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Celebrating 125 Years of the GAA

In 2009 the GAA will be celebrating the 125 anniversary of its foundation. Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta intends to mark this historic year by publishing a small book entitled From Cumann na mBunscol to Páirc an Chrócaigh and Beyond.

The idea behind this publication is to commemorate sports people who played in Cumann na mBunscol competitions and later went on to represent their county in Croke Park or their country further afield. Each county is requested to send a small piece (300 words approximately) along with a photograph of when the person was in primary school and later as an adult. Counties are reminded that there are various disciplines: football, hurling, camogie, handball, rounders and athletics. It is hoped to have a good balance between male and female sports stars, so counties are requested to send in at least two résumés, one male and one female. An Coiste Náisiúnta hopes to have this publication ready in time for INTO Congress in April 2009 so urgency is of the essence.

The closing date for submissions is SATURDAY 28th of FEBRUARY.

A list of counties and who they have chosen will be put up on www.scoilsport.org. Submissions should be emailed to greal@eircom.net



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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 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

Date: Saturday, February 9th, 2008 at 11.00am

Venue: Woodlands Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick

Present: An Choiste Náisiúnta & County Delegates.

Welcome: Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Chairperson, Margaret Cunningham, welcomed everyone to the Meeting. She welcomed especially Liam Lenihan, Chairperson of Limerick Senior County Board.

Joe Lyons, Cumann na mBunscol Luimneach then introduced Liam Lenihan to the meeting. Liam Lenihan addressed the meeting. He spoke of the superb work being done by primary school teachers throughout the country in promoting Gaelic Games. He mentioned some local schools and teachers who were particularly proactive in encouraging Gaelic Games in their schools. He reminded the meeting that many established clubs grew up around the local school.

The Chairperson thanked Liam for his address. She then welcomed Michéal Martin who was involved with Pat Daly in the development of the Céim ar Aghaidh programme. She congratulated Paul Kinsella on his election as Chairperson of Kilkenny County Board.

Adoption of Standing Orders: Standing Orders were adopted on the proposal of Liam Magee and this was seconded by Michael Quinn

Annual General Meeting 2007: The minutes of the A.G.M. 2007 were included in the booklet. As they had been adopted at the General Meeting in September 15th, 2007 it was agreed not to read them to the Meeting.

General Meeting 2007: Delegates were given an opportunity to read the minutes of the General Meeting held on September 15th, 2007. Adoption of the minutes was proposed by Michael O'Donoghoe and seconded by Tim O'Byrne.

Matters Arising: There were no Matters Arising. Paul Duggan mentioned that he still had a large amount of Kellogg's cereal bowls and would appreciate if any delegates could take them off his hands.

Correspondence: The only correspondence of note was a letter from Allianz agreeing to sponsor Cumann na mBunscol with €120 000 for another year.

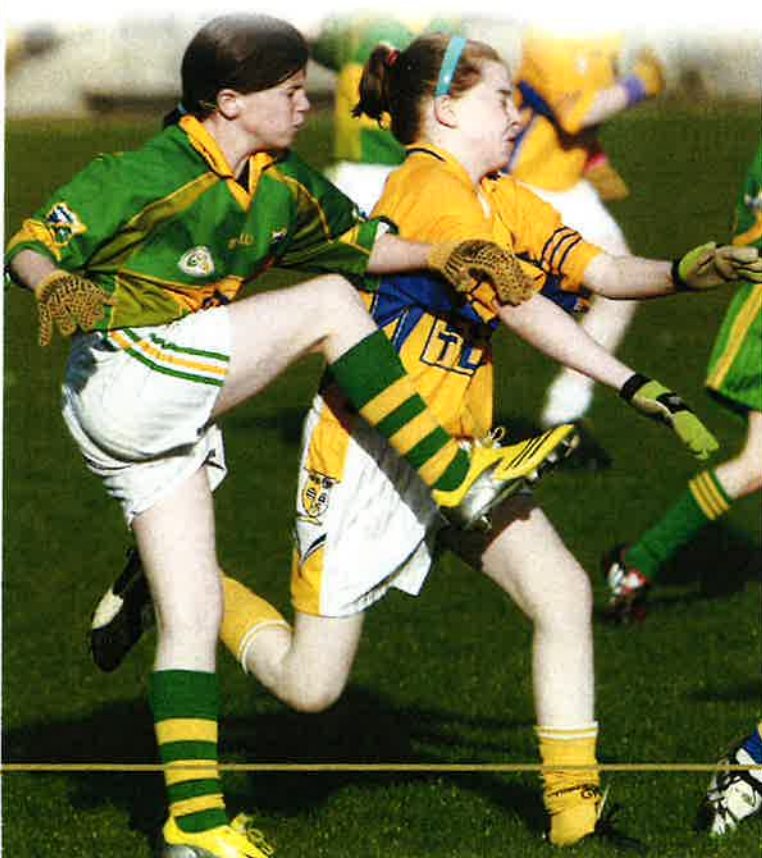
Chairperson's Address: Margaret Cunningham, Cumann na mBunscol Chairperson, then addressed the meeting. She told the meeting that the Strategic Plan is not a static document but a blueprint for development of the organisation for the 21st Century. She regretted the fact that a Project Manager has still not been appointed. She paid tribute to development officer, Richard Bowles for all his work on the Strategic Plan and for assistance in the appointment process of the Project manager.

She also thanked Muiris O'Súilleabhán and Tomás Mac Giolla Phádraig for their work on Young Whistlers and Michéal Martin and Pat Daly for their work on Céim ar Aghaidh. She went on to mention the Gaelic Telecom Awards where we were honoured by the presence of two Education Ministers. She said it was a very successful event. There was a big increase in entries and the standard was very high. She congratulated Mary McGovern on winning the Pat Trainor Memorial Award and wished her well. The applications for the Gaelic Telecom Awards for 2008 are available for download on the ScoilSpórt website.



The Chairperson went on to thank Allianz for their sponsorship and reminded delegates to use the Allianz logo in all correspondence and newspaper reports.

She paid tribute to all National Committee members for their work on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol - in particular Handball Exhibition Day organisers Paul Hart and Noeleen Rooney; Mini-Sevens coordinator Jim O'Reilly, his Dublin helpers and Nickey Brennan, Angela Dunne and Moira Graham for their support; all those involved in organising the Cumann na mBunscol input into the Martin Donnelly Series in Ballybofey, Fermoy and Croke Park; O'Neills' Competition organizer, Pat McGivern; P.R.O. Ciarán Byrne; Secretary Paul Duggan for his hard work and commitment; Brother James Dormer for his excellent work as Treasurer and Joe O'Boyle for his dedication and support.



Secretary's Report: Paul Duggan, Cumann na mBunscol Secretary, addressed the meeting. He thanked sponsors Allianz for their continued support and encouraged all to promote Allianz whenever possible. He also thanked Gaelic Telecom but questioned the necessity of an Awards night stating that the emphasis should be on promoting involvement in sport and increasing participation of our pupils in our National games.

The Secretary informed the meeting that the Strategic Plan has been launched quoting the core objective of the plan - 'to make Gaelic games the games of choice in our Primary Schools'. He regretted that the Project Manager had not yet been appointed but this is outside our control. He expressed disappointment with the Cumann na mBunscol involvement in the Martin Donnelly series. Assurances were given which did not materialise. He stated that a contract will be sought for Series 2008. The full text of the report is available on pages 9 and 10 of the A.G.M. booklet. The report was adopted by the meeting on the proposal of Paul Kinsella and was seconded by Malachy McGeeney.

Treasurer's Report: National Treasurer, Brother James Dormer, presented a detailed report of the finances of Cumann na mBunscol. Income amounted to €404 018.48. The excess of income over expenditure was €97 276.27. The Treasurer's report was adopted by the meeting on the proposal of Liam Shinnors and was seconded by Joe Donnelly.

P.R.O. Report: P.R.O., Ciarán Byrne, presented his report. He paid tribute to all who had helped him throughout the year especially those who contributed to Scoilspórt. He also thanked the InTouch editors and Match Programme organisers for allowing him space for Cumann na mBunscol articles. He paid tribute to Cumann na mBunscol Átha Cliath for the organisation of a multi-national pageant during the first floodlit game at Croke Park.



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Peter Carney proposed the adoption of the report. This was seconded by Martin Shortt.

Development Report: Development Officer, Richard Bowles, presented his report. He welcomed the additional resources, Fun Do, Céim ar Aghaidh and the Young Whistlers pack. He stated that there has been increased communication with Camogie, Handball and Ladies' Football organisations and mentioned, in particular, the Gaelic4Girls programme.

He expressed disappointment that the Strategic Plan Project Manager had not yet been appointed but reminded the meeting that many aspects of the plan can be implemented in the interim.

The Development report was adopted by the meeting on the proposal of Michael O'Donoghue and seconded by Ann Connaughton.

Mini Sevens Report: Mini Sevens Co-ordinator, Jim O'Reilly, then presented his report. He reported that all 32 Counties had been represented in the Croke Park Exhibition Games. He thanked the G.A.A. President, Nickey Brennan and the G.A.A., and I.N.T.O. President, Angela Dunne and the I.N.T.O. for their support and sponsorship. He paid tribute to Cumann na mBunscol Átha Cliath Teachers and helpers and to his family for ensuring the smooth running of all six events.

The Mini Sevens report was adopted by the meeting on the proposal of Michael O'Donoghue and seconded by Carol White.

Election of Officers: Since there was no contention for any position on an Coiste Náisiúnta it was agreed to return the full committee en block on the proposal of Joe Donnelly. This proposal was seconded by Peter Carney.

At this stage Paul Kinsella left the meeting stating that he had other business to attend to. He said that he had attended his first Cumann na mBunscol meeting in 1973. He wished Cumann na mBunscol the best of luck with the Strategic Plan and promised to support Cumann na mBunscol in his new role.

Rúin 2008: Motions for the A.G.M. were submitted as follows:

1. That all counties participating in the Mini-7s Regional Finals would have a representation in the All-Ireland semi-finals or finals in Croke Park. Cumann na mBunscol Coiste An Cabhán
2. That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta request Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to appoint servicing officers to each of the counties participating in Cumann na mBunscol activities, (similar to the post primary schools in Munster and Leinster.) Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste na Mumhan.
3. That Coiste Náisiúnta request a grant from the extra Croke Park revenue be used to hire suitable high profile players to promote the development of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael among the schools and clubs of each county Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste na Mumhan.
4. That the amended Constitution as circulated to all units be accepted Cumann na mBunscol Coiste Fear Manach
5. That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta purchase handball medals early in the school year so that children can receive them on the day. They can then seek reimbursement from The Handball Council later in the year. Cumann na mBunscol Coiste Dun na Gall
6. That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta undertake to organise an exhibition of rounders at a high profile event in Croke Park. Cumann na mBunscol Coiste Dún na Gall



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Motion Number 1 - that all counties participating in the Mini-7s Regional Finals would have a representation in the All-Ireland semi-finals or finals in Croke Park - was proposed by Nicholas Baxter and seconded by Aidan Magee.

The motion was submitted because of a bad experience at Regional level. It was stated that this rule already existed, albeit unwritten, and should be included in the Mini Sevens Guidelines.

The motion was passed.

Motion Number 2 - That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta request Cumann Lúthchleas Gael to appoint servicing officers to each of the counties participating in Cumann na mBunscol activities, (similar to the post primary schools in Munster and Leinster.) - was proposed by Tim O'Byrne and seconded by Michael O'Donoghue. Tim O'Byrne stated that this suggestion had been dismissed out of hand last year but he felt it should be pursued. He made the following points:

- It should National Policy and should also be included in the Strategic Plan
- We are the only Education body which does not have a Servicing Officer

- Structures are disintegrating due to lack of fixture and referee organisers
- We are victims of our own success
- We have 20 times more activities than Post Primary schools
- Funding could be sought from Provincial Councils

Joe O'Boyle asked that the motion be put down as a recommendation. Tony Farrell suggested that this issue be teased out in a document as all counties have different needs. Secretary, Paul Duggan, said that this matter had been discussed with the G.A.A. and had been dismissed as it would be too expensive.

It was agreed that this issue should be a recommendation.

The recommendation was carried.

Motion Number 3 - that Coiste Náisiúnta request a grant from the extra Croke Park revenue be used to hire suitable high profile players to promote the development of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael among the schools and clubs of each county - was proposed by Joe Garry and seconded by Kevin Toner.

The motion was carried.



Motion Number 4 - that the amended Constitution as circulated to all units be accepted – was proposed by Joe Donnelly and seconded by Tim O'Byrne.

Joe Donnelly stated that the revised Constitution had no major changes – it merely sought to upgrade our existing structure. As we are all aiming for a common target it is imperative that we go forward together.

The motion was passed.

Motion Number 5 - that Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta purchase handball medals early in the school year so that children can receive them on the day. They can then seek reimbursement from The Handball Council later in the year - was proposed by Marie O'Doherty and seconded by Peter Carney.

Handball officer, Noeleen Rooney, told the meeting that the delay in sending out medals was due to the fact that all counties do not return results by specified dates.

In light of this the motion was passed.

Motion Number 6 - that Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta undertake to organise an exhibition of rounders at a high profile event in Croke Park – was proposed by Joe Donnelly and seconded by Aidan Magee.

This motion was passed with the recommendation that an Coiste Náisiúnta check its feasibility.

Any Other Business:

- Chairperson, Margaret Cunningham, announced that The National Awards will take place in the Lyrath Hotel, Kilkenny on November 22nd, 2008
- Martin Shortt questioned the allocation of hurling grants as Antrim have not received any for the past two years. Ann Connaughton said that Roscommon had the same problem. They were informed that Croke Park deal exclusively with Clubs.
- Regarding Alliance Grants Secretary, Paul Duggan, informed delegates that grants are dependent on use of Alliance logo in Counties. He also stated that Statutory Grants are sent to Counties on receipt of Treasurer's Reports.
- Gerry O'Meara requested that Provincial grant amounts - €650 at present - be reviewed upwards. Secretary, Paul Duggan, replied that Tom Ryan requires Action Plans from both Provincial and County Committees
- Tim O'Byrne complimented an Coiste Náisiúnta on outstanding work.



Chairperson, Margaret Cuning thanked all delegates for attending and wished all a safe journey home. This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed: Margaret Cunningham
Date: Saturday 9th February, 2008
Cathaoirleach Choiste Náisiúnta



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's Report to AGM 7th February, 2008

Is mor an phribleid dom an Tuairisc seo a chur os comhair an Chomhdhail Bhliantuil don bhliain 2009. Ba mhaith liom buiochas a ghabhail do gach einne a raibh pairteach le hobair ar gCluichí i rith 2008. Taim fíor- bhuioch do na muinteoirí, daltaí, tuismitheoirí, boird bainisteoireachta a chabhraigh linn agus a thug tachaíocht duinn.

Administration: An Coiste Náisiúnta met on ten occasions since the AGM in Adare. The meetings to a large extent concentrated on implementation of our Strategic Plan, the appointment of Micheál Martin, Scoil Maith, Games Promotion and increased participation, the O' Neill's Competition, Finance and the GAA/INTO Mini – Sevens.

Allianz: We would like to thank Allianz for their continuing sponsorship. A €120,000 sponsorship deal was gratefully received. As a result of National Committee members and Micheál

Martin meeting with Allianz they have agreed a continuation of €120,000 sponsorship for another year. A special word of thanks to Caroline Meany, Damien O' Neill, Ciarán Whelan and Michael Nolan in Allianz who gave us great help. Counties should show their appreciation by advertising the Allianz logo whenever possible.

National Awards: The National Awards took place in The Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny on Saturday, 22nd November, 2008 in the presence of Uachtarán- Tofa Criostóir Ó Cuana and Declan Kelleher Uachtarán INTO. No Minister from either jurisdiction was available on the night. The number of entries was once more an increase on previous years and the standard in all categories was exceptionally high. The categories were judged by Declan Kelleher, Angela Dunne and Dennis Bohane and we thank them for their impartial work. As Gaelic Telecom were not in a position to continue with their sponsorship we were especially grateful to the INTO for their contribution to the night. As a necessary cost-cutting measure we were not in a position to engage the services of the usual panel of judges but we are indebted to their dedication and enthusiasm over the years.

Strategic Plan: Micheál Martin's appointment was a welcome and necessary development. Micheál continues to develop the themes of the plan. Recent claims that the plan was rushed and indeed enforced without proper consultation are nonsensical. The provincial chairs and secretaries met in Croke Park on 17th August 2006 to set the parameters of the plan with a "Planning to Plan" meeting. The provincial officers were given questionnaires for distribution to the various county units and on completion these were returned to Mark Conway. At the General Meeting in September 2006 delegates were given a questionnaire entitled "Now if Only they had Asked





Me" and were asked to complete and return the questionnaires to Mark Conway. That same questionnaire was sent out to each county along with the All-Ireland Football tickets in September and county units were asked to distribute the questionnaire to six schools including large, small, rural and urban.

Furthermore on 23rd September a document entitled "For Schools...In Schools...By Schools" was emailed to each county for distribution to each school. On Saturday 11th November 2006 delegates were asked to convene in Na Fianna for a preliminary workshop with significant others. Uachtarán Nickey Brennan launched the workshop. Delegates worked on various themes. Eventually on Monday 29th January 2007 a draft was sent to each county with a request to forward comments by return. Mark Conway presented the plan at the AGM in Westport and it was adopted after this presentation. I do not know how we could have been more inclusive. Obviously there are disappointments, particularly in the omission relating to servicing officers but this was based on financial implications at the time.

Handball: Many thanks to all who helped to promote handball throughout the various units with particular thanks due to Noeleen Rooney and Paul Hart. Niamh Egan has been especially helpful and encouraging.

O' Neill's Competition: The O' Neill's Competition was revamped and was more successful than last year. Entries were up and this competition continues to give children who are not particularly active the chance to express their interest in our games. Pat McGivern acted as the national coordinator for this competition. Thanks to O' Neill's for their continued sponsorship and to Pat Daly who presented the awards this year.

GAA/Into Mini – Sevens: Pat McGivern acted as Mini-Sevens co-ordinator for 2008. Moira Graham is liaison officer for the Mini-Sevens and we are indebted to her for her trojan work with the dispatch of tickets etc.

This year again each officer from An Coiste Náisiúnta agreed to attend on a particular Sunday to observe the proceedings in preparation for the mini-sevens review. Our heartfelt thanks to our co-sponsors GAA and INTO because this event is for many the very public face of Cumann na mBunscol.

The role of National Secretary is increasingly cumbersome. It has been hectic with many meetings, some of these long and arduous and they are often held on Friday night after a long week in school. Increasingly these meetings involve full time officials from Croke Park and executive officers are frequently asked to take time off school. Family life has suffered for many of us and whilst patronising plaudits are often dispensed I wonder is the work duly recognised.





WELCOME TO THE TEAM

The workload was made tolerable due to the tremendous assistance and encouragement from Margaret. She guided me through the calendar of events and ensured that everything happened in an ordered fashion, as always. Noeleen Rooney has been of great assistance with the meticulous recording of minutes etc. I must pay tribute to my fellow officers who have all shared the burden of an increasing workload. It must be remembered that we are volunteers with family and domestic commitments and the dedication of An Coiste Náisiúnta to Cumann na mBunscol activities is highly commendable. Joe O'Boyle has been an excellent representative from An Choiste Bainistí. His wisdom and knowledge is greatly appreciated. During the year Jim O'Reilly decided to step down for personal reasons. I would like to thank Jim for his work in the past and I wish him well.

I would like to acknowledge the assistance and encouragement from the various officials in Croke Park, namely Moira Graham, Joan Cooney, David Muckian and Rebecca Hocking. This working relationship with Croke Park is commendable. The Árd Stiurthoir Paraic Duffy and Uachtarán Nickey Brennan have been most supportive in all our activities to date and we look forward to working with Christy Cooney. We have also been working closely with Coaching and Games to implement National Policy. Micheál Martin has been working on the implementation of our plan and the recent workshop was a testament to his commitment and zeal. Recent work has commenced on redefining the role of the county GPO.

I'm appealing, again, for an influx of new blood to take up roles as officers and I pay tribute to those who have held posts and worked hard when there were few volunteers stepping up to the plate. To those who have recently retired I wish continued health. Recent experiences have shown that there are many young teachers, male and



female, willing to become involved as witnessed by the many young teachers at the 2008 Awards. I congratulate the newly elected officers and look forward to working with them in the future as we work together in promoting our games. I would like to pay tribute to the teachers throughout the country who make our programme of games happen. The work of the many volunteer teachers throughout the country in actively promoting our games is immense. The challenge is to continue this promotion and maximise participation.

Táim fíor-bhuíoch do gach éinne a chabhraigh liom i rith na bliana. Leis sin Guím Rath Dé oraibh go leir agus ar obair na bliana ata romhainn amach.

Paul Duggan,
Rúnaí





DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The past twelve months have seen a number of noteworthy initiatives that affect Cumann na mBunscol at a national level and locally. While these developments have been very welcome, they also set challenges for our future progress in the coming years.

The appointment of Michéal Martin as Strategic Plan co-ordinator has ensured that the implementation of key elements of the plan has been accelerated. It is important that we retain a firm focus on the agreed objectives of this plan over the next three years.

Over the past number of years considerable strides have been made in the inclusion of Gaelic games in primary school in many areas of Britain. In London and Hertfordshire, Cumann na mBunscol has established a vibrant presence through the efforts of Pat Morrissey and his committee. Participation around Birmingham has also been increasing in recent years. At last year's AGM it was agreed to grant Britain provincial status. That decision has necessitated the putting in place of a plan to establish a coherent structure there. With that in mind, a very successful meeting was held in London on October 4th.

In attendance were members of An Coiste Náisiúnta, primary teachers from London and Hertfordshire, former London GAA chairman, Larry O'Leary, Michéal Martin, and GAA development officers from around Britain. The next steps in the process will involve the formation of a committee of teachers that will be representative of the various areas. Kieran Collins, the recently appointed GAA development manager for Britain, and his team of development officers have given a clear commitment to support this fledgling Cumann na mBunscol unit. The participation of two pupils from Britain in the Mini-Sevens games in Croke Park in 2008 is a

tangible example of the progress that is being made. Furthermore, clubs there appear, at last, to be recognising the need to support their local primary schools.

The revised GAA coaching structure offers considerable potential for the upskilling of teachers involved in the coaching of Gaelic games. There is now the opportunity for teachers to specialize in the coaching of children by progressing through the various levels. This development, along with an expanded "Summer Course" programme, can have a very positive effect on the quality of our coaching and may also encourage teachers not currently involved to promote Gaelic games in their schools.

The development seminar held in Croke Park on January 10th was designed to discuss and share best practice in various aspects of Cumann na mBunscol administration. It attracted a very healthy attendance and opens up opportunities for similar ventures over the coming years. It was noteworthy that Uachtarán Tofa, Christy Cooney, pledged to support similar events each year during the course of his presidency.

International research suggests that children's sporting development is best facilitated through participation in small-sided, conditioned games where full participation is ensured. Intensive competition at a young age can be counter-productive as a large proportion of children experience failure in a very competitive structure. Well-organised competitive structures have traditionally been the mainstay of Cumann na mBunscol activities throughout the country. The time is right for us to examine closely if these competitive structures provide the maximum number of children in our schools with opportunities for appropriate participation. While this debate can, and should, take place at national



level, it is also vital that Cumann na mBunscol personnel in each county engage in reflection on this issue. Foremost in our deliberations should be to consider how we can cater for the needs of all children and if we are making sufficient progress in ensuring that Gaelic games are "the games of choice for Ireland's primary school children".

It is important to remember that Cumann na mBunscol's central role in the development

of Gaelic games has been established, and is sustained, by the voluntary contribution of countless teachers throughout the country.

Without this voluntary effort, Gaelic games would quickly cease to occupy a place in the hearts and minds of our primary school children. To ensure that our energy is being used to best advantage, it is crucial that we continually examine our practices so that they evolve and develop to meet the changing needs of the children in our care.





PRO'S REPORT

2008 was a very busy year for Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta and I wish to thank my fellow officers for their support and encouragement over the last twelve months.

Scoilspórt: At INTO Congress we launched the latest issue of Scoilspórt 2008. Twenty-two units of Cumann na mBunscol submitted articles, but it was disappointing to see that there was no material from some of our bigger units. I wish to take this opportunity to thank those units that sent material in plenty of time. It's not always possible to include everything from every unit, but I would encourage all counties and provinces to submit reports and pictures. There is tremendous work being done by Cumann na mBunscol, so PROs, please do not be shy in sharing your experiences! It is a fairly onerous task compiling material for Scoilspórt, so I would appeal to counties and provinces to submit material to me via e-mail before Friday 27nd February.

INTO Congress: Our stand at INTO Congress in Kilkenny was very popular with the delegates – perhaps the only stand where all material is given away freely. I would like to thank Fergal McGill in Croke Park for arranging the materials for us and we look forward to another successful Congress in Letterkenny next month. Visitors to our stand included Nickey Brennan and Liam

Mulvihill, INTO General Treasurer Sheila Nunan and Minister for Education Northern Ireland Cairtriona Ruane. Schools management, former and current office holders in INTO head office. Other distinguished visitors included Liam MacCarthy and Tommy Murphy.

Amongst our raffles there were prizes of Azzurri product, handball packs courtesy of the Handball Association and passes for the GAA Museum. Thanks to Mary O'Connor of the Camogie Association and Selina O'Regan of the GAA Museum for assisting us at the stand.

InTouch Page: Cumann na mBunscol now has a page every month in InTouch. I wish to acknowledge the assistance and support of InTouch editor, Tom O'Sullivan and head office official Lori Kealy for making this possible. If you have any ideas for this page please let me know.

Website: Our website www.scoilsport.org was redesigned since the last AGM. The site is clearly laid out and easy to navigate. Many counties have their own websites. If your county has a site, please ensure that there is a link to it from the national site and vice versa. Our colleagues in the secondary school sector were impressed with our site and are interested in doing something similar. I wish to thank our webmaster Kevin Preston who





keeps the site up-to-date and who has put in a huge effort to improve it. There are numerous photographs and various downloads available on the site. Remember, one of the most up-to-date ways of keeping in touch with Cumann na mBunscol at national level is through www.scoilspport.org.

Every School Day Counts: For the second year running the National Education Welfare Board launched their Every School Day Counts campaign in Croke Park with the assistance of some primary school children and the officers of An Coiste Náisiúnta. County stars Conal Keaney, Malachy Travers, Niamh McEvoy and Ciara Lucy. Photographs from the launch re available on www.scoilspport.org.

Match Programmes: Thanks to the Press Office in Croke Park, the National Committee has secured space in match programmes on All Ireland semi-final and final days. This year we profiled some of the children who were playing the games and this was well received. If anyone has any ideas about how we might use this space please let me know. Thanks to Paula Prunty of the Ladies Gaelic Football who has given us space in their finals' programme and in their Peil magazine. Units are encouraged to submit material for match programmes in their own counties and to continue to use the local print and broadcasting media.

National Awards: There was a good number of entries for the 2008 awards. Unfortunately our sponsor for the last two years pulled out at a very late date, and it seemed that the awards might not have gone ahead at one stage. However, thanks to the INTO, and in particular to General Treasurer, Sheila Nunan, we were able to host the awards. The general consensus was that the ceremony was a big improvement on latter years with a more relaxed atmosphere. Thanks to former INTO

presidents Denis Bohane and Angela Dunne and current president Declan Kelleher who were the adjudicators this year.

Nomination for MAMA Award: Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta was honoured recently when the organisation received a nomination for a Media and Multicultural (MAMA) Award. This was the seventh year of the awards which seek to recognise people and organisations that embrace diversity and interculturalism on the island of Ireland. Cumann na mBunscol was nominated for the Foras na Gaeilge Award. The other nominees in this category were Cois Life Publishing for their book A New View of the Irish Language and the eventual winner, comedian Des Bishop, for his RTÉ series In the Name of the Fada. The awards which are supported by The Iris O'Brien Foundation, Today FM and The Irish Times were held on 27th November in the Abbey Theatre Dublin. Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta was represented by An Leas Rúnaí Noeleen Rooney.

County PROs: I appeal to county PROs to try to provide consistent copy to your local media. Whenever photographs are used please try to have the Allianz Board included. Allianz are generous sponsors of Cumann na mBunscol. Therefore I would strongly urge counties to ensure that the Allianz board is prominent in as many photographs as possible, especially those that appear in the local papers. I also urge you to use the Allianz name as much as possible in match reports.

Boards may be purchased from Signcraft, Unit 15d, Westport Industrial Estate, Co Mayo
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GAA/INTO MINI-SEVENS

The Mini-Sevens has provided 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 3rd August 240 pupils were looked after in Mater Dei and then taken over to Croke Park for the exhibition matches.

This year for the first time we had 2 children from London playing on All-Ireland Semi-Final Day, namely David Naughton and Kelly Kirwan. It proved a great success and we hope to repeat it again this year.

As well as the 240 children playing in the exhibition matches each year 20 boys and girls participated as linesmen, runners, umpires and flagbearers. Our referees were young boys and girls who have graduated from the Young Whistler scheme organised by Cumann na mBunscol Atha Cliath. I would like to thank Gerry Grogan for all his help in organising all our linemen, umpires etc.

As in previous year the President of the GAA, Mr Nickey Brennan gave of his time to be with the children and their parents on both All-Ireland Final days. I would like to thank him on behalf of Cumann naBunscol.

Each Sunday Declan Kelleher, 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.

The Mini-Sevens would not be the success they are without the large financial and manpower support that Croke Park give to it. There is a huge outlay in financial terms from the Regionals to the 6 Sundays in Croke Park and I would like to thank Pauric Duffy, Ard Stiurthoir, for the support that Croke Park continue to give the Mini-Sevens.

As this was my 1st year as National Co-ordinator for the Mini-Sevens I was greatly appreciative of the help given to me by Ms Moira Graham. Any problems I had, and there were many, Moira was always just at the end of the phone telling me not to panic, everything will be fine, and they were. Thanks Moira for your guidance and professional manner in which you handled everything.

The teachers of Cumann naBunscol Atha Cliath deserve a special thank you for their continued loyalty to the Mini-Sevens over the years. I have stated each week at Mater Dei that only for them it would be difficult to organise the Sevens each week. I would personally like to thank them for their commitment to the Mini-Sevens and for the assistance they gave to me throughout the year.

To our own National committee and especially to Bro Dormer and Ciaran Byrne who were there each of the 6 assisting me. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Finally I would like to thank Jim O'Reilly who earlier in the year left our committee. Jim was at the helm for the Mini-Sevens for the last 3 years and his experience and knowledge that he imparted to me made my job a lot easier. Many thanks Jim.

Patrick McGivern



NOMINATIONS 2009

Uachtarán

Paul Hart (Árd Mhacha)
Outgoing

Cathaoirleach

Margaret Cunningham (Port Láirge)
Outgoing

Leas Cathaoirleach

Bernie Ryan (Sligeagh)

Secretary

Paul Duggan (Árd Mhacha)
Outgoing

Assistant Secretary

Noeleen Rooney (Longfort)
Outgoing

Treasurer

Br. James Dormer (Luimneach)
Outgoing

PRO

Ciarán Byrne (Cill Mhantáin)
Outgoing

Development Officer

Richard Bowles (Gaillimh)
Outgoing

Delegate Central Council

Pat McGivern (Tir Eoghain)





MOTIONS 2009

1. That Cumann na mBunscol would reconsider its enforced involvement in Go Games and that all units would adopt a national policy regarding the participation or otherwise in these games. (Ciarrai)
2. That the games as organised at present by Cumann na mBunscol units be continued as emphasis is on participation, skill, enjoyment and achievement. (Ciarrai)
3. That Cumann na mbunscol recognises the primacy of the D.E.S and I.N.T.O. guidelines in all aspects of school activities. (Corcaigh)
4. Cumann na mBunscol welcomes the introduction of Go-Games but not at the expense of established mainstream competition. (Corcaigh)
5. That no County be penalised for running mainstream competitions if also promoting go-Games. (Corcaigh)
6. That Cumann na mBunscol maintains its independence as a school based Gaelic Games promoting organisation. (Corcaigh)
7. That the control and organization of the finances of Cumann na mBunscol na hEireann be returned to the legitimately elected treasurer of our organization and not be administered by a body or committee that has not been mandated to do so, by the members of our Cumann. Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan.
8. That Cumann na mBunscol Naisiunta request Cumann Luthchleas Gael to appoint servicing officers to each of the counties participating in Cumann na mBunscol activities, (similar to the post primary schools in Munster.) Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan.
9. From the school year 09/10 the Regional festivals associated with Mini-Sevens is discontinued and a sub-committee comprising of 3 National committee members, the 4 Provincial chair people, and 4 other nominees (one from each province) be appointed to review the allocation of places. This committee would report back to National Committee with their proposals no later than 31st May 2009. (Coiste Náisiúnta)
10. Cumann na mBunscol na Gaillimhe are satisfied with the way the INTO Sevens are currently organised in Galway. We propose the Executive committee increase representation for our pupils at Croke Park games. (Gaillimh)





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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 G.A.A. 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 Luthchleas 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



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- mBunscol shall endeavour to align ourselves to Cumann Luthchleas Gael, its policies and national programmes.
- (2) To provide a means whereby talks and negotiations can take place with the relevant Departments of Education, the G.A.A. 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 and provide financial assistance to affiliated areas by:
 - a. Making submissions and requests to state agencies for financial assistance, grants and special concessions.
 - b. Making submissions and requests to the G.A.A. for grants and financial assistance.
 - c. Raising sponsorship and other finances nationally to help with the overall promotion of the games.
 - d. Using the "ScoilSport logo" in franchising arrangements with business and industry to help raise funds.
 - e. Making special arrangements with sports companies so that sports goods may be purchased collectively at special reduced rates.
 - (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) To organise and administer a National Skills Programme (Mini-Sevens) in both Boys' and Girls' Football, Hurling and Camogie, culminating in Croke Park on All-Ireland Semi-Final and Final days.

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) 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
 - © Provincial Delegate Munster.
 - (d) Provincial Delegate Connaught.

(10) Motions.

(11) Addresses of invited Speakers.

(12) Any Other Notified Business (In writing/em 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 at the special written request of 12 or more County/Provincial Coisti stating the reason for such a meeting.
2. On the receipt of 12 or more written request for a Special General Meeting, the Secretary must inform the Chairman who will call a meeting within 14 days.
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.



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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. A synopsis of the minutes of National Committee meetings are to be circulated by email to the secretary of each unit.
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.
12. All correspondence with the GAA, State Departments and Public Bodies shall be carried out by the Secretary in consultation with the other bodies.
13. The Treasurer shall be responsible for
 - (a) The maintenance of proper financial records.
 - (b) The lodgement of all income into the Bank Account of Cumann na mBunscol.
 - (c) The issuing of all cheques.
 - (d) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (e) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
14. The PRO shall in consultation with the other officers:
 - (a) Take every available opportunity to publicise Cumann na mBunscol and to ensure that the organisation has a high profile.
 - (b) Ensure that the 'Aims and Objectives' of Cumann na mBunscol be protected and advanced in dealing with outside agencies.
 - (c) Prepare a newsletter and distribute it to all affiliated areas.
 - (d) Prepare all National Press Releases on behalf of An Coiste Naisiunta, Cumann na mBunscol.
 - (e) Ensure that all suitable G.A.A. promotional material be available to all schools.
15. 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 liaise 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.
- (c) Examine applications made by County Committees for development grants and make recommendations there on to the National Committee.
- 16. 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.
- 17. The remaining members of the National Committee shall be the President, Assistant Secretary and if necessary Provincial delegates.
- 18. A Provincial Delegate will be a full member of the National Committee with full voting rights.
- 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.

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.
- 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.

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15. A report of yearly activities must be forwarded to the National Secretary annually.
16. Each Provincial Committee will notify and invite a delegate from An Coiste Naisiunta to the Provincial AGM, in the absence of the National President.
17. 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 Gearan' within the County. The decision of An Coiste Gearan will be final.
 - (a) An Coiste Gearan should be elected at the AGM. Members of 'An Coiste Gearan' should not be officers or members of the Committee within the County.
8. A comprehensive report of yearly activities together with a statement of Accounts must be forwarded to the National Secretary annually.
9. Two delegates from each County will attend the Annual General Meeting, and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
10. Each county shall formally adopt a constitution, a copy of which shall be forwarded to An Coiste Náisiúnta for ratification.
11. Each County Coiste adopt a code of practice in line with any of the following:
 - Cumann Luthchleas Gael, I.N.T.O., Irish Sports Council Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport and other relevant documentations.
12. 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.
13. County committees shall accept correspondence only from the school through the Chairperson, the principal or the designated teacher.





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 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 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 not more than three minutes.
12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of within 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 valid votes cast by delegates present and voted at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.



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19. The Cathaoirleach 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 Cathaoirleach 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.
 23. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.
- * National Mini-Sevens:
1. The National Mini-Sevens will be run each year culminating in Croke Park on All-Ireland Final and Semi-Final days.
 2. At the first meeting of the National Committee after the Annual General Meeting, a National Co-Ordinator will be appointed. The National Co-Ordinator must be a member of the National Executive.
 3. The National co-ordinator will, in consultation with the National Committee, be responsible for the running of the 'Mini-Sevens' from regional level to completion on All Ireland Final Days.
 4. All grievances and complaints at County level will be dealt with at County level.
 5. All grievances and complaints, after the County stages have been completed, will be made in writing to the National Co-Ordinator and will be dealt with by the National Committee.
 6. Failure to comply with rules and bye-laws will result in immediate suspension from that year's series.
 7. The rules and by-laws including organisation, playing rules, age limits and rules governing stages of the games will be considered every three years.
 8. A sub-committee will be set up by the National Committee and all affiliated areas will be asked to make submissions on all aspects of the Mini-Sevens to the sub-committee.
 9. The sub-committee will examine all submissions and will put recommended changes or additions to the rules or the organisation of the games to the National Committee.
 10. The National Committee will examine all recommended changes and additions to the rules or the organisation of the games and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration.
 11. All new proposals will be circulated to affiliated areas at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.
 12. Amendments and agenda to the proposed changes which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and adopted at a meeting of that body must reach the National Secretary not later than one week before the Annual General Meeting.
 13. The Annual General Meeting will consider all new proposals, together with amendments and agenda and accept or reject them according to usual procedure. (A change of rule will need a 2/3 majority).
 14. All adopted changes or additions will come into effect for the following years games.



NATIONAL HANDBALL

National Handball Skills Programme:

1. The National Handball Skills Programme will be run each year culminating in exhibition games at a suitable venue in May/April as a National handball skills day/days.
2. At the first meeting of the National Committee after the Annual General Meeting, a National Co-Ordinator will be appointed. The National Co-Ordinator must be a member of the National Executive.
3. The National Co-Ordinator will, in consultation with the National Committee, be responsible for the running of the Handball skills programme from regional level to completion on National Handball skill days.
4. Singles and doubles games will be organised for both girls and boys on a non-competitive basis.
5. There will be two sections according to age
 - (1) Under 11 1st Jan
 - (2) Under 13 1st Jan
6. All grievances and complaints at County level will be dealt with at County level.
7. All grievances and complaints after the County stages have been completed will be made in writing to the National Co-Ordinator and will be dealt with by The National Committee.
8. Failure to comply with rules and by-laws will result in immediate suspension from that year's series.
9. The rules and by-laws including organisational, playing rules, age limits and rules governing the staging of the skills programme will be considered every three years.
10. All aspects of the skills programme will be considered by a sub-committee set up by the National Committee and submissions will be sought from each affiliated area as with the 'Mini-Sevens'.





11. All proposed changes will be put to the Annual General Meeting and will be dealt with in the usual manner.
12. All adopted changes or additions will come into effect for the following years skills programme.

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 Gearan 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 Contae. 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 Provincial Unit.
- (b) Appeals can be made to An Coiste Náisiúnta, lodged within three working days.
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.
4. Failure of a County to furnish a secretary's report. Withholding of grants.
5. Failure to hold an AGM plus relevant meetings and two additional meetings. Withholding of all monies due to that County Coiste.
6. Failure of Counties 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 THE 6 COUNTIES

Allianz 

Cumann na mBunscol
c/o Mr Paul Duggan
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19th January 2009

Re: Public Liability Policy No: BT RPL 0657690
Insured Name: Cumann na mBunscol

Dear Mr Duggan ,

As requested we confirm that the above Policy indemnifies Cumann na mBunscol in respect of their legal liability for the organization of ,inter alia ,GAA and Athletic fixtures including coaching sessions at schools within Northern Ireland .

The Limit of Indemnity is £2,000,000 any one accident (increased to £5,000,000 any one accident with effect from 15/1/09).

The current period of cover is 5/12/08 to 4/12/09.

All subject to the Standard Policy Wording Terms Exceptions Conditions and Endorsement Wordings therein and thereon .

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Fitzsimons
Religious, Education & Social
COMMERCIAL- BELFAST



INSURANCE THE 26 COUNTIES

Allianz 

Cumann na mBunscoil
C/O Mr Paul Duggan
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3rd February 2009

Re: Policy No: DN RPL 3282981
Insured Name: Members ftb Cumann na mBunscoil

Dear Paul,

We refer to your recent correspondence and confirm that the Company will indemnify Cumann na mBunscoil in respect of legal liability as defined in the Insuring Clause of the Policy arising out of or in connection with the organisation of inter alia GAA and athletics fixtures including coaching sessions at schools within the Republic of Ireland.

The Public Liability Limit of Indemnity is €6,500,000 any one event

The period of insurance runs from 05/12/08 to 04/12/09.

The above is subject to the terms, Definitions, Exclusions, Conditions and limitations of the policy.

We trust this is in order, however, if you have any queries please contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Lisa Killeen
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FINANCE

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael



14 Márta, 2008

An Br. James L. Dormer,
Cisteoir
Cumann na mBunscol,
Scoil na mBraithre,
Dun Bleisce,
Co. Luimni.

Re: Cumann na mBunscol


A Bhrathair, a chara,

Thank you for meeting with David and me this morning in relation to the administration of the Cumann na mBunscol accounts. Outlined below are the proposals to ensure that there is proper reporting of the workings of the Coiste Náisiunta in order to ensure continuing funding from the Sports Council and Ardchomhairle.

- (1) The C.L.G. Finance Department will manage the bank account on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol,
- (2) All payments will be made by CLG Finance Department once approved by the Coiste Náisiunta provided that they are within GAA guidelines.
- (3) A separate bank account will be maintained by CLG on behalf of the Coiste Náisiunta.
- (4) The Cisteoir of Cumann na mBunscol will submit all expenses to Pairc an Chrocaigh for payment.
- (5) CLG Finance Department will produce interim financial reports for the Coiste Náisiunta
- (6) CLG Finance Department will produce the financial statements for the A.G.M.
- (7) Ardchomhairle CLG to pay mini-sevens expenses directly for travel and meal allowances rather than re-imbursing Cumann na mBunscol at the end of each season. Ardchomhairle to provide gear as usual.

I trust that this work will assist the Coiste Náisiunta to work on promoting the games in the schools and ensure that all records and reports are produced to the satisfaction of the Sports Council and any other entity that is providing funding.

Mise le fíor-mheas,


Cait Ni Shlataire,
Bainisteoir Airgeadais.



O'NEILLS[®] COMPETITION

The O'Neill's competition received a large entry in Category B, the colouring in activity for our younger pupils. Indeed it was a very difficult competition to judge.

The overall winner was: Caoimhe Brown from Ballybrown N.S. Limerick

There seems to be some confusion re category A. This year our title was: a project on your favourite team. This left it open so that the team could be the school/club or county team. The problem arose re the wording of the competition and as last year a large number of the entries were only 1 a3/4 sheet while others were project booklets.

The winners were as follows:

- 1st Doon N.S. Limerick
- 2Nd Scoil Samhthann Ballinalee Co. Longford
- 2nd Madden P.S. Armagh
- 2nd Bennekerry N.S. Carlow
- 2nd Clonulty N.S. Cashel Tipperary

The presentation to all our winners was made on 8th december in the ash room in Croke Park by Mr. Pat Daly (Director of Games). Mr Dave Britton and his wife Pauline were present representing O' Neills as was our own Chairperson Mrs Margaret Cunningham was also present.

O'Neills Competition Winners 2008

Overall Winner: CBS Doon N.S. Co Limerick.

Runners Up: Scoil Samhthann Ballinalee Longford
Madden P.S Armagh
Bennekerry N.S. Carlow
Clonulty N.S. Cashel Tipperary

O'Neills Colouring Competition 2008

Overall Winner: Caoimhe Brown St. Joseph's N.S. Ballybrown, Clarina Limerick



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CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL C.L.G.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SEASON ENDED

2008

**Cumann na mBunscol
Profit & Loss account
for the Season 2008**

	2008	2007
	€	€
Income		
Allianz Sponsorship	120,000	110,000
INTO Sponsorship	21,000	21,000
Central Council Mini Sevens	39,761	22,564
Central Council Grant	122,172	45,000
Irish Sports Council	80,000	40,000
Handball	0	2,600
O'Neill's	0	5,000
National Awards Income	23,362	51,132
Financial Income	1,399	0
Miscellaneous	0	1,007
	<u>407,694</u>	<u>298,303</u>
Expenses		
Allianz P R Grants	113,000	2,000
Grants to Counties	103,240	9,000
Mini Sevens	21,611	34,331
Handball	5,244	5,232
Promotional Activites	10,635	6,367
National Awards Ceremony Costs	104,055	839
Committee Travel	18,224	20,296
Committee Meals & Accomodation	23,503	38,017
Phone & Postage	3,204	2,161
Development Grants	0	25,500
Insurance	2,824	0
Accountants Fee	1,573	0
INTO Congress	1,800	0
Secretary Honorarium	2,600	2,600
Bank Charges	165	203
Strategic Plan	0	63,847
Office Stationary	781	0
All Ireland Tickets	536	-10,214
Sundry Expenses	285	849
	<u>413,281</u>	<u>201,028</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for period transferred to Reserves	<u><u>-5,587</u></u>	<u><u>97,275</u></u>

Previously Accounts were prepared on a Cash Basis. The above Profit & Loss account is prepared on accruals and Prepayments basis. Thus some amounts relate to two seasons

Cumann na mBunscol
 Receipts and Disbursements Account
 for the Season 2008

	2008 €	2007 €
Balance Sheet		
Current Assets		
Debtors	87,715	2,715
Cash at Bank and in hand	97,871	80,805
	<u>185,586</u>	<u>83,520</u>
Current Liabilities		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	0	1,347
Accruals	109,000	-
	<u>109,000</u>	<u>1,347</u>
Net Current Assets	<u><u>76,586</u></u>	<u><u>82,173</u></u>
Capital Account		
Brought Forward	82,173	- 15,102
Surplus/Deficit for the year	- 5,587	97,275
	<u>76,586</u>	<u>82,173</u>