort] 32

Proposed, Michael Quinn [Uladh]
Seconded, Kevin Mollaghan [Longfort]

Mairéad Ni Ceallacháin [Corcaigh] 38

Proposed, Tony Farrell, [Corcaigh]
Seconded, Dan O Flaherty [Loch Garman]

Leas Runaí: Tim O' Byrne [Port Láirge]

Proposed, Killian O Reilly [Port Láirge]
Seconded Patrick Kelly [Tiobraid Árann]

Cisteoir: Liam Magee [Fear Managh]

Proposed, Manus O Donnell [Dún na nGall]
Seconded Niall Mc Quaid [Tír Eoghain]

Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí: Brendan Rice [An Dún]

Proposed, Joe Lyons [Luimneach]
Seconded Mairéad Ní Ceallacháin [Corcaigh]

Oifigeach Forbartha: Pat Mc Givern [Tír Eoghain]

Proposed, Tomás O hAiniféin [Ciarraí]

Seconded Gerry O Meara [Báile Atha Cliath]

Teachta don Ard Chomhairle: Jim Fennelly
[Cill Chainnigh]
Proposed, John Byrne [An Mhí]
Seconded, Frank Reidy [An Mhí]

13. Motions

Motion 1.

That the opening paragraph of Cumann na mBunscol's Constitution be amended to read as follows :
'Cumann na mBunscol is an autonomous national federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary Schools Committees. The philosophy of Cumann na mBunscol shall be to promote Gaelic games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our Primary Schools'. [Corcaigh, agus Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste na Mumhan]

Proposed, Tony O Farrell and Mairead O Ceallaghan
[Corcaigh]
Carried

Motion 2.

Insert the word 'autonomous' before the word 'National' in the opening line of the Constitution. [Cumann na mBunscol Loch Garman]
Withdrawn

Motion 3.

A new bank account be opened by Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta. All future monies received for Cumann na mBunscol be lodged directly to this account. [Cumann na mBunscol Coiste Chonnachta]

Proposed, Danny Charlton [Maigh Eo]
Seconded Cyril Mannion [An Gaillimh]
Carried

Motion 4.

That an application to organise a 15-a-side league is made by the relevant county coiste to the national committee of Cumann na mBunscol on or before a specific date of the proposed year of the league and that the criteria for sanctioning such a league is based on combination of schools in a parish and/or population and/or the ability to field multiple teams in appropriate grades. [Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta]



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Lost

It was felt that each county had autonomy to organise games.

Motion 5.

That a member of the Coiste Náisiúnta shall serve as a representative of Cumann na mBunscol on the National Games Committee. [Luimneach agus Cumann na mBunscol Coiste na Mumhan]

Proposed Pat Ryan, [Luimneach]

Seconded Joe Lyons [Coiste na Mumhan]

Carried

Motion 6.

That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta demand that time given on a voluntary basis after school hours in the promotion of sport be recognised by the DES as part of the Croke Pasr/Haddington Road requirement. [Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste na Mumhan]

Proposed, Tomás O hAiniféin [Ciarraí]

Seconded, Joe Lyons [Coiste na Mumhan]

Carried

Motion 7.

That article A of the Constitution be amended to read: The Federation of Primary Schools Gaelic Games shall be known as 'Cumann na mBunscol'. The National logo of 'Cumann na mBunscol' shall be the Cumann na mBunscol logo.

All business pertaining to Cumann na mBunscol shall be carried out under this name and/or under the Cumann na mBunscol logo.

Proposed Tim O' Byrne, [Port Láirge]

Seconded Bro. James Dormer, [Luimneach]

14. Address of Liam O'Neill Uachtarán C.L.G.

An Uachtarán Liam O'Neill in his address stated that he had addressed many meetings in his role as Uachtarán but has never felt so rattled as he was now with all the negativity in the room. He was very proud to be a Primary Teacher - teachers are unique but don't like being told what to do.

The Cheque Book: There was a lot of history about why the cheque was handed back and he felt delegates should know why and he hoped they would be told as they had a right to know.

Jarlath Burns: There has been serious deterioration in relations between Cumann na mBunscol and Croke Park since Jarlath's address to the National Committee. An Uachtarán stated that what Jarlath said was way over the top. In order to help and improve relations Liam O'Neill and Paraic Duffy met with the National Committee.

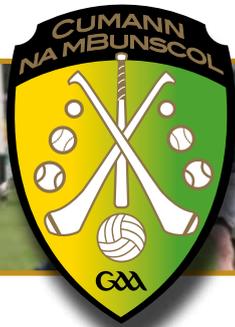
Primary Schools Review Workgroup Report:

An Uachtarán Liam stated that it was only a report, it acknowledged how great teachers are and that Gaelic Games are in a strong position in many of our schools and that is due to the great efforts of all the teachers, and the organisation and structures of Cumann na mBunscol. He asked why the credentials of the members of the review group were questioned. He put together the group in good faith to get recognition for Cumann na mBunscol. The Chairman of the National Committee of Cumann na mBunscol was put on the Review Group for communication purposes.

The Review Work Group believes that the best way forward is for the GAA and Cumann na mBunscol to work together to continue to promote and develop Gaelic Games. With this in mind the Review Group made some recommendations, one must remember they are only recommendations. The Report is heavily in favour of what the GAA has to do first - the GAA will do their bit first. The GAA understands that for many children, their first, and perhaps only engagement with Gaelic games, is when their teacher puts a hurley or a ball in their hands and shows them how to play. An Uachtarán again stated he was proud to be a Primary Teacher and a member of Cumann na mBunscol, so why would he as President do anything to damage Cumann na mBunscol. The report is not finite and should not have been released. He reiterated that the GAA was very positive towards Cumann na mBunscol Rules Advisory Committee - Motion 15 re rule 3.57 withdrawn

This concluded the business of the A.G.M.

Tim O' Byrne [Leas Runaí Cumann na mBunscol]



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Time/Date: September 20th 2014

Venue: Croke Park

Opening Address:

Chairperson Bernadette Ryan welcomed all delegates to the meeting. Vote of sympathy to Willie Lyons on the death of his father. Congratulations to Brian Treacy [Fermanagh] on his appointment to the Fermanagh Senior Team.

Camogie Association:

Mary O Connor and Sheila Donoghue were invited to address delegates re the work of the Association. They outlined the support and development they hope to undertake in the target counties.

Dublin Cumann na mBunscol Hurling Initiative:

Robert Corish addressed the meeting re the initiative. He spoke on the following areas

1. P. E. Curriculum
2. Work of Paudi Butler
3. Workshops
4. Equipment
5. Dublin Workshops
6. Personal Experience
7. Going Forward

Robert demonstrated the Resource Pack that went with the initiative and then took questions and answers. It is proposed to pilot the initiative in four counties.

Awards: Presented by Liam Magee

Category 1 - Pat Trainor Hall of Fame Several contributions were made from the floor re this award. It was proposed that we go with what was on the hand-out for this year and a subcommittee report back to the AGM on the best way forward re this award.

Category 2

Public Relations - as on hand-out

Category 3

Annual Publications - simply submit your Annual Publication.

Category 4

Promotion of Gaelic Games - schools are asked to show their innovative work in promoting Gaelic Games and Culture.

[a] Document outlining promotion work
[1-2 A4 Pages]

[b]Photographic evidence

Category 5

School of the year 150 pupils or less.

Category 6

School of 151 pupils or more.

The prizes for Categories 5 and 6 were outlined.

Closing date for all entries 31st December.

Merit Awards Level 2

The Merit Awards will be continued with the co-operation of County Committees - to be rolled out at the AGM's in each county in 2014 and 2015.

The criteria for the Merit Award is set out in the hand-out. Cornmarket would like to know how many schools have received rewards. Counties are asked to send on numbers to the National Committee. Several contributions were made from the floor on the merit of continuing with the whole Awards Scheme because of so few entries and the same schools winning. However all schools are being encouraged to enter - to showcase what is happening in their schools.

Website

cnmbnáisiúnta.com

Liam Weir made a presentation re the Website and demonstrated the various areas and links. Chairperson Bernadette Ryan thanked Liam for all his work and time spent on developing the website as it is a vital tool in the promotion of Cumann na mBunscol
[www.sportsmanager.ie/cake/gaa2/com]

Counties were asked to complete the contact details for the website and return to National Committee. Counties are also asked to submit material for inclusion on the website. Liam stated that counties, who may not have their own website, could display fixtures on the National Website.

Mini Sevens / Go Games

The Chairperson thanked Mairéad O Callaghan and Brother Dormer for attending each week. She also thanked Pat McGivern for his help and advice.

The secretary outlined the following re the Mini-Sevens:



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[a] Mini-Sevens allocation 2015 distributed.

[b] Standard of pupil taking part should represent the best and pupils who do not have the basic skills should not be put forward.

[c] Schools are reminded that only one boy and one girl from a school may take part.

[d] Thanks to Dublin Teachers and Gerry O Meara for all their help.

[e] Thanks to Bernadette Ryan re the Young Whistlers.

[f] In Touch - letter re Mini-Sevens - children not getting respect - broad agreement with sentiments of letter.

[g] Excel document will be sent out re pupils taking part in Mini-Sevens and counties are asked to return the document filled in.

Review Document

[Presented by Jim Fennelly Cumann na mBunscol represented on Central Council]

Seven members of the National Committee

[Bernadette Ryan, Tomas O hAiniféin, Bro James Dormer, Liam Magee, Jim Fennelly, Pat Mc Givern and Tim O'Byrne] met with Liam Ó Neill [Uachtarán] Aogán Ó Fearghail [Uachtarán tofa] and Paraic Ó Dufaigh [Ard Stiurathóir] and Niall Erskine [Coiste Bainistí] in May.

At this meeting Cumann na mBunscol outlined their position and were therefore asked to define and write down their position re Governance etc.

Subcommittee of Cumann na mBunscol

[Tomas O hAiniféin, Mairéad O Callaghan, Jim Fennelly and Bro. James Dormer] met on 1st July in Mallow to put together their response. A document was presented to Croke Park for consideration at the Ard Comhairle Meeting in August. However no decision was made on the Cumann na mBunscol response as the document presented was more expansive and also it was felt it had altered extensively the original document and therefore more time was needed to respond to it.

For the record the Cumann na mBunscol Document dealt with the following areas:

[a] Games

[b] Cumann na mBunscol and its affiliation with Cumann Luth Chleas Gael

[c] The changing nature of the primary School Landscape

[d] Role of County Committees

[e] Role of An Choiste Náisiunta

[f] Five Year Rule

[g] Finance-----County and Provincial Committees

[h] Website

[i] Tickets

Niall Erskine whose role is that of Liaison Person between Cumann na mBunscol and the Croke Park and is also a member of An Choiste Bainistí spoke.

The new review subcommittee of Liam O Neill,

[Uachtarán] Aogán O Fearghail [Uachtarán Tofa] Paraic O Dufaigh Árd Stiurathóir] and Niall Erskine [Liaison Person/Choiste Bainistí] was set up because of Cumann na mBunscol's unhappiness with events and the fact that the top three people are on it shows how serious that Croke Park is treating it. Cumann na mBunscol need not be disappointed that there is no response yet as the document presented is very much more expansive than was expected and this is good so that all issues can finally be resolved satisfactorily sooner rather than later. The Croke Park subcommittee will respond before the report is brought to An Choiste Bainistí. Hopefully a meeting will take place towards the end of October.

P.E. Céim Ar Aghaidh

[A GAA Games Development Initiative]

Presentation by Pat Culhane - National Child Games Co-Ordinator

The Physical Education teaching resource has been designed to assist Primary School Teachers to deliver the Games Strand of the National P.E. Curriculum through Gaelic Games activities

16 Lesson Plans are presented - Strands Units and Curriculum Objectives are provided

Linkage and Integration are also referenced in each lesson plan

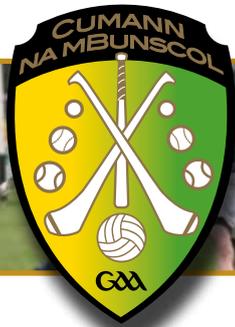
Differentiation: The activities in the lesson plans will allow teachers to present each child with achievable tasks

Assessment: Assessment tools are mentioned

Facilities and Equipment: Each lesson plan references the particular equipment required

Through-out the lesson plan a series of icons are used to identify the type of activity presented

The P.E. Céim Ar Aghaidh will be translated into Irish and it can also be modified for Curriculum usage in Northern Counties



Minutes of General Meeting September 2014

Finance

Treasurer Liam Magee reported that he had received a response from Croke Park re questions he posed re Cumann namBunscols finances and bank account. Cumann na mBunscol money kept in GAA Account.

AGM.

Chairperson Bernadette Ryan thanked Leitrim who will host next year's AGM in the Landmark Hotel - Advice is to book early.

AOB

Garry Farrell [Armagh] complimented the National Committee on all the work done and he stated that the September meeting was excellent. Chairperson Bernadette Ryan thanked the National Committee for all their efforts and thanked all delegates for all the work done on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol. She reminded schools to notify Board of Managements that they are taking part in Cumann na mBunscol games.

Flexibility in the use of Croke Park Hours

Arising from the review of the Haddington Road agreement it has been agreed that up to five hours of the Croke Park hours will be available for planning and development work on other than a whole - school basis and as approved by management.

This agreement will take effect from the beginning of the 2014/2015 school year and is confirmed in Circular 52/14.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Tim O'Byrne
[Recording Secretary]
25/09/2014





Secretary's Report



Is mór an onóir dom, mar Rúnaí Náisiúnta Chumann na mBunscol, an tuairisc seo a chur ós bhur gcomhair inniu. Gabhaim buíochas libh go léir as ucht an tacaíocht agus an comhoibriú a thug sibh dúinn i rith na bliana seo chaite.

Administration

An Coiste Náisiúnta met on 9 occasions since our A.G.M. (This includes 2 meetings with the Review Workgroup). A lot of our time was devoted to the Review Report Document. Our General meeting in September was held in Croke Park. A presentation by Cumann na mBunscol Atha Cliath on an initiative on Hurling was the highlight. The Provincial Officers presented an account on the on-going work of teachers in promoting our Gaelic Games at County and Provincial level at one of our meetings. The Provincial Officers were also engaged in appraising the Motions for today's AGM. We also met with the Camogie Association to discuss how we could complement each other's work. Pat Culhane (Coaching and Games) and the GAA launched a revised edition of the teaching resource Céim Ar Aghaidh. Copies of this have been delivered to the GDA 's in every County. They will in turn supply every school with a copy. If you haven't received your copy by now please contact your County GDA Officer. This is an excellent resource for the classroom.

Allianz

Cumann na mBunscol wish to express our gratitude to Allianz for their continued financial support. Our funding from Allianz depends on Counties using the Allianz Logo. Please ensure the words Allianz Cumann na mBunscol are included in all match reports.

Handball

Br James Dormer is our National Handball Officer on our Coiste and I would like to thank him for his work in this area. The Handball Exhibition Games will take place on 2 separate days this year in Kingscourt, Cavan. Boy's event on March 7th and the Girl's on March 21st 2015.

Review Report 2014

The Coiste met with Liam O'Neill, Paraic Duffy, Aogáin Ó Fearghaile and Niall Erskine on Friday May 2nd. We outlined our concerns with the report and the manner in which the information was gathered. The Coiste felt it was a very positive meeting and we left with a specific agenda. We were to insert our views and ideas into the document and return it to the Committee. We felt that it

would be important to have everything resolved for the September Meeting so we re-submitted the document (after countless hours of deliberation) on August 8th. On the 27th October I received the Revised Report of the Primary School Review Working Group. A meeting was arranged for Wednesday 29th October in Croke Park.

Coiste Náisiúnta Cumann na mBunscol met on Friday 28th November to discuss our response to this meeting and the Revised Report of The Primary School Review Workgroup. The following is an excerpt from our reply

"The consensus of our group was that the format of the document made it difficult for us to decipher your position and what we are responding to. We feel, therefore we cannot present this document to our members in its current form. We feel that any new document can't be married to a document which was rejected by our AGM. "

Paraic Duffy replied on December 22nd that he hoped that they had brought clarity to the issues that were of concern to us and that there remained a small number of areas of disagreements. They felt that they had issued a fairly clear road map as to how these issues might be resolved.

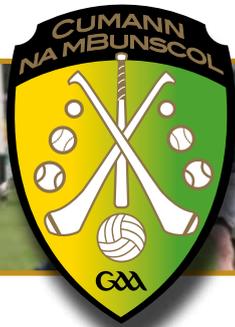
Since then we have extracted their reply and forwarded it to Aogáin O Fearghail with the query "Is this the final draft?". We await further correspondence. All our units at County, Provincial and National level work very closely with the GAA and we are grateful for their support.

Website

Our new website is <http://www.cnmbnaisiunta.com>. Any information for inclusion on the website can be submitted directly to the site or to the Rúnaí at secretary.cnmb@gaa.ie. Please include at least one photo if possible. Any County who wishes to include multiple photos should submit them to the Rúnaí. Then we will open an album in the site Gallery to include all photographs from that County.

Now with the Website up and running we anticipate a much bigger uptake from individual Counties as so far less than half have availed of this facility.

On behalf of Cumann na mBunscol I would like to thank Liam Weir for all his help on this project.



Secretary's Report

Awards/Cornmarket

On behalf of Cumann na mBunscol I would like to express our gratitude to Cornmarket for their sponsorship of our National Awards. Cornmarket has proudly supported and sponsored Cumann na mBunscol since 2009. This year the winners in Category 1 – 4 will be presented in conjunction with our AGM in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon, Co Leitrim, on Friday March 6th.

We would also like to thank INTO for helping us with the assessment of all the projects that were forwarded.

We would like to congratulate Cornmarket on being shortlisted for the Irish Sponsorship Awards 2014 in two categories.

These awards were partnered by the Irish Independent and Today FM, and will result in further coverage and an increase in the awareness of the awards for Cumann na mBunscol. The awards took place on Thursday, November 13th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Dublin.

Cornmarket were shortlisted in the "Best Cause (Charity/Community) Sponsorship" Category and "Best Grass Roots Sponsorship" Category.

About the Awards

These Irish awards were launched in 2012, in partnership with the Irish Independent (sponsored by Today FM, Amarch Research and JC Decaux), to recognise the outstanding achievement in Ireland's dynamic and growing sponsorship community. The awards benchmark success in the creation and delivery of world-class sponsorship programmes in Ireland. The awards took place on Thursday, November 13th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Dublin. Thanks to Pat Hughes (Sligo Senior Player

and Primary Teacher) for attending as a GAA representative on the night.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't mention our previous Rúnaí Noeleen Rooney. Noeleen, thank you for all the hard work, time and energy you devoted to Cumann na mBunscol down through the year. Noeleen served as Assistant Secretary first and then National Secretary.

This was my first year as National Rúnaí. It has been a very busy year but I have relished the opportunity to work on your behalf. I would like to thank our own Chairperson, Bernie and fellow officers Br. James Dormer, Tomás, Liam, Jim, Tim, Pat, Brendan, our Coiste Bainistí representative Niall Erskine and Pat Culhane for their support, dedication and work ethic.

In conclusion I would like to thank the thousands of teachers in every County and Province for their tremendous work in promoting Gaelic games and Culture throughout the Country. It is not easy and since the inception of "Croke Park Hours" it has become more difficult. The GAA have assured us that they are working hard on our behalf to get extracurricular activities included as part of these hours. Liam O'Neill President of the GAA spoke very passionately on this topic at Congress last year.

It has been a very challenging year but most of all rewarding. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent you as National Rúnaí and I look forward to 2015.

Míle buíochas daoibh go léir agus rath Dé oraibh sa bhliain atá romhainn.

Mairead O Callaghan

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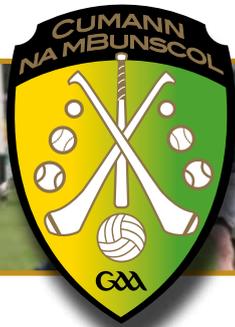


Treasurer's Report



Cumann na mBunscol Profit & Loss account
Year ending 31 October 2014

	12 months to 31-Oct-14 €	12 months to 31-Oct-13 €
Income		
Allianz Sponsorship	100,000	100,000
GAA Games Development Funding	68,000	68,000
Mycro	3,000	3,000
National Awards Ticket Income	6,465	6,827
Cornmarket Sponsorship	15,000	15,000
Financial Income	1,130	2,093
	193,595	194,920
Expenses		
Allianz P R Grants	48,250	46,000
Grants to Counties	87,550	85,400
Handball	605	1,187
Publications & Website	666	0
National Awards Ceremony Costs	22,692	24,050
Committee Travel	12,500	14,786
Committee Meals & Accommodation	8,352	11,999
Complimentary All Ireland Tickets*	1,420	1,260
AGM	8,409	7,297
Phone & Postage	440	317
INTO Congress	0	385
Sundry Expenses	1,469	1,017
	192,354	193,698
Surplus for period transferred to Reserves	1,241	1,222



Treasurer's Report

Cumann na mBunscol Balance Sheet As at 31 Oct 2014

	2014 €	2013 €
Current Assets		
Debtors	-	68,000
Intercompany with Ard Comhairle	303,082	24,574
Cash at Bank and in hand	22,877	219,431
	325,959	312,005

Current Liabilities

Accruals	137,484	124,770
	137,484	124,770

Net Current Assets	188,476	187,235
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Capital Account

Brought Forward	187,235	186,013
Surplus for the year	1,241	1,222
	188,476	187,235





Development Report



Strategic Plans have come and gone, constitutions have been a topic of conversation and debate and The Primary Review Document commissioned by Croke Park has aroused some heated debate at our gatherings. Amidst all these diversions the primary aim of Cumann na mBunscol still remains, and that is providing our children with the opportunities to play and enjoy our games.

Every child does not have to play sport but every child has to attend our Primary and National Schools and in so doing so we as teachers can impart our great love for GAA to each and every one.

We should not be alone in imparting this love. The role of the local clubs/clubs are vitally important in fulfilling and developing our games alongside our schools. Here is a need for a partnership. Often the local school is seen as a nursery for the local club but it is important that they realise this and help with transport, coaching purchasing of equipment.

It is important to remember the central role that Cumann na mbunscol plays in the development of Gaelic Games. Sometimes this is done through lip service but no practical assistance. It is important that the voluntary effort and contribution of countless teachers throughout the country is acknowledged.

Without the voluntary effort, Gaelic games would quickly cease to occupy a place in the hearts of our primary school children.

GAA/INTO Mini-Games

To many the high profile days for Cumann na mBunscol are our Mini-Games at half-time at Croke Park and during our Mini-Games at our Provincial Games. These serve to promote our name to the wider public and they provide a superb opportunity for our pupils to experience the atmosphere of All - Ireland Days.

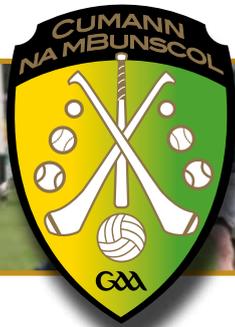
Cumann na mbunscol does a serious amount of work in ensuring these games go ahead in a well organised manner both in the provinces and nationally. I would like to especially pay tribute Mairead O' Callaghan for all her work and to Bro Dormer for assistance throughout the years. I personally know the workload involved and the time needed .

It is important that we maximise our exposure at these games and by getting our exhibition games on at half- time in Senior games will help to achieve this

Dublin Hurling/P.E Initiative

A number of years ago a motion from Cork proposed that we allocate time for our games at our September meeting. This has proved very worthwhile and at our General Meeting The Dublin Initiative was given a slot . Dublin along with the help from Paudie Bultler have set up workshops throughout Dublin and invited teachers in . Its looks at the strands of the P.E Curriculum such as gymnastics, games and athletics. Schools in attendance were given a complimentary resource pack It is hoped that these workshops will be able to be given throughout Leinster. I believe that this is a resource that Coaching and Games can help filter throughout our provinces with our involvement but it will come at a cost as complimentary resource packs form part of the initiative.





Development Report

Cornmarket Awards

There has been a marked decline in the numbers of submissions/entries for our Awards over the past number of years. I know past committees and the present committee have spent a long time at National Committee meeting discussing the structure of the Awards and ways of improving them.

Last year certificates of Merit levels were introduced for participation in Cumann na mBunscol activities. The Awards function has been moved to the night prior to the AGM. It still remains the fact that the biggest entries are for the PR section due to the fact that each county receives a grant for their submission. The extensive audit last year indicated a willingness from counties for the Awards to continue and the National Committee has taken that aboard. It is up to each county to ensure that the relevant information concerning the Awards are circulated throughout all our schools and hopefully the quantity of entries will improve. Those entries that are received are generally of a high quality.

The Primary Schools Review

As stated earlier the Primary School Review has caused a lot of debate and emotion. The National Committee has met with the Croke Park hierarchy on a number of occasions to discuss the implications of the Review for Cumann na mBunscol. These meetings have been amicable and have proved an opportunity for trust that had been broken down to be re-established with the GAA. A number of issues still need to be resolved and the National Committee has been keen to ensure that a satisfactory outcome will be a lasting one. The issues concern Governance and Finance. The dialogue is ongoing.



Communication is very important and in the past Cumann na mBunscol has felt that our views have not been sought. The introduction of Go Games and the mouth guard has been some examples. I believe that it is important that Cumann na mBunscol are represented on the Coaching and Games committee as policies emanating from this highly influential committee can have a major influence on our we play our games.



School Resources

The GAA have continually been at the fore front of publishing resources for coaching and for schools. We have had the Ceim ar Aghaidh/Step Ahead which was a development initiative to supply teachers and pupils with educational resources based on the enjoyable theme of Gaelic Games. These resources have been adapted to suit all abilities through differentiated tasks. The new P.E Ceim ar Aghaidh Resource has recently been developed to assist Primary School Teachers to deliver the Games Strand of the P.E Curriculum through Gaelic Games activities. All schools in the 26 counties have been sent copies.



PRO's Report



This, like every other year that Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta takes on, has been another successful one.

The promotion of Gaelic Games in our Primary schools is paramount in this sporting climate, as we take on the challenge from other sports, to make our games the number 1 choice.

As PRO for the National Committee I must emphasise the importance of communicating to everyone in your county, the activities Allianz Cumann na mBunscol offers the children of Ireland and the important role we play in every parish and community in Ireland.

This communication has taken a new lease of life as not only have counties been using the press, local radio and their own websites but social media has taken off and a lot of counties are now promoting themselves on Facebook and Twitter.

ALLIANZ Sponsorship

Allianz have agreed to continue their sponsorship of Allianz Cumann na mBunscol and we thank them very much for their support. They do ask us in return for the funding that we promote Allianz in all reports through the media. Not to go over old ground, but I can only ask that counties continue to not only promote our games through the different forms of media but to use the term "Allianz Cumann na mBunscol" as much as possible .

INTO Congress

Our stand at the INTO congress in the Lyrath Hote, Kilkenny was very popular with the delegates, with plenty of information and posters. I would like to thank Pat Culhane for co-ordinating the 3 days and to everyone who took time out to help at the stand.

INTOUCH

The page in the InTouch monthly magazine has been used throughout the year and I must thank Lori Kealy and Tom O'Sullivan for their work behind the scenes and keeping me in line with deadlines and the structure of the page. I would urge delegates here today to please forward any new initiatives that you are undertaking as a county or even any school within your county that have achieved an accolade through GAA. It would be much easier to maintain this page if counties could use this page as a source of publicity.

Website

A big thank you to Liam Weir, for taking on the role of Website administrator. The new website address is <http://cnmbnaisiunta.com/> National items such as Mini Sevens, Handball, The AGM, September's GM can all be found on the page. A lot of counties have also used the website as a source to promote the activities going on within their own county. This is open to all counties to send their weekly reports to Mairead at secretary.cnmb@gaa.ie .

Corn Market National Awards

Again the CornMarket National Awards was a great night of celebration of what is good in Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. Congratulations to all the winners on the evening and to all those who helped to make it a great success.

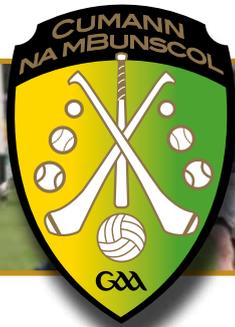
Also we had an increase in the number of entries in the various categories. The new format and timing of the awards might increase entries further next year.

Match Programmes

The National Committee secured our page in the All-Ireland Final and Semi-Final match day programmes to highlight the work going on in primary schools and in the promotion of Gaelic Games. As my role as a national referee takes me around the country, I would like to congratulate all those counties who now use the National league fixtures and programmes to promote Allianz Cumann na mBunscol within their own county. I would encourage all counties who don't to try to have a mini game during National League fixtures and have your very own Allianz Cumann na mBunscol page in them, again giving you the opportunity to publicise all that you are doing in the promotion of Gaelic Games.

I wish to thank everyone that I have been in contact with and who have helped me throughout the year. In particular I wish to thank my fellow officers for their support and encouragement.

Breandán de Rís



GAA/INTO

Mini Sevens Report

Cumann na mBunscol, in conjunction with the GAA and the I.N.T.O. sponsored the Go Games / Mini-7's in Croke Park. 240 children were selected to represent their school and county on All Ireland Semi-Final and Final Days in both Hurling and Football. Children are selected based on the results of Mini 7's competitions or skills competitions that take place all over Ireland. I would like to thank Cumann na mBunscol committees all around the country for organising these events – and to all our schools who take part.

Participation in the Mini 7's Games is a very proud and memorable occasion for all concerned. The games are structured so that every County will be represented on one of the 6 days. Sean McMahon, President of the INTO, was present every Sunday, to congratulate the children and their parents on their achievement of being selected. Cumann na mBunscol would like to thank the INTO for their continuous commitment and support to the Mini-Sevens.

Cumann na mBunscol would like to thank Liam O'Neill (GAA), Aileen Lawlor (Camógaíoch) and Pat Quill (LGFA) for meeting the children every week. The participating children got an opportunity to get their photographs taken with the Presidents on the pitch. I'm sure the photographs will be cherished for many a year to come.

The GAA and Croke Park contribute a substantial amount of financial support to our Mini-Sevens and Cumann na mBunscol would like to thank them. Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichil was our liaison person in Croke Park. I would like to personally thank Gearóid for all his help and guidance. He was assisted by Tony Watene and Brendan Connolly. Their help and commitment was greatly appreciated in ensuring our exhibition games were a success.

Cumann na mBunscol Átha Cliath and their loyal teachers are ever present for the 6 weeks. Their commitment to the Mini-Sevens over the years is unbelievable. It would be very difficult to organise the Games each week without their involvement. Coiste Náisiúnta would like to express our sincere thanks to them for their loyalty and help in ensuring the games were a success throughout the year. I would like to personally thank Gerry O'Meara who is the co-ordinator of the Dublin Teachers.

Young Whistlers for 2014 All Ireland semi-finals games were provided by the following counties - Fermanagh and Roscommon (Peil), Clare and Laois (Iománaíocht/camogaí). Dublin provided Young Whistlers for the All Ireland Hurling Final and Cork provided the Young Whistlers for the All Ireland Football Final. Again thanks to the teachers and the children for supporting us on this initiative.

This was my first year as Co-Ordinator and I have really enjoyed the experience. I would like to thank all the County Secretaries for ensuring that all the details were sent in on time. Thanks also to the National Committee, especially Br. James Dormer (President) and Tomás Ó hAiniféin (Leas-cathaoirleach). Their help was greatly appreciated. Brother Dormer was present every Sunday for the 6 weeks.

In conclusion I would like to thank Pat McGivern (Tír Eoghain). Pat was the mini-sevens co-ordinator for 6 Years and he is a hard act to follow. During the Summer Pat was only a phone call away. Any queries or problems I encountered he was able to sort them. Thank You Pat.

2015

Every County Secretary will receive a spread sheet this year and you will be asked to input all the data re the players selected. Hard copies will also need to be returned to the Co-Ordinator. The closing date will be Tuesday May 5th.

We propose to set up a committee to review our Mini 7's in the coming months. If you have any suggestions that would enhance our games we would like to hear from you.



Nominations for National Committee AGM 2015



Uachtaráin

An Br. Séamus O Duidhíorma (Luimneach)

Cathaoirleach:

Bernadette Ryan (Sligeach)

Leas- Cathaoirleach

Tomás O hAiniféin (Ciarraí)

Cisteoir

Liam Magee (Fear Manach)

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

Brendan Rice (An Dún)

Seosaimh O Laighin (Luimneach)

Oifigeach Forbartha

Pat McGivern (Tír Eoghain)

Toscaire Ard Comhairle

Séamus O Fionnalaigh (Cill Chainnigh)





Motions 2015

Motion 1

Retain the current format where interprovincial handball exhibition games are played on weekends only. [Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan]

Motion 2

Include players names and numbers in match day programme for I.N.T.O. mini-sevens series in Croke Park. [Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan]

Motion 3

That the competitive element of the Pat Trainor Award be removed and replaced with a Hall of Fame Merit Award. [Cocaigh]

Motion 4

That Cumann na mBunscol reject the Report of the Primary Schools Review Workgroup 2014. [Corcaigh]

Motion 5

That the position of Mini-Sevens Coordinator become an Officership of An Choiste Náisiúnta of Cumann na mBunscol. [Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta]





Cumann na mBunscol Cornmarket Awards 2015



Many thanks to all the committees and schools who took part in this year's award. Judging took many hours due to the high standard of entries. The work in the projects is a tribute to the many hours given over to GAA by teachers in Ireland.

Thanks to our sponsors, Cornmarket, for their continued support. Our special thanks to Ivan Ahearn and Breda O'Driscoll for all their help and support.

School of year (150 or less)

Glenbeigh, Co Kerry
Creggan PS, Co Antrim
Abbeylara NS, Co Longford

School of year (150 +)

Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin
Creevy Co Donegal
Fenar Waterford/Ardfert NS Kerry

Category 2 PR

Cork
Wicklow
Fermanagh

Provincial Winner

Munster - Kerry
Leinster - Wexford
Connacht - Mayo
Ulster - Tyrone

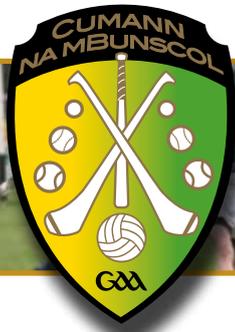
Annual Publication

Limerick
Cork
Dublin

Best initiative

Leitrim (hurling)
Dublin (Teachers Education)
Wicklow (Resources)





An Coiste Náisiúnta Constitution

Cumann na mBunscol is an autonomous National Federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary Schools Committees. The philosophy of Cumann na mBunscol shall be to promote Gaelic games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our Primary Schools.

- A** The Federation of Primary Schools Gaelic Games shall be known as “Cumann na mBunscol”. The National logo of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be The “Cumann na mBunscol” logo”.

All business pertaining to “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be carried out under this name and/or under the “Cumann na mBunscol” logo”.

- B** Schools with GAA affiliations in other countries may be accepted as associate members on application to the National Committee and subsequent approval.
- C** The aims and objectives of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be:
- (1) To promote and foster our national games, Boys’ Football, Girls’ Football; Hurling; Camogie; Handball and Rounders, Athletics and cultural activities in all the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas, in line with National Policy of Cumann na mBunscol and Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.
 - (2) To promote and foster a positive attitude towards our national games among teachers, pupils, parents and all involved in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the primary education system.
 - (3) To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our primary schools whilst emphasising participation for all.

- D** The function of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be:

(1) To provide a means for the expression of the collective opinion of its members on matters affecting the interests of Gaelic Games in the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas. To this end Cumann na mBunscol shall

- D** endeavour to align ourselves to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, its policies and national programmes.

(2) To provide a means whereby talks and negotiations can take place with the relevant Departments of Education and other bodies to promote the aims and interests of “Cumann na mBunscol”.

(3) To establish and administer funds for the general administration of the organisation under the aegis of the GAA and provide financial assistance to affiliated areas by:

- a. Preparing and submitting an annual budget.
- b. Raising sponsorship and other finances nationally to help with the overall promotion of the games.
- c. Using the Cumann na mBunscol logo in franchising arrangements with business and industry to help raise funds.

(4) To provide advice to members on the best ways of promoting Gaelic Games in Primary Schools.

(5) To endeavour to raise standards in all affiliated areas by

- a. Coaching
- b. Seminars
- c. Publications.

(6) To identify weaknesses with the co-operation of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies and endeavour to rectify them.

(7)

a. To organise and administer a National Skills Programme (Mini-Sevens) in Boys’ and Girls’ Football, Hurling and Camogie, culminating in Croke Park on All-Ireland Semi-Final and Final days.

b. To organise a National Skills programme in individual schools in Hurling and Camogie.

(8) To organise and administer National Handball skills programmes, culminating in a National Handball Skills Exhibition in a suitable venue.



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D (9) To operate and maintain an insurance policy so that cover can be provided for officers and members of committees of “Cumann na mBunscol” while organising and promoting the games/activities.

E The philosophy of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be:

To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our primary schools.

F Constitution: “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be constituted as follows:

- (1) Annual General Meeting
- (2) General Meeting
- (3) Special General Meeting, if required
- (4) National Committee
- (5) Provincial Councils
- (6) County Schools Committees
- (7) Associate Members
- (8) Members

* Annual General Meeting

- (a) The A.G.M. shall be the supreme governing body of the organisation but shall not be involved in the running of local units.
- (b) The AGM shall be held in the month of February or March at a suitable venue chosen by the National Officers.
- (c) The AGM shall consist of
 - (1) The National Officers
 - (2) Two delegates from each county
 - (3) Two delegates from each Provincial Council
 - (4) Two delegates from each affiliated area
- (d) The hosting of the AGM shall rotate between the four provinces.

The Business of the AGM shall be:

- (1) Welcoming of Delegates
- (2) Minutes
- (3) Matters arising from Minutes
- (4) Correspondence
- (5) Address of Chairperson

- (6) Secretary’s Report
- (7) Treasurers’ Report
- (8) Other Reports as necessary
- (9) Elections

- President.
- Chairman.
- Vice-Chairman.
- Secretary.
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer.
- P.R.O.
- Development Officer.
- Delegate to Central Council.
- (a) Provincial Delegate Leinster.
- (b) Provincial Delegate Ulster
- (c) Provincial Delegate Munster.
- (d) Provincial Delegate Connaught.

(10) Motions

(11) Addresses of invited Speakers

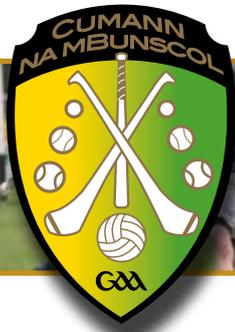
(12) Any Other Notified Business (In writing/email and to be with the National Secretary two weeks before the AGM)

- N.B. In the event of a Province not being represented on An Coiste Náisiúnta a provincial delegate can be elected at the AGM.

N.B. Every third year the Annual General Meeting will consider a review presented to it by a sub-committee of Cumann na mBunscol on the organisation of the ‘Mini-Sevens’. Proposed changes will be voted in and if successful, will come into effect for the following years ‘Mini-Sevens’.

*Special General Meeting

1. A special General Meeting may be called by An Coiste Náisiúnta or by the special written request of 12 or more County/Provincial Coists stating the reason for such a meeting.
2. (a) On the receipt of 12 or more written requests for a Special General Meeting, the National Secretary must inform the Chairman who will call a meeting within 14 days.



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3. The Special General Meeting shall consist of
 - (a) The Officers of Cumann na mBunscol
 - (b) Two delegates from each affiliated County
 - (c) Two delegates from each Provincial Council.
 - (d) Two delegates from each affiliated area (non-voting).
 4. Business of Special General Meeting.
The only business that will be discussed at the meeting is the business requested as the reason for calling the meeting.
- * Officers and National Committee**
1. All members of the National Committee shall be elected annually at the AGM. All officers may hold office for a maximum period of five years.
 2. All members of the National Committee are limited to two consecutive maximum terms of office, but not in the same office.

A member may however seek office again after a minimum of one year's break.
 3. The National Committee shall carry out the business of Cumann na mBunscol between Annual General Meetings. They shall meet regularly and attend to all current business.
 4. The National Committee may appoint sub-committees as required to assist them with a current task or problem.
 5. The National Committee may accept units from other countries on approval of application for associate membership of Cumann na mBunscol.
 6. The Cathaoirleach shall see that the rules of the organisation are enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
 7. In an event of the enforced absence of the Cathaoirleach, the Leas-Chathaoirleach shall preside over the meetings and act in all cases as Cathaoirleach.
 8. All sub-committees set up by the National Committee will be chaired by another member other than the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.
 9. The Assistant Secretary shall minute all meetings and ensure that a copy of the minutes be available for the next meeting.
 10. All routine correspondence with affiliated areas shall be done by the Secretary.
 11. All correspondence with the GAA, State Departments and Public Bodies shall be carried out by the Secretary in consultation with the other bodies.
 12.
 - (a) The National Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses
 - (b) The Treasurer, in conjunction with Accounts Department Croke Park shall be responsible for
 - (i) The maintenance of proper financial records.
 - (ii) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
 13. The PRO shall in consultation with the other officers:
 - (a) Take every available opportunity to publicise the work of Cumann na mBunscol and to ensure that Gaelic games are promoted as the games of choice in our primary schools.
 - (b) Ensure that the 'Aims and Objectives' of Cumann na mBunscol be protected and advanced in dealing with outside agencies.
 - (c) Prepare all National Press Releases on behalf of An Coiste Naisiunta, Cumann na mBunscol.
 14. The Development Officer shall in consultation with the other officers:
 - (a) Endeavour to raise standards in all counties by holding seminars, coaching courses, issue



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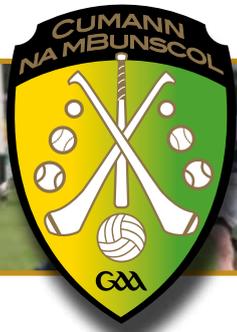
publications and liase with relevant bodies in pursuit of this objective.

(b) Identify weaknesses and with the help of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies seek to rectify them.

15. The delegate to Central Council will in consultation with the other officers promote the interests of Cumann na mBunscol at Central Council and endeavour to promote Primary School games at all times.
16. The remaining members of the National Committee shall be the President, Assistant Secretary and if necessary Provincial delegates.
17. A Provincial Delegate will be a full member of the National Committee with full voting rights.

Provincial Councils

1. Provincial Councils shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of "Cumann na mBunscol".
2. An Annual General Meeting of each Provincial Council will be held annually. This AGM is to be attended by the President of Cumann na mBunscol or his/her nominee from An Coiste Náisiúnta.
3. The Provincial Secretary must inform the National Secretary of the venue and date of the Provincial AGM.
 - (a) Provincial Councils shall meet at least three times annually.
 - (b) The Provincial AGM is to be held before the National AGM.
4. Those entitled to vote at this meeting shall be the elected provincial officers and two delegates from each county.
5. Those entitled to speak at this meeting shall be the elected officers and either of the two delegates from each county.
6. Invited guests may speak at the invitation of the Provincial Council.
7. Delegates must attend a minimum of two out of three meetings.
8. At this meeting the delegates will elect officers and a committee to run the affairs of the Provincial Council between Provincial Annual General Meetings.
9. The Minutes of the Provincial AGM must be sent to the National Secretary within a month of the Provincial AGM.
10. The annual financial statement must be sent to the National Treasurer within a month of the Provincial AGM.
11. Failure to send either the minutes or annual financial statement within a month of the Provincial AGM shall result in sanctions.
12. This committee shall promote the aims of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games within the Province.
13. Each Provincial Council will liase with An Coiste Náisiúnta and the Provincial Councils of the GAA and other relevant bodies and endeavour to generate funds for the promotion and development of Cumann na mBunscol activities in that Province.
14. Two delegates from each Provincial Council will attend the Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
15. An annual written report shall be presented to An Coiste Náisiúnta.
16.
 - (a) The Provincial Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses
 - (b) The Treasurer, shall be responsible for
 - (i) The maintenance of proper financial records.
 - (ii) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.



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17. Each Provincial Committee will notify and invite a delegate from An Coiste Náisiúnta to the Provincial AGM, in the absence of the National President.
18. Provincial status is to be granted to GB.

County Schools Committees

1. Each County Schools Committee shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
2. A General Meeting of each County Schools Committee will be held annually. Each County Schools Committee must meet at least three times annually, including the AGM.
3. All Primary Schools in the County will be sent written notification of that meeting.
4. Elections will be held at this meeting and Officers and a Committee will be appointed to run the affairs of Cumann na mBunscol in that affiliated area between meetings.
5. This committee shall promote the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games in their County in line with National Policy.
6. This Committee shall adjudicate on all activities of Cumann na mBunscol within the County.
7. Decisions of Cumann na mBunscol may be appealed to 'An Coiste Gearán' within the County. The decision of An Coiste Gearán will be final.

(a) An Coiste Gearán should be elected at the AGM. Members of 'An Coiste Gearán' should not be officers or members of the Committee within the County.
8. (a) The County Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses

- (b) The Treasurer, shall be responsible for
 - (i) The maintenance of proper financial records.
 - (ii) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

9. A statement of Accounts must be forwarded to the National Treasurer annually.
10. Two delegates from each County will attend the Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
11. Each county shall formally adopt a constitution, a copy of which shall be forwarded to An Coiste Náisiúnta for ratification.
12. Each County Coiste shall adopt a code of practice in line with any of the following: GAA Code of Practice in Youth Sport or DES / DENI guidelines on Child Protection.
13. When affiliating to Cumann na mBunscol annually, teachers and B.O.M./B.O.G. agree to be bound by the rules of Cumann na mBunscol.
14. County committees shall accept correspondence only from the school through the Chairperson, the principal or the designated teacher.

Standing Orders

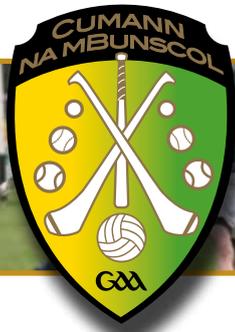
1. A Standing Orders sub-committee comprising of the Provincial Chairmen and Secretaries or their reps shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for presentation at the AGM.
2. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.



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3. Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of County Coistí, Provincial Council or An Coiste Náisiúnta and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than four weeks before the AGM.
4. All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
5. Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before the AGM.
6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at least one hour before the AGM.
7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
9. (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.
(b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.
10. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than two minutes.
11. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than two minutes.
12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed. No speaker shall speak for more than two minutes.
13. Each delegate shall register and each speaker shall identify themselves, name and unit.
14. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
15. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
16. The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
17. In the event of the proposition "That the question be put", and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or 'Put the question'.
18. In the event of the proposition "That the AGM, move to next business " and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
19. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
20. The Cathaoirleach may at his/her discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
21. The Cathaoirleach may at his/her discretion and in consultation with order officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.
22. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.



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23. Only properly constituted delegates may speak at the AGM.
24. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.

* Grievances and Complaints in all matters

1. Grievances and complaints in regard of matters within an area will be settled within that area.
2. Each County will have a constitutionally elected Coiste Gearán to deal with appeals arising from decisions of the County Coiste.
3. Complaints, Objections and Counter Objections:
Any complaints or objections must be lodged with the Runaí Chontae in writing within 3 days of the game. The Runaí informs the other party who also has 3 days to respond in writing.

The matter can then be dealt with by the Coiste Chontae. The decision will then be conveyed to both parties. Any party dissatisfied with the decision of the Coiste may appeal in writing to the Runaí Chontae Cumann na mBunscol within 3 days. This appeal will be heard by the Coiste Gearán.

4. Coiste Gearán:
This is an appeals body.

A minimum of 5 are elected to this committee at the A.G.M. No member of the Officer Board of Coiste Chontae, Cumann na mBunscol or anybody who has heard the original objection may sit on An Coiste Gearán. No member of the Coiste Gearán may consider any appeal involving their own school. The Coiste Gearán may call all interested parties. A quorum of 3 is necessary to hear all appeals. The decision of the Coiste Gearán is final and binding.

(a) Grievances, complaints and objections dealing with issues outside County Jurisdiction will be dealt with by the National Committee and that decision will be final.

5. Sanctions will be taken against any Coiste, National, Provincial or County or any member for the following reasons:
 - bringing the organisation into disrepute, or
 - failure to implement National Policy.

* Sanctions

1. Misuse of organisational funds.
Automatic Disassociation.
2. Conduct unbecoming a member of 'Cumann na mBunscol'. Automatic Disassociation.
3. Failure of a County to furnish a statement of accounts. Withholding of grants and tickets.
4. Failure of a County to furnish a secretary's report. Withholding of grants and tickets.
5. Failure to hold an A.G.M. plus relevant meetings and two additional meetings.
Withholding of all monies and tickets due to that County / Provincial Coiste.
6. Failure of County / Provincial units to honour obligations to sponsorship agreements.
Withholding of sponsorship monies.
7. Failure to comply with/implement the Constitution.
Withholding of grants and other benefits.
8. Failure to comply with/implement National Policy.
Withholding of grants and other benefits.



Insurance Certificate



Broker Declaration

Dated 1st November 2014

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

Public Liability and Employers Liability Insurance Policy No. AA110020

To Whom It May Concern

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, which consists of a Central Council, Five Provincial Councils, (Connacht, Leinster, Munster and Ulster and UK), thirty-two County Committees and their subsidiary units and clubs, Clubs in the United Kingdom and associated bodies including the Handball, Camogie, Rounders, Cumann na mBunscol and Ladies Gaelic Football Associations, have a Public Liability and Employers Liability Insurance Policy which includes the whole Association's property and premises, including such other properties and premises as are leased, rented, hired or loaned to the Insured and persons employed in connection with the business of the Insured which is described in the policy as a Sports and Cultural Organisation responsible for the organisation and promotion of games, sports, fund-raising, social, recreational and all other activities incidental to or associated with a major sporting organisation, property owners and developers.

The Policy includes Legal Liability to Third Parties and Employees arising out of FAS and other State Employment Schemes.

The Policy does not apply to Liability in respect of bodily injury to any participant caused by or arising out of the engagement in any sporting event.

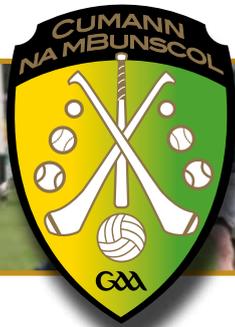
The policy operates for the period November 1st 2014 to October 31st 2015. It has been arranged by the Association's Insurance Brokers, Willis, and is underwritten by the Wren Syndicate at Lloyds and others to provide the following indemnity (which is subject to the terms and conditions of the Policy).

Public Liability	€ 6,500,000 any one occurrence or all occurrences of a series consequent on or attributable to one source or original cause.
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Employers Liability	€ 13,000,000 any one occurrence or all occurrences of a series consequent on or attributable to one source or original cause.

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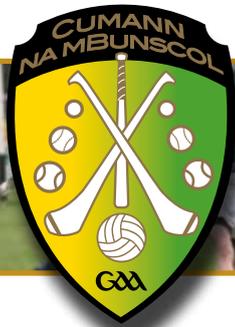
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Coaching and Games

GAA publish resources for Primary School Teachers and Coaches

The GAA launched a number of resources for Primary School Teachers and Coaches. PE Céim ar Aghaidh is a Teaching Resource book designed to assist Primary School Teachers to deliver the Physical Educational Curriculum through Gaelic games activities.

It is the most recent addition to the GAA Céim ar Aghaidh/Step Ahead Resource Pack, which is a cross-curricular education resource, supporting delivery of the wider Curriculum based on the theme of the GAA.

A new innovative web based Coaching Resource called the GAA Activity Planner was also launched. The planner contains 100's of drills, games and activities for Hurling, Gaelic Football, Handball and Rounders which Coaches can build into Coaching Sessions, save, share and print out. A version of the planner based on the PE Céim ar Aghaidh allows Teachers to build PE Lesson Plans based on the class they are teaching. The resources are part of a suite of online material published on the GAA Learning & Development Portal. (www.learning.gaa.ie).

GAA President, Liam O'Neill, noted that "as a primary school teacher and someone with a profound interest in both Gaelic games and education, I welcome the publication of these fantastic teaching resources. I am glad to say that the GAA has been to the fore in the development of such resources and this latest project sees that trend continue."

Pat Culhane - GAA National Child Games Development Coordinator - noted that "in terms of the PE Curriculum, this is the first resource of its kind that promotes all codes within the Gaelic games family. The innovative mix of hardcopy and online resources will enhance teachers' delivery of the PE and other curriculum subjects."

The PE Curriculum notes that Gaelic Games should be given particular consideration as part of the games programme and our schools and the education sector as a whole are a major contributor when it comes to influencing and fostering an interest and love in our National games and contributing towards a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

All resources are free to download from www.learning.gaa.ie/primary-school

A Tribute to Malachy Mc Geeney

It is with much regret that we learned of the passing of our former President Malachy Mc Geeney in January of this year.

Malachy was a founder member of the Armagh Primary School League 1965-66 and was its first chairman. In the years that followed Gaelic games developed in primary schools and in 1981 he was responsible for Armagh joining Cumann na mBunscol.

In the years that followed Malachy held many posts within the county committee including; Secretary, PRO, Treasurer, Chairperson and at the time of his death Honorary President. Many of the Armagh players who brought the county their first all-Ireland in 2002 still talk fondly about their games in Cumann na mBunscol competitions which were organised by Malachy.

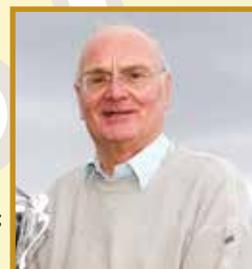
Not only did Malachy promote and organise games he also organised trips and days out for the young players in Armagh. These included trips to Cork and Kerry for primary school football and hurling panels with the late Jim McEvoy, Cork and Jerome Conway, former Kerry county chairman. Return trips were made by a number of young Cork hurlers who had the privilege of meeting the late Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich. Malachy also organised trips to Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Meath and Fermanagh. These counties in turn organised return trips where Malachy was always the first to meet them and welcome them to Armagh.

Malachy was not content however with just developing games and activities within Armagh. He along with some others was a founder member of Cumann na mBunscol Uladh and was its first secretary. He later went on to serve as Chairman a post he held from 1998 – 2003. He represented the committee on Comhairle Uladh from 1999 – 2009. During his time on the committee he organised the Ulster Handball competitions, INTO Mini 7's in all codes and the McGreevey Cup football competition.

In 1989 Malachy joined the National Committee as Development Officer, a post he held from 1989-1995. He went on to hold the posts of Vice-Chairperson (1995-2000) and President (2000-2005). Even after he retired from National Committee Malachy continued to be involved in Cumann na mBunscol. He was a regular attender at the AGM, the September meeting and the National Awards night as well as working and helping out in Armagh.

His friendship and presence will be sorely missed by all in Cumann na mBunscol and we offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Mona, children Ciarán and Maria and the entire family circle.

Liam Magee,
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