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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.

Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting



Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

Date: Saturday, February 25th, 2012 at 11.00am

Venue: Granville Hotel, Waterford, City.

Present: An Choiste Náisiúnta and County Delegates.

1. Welcoming of Delegates:

The Vice-Chairperson Bernadette Ryan [Sligo] who chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman [Paul Duggan] welcomed all delegates to the meeting. She was followed by the Mayor of Waterford Councillor Pat Hayes and John O'Leary Vice-Chairman of Waterford County Board.

2. Adoption of Standing Orders:

Standing Orders were adopted on the proposal of Michael Quinn [Uladh], seconded by Gearóid Breathnach [Corcaigh].

3. Apologies:

James Wynne [Allianz]

Chris Curran [Handball].

Apologies from the following Counties Mayo, Longford and Leitrim.

4. Treasurer's Report. [Liam Magee [Fear Manach]

The Chairperson requested that delegate's take the Treasurers report next as the Treasurer had to leave the meeting early, due to a death in his family.

The Treasurer's report was for a ten month period only.

Income €170,936,
Expenditure €138,689
Surplus €32,247.

Total money in bank: €159,374

Proposed Edward O'Riordan [Báile Atha Cliath]
Seconded Jim Dempsey [Loch Garman]

5. Minutes.

The Chairperson invited delegates to browse through the Minutes of A.G.M. 2011. The Minutes were then adopted on the proposal of Cyril Mannion [Connacht] seconded by Pat Morrissey [Londain].

6. Arising from Minutes.

Croke Park Hours. Mairéad Ní Cheallachán [Corcaigh] wanted to know what was the response from the Minister regarding the hours.

The Chairperson stated that at a meeting of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta [17-09-11] Ard Stiúrthóir Páraic Ó Dúfaigh stated that he wrote to the Minister for Education at the end of April 2011 requesting a meeting regarding the Extra Hour. His letter was acknowledged. He again wrote at the beginning of August seeking a meeting and he hoped to meet him at one of the All-Ireland Finals but the Minister didn't attend.

On the 15th September the Minister sent a letter to the Ard Stiúrthóir quoting word for word the Circular he had sent to schools. The Circular stated that the Extra Hour should cover essential whole school activities only. The Minister stated that games after school are Extra Curricular Activities and therefore do not come under the remit of the Croke Park Agreement.

The Ard Stiúrthóir stated he would seek an urgent meeting with the Minister to discuss the matter further. The Chairman of Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Paul Duggan has been asked to attend a meeting with the Minister and the Ard Stiúrthóir in Croke Park on Monday 27th February.

7. Correspondence.

Nothing to hand.



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8. Address of Chairperson [Bernadette Ryan - Sligeach]

The Chairperson Bernie Ryan then addressed the meeting. Some of the issues she addressed were:

- Maximising participation at the A.G.M.
- Croke Park Hours - a real concern that teachers might consider not being involved with games because of hours being imposed on us.
- Recent threat to close small schools - threat to Gaelic Games.
- Thanks to Sponsors - Allianz, O'Neills and Cornmarket.
- Activities to promote new teachers re Cumann na mBunscol.
- Control of costs - cutting down on meetings

The chairperson expressed her gratitude to Port Láirge in particular Killian O'Reilly [Cathaoirleach Port Láirge] and Tim O'Byrne for hosting the A. G. M. She thanked all who had contributed in making the Cornmarket Awards such a successful night in particular Noeleen Rooney [Runai] she also congratulated all the prize winners. A special tribute was paid to Pat McGivern for his outstanding work in organising the Mini-Sevens also to Bro. Dormer the Dublin Teachers and the I. N. T. O. President. She also paid tribute to all teachers who had retired and thanked them for their support and help over the years with our games. Finally she thanked her fellow officers for their dedicated work and commitment to Cumann na mBunscol during the past year.

9. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary Noeleen Rooney gave a very detailed report on the happenings of Cumann na mBunscol. This report included:

A) The Cornmarket Awards. The same format will remain for 2012 but An Choiste Náisiúnta are in talks with Cornmarket to encourage increased participation - with this in mind, some of the category may be revamped for 2013. Counties again reiterated that they want the winning projects displayed in line with motion 4 passed at the A.G.M. 2011.

B) Handball. The National Exhibition Day was held in Kingscourt, Co. Cavan on Saturday 26th March. The format for 2012 will remain the same. Some delegates questioned the value of this day - the cost, transport and bringing children such a distance. This year's event will be held in Kingscourt on the 28th April.

Motion 6 passed at A.G.M. 2011

That copies of proposals received from National Level be distributed to each County prior to being discussed at Provincial level. Some delegates felt we did not adhere to our own motion when we sought to change the format of the Handball Exhibition this year.

C) Allianz. The Secretary thanked Allianz for their generous sponsorship. She stated that sponsorship depends entirely on Counties using the Allianz Logo and ensuring the words Allianz Cumann na mBunscol is included in each article. She appealed for support from each County in this regard.

D) O'Neill's O'Neill's sponsorship was once again incorporated into the National Awards. Thanks to O'Neill's for their continued support it is very much appreciated.

E) GAA/INTO MINI – Sevens. 2011 was again a very successful year. Great credit is due to Pat McGivern, Bro. Dormer, Nicholas Walsh, and the Dublin Teachers. There was a very positive response from participants and volunteers alike. Thanks is due to the sponsors and to Noreen Flynn, INTO President for her interest and support.

Noeleen welcomed Pat Culhane on board as the new National Go Games Coordinator who replaced Nicholas Walsh. We look forward to working with him.

F) Finally, the Secretary thanked all officers for their encouragement, support, wisdom and common sense. Most of all she thanked the Teachers for the tremendous work in promoting Gaelic Games throughout the country.

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Proposed Gerry O'Meara [Báile Atha Cliath] seconded Kevin Toner [Doire]

10. Development Report:

Jim Fennelly the Development Officer report included:

The Strategic Plan under the following headings:

- A) Reflecting the New Ireland.
- B) Making Games Happen in the Primary Schools.
- C) Working Hand and Glove with the Wider GAA.
- D) Who We Are And What We Do.
- E) Governance.

His report also included an extract from his November Report to the National Body, where he asks the questions, why is there no award scheme to reward the dedicated service of so many teachers who give so freely in promoting our games?

Why does somebody have to write it down and photograph it to make it real?

Proposed Fintan Walsh [Báile Atha Cliath] seconded Jim Dempsey [Loch Garman]

11. P.R.O.'s. Report:

P.R.O. Brendan Rice gave a very comprehensive report in which there was much discussion in particular re the use of the Allianz Logo. His report included:

- INTO Congress - Our stand at the Congress in Sligo.
- In – Touch Page
- Website
- Match Programmes
- National Awards
- PRO Email Account
- Allianz Sponsorship

Throughout the year, Brendan stated that he had appealed to all County Units and in particular to County PRO's to provide consistent and regular reports to local media and to use the name Allianz in all press

releases. September 2011 a PR Seminar was held where the role of the County PRO was outlined and the correct use of the Allianz Logo. Allianz are not happy with current results.

The PRO wrote to all County Units to highlight their concerns and asked all to make a concerted effort in improving our PR and coverage of Allianz. This issue will again be discussed at the next National Meeting and a report circulated to every Unit of Cumann na mBunscol.

Finally Brendan thanked all that had contacted or helped him during his first year as National PRO, in particular his fellow officers for their support and encouragement.

Proposed Colin Bell [Uladh] seconded Helen Collier [Laois]

12. G.A.A./I.N.T.O. Mini-Sevens Report:

Mini-Sevens Co-ordinator, Pat McGivern, presented his report. He told delegates that the series had gone very smoothly with the participation of 240 children over six Sunday's. He thanked the various people involved. He drew attention to the colour coded sheets which must be returned this year 2012 by the 5th of May. Tomás O h-Ainiféin [Ciarraí] suggested that counties that are late returning the colour coded sheets, their allocation of places be divided among other counties.

There was mixed feelings about the venue where the children met and changed. Pat gave a commitment that he will look into it and maybe look at an alternative. John Byrne [An Mhí] asked that information re the Mini-Sevens be in the October In Touch. Malacy McGeaney [Ard Mhacha] congratulated Pat and the Mini-Sevens Committee for their tremendous work. He said that at one point children were out in the rain for far too long waving flags in what could only be described as very harsh conditions - this should be looked at.



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Tomás Ó h-Ainfeín asked that every effort be made that children who are from a competing county get to wear their own county colours.

This has been the 2nd year of our New Mini-Sevens Structure and to date it has proved successful. After the 2012 Series there will be a review of the format. Proposed Derek Butler [An Iarmhí] seconded Michael Maye [Sligeach]

13. Election of Officers.

Uachtarán: An Br. Séamus Ó Duidhíorma (Luimneach)

Cathaoirleach: Pól Ó Duagáin (Ard Mhacha)

Leas Cathaoirleach: Bernadette Ryan (Sligeach)

Runaí: Noeleen Rooney (Longfort)

Leas – Runaí: Tim O’Byrne (Port Láirge)

Cisteóir: Liam Magee (Fear Manach)

P.R.O.: Brendan Rice (An Dún)

Development Officer: Séamus Ó Fionnalaigh (Cill Chainnigh)

Delegate to Central Council: Pat McGivern (Tír Eoghain)

Officers returned en block on the proposal of Edward O’Riordan (Báile Atha Cliath) seconded Mairéad Ní Cheallachán (Corcaigh).

Motions 2012

Motion 1:

That the Cornmarket Cumann na mBunscol Awards be retained in their current format. (Luimneach) - Withdrawn

Motion 2:

That Cumann na mBunscol be given due recognition with regard to the I.N.T.O. / G.A.A. Mini Sevens GAA Go Games in the match programmes at the All-Ireland Semi-Finals and All-Ireland Finals in both Hurling and Football. (Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste na Mumhan) - Passed - Proposed Tomás Ó hAinfeín (Ciarraí) seconded Mairéad Ní Cheallachán (Corcaigh)

Motion 3:

That participants in the I.N.T.O. / G.A.A. Mini Sevens GAA Go Games be given the opportunity to wear their County jersey if their County is playing in the senior game that day. (Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste na Mumhan) - Motion was amended by inserting the words where possible after - to wear their County jersey where possible.

Proposed Pat McGivern (Tír Eoghain), Seconded Tomás Ó hAinfeín (Ciarraí).

A.O.B

Leas – Runaí Tim O’Byrne [Port Láirge] brought to the attention of the meeting that several Counties had not attended the A.G.M. nor was there any apology received from some. This situation could not be allowed to continue. He asked the National Committee to look into the matter. John Byrne (An Mhí) felt there was a need for Cumann na mBunscol to put a Development Plan together for Weaker Counties rather than impose sanctions on them or penalise them for not attending meetings.

This concluded the business of the Meeting

Signed: Tim O’Byrne
Recording Secretary



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TIME/DATE: 11am Saturday 23rd September 2012.

VENUE: Croke Park.

Welcome:

The Chairman Paul Duggan welcomed all. He informed the meeting how Cumann na mBunscol’s tickets were divided re the All-Ireland Hurling Replay. Competing Senior counties 31 tickets each, Minor counties 18 tickets each, National Officers 2 tickets each, Provinces 4 tickets each Sponsors 2 Tickets each, and each County 7 tickets. The emphasis was on having families present.

Constitution - Relevance of our Constitution, Presentation by Paul Duggan

We live in an ERA OF LITIGATION and we must ask? ‘If we were before the D.R.A. - is our Constitution sound’ ?

The advice that we have received is that our Coiste Gearán has no standing.

The OFFICIAL GUIDE states the following

County Committee

3.19 Committee

A) A County Committee shall consist of the Officers, the Central and Provincial Council Representatives [who shall be ex-officio members], other representatives of District or other Committees or Clubs as set out in the County Bye-Laws, the County Referees’ Administrator and a representative of each of the following Committees: County Handball, County Primary Schools, County Post-Primary Schools.

3.22 Sub-Committees/Functions

vii) Coaching and Games Development Committee. It shall be responsible for implementation of Coaching Programmes, Training and Monitoring of coaching personnel, and the implementation of Games Development activities at Club and Schools levels.

The Province - Council

3.31 Council

A Provincial Council shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, full-time secretary [without voting rights], and two Representatives from each County. The immediate past Council Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member for the year following termination of office. The Handball Regional Council, the Provincial Higher Education Council, the Provincial Post- Primary Schools’ Council, and the Provincial Primary Schools’ Committee, shall each have one representative, without voting rights on a Council.

National Central Council

3.44 Council

The Central Council shall consist of the President, the Director General [without voting rights], President-elect, if in office; the immediate past President for the year following his term as President, the Vice-Presidents, being the Chairmen of the Provincial Councils, two Representatives of Congress, and a representative with voting rights of each of the following—each County in Ireland; Britain; the London County Committee; the North American Board; the New York Board; the European Board; the Irish Handball Council; the Higher Education Council; the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools’ Council; the All-Ireland Primary Schools; Council and the Gaelic Players’ Association.

3.58 Educational Institutions

Subject to the overall control of the Central Council, the following Councils shall be responsible for the organisation and control of all affairs at the levels specified hereunder.

- The Higher Education Council in all Higher Education Colleges and Institutes.



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- The All-Ireland Post Primary Schools' Council for all affiliated schools at Second Level.
- The All-Ireland Primary Schools' Council.

Other than where special sanctioned is granted by Central Council, the affairs of each Council shall be subject to the General Rules of the Association and such Bye-Laws as are sanctioned by the Management Committee, on behalf of Central Council.

Hearings arising from Disciplinary Cases and Appeals shall be heard by the relevant Committee, at County Committee, Provincial Council or Central Council levels.

Rules Advisory Committee Members Recommendations

- Name - Cumann na mBunscol [drop Scoilsport]
- New National Logo
- Constituents/Jurisdiction [Section 4 a, and b, specific reference to Official Guide as in R 3.58].
- No Coiste Gearán

It is understood that each unit of Cumann na mBunscol will retain the right to elect their own Committee.

Next Step

Constitution Booklet ready for A.G.M. 2013,[County exemplar included].

Chairman Paul Duggan thanked Dan McCartan and Frank Murphy for their help.

Sponsorship: Allianz Logo to be used in conjunction with our own. €100,000 received in Sponsorship, our sincere thanks to Allianz.

Review of Cumann na mBunscol Awards Document Presented by Bernadette Ryan [Leas Cathaoirleach].

The Awards Ceremony to take place on the weekend of the Cumann na mBunscol A.G.M.

- Lunch served at 1pm approx in host County
- A.G.M from 2pm to 5pm
- Awards from 7-30pm

Item 1: Pat Trainor Award

Each Province asked to nominate one person. The person nominated will not be eligible for nomination for another two years.

Item 2: PR.

The PR category is to be retained in its current format. It is expected that we could receive 32 applicants as all counties will be requested to have their PR material in to National Committee by the 31st December. The PR material will be the application.

Item 3: Fixtures Booklet

Again, this area will remain in its current format. This is retained to encourage committees to enter two areas.

Item 4: Excellence Awards

It is agreed to split these awards into 5 sections. Schools only receive the award in each level once. Schools are asked to reapply for awards every 3 years [in Categories of Bronze, Silver, and Gold]. Full details were attached to hand out for each county. Levels 1-4 are presented at local level. Level 5 is presented at National Awards. For these awards to be successful we need the support and backing of local committees who will verify participation and award. Activities e.g. Rounders can be at school level, local or county to encourage participation and development of different codes.

'Cumann na mBunscol, its Relevance in a Club Driven Environment.' Presented by Jim Fennelly.

Rationale:

Cumann na mBunscol is a national federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an Educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary Schools' Committees. This

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promotional work is co-ordinated by Cumann na mBunscol in schools throughout the country and attracts an annual participation level of over 100,000 school children.

Recommendation

- Review the National Constitution and make the necessary changes.
- Website to be completely reconstructed.

Accountability: Provincial Level

- Properly constituted
- Annual General Meeting to be held annually, officers to be elected.
- Provincial Councils to meet 3 or 4 times annually.
- Secretary's/ Treasurer's Report to be sent annually to the National Committee.

Recommendation

- All Provincial Bodies to be notified re submission of report.

Exhibition Games at Provincial Level

The following should serve to clarify and universalise the approach across the Provinces.

- Two tickets to be provided for parents and one per participating child.
- Four tickets per panel for mentors.
- Parents encouraged to travel to games with participating child
- Gear to be provided where possible. A sponsor should be secured for this cost.
- Refreshments are an essential part of the Go Games Exhibition matches but it should not be excessive and should be met within budgetary constraints.
- There should be no trials for selection of these players and there should be no training for the match. These games are strictly within the parameters of Go Games.
- Lining up of Go Games to greet competing senior

teams on the day is a desirable gesture and a huge sense of occasion for the young children.

County Level

- Each County Committee to have a Constitution.
- A General Meeting of each County to be held Annually, Officers to be elected.
- County committees to meet at least 3 times per year.
- Secretary's report and Financial Statement to be sent annually to the National Committee.
- Two delegates from each County to attend Provincial and National Meetings.

Recommendations:

- Template to be sent to each County Secretary re a County Constitution
- Date set by National Committee each year for receipt of County Reports
- A member of Cumann na mBunscol to attend County Board Meetings
- A slot on the County Board Agenda to be asked for, to heighten the awareness of Cumann na mBunscol activities.
- Cumann na mBunscol to have a Representative on each County Coaching and Games Committee.

Coach Education

It is strongly recommended that all Teachers coaching children have at least Foundation Level. This can be provided locally free of charge.

Annual Calendar of Games:

Again it is strongly recommended that each County provide an annual calendar of games. This will be very helpful when reporting to County Boards and will ensure that all are aware of the programme of events.

The Privileged Position of GAA in Our Schools

As teachers we are proud to continue the tradition of promoting Gaelic Games and Culture in our schools. Since the foundation of Cumann na mBunscol in



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1971, Cumann na mBunscol has had a wonderful positive effect on C.L.G. It is true to say that hundreds of thousands of young Hurlers and Footballers have begun their careers through our competitions. We are proud of our efforts and the voluntary commitment shown by so many dedicated teachers who are so involved with the promotion of our games and culture. Teachers have made Cumann na mBunscol the largest sports organisation within the Primary Education System in Ireland.

National Awards v Accreditation System of Merit

Awards will be totally revamped for 2013

Club / School Links

The Club / School link is vital - areas that can be advanced through Club / School links are:

- Co-ordination and organisation of Go Games
- Summer Camps
- Liaise with Principal and Teachers
- Promote maximum participation
- Assist with Coaching and monitoring of Club players at Primary Level



Secretary's Report

Is mór an onóir dom, mar Rúnaí Náisiúnta Chumainn na mBunscol, an tuairisc seo a chur ós bhur gcomhair inniu. Gabhaim buíochas daoibh go léir – múinteoirí, dáltai, tuismitheoirí agus boird bainisteoireachta as ucht an tacaíocht agus an comhoibriú a thug sibh dúinn i rith na bliana seo chaite.

Administration:

An Coiste Náisiúnta met on four occasions since our last A.G.M. We also had Sub Committee meetings on Relevance of Cumann na mBunscol, National Awards and the Cumann na mBunscol Website. The conclusions reached by these sub-committees were then presented to our General Meeting in September. We had a National Meeting in December to discuss Insurance, our Constitution and Coach Education

The Provincial Officers were also engaged in appraising the Motions for today's A.G.M. and I wish to thank them sincerely for their time and their contribution.

Allianz:

I wish to express our gratitude to Allianz for their continued generous support in 2012 and to say a special 'Thank You' to Ciarán Whelan and Damien O'Neill. Our funding from Allianz depends entirely on Counties using the Allianz logo and ensuring the words 'Allianz Cumann na mBunscol' are included in each in the Cumann na mBunscol match report. Thank you for your support in this regard.

Cornmarket National Awards in Conjunction with Mycro:

The Cornmarket Awards Banquet took place in The Hogan Mezzanine Suite, Croke Park Stadium on Friday, November 30th, 2012. Ivan Ahern, Cornmarket and representatives from the I.N.T.O. were in attendance. We welcomed Mycro on board as a new sponsor. The categories were judged by INTO Past Presidents, Jim Higgins, Angela Dunne and Declan Kelleher. Congratulations to all the winners and a special word of thanks to all who participated. Review of the Awards is on-going and we hope to have a new format in place for National Awards 2013.

Handball:

Br. James Dormer is the current Handball Officer for Cumann na mBunscol and I would like to thank him for his work in this regard. The Handball Exhibitions will take place in Kingscourt on two separate days in 2013 - Boy's event on March 2nd and Girls event on the March 23rd. The Men's Senior Open Quarter Finals will take place in conjunction with the Boy's event and the Ladies' Senior Open Final with the Girl's.

GAA/INTO Mini – Sevens:

Well done to Mini-Sevens co-ordinator, Pat McGivern, on a very successful 2012 series. Our President, Br. James Dormer and the Dublin teachers, were of invaluable assistance again this year. Again there was a very positive response from participants and volunteers alike. Many thanks also to our co-sponsors GAA and INTO and to 2012 INTO President, Anne Fay, for her interest and support.

As a National Committee we work in close partnership with the GAA and are grateful for their continued support.

I would like to thank our own Chairperson, Paul, and fellow officers Br. Dormer, Bernie, Jim, Brendan, Liam, Pat and Tim and our Coiste Bainistí representative, Aogán, for their encouragement, support, wisdom and common sense. I would also like to thank Pat Culhane for his help throughout the year. But most of all, I would like to thank you the teachers for your tremendous work in promoting Gaelic Games throughout the country.

It has been busy and challenging year but most of all rewarding. I am grateful to be appointed for another year as your National Secretary and I am looking forward to working with you in 2013.

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



Treasurer's Report

Cumann na mBunscol Profit & Loss account Year Ending 31 October 2012

	12 months to 31 Oct 2012 €	12 months to 31 Oct 2011 €
Income		
Allianz Sponsorship	100,000	100,000
GAA Games Development Funding	80,000	66,667
O'Neill's Sponsorship	5,000	0
National Awards Ticket Income	7,116	0
Cornmarket Sponsorship	15,000	0
Financial Income	3,500	4,269
Miscellaneous	0	0
	210,616	170,936

Expenses

Allianz P R Grants	36,500	40,200
Grants to Counties	88,775	71,020
Handball	456	0
Publications & Website	1,042	2,668
National Awards Ceremony Costs	24,579	0
Committee Travel	11,692	10,041
Committee Meals & Accommodation	9,822	7,679
Complimentary All Ireland Tickets	1,420	1,120
AGM	6,271	3,193
Phone & Postage	497	1,171
INTO Congress	0	250
Bank Charges	60	53
Sundry Expenses	2,863	1,294
	183,977	138,689

Surplus/(Deficit) for period transferred to Reserves	26,639	32,247
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Treasurer's Report

Cumann na mBunscol Balance Sheet As at 31 October 2012

	2012 €	2011 €
Current Assets		
Debtors	80,000	68,501
Deposit with Ard Comhairle	231,288	221,992
	311,288	290,493
Current Liabilities		
Accruals	125,275	131,119
	125,275	131,119
Net Current Assets	186,013	159,374
Capital Account		
Brought Forward	159,374	127,128
Surplus/Deficit for the year	26,639	32,247
	186,013	159,374





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The AGM of 2012 hosted in Waterford, the oldest city in Ireland was a fitting location for a think-in on the achievements of the past but, more pertinent, the pathway for the future. Ireland is changing at a pace that unnerves and worries people in all sections of Irish society, north and south, east and west.

The activities on the training and playing grounds continue to be foremost in the minds of the large cohort of volunteers in Cumann na mBunscol. Our organisation has always been uncomplicated. The bulk of its work is hands on in the club and school fields of Ireland. On any given Sunday in Ireland throughout the summer the fruits of our labour is in strong evidence as inter county players realise their dream and at half time the green shoots of future greatness is on view with the hundreds of mini games exhibiting the skills of our national games. No other sport can say that its regenerative powers are so much in evidence on so many occasions in so many locations all over Ireland.

Constitution:

The members of Cumann na mBunscol regularly refer to the constitution and how in more recent times there have been changes imposed on the organisation and

administration of our games that they would prefer to have had more debate about. Many members can recall that Cumann na mBunscol was founded to promote Gaelic Games in our schools and maintain an independence from the GAA hierarchy but with a close affinity cultivated and nurtured at all times. Decision making in relation to administration of its funds, organisation of its games and its democratic running of the executive from national level down to county level has altered in recent times and this is a concern.

Some of the changes that were voted in at GAA annual Congress reflected solutions to problems that were more relevant to the club situations than to the school setting. Go Games is a very logical and worthwhile concept but it has caused and continues to cause difference of opinion in our Primary Schools. Some believe that the age should be reduced to U10 for exclusive Go Games activity which would allow a flagship competition for U12/13 in our schools where the players who demonstrate an above average flair for the games can be exposed to competition where they can learn to both win and lose with grace and dignity. Many teachers believe that they have a real role to play in mentoring such development at the U12 age group.



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Relevance in a Club Driven Environment:

The Coaching Games and Development section of Cumann na mBunscol conducted a very worthwhile research into the relevance of Cumann na mBunscol in a world where the club is King in many ways, i.e. coaching, child welfare, funding, communication, building and transparency. This is a positive for the GAA but the Sept meeting this year on the eve of the football final demonstrated how tenuous the ties are that bind our organisation together. Many schools depend on the dedication, passion and volunteerism of one significant individual within a school to keep the games alive. If this one individual were to cease activity it is very clear that Gaelic Games would also cease in that school. Ceasing activity is unlikely to be the option of our volunteers in primary schools in Ireland. What is more likely to occur is that the time bank available to our volunteers will be eroded to zero.

Martin Brehony wrote an article in The Irish independent dated 28/11/2012 in which he championed the efforts of teachers to promote games outside of their normal working day at school. His article went on to warn that recent pay cuts, increased scrutiny of our teachers and the uncertainty of future erosion of pay and conditions would contrive to kill off the goodwill that the GAA enjoys in all our schools. In short a flattened morale would lead to the unhitching of the cosy coupling of Cumann na mBunscol and the GAA. Martin is only partially correct and what he fails to see is that teachers value hugely what is achieved in the time bank after school hours to promote games, most of which are GAA by nature. The volunteers in our schools wish to continue doing what they do to promote games outside of school hours. There should be no more erosion of this time in our schools. Any extension to our working day must include sport as an essential aspect of planning and curriculum design. We do not accept that all sports will want a share of the time available, though there is no reason why any sport cannot avail of the same opportunity that GAA enjoys. Schools will be the arbiters of what sport they will pursue and as all sports cannot be pursued there will be a prioritisation which is normal practice in all our

schools. It is unnecessary and cost neutral to extend the working day officially to 40 hrs for all schools but the consequential effects on the culture, health and well being of our nation is huge.

The GAA has in its constitution that it is a non political organisation and therefore is reluctant to involve itself in debate on matters that relate to the conditions of employment of teachers. This is accurate in its application but what is not acceptable is that the GAA can stand back and not exercise its considerable lobbying powers to influence decisions that could have a detrimental affect on the bedrock of its organisation ie the early immersion in Gaelic Games of our young children in primary schools, where the great love blossoms.

There were reports in 2012 that schools had to pay for facilities to host their finals. This was the lowest point for our organisation this year without question. When you consider the facilities that our clubs enjoy and the grants that have been doled out by the GAA and the national lottery it defies all logic that a school's board would have to put its hand in its pocket to find a suitable venue to host a final. Even secondary school

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or third level facilities should not charge for a school's final. However the greatest admonishment must be saved for the County Boards of these counties. Headquarters in every county must be made available to Cumann na mBunscol in every county to host its finals - No question!

Coach Education:

Cumann na mBunscol has identified coach education as a priority area for 2013. Many of our teachers coaching in our primary schools do not have foundation level. The benefits of securing foundation level for all our volunteers are great. Becoming fully informed on all up to date thinking in relation to our games and how best to capture the imagination of young children in a media rich environment is the best argument for promoting further education within our teacher population. To perfect and put into practice coaching drills for all codes, to see that as many game situations as possible brought into training drills is more enjoyable and finally to just debate best practice with like minded coaches in a friendly setting will lead to a harmony of minds. It is not wise to treat this aspect of our function and form with complacency.

To deliver this programme nationwide requires the co

operation of the GAA as a whole both from Croke Park and local County Boards. Coach education is the role of Coaching Games and Development in Croke Park. This in itself underlines our limitations. The County Games Managers have the expertise and resources to deliver this programme and it does not have to cost the earth. There should be no delay on this and as soon as Coaching and Games can engage with Cumann na mBunscol we plan to roll out the coach education programme. Whether or not this programme can be imparted during Croke Park planning hours is not clear. The goodwill of BOMs and Principals is of paramount importance here. The relationship between C na mB reps on county Boards will be crucial to the success of Coach Education.

GAA/ INTO Mini Sevens and Respect Initiative Exhibition Games:

The opportunity of the children all over Ireland to play in Croke Park, Provincial and County Grounds is a highlight for the players and their families alike. Cumann na mBunscol does trojan work here under the guidance of Pat McGivern. There is a review of the Mini Sevens for 2013 but due to the success of the initiative there is perceived to be very few changes in the pipeline.



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Respect initiative exhibition games received more than a passing eye of scrutiny in 2012. Like the Mini Sevens there is huge honour for players who get to play at half time during senior league and provincial games. The priority here needs to be the family of these young players. The recent gesture by Croke Park to allow more children attend the replay of the hurling final is the spirit within which we must operate the mini exhibition games. Tickets for the parents of the children involved, a sponsor if possible for complimentary gear and modest but appropriate refreshments for all would ensure a proper approach. Provincial bodies should take note of this. We live in tough times and for parents to have a child picked to play in such a setting, they should be afforded the opportunity to see and enjoy the moment.

Meetings:

The national Executive works very hard in carrying out its affairs of business. Meetings are carefully planned to get maximum benefit and productivity from the delegates who travel long distances after a long day in school. Overnight stays are only considered when

a Friday night meeting at executive level is followed by a national meeting on the Saturday. The September meeting continues to be the best supported meeting with honest debate always guaranteed.

National Awards Scheme:

Finally the reform of the national awards is almost complete and the revised approach sees the efforts put in by all our 3300 schools being recognised even at the most rudimentary of levels. Progress can be built on and the element of challenge is also included for those schools who wish to aim for the clouds and more luck to them. There will still be an awards night in Dublin which will celebrate some of the traditional awards and continue to maintain a social event that is lauded as a celebration of our Irishness amongst our members. This is no doubt an important ritual in an Ireland that no longer can ignore its European influences.

Ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid.

Jim Fennelly
Development Officer. Dec 2012.





PRO's Report

First of all I would like to welcome all delegates to my home county of An Dún and hope you all will have a great weekend and take in the beautiful scenery and surroundings that we can offer.

This, like every other year that 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 Cumann na mBunscol offers the children of Ireland and the important role we play in every parish and community in Ireland

ALLIANZ SPONSORSHIP

Allianz have agreed to continue their funding of 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. Throughout this last year we had a great evening in Croke Park during one of the Spring Series matches, when myself and Damian O'Neill spoke about how we could maximise the Allianz brand through Cumann na mBunscol. When the committee sat down with Allianz at the end of the academic year, they were very impressed by the jump in the "Degree of Ownership" showing that counties had taken on board what was being asked of them.

Some figures for 2011-12 and how we can improve.

Overall Degree of Ownership (Allianz Mentions) 47%

Degree of ownership from April-Jul 2012 57%

Allianz could see that the majority of counties had made a concerted effort to improve their PR and Allianz mentions. Even with this marked improvement of almost 20% in April-July of last year, counties must continue to enhance their calendar of activities, spread

them out throughout the year and continue to give the Allianz brand a MENTION.

During the September meeting Allianz have agreed that there are still improvements that they can make on their side in counting mentions of Allianz in the press but they have also highlighted that 16 out of the 32 counties were below the 47% average and that 11 were above 66%. We are asking that all counties please put in a tremendous effort this year in the promotion of Cumann na mBunscol and Allianz.

INTO Congress

Our stand at the INTO congress in Killarney 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

Through the help of the Croke Park IT department we have set up a new website for Cumann na mBunscol. The address is www.cnmB.gaa.ie. The site is at its early stages and as the year moves on will build up in size and information. Like the InTouch page, I would like delegates to forward me any items or information that you would like publicised to the whole country. This site is not just for the National Committee, it is for your use also.

We have also entered the social media and have now pages on Facebook (CnmB.GAA) and



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Twitter (@CnmBGAA). We are hoping to use these pages as a means of forwarding information to counties, schools and teachers.

CORN MARKET NATIONAL AWARDS

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

A sub-committee was set up to look at enhancing the awards and look to involve more schools participating in each category. The format and categories for 2013 will be announced later in the year. We would like to thank Corn Market for their continued support.

MATCH PROGRAMMES

The National Committee secured our page in the All-Ireland Final and Semi-Final match day

programmes. I would like to thank all those counties and secretaries that got back in touch with me with articles but the programme editor and PR department have the final call in what actually goes to print and therefore I have very little influence. I would encourage all counties though to try to have a similar mini game during National League fixtures and have your very own 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
Brendan Rice





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 All-Ireland Final Days in both Hurling and Football in Croke Park. Each Sunday from the 12th August 240 pupils represented their schools and counties in exhibition games in Croke Park. I was delighted to say that Britain availed of their 4 places and thanks must go to Pat Morrissey for this. It was very heartening to note that more and more counties are using a selection procedure that is not based on competition.

Each county was allocated a minimum of 6 places with Cork receiving 12 and Dublin 24. Each of the Provinces received 5 places in a particular code and every county was represented on Hurling Final and Football Final Day. I would like to thank all our county secretaries for their tremendous co-operation in ensuring that our new system worked perfectly.

As well as the 240 children playing in the exhibition matches each year we have our Young Whistlers. This year each province was asked to select one county for the Semi-Finals and Dublin and Cork children were present at our Finals. I would like to thank Bernie Ryan for her work in co-ordinating the Young Whistlers Scheme. It has proved to be a great success.

As in previous years the President of the GAA, Mr Liam O'Neill gave of his time to be with the children and their parents on both All-Ireland Final days in the grounds of Clonliffe College. This has proved a great social occasion when the large family circle with the participating children can get an opportunity to get photographs taken with the President.

Each Sunday Anne Fay, President of the INTO was present to congratulate the players and their parents on their achievement of being selected on the day. We in Cumann na mBunscol are greatly appreciative of the commitment of INTO to the Mini-Sevens and

would like to thank the INTO for their continued support and in particular Anne Fay for her attendance each Sunday.

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 Pauric Duffy, Ard Stiúrthoir, for the support that Croke Park continues to give the Mini-Sevens and especially for ensuring that our semi-final games are held at half-time of our Senior games. I would like to personally thank Gearóid O' Maoilmhichil and his team of helpers, Tony Watene, Lorena Kelly and Colman Hanley for their help and commitment in ensuring the success of our exhibition games and for their guidance and professional manner in which they handled everything.

The teachers of Cumann na mBunscol Átha Cliath deserve a special thank you for their continued loyalty to the Mini-Sevens over the years. Each week for 6 weeks they give up of their free time and only for them it would be difficult to organise the Sevens each week. Cumann na mBunscol would personally like to thank them for their commitment to the Mini-Sevens and for the assistance they gave to ensuring its success throughout the year. I would like to express my own personal thanks to the Dublin teachers and especially to Gerry O'Meara who is my port of call regarding the Dublin teachers.

Thanks also to our own National Committee and especially to Br. Dormer and Brendan Rice who are there assisting each of the 6 Sundays. Their help is greatly appreciated.

This has been the 3rd year of our new Mini-Sevens Structure and to date it has proved successful. After the 2012 Series there will be a review of the new format.

Patrick McGivern

Nominations 2013



Uachtarán:
An Br. Séamus Ó Duidhiorma (Luimneach)

Cathaoirleach:
Pól Ó Duagáin (Ard Mhacha)

Leas-cathaoirleach:
Bernadette Ryan (Sligeach)

Rúnaí:
Noeleen Rooney (Longfort)

Leas-Rúnaí:
Tadhg Ó Broin (Port Láirge)

Cisteoir:
Liam Magee (Fear Manach)

P.R.O.:
Brendan Rice (An Dún)

Development Officer:
Séamus Ó Fionnalaigh (Cill Chainnigh)

Delegate to Central Council:
Pat McGivern (Tír Eoghain)





Motions 2013

Motion 1:

That a section of each scheduled General Meeting be devoted to a discussion on games.
(Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan)

Motion 2:

That an invoice and receipt be issued to counties for All-Ireland tickets. Recommendation
(Cumann na mBunscol Tiobraid Árann, Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan)

Motion 3:

That a sub-committee, established by An Coiste Naisiunta of Cumann na mBunscol, audit all Cumann na mBunscol structures and levels of activity in each county and province and report to the September meeting in 2013.
(Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan)

Motion 4:

Cumann na mBunscol Port Láirge demand that an Coiste Náisiúnta make representation to Croke Park and The Department of Education and Science to have Cumann na mBunscol Games and Activities included as part of any Agreement on Additional Time in Schools, acknowledging the voluntary effort of so many teachers, the importance of Cumann na mBunscol Games and Activities in enriching the lives of pupils and therefore enshrining the importance of our National Games in the Curriculum.
(Cumann na mBunscol Port Láirge, Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan)

Motion 5:

That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta request that the rule regarding the wearing of mouth guards be postponed for primary school games and training until clarification is sought and obtained regarding the practical effects in primary schools.
(Cumann na mBunscol Tiobraid Árann, Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan).



Cumann na mBunscol Cornmarket Awards 2012



Pat Trainor Hall of Fame Perpetual Trophy
Pat Coen, Gaillimh

Public Relations

Winner: Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Aontroma
Runner-up: Cumann na mBunscol, Co. an Dúin
Joint 3rd: Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Thiobraid Árann
Joint 3rd: Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Ard Mhacha
Joint Merit Award: Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Fhear Manach
Joint Merit Award: Cumann na mBunscol, Co. an Chabháin

Annual Fixtures Booklet

Winner: Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Baile Átha Cliath
Runner-up: Cumann na mBunscol, Co. an Chláir
3rd: Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Phort Láirge

School of the Year (1-4 Classroom Teachers)

Winner: Bunscol na mBráithre Críostaí, Dún Bleisce, Co. Luimnigh

Runner-up: Ballagh M.S., Ballagh, Clonoulty, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
3rd: Dualla N.S., Cashel, Co. Tipperary

School of the Year (4-8 Classroom Teachers)

Merit Award: Sunday's Well B.N.S, Blarney Road, Cork
Merit Award: Scoil Mhuire, Glenties, Co. Donegal

School of the Year (8+ Classroom Teachers)

Winner: St. Malachy's P.S., 33 Lower Square, Castlewellan, Co. Down
Runner-up: Kilcoole P.S., Kilcoole, Co. Chill Mhantáin
3rd: Mount St. Michael's P.S., 3 Craigstown Road, Randalstown, Co. Antrim

Promotion of Gaelic Games and Culture

Winner: Kilcoole P.S., Kilcoole, Co. Chill Mhantáin
Runner-up: St. Brigid's P.S., Broughshane Road, Ballymena, Co. Antrim
3rd: Cumann na mBunscol, Co. na Gaillimhe





An Coiste Náisiúnta Constitution

Cumann na mBunscol is a National Federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary Schools Committees. This promotional work is co-ordinated by Cumann na mBunscol in 2,800 schools throughout the Country and attracts an annual participation level of 100,000 school children. A wide range of activities for all children is provided with equal opportunities for boys and girls to participate. Activities include boys' and girls' football, hurling, camogie, rounders, athletics, handball, mini-sevens, inter-class leagues, quizzes, projects, skill awards schemes and blitzes.

(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 "ScoilSport logo".

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

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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.

(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)



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- 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 Coisti 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.

(b) An Coiste Náisiúnta must also give 14 days written notice of the Special General Meeting
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.

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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 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.



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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 liaise 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.
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.

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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.
 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.



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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.
 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 Runáí Chontae in writing within 3 days of the game. The Runáí 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 Runáí 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.

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- (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 January 2013

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, four Provincial Councils, (Connacht, Leinster, Munster and Ulster), 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 mBunscoil 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 January 1st, 2013 to October 31st, 2013. 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.
Products Liability	€ 6,500,000 in the aggregate
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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Advice

Be prepared
for cold
weather...

Burst pipes are a common problem for schools during winter. To help avoid serious damage and disruption to your school, ensure your exposed pipes and water tanks are insulated. During winter holidays check the school regularly, so that if pipes have burst, you can act quickly and minimise the damage. For more handy tips and advice visit

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