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PORT LÁIRGE

To have Gaelic Games
the games of choice
for Ireland's Primary
School Children

Clár an Lae

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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 no 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 2011 Annual General Meeting



Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

Date: Saturday, March 12th, 2011 at 11.00am

Venue: Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, Co. Galway

Present: An Choiste Náisiúnta and County Delegates.

1. Welcoming of Delegates:

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Chairperson, Margaret Cunningham, welcomed everyone to the Meeting. Secretary, Paul Duggan, apologised to delegates for not sending out the Agenda for the A.G.M. He was unaware that he had not sent it as an attachment.

The Chairperson announced that former I.N.T.O. President and National Awards assessor, Declan Kelleher, had asked to be given an opportunity to address the meeting in order to seek support for the imminent Seanad Election. It was agreed by delegates that Declan would be facilitated.

2. Adoption of Standing Orders:

Limerick delegate, Henry Martin, asked that Standing Orders be suspended as delegates had not received an Agenda. Tim O'Byrne stated that the Secretary had explained the matter and the floor should accept it. The meeting proceeded.

4. Minutes:

The Chairperson invited delegates to browse through the Minutes of A.G.M. 2010. The Minutes were then adopted on the proposal of Liam Shinnors. This was seconded by Brendan Rice.

5. Arising from Minutes:

Motion 2 (2010) – The Chairperson and Secretary have met with the INTO to discuss the matter and the outcome had been communicated to all Coistí
Motion 8 (2010) – This motion was carried but was causing problems in some counties. It was agreed to discuss this at the General Meeting in September. In the meantime the National Committee will meet with Pauric Duffy.

This was agreed on the proposal of Tim O'Byrne and was seconded by Malachy McGeeney.

The Minutes were then adopted on the proposal of Liam Magee. This was seconded by Pat McGivern.

6. Correspondence:

A letter had been received from Cumann na mBunscol Cill Dara regarding Motion 8 (2010). It was agreed that this will be discussed by the National Committee

7. Address of Chairperson:

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Chairperson, Margaret Cunningham, then addressed the Meeting. She expressed her gratitude to Cumann na mBunscol, Gaillimh, for hosting the A.G.M. She thanked all who contributed in making the Cornmarket Awards such a successful event and congratulated all the prize-winners. She announced that the Cornmarket Awards 2011 will take place on Friday, November 18th and encouraged all to enter. She referred to the P.R.O. Seminar which is due to take place in May and urged all P.R.O.s to attend. She paid tribute to Pat McGivern for his work in organising a very successful Mini 7 series and gave a special mention to others involved, most notably Br. Dormer, the Dublin Teachers and the G.A.A. and I.N.T.O. Presidents.

She announced that the Handball Exhibition Day for Boys and Girls in both age categories will take place in Kingscourt on March 26th next. She reminded the delegates of the necessity of working in collaboration with the G.A.A. and asked all to promote the Heads of Agreement among the teachers in the various counties. She paid tribute to her fellow officers for their assistance to her and for their dedication to Cumann na mBunscol. She told delegates that she is now stepping down after thirteen years of involvement with Cumann na mBunscol. She enjoyed all of it and has many new friends and some wonderful memories. She thanked all for their courtesy and cooperation.

Tim O'Byrne paid tribute to Margaret stating that she had served Cumann na mBunscol, with dignity and



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integrity, in Waterford, in Munster and on National Committee. As the first lady to hold the positions of National Secretary and Chairperson she had broken new ground. He thanked her for her commitment and wished her well in her retirement.

8. Secretary's Report:

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Secretary, Paul Duggan, also paid tribute to Margaret for her assistance, encouragement and generous spirit. He acknowledged also the contribution of out-going President, Paul Hart, referring to him as an outstanding officer and wishing him well in the future. He then outlined the major events of the past year and expressed sincere gratitude to sponsors, Allianz, Cornmarket, O'Neills and INTO. He concluded by paying tribute to his fellow officers for their dedication and for sharing the burden of an ever increasing work-load. Paul told the meeting that he felt honoured to be nominated as Chairperson and looks forward to working with the new Committee. Paul apologised again for the oversight regarding the A.G.M. Agenda. The Secretary's Report was adopted by the meeting on the proposal of Tomás Ó h-Ainiféin and this was seconded by Pat Morrissey.

9. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Br. James Dormer presented the Treasurer's Report. Income for 2010 was €213 984 and expenses total was €184 851. Net current assets amounted to €127 127. David Muckian, Croke Park, answered questions based on the accounts. He clarified points as follows:

- David Muckian's role is as administrator only – Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta decide how the money is spent. If the money is not spent it reverts back to the G.A.A.
- Croke Park looks after the accounts of all G.A.A. bodies including Primary and Secondary schools
- Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta has cut back on expenses including the cost for the A.G.M.
- Grants will be paid on receipt of Treasurer's Report from Coistí

- €63 000 in the 2009 accounts was monies paid by G.A.A. Croke Park to fund the Cumann na mBunscol Strategic Plan
- He reminded delegates of Tax compliance issues for secretaries who may be in receipt of an honorarium

The Treasurer's Report was adopted by the meeting on the proposal of Cyril Mannion and this was seconded by Liam Shinnors.

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

Mini Sevens Co-ordinator, Pat McGivern, then presented his Report. He told delegates that the series had gone very smoothly with participation of 240 children over the six Sundays. He paid tribute to all the Young Whistlers for their participation. He also thanked the Dublin Teachers, Micheál Martin, Ard Stiúrthoir, Pauric Duffy, CLG President, Christy Cooney, I.N.T.O. President, Jim Higgins and Cumann na mBunscol officers, Br. Dormer and Eoin Kennedy. He drew the attention of delegates to the colour coded sheets for the Mini Sevens Series 2011 which must be returned by May 7th.

A suggestion was made that player positions be rotated. Pat confirmed that this was already in practice. The Mini Sevens Rules will be reviewed every three years. Tomas Ó h-Ainiféin complimented Pat on his hard work and commitment.

9. Development Report:

Cumann na mBunscol Development Officer, Jim Fennelly, gave a Presentation on an audit he had carried out on Cumann na mBunscol activities nationwide. 19 Coistí responded to the survey. He went on to outline the reasons why some schools did not get involved in these activities which included:

- Teacher involvement/ Male teacher
- Transport costs
- Unwillingness to amalgamate
- Non Catholic schools disinterested
- Special Needs Schools

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- No GAA culture.
- Principal disinterested

He mentioned also that the economic climate is having an adverse influence on school participation. In his report Jim referred to the beneficial aspects of the Respect Initiative and also gave credit to the organisers of the Coaching and Games Development Seminar in January 2011. He concluded with a reminder that we should keep in mind at all times that 'the kids just want to play'.

15. Elections:

It was proposed by Killian O'Reilly and seconded by Collie Bell that the outgoing Committee members would be returned as follows:

Uachtarán: Br. James Dormer (Luimneach)

Cathaoirleach: Paul Duggan (Ard Mhacha)

Leas Cathaoirleach: Bernie Ryan (Sligeach)

Secretary: Noeleen Rooney (Longfort)

Delegate Central Council: Pat Mc Givern (Tir Eoghain)

Development Officer: Jim Fennelly (Cill Chainnigh)

Nominations for other positions were as follows:

| Position | Nominations |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Assistant Secretary: | Tim O'Byrne (Port Láirge) |
| Treasurer: | Liam Magee (Fear Manach) |
| P.R.O.: | Eoin Ó'Cinnéide (Uíbh Fhailí) Brendan Rice (An Dún) |

Since there were no other nominations for the positions of Assistant Secretary or Treasurer, Tim and Liam were deemed elected respectively to those positions.

Brendan Rice was elected as P.R.O.

16. Motions 2011

Motion 1:

That a sub-committee be established to review the Categories and structure of the National Awards (Corcaigh). It was agreed to form a Sub-Committee to review the National Awards for 2012. Motion 1 will be the remit of the Awards Sub-Committee.

Motion 2:

That websites be included in the P.R. Category for the National Awards (Corcaigh). Motion 2 will be the remit of the Awards Sub-Committee

Motion 3:

Schools that win the schools' category award in the National Cumann na mBunscol Awards be excluded from entering that category for two years. (Coiste na Mumhan / Corcaigh). Motion 3 will be the remit of the Awards Sub-Committee

Motion 4:

That the projects for the National Cumann na mBunscol Awards be on display on the night of the National Awards presentation. (Coiste na Mumhan / Corcaigh). Motion 4 will be the remit of the Awards Sub-Committee

Motion 5:

That the criteria of the award of discretionary funding for Counties be published in advance (Corcaigh). Motion 5 was carried on the proposal of Mairead O'Callaghan. This was seconded by Tony O'Farrell

Motion 6:

That copies of proposals received from National level be distributed to each County prior to being discussed at Provincial level (Corcaigh). Motion 6 was carried on the proposal of Mairead O'Callaghan. This was seconded by Jerry Walsh



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17. A.O.B

There was a lively discussion regarding the fact that a motion, concerning the time spent by teachers outside of their working day in promoting Gaelic Games, had been ruled out of order. Secretary, Paul Duggan, stated that Provincial Chairpersons had met to scrutinize all the motions and had agreed that this motion was a matter for Teacher's Union. Paul also stated that he had met on with the INTO on three occasions and had been

assured by General Secretary, Sheila Nunan, that she would bring the issue to the Department of Education and Skills. Pauric Duffy has also agreed to discuss it with the Education Minister.

This concluded the business of the Meeting

Signed: Paul Duggan
Date: Saturday 12th March 2011
Cathaoirleach Choiste Náisiúnta



Cumann Na mBunscol Náisiúnta General Meeting



TIME/DATE: Saturday 17th September 2011 @11am.

VENUE: Croke Park. [Ash Suite]

AGENDA:

1. Pádraig Ó Dufaigh [Árd -Stiúrthóir]. 11.00-11.20am
2. P.R.O. Presentation. 11.20am -12.00
3. Strategic Plan.12.00-1.00pm

Welcome:

Chairperson Paul Duggan presiding. He welcomed all in particular the Árd- Stiúrthóir, Pádraig Ó Dufaigh. Pádraig Ó Dufaigh

The Árd-Stiúrthóir acknowledged the huge and massive contribution that teachers make to our games. These were very tough and difficult times due to the economic background and in particular the various cut backs that teachers had endured. He thanked teachers for their great efforts and commitment in promoting our games and giving so freely of our time, it is all very much appreciated.

He stated that he wrote to the Minister for Education at the end of April re the Croke Park Agreement. [The Extra Hour] His letter was acknowledged. He again wrote at the beginning of August seeking a meeting. He had hoped that this meeting would take place before the Hurling All Ireland Final or he would meet the Minister at the Final. No meeting took place. The Minister was invited to the Football Final but would not be attending. However on Thursday 15th September the Minister sent a letter to Páraic quoting word for word the Circular he had sent to schools re the Extra Hour. This 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 do not come under the remit of the Croke Park Agreement. The Árd Stiúrthóir stated he would seek an urgent meeting with the Minister to discuss the matter further.

The Strategic Plan:

Páraic spoke about our Strategic Plan and how

important it is. Planning is hugely important and has a lot to offer. However, circumstances have changed since our document was drawn up-----the main question we have to ask ourselves is -----what can we do to ensure we continue to promote our games at Primary Level taking into account the changing circumstances we now face? One of the greatest strength that Cumann na mBunscol has, is the voluntary time that teachers give in promoting the GAA.

Equity in Funding:

Croke Park is presently looking at this issue and has asked our National Treasurer Liam Magee to provide information on Grants received by each County Cumann na mBunscol whether it be from County or Provincial Committee. The aim is to have a more equitable distribution of grants to each County. Páraic stated that there should be a broad level of funding to each County depending on the amount of schools and the volume of activity taking place within Counties so that Croke Park can continue to provide the support to Cumann na mBunscol at school and county level.

Again he thanked all teachers for their work and commitment to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

The Chairman Paul Duggan thanked Páraic for his commitment to Cumann na mBunscol. He said he had always found Páraic to be very sincere, genuine and honest in all his dealings with Cumann na mBunscol.

PRO PRESENTATION [Brendan Rice]

Brendan Rice had emailed all secretaries with the Document before the meeting. Also a copy of the Document was available on the day.

CLÁR

1. Introduction.
2. Responsibilities.
3. Communication---Internal and External.
4. Methods of Good Communication.
5. Presentation of Choiste.
6. New Email Address.
7. Promotion of Allianz.



Cumann Na mBunscol Náisiúnta General Meeting



After his address Brendan Rice was complimented on his very professional and informative presentation.

Strategic Plan:

FIVE GROUPS
FIVE THEMES
DISCUSSION.

Each group had two members of the National Committee to Chair and Record.

Theme 1.
Reflecting the new-Ireland and including everyone [Bernie Ryan and Jim Fennelly]

Theme 2.
Making Gaelic Games happen in Primary schools. [Noeleen Rooney and Nicholas Walsh]

Theme 3.
Working Hand –in-Glove with the Wider GAA. [Tim O' Byrne and Bro. James Dormer]

Theme 4.
Who we are and what we do. The Marketing Agenda. [Brendan Rice and Liam Magee]

Theme 5.
Fitness for purpose, the Governance of Cumann na mBunscol. [Paul Duggan and Pat Mc Givern]

After discussing the themes for one hour each group handed up their findings and a summary of each will be presented at a later date.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Tim O' Byrne [Recording Secretary]



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, dáltaí, 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 six occasions since our last A.G.M. The Awards Sub Committee met on two occasions. Thank you to Margaret Cunningham, Sub-Committee Chairperson, and to Provincial delegates for your input to these meetings. The Strategic Plan was reviewed at our September General Meeting and the findings were discussed by a Sub Committee comprised of Provincial Officers. The Provincial Officers were also engaged in appraising the Motions for today's A.G.M. I wish to thank them for their time and invaluable contribution on both occasions

Allianz:
We received Allianz funding again in 2011 and we would like to thank Allianz for their continued generous support. We would like, in particular, to thank Anthony Shannon, Damien O'Neill and Ciarán Whelan who have been most helpful. Our funding from Allianz depends entirely on Counties using the Allianz logo and ensuring the words Allianz Cumann na mBunscol is included in each in the article. We appeal for your support in this regard.

Cornmarket National Awards in Conjunction with O'Neill's:
Cornmarket Awards Banquet took place in The Hogan Mezzanine Suite, Croke Park Stadium on Friday, November 18th, 2011. C.L.G. Uachtarán, Criostóir Ó Cuana was in attendance as were Ivan Ahern, Cornmarket, Dave Britton, O'Neill's and representatives from the I.N.T.O. The categories were judged by INTO Past Presidents, Jim Higgins, Angela Dunne and Dennis Bohane. 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. The 2012 Awards will be along the same lines as in previous years.

Handball:
Having been involved in organising the National Handball event for the past number of years I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have been involved in organising Handball throughout the country. I am most grateful to those who volunteered to referee matches on our Exhibition Day. Thanks to GAA Handball Ireland and, in particular, to Chris Curran who was instrumental in arranging the National Exhibition in Kingscourt on Saturday, March 26th, 2011. The format for Handball will remain as in previous years for 2012. Br. James Dormer is the current Handball Officer for Cumann na mBunscol.

O'Neill's Competition:
O'Neill's sponsorship was, once more, incorporated into the National Awards and was again very successful. Thanks to O'Neill's for their continued sponsorship



Secretary's Report

GAA/INTO Mini – Sevens:

Well done to Mini-Sevens co-ordinator, Pat McGivern, on a very successful 2011 series. He was ably assisted by Br. James Dormer, Nicholas Walsh and the Dublin teachers, whose assistance was invaluable. Again there was a very positive response from participants and volunteers alike. Many thanks also to our co-sponsors GAA and INTO and to 2011 INTO President, Noreen Flynn, for her interest and support.

This year we welcomed Pat Culhane on board as National Go Games Coordinator. He will be responsible for all areas of games development, both primary schools and juvenile clubs. We look forward to working with him.

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. But most of all, I would like to thank you the teachers for your tremendous work in promoting Gaelic Games throughout the country. We need Gaelic Games more than ever in our present predicament; with so many other pillars of our society crumbling around us they are the one constant of which we can be justly proud.

The past year has been my first as National Secretary of Cumann na mBunscol. It has been busy and challenging 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.

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



Treasurer's Report

Cumann na mBunscol Profit & Loss account
10 Month Period Ending 31 October 2011

| | 10 month period ended 2011 € | 12 month period ended 2010 € |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Income | | |
| Allianz Sponsorship | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| GAA Games Development Funding | 66,667 | 80,000 |
| O'Neill's Sponsorship | 0 | 5,000 |
| National Awards Ticket Income | 0 | 9,018 |
| Cornmarket Sponsorship | 0 | 15,000 |
| Financial Income | 4,269 | 4,967 |
| | 170,936 | 213,985 |
| Expenses | | |
| Allianz P R Grants | 40,200 | 46,500 |
| Grants to Counties | 71,020 | 71,920 |
| Handball | 0 | 3,190 |
| Publications & Website | 2,668 | 8,317 |
| National Awards Ceremony Costs | 0 | 24,280 |
| Committee Travel | 10,041 | 12,569 |
| Committee Meals & Accommodation | 10,872 | 11,255 |
| Complimentary All Ireland Tickets | 1,120 | 1,781 |
| AGM | 0 | 1,785 |
| Phone & Postage | 1,171 | 1,961 |
| INTO Congress | 250 | 600 |
| Bank Charges | 53 | 93 |
| Sundry Expenses | 1,294 | 600 |
| | 138,689 | 184,851 |
| Surplus for period transferred to Reserves | 32,247 | 29,133 |



Treasurer's Report

Cumann na mBunscol Balance Sheet As at 31 October 2011

| | 2011 € | 2010 € |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Debtors | 68,501 | 81,345 |
| Cash and Deposit | 221,992 | 167,782 |
| | 290,493 | 249,127 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accruals | 131,119 | 121,999 |
| | 131,119 | 121,999 |
| Net Current Assets | 159,374 | 159,374 |

Capital Account

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Brought Forward | 127,128 | 97,995 |
| Surplus/Deficit for the year | 32,247 | 29,133 |
| | 159,374 | 127,128 |



Development Report

“Every generation gets a chance to change the world. Pity the nation that wont listen to your boys and girls, Cos the sweetest melody is the one we haven't heard” *(Bono U2)*

These opening lyrics are from a more obscure song from the lads entitled “ I'll go crazy if I don't go crazy Tonight” I know many of you enjoy a song when you are off as I have heard your melodies at the early hours up and down our green isle and good on you for that. These words bring many aspects of a new Ireland into sharp focus. The pace of change visited on all corners of Ireland and every family has changed the mood and demeanour of everybody. The GAA must sit up and take stock of these manifestations and every AGM you have attended or will attend, the previous twelve months recounted, demonstrate a struggle to make both ends meet and God forbid if parishes are racked by enforced emigration the very future of clubs is even considered.

But change brings a new form. A form that searches for new opportunities and assesses what is important and re-aligns old values. Values that built our organisation into what it is today, firmly rooted in the spirit of the volunteer. As children and sport are our primary concerns we need to present the positive side of this new life. I can't think of any more important value in the GAA than the spirit of volunteerism. I believe our children will see this more in the years ahead as our population reverts back to the simple

values. More time and more people available to help out is a positive. How often have we heard the old saying, “sure 'twill keep me out of harm.” No truer words were spoken and I say to our organisation to put out the appeals to welcome these volunteers in order that we strengthen the core of the GAA that is Cumann na mBunscol.

Communication

2011 was largely about communicating our message and that of our generous sponsor. My colleague Brendan Rice PRO has much to say about getting our message out there and reawakening our branding. He has worked very hard to review our position and there is a strength of will to create a real impact in 2012. This is reflected in the strategic plan review which began last September and was built on in December 2011. The time for deliberating is now over and the final report is ready to present to you and hopefully fan the flames of enthusiasm.





Development Report



The Strategic Plan

The last consultation with the wise heads of our Provincial Bodies in December on the strategic plan proved conclusive in its belief that carefully selected target points from each theme for implementation would stand the best chance of succeeding and this is what has been done.

The following is the agreed plan.

1. Reflecting The New Ireland:

Develop a charter that communicates all that is best about Cumann na mBunscol and that places the child in the centre. Seek to qualify our coaches to foundation level at a minimum and then build to Level 1. Revisit our Education colleges to reinvigorate the many undergraduates. Remind them that they are welcome to get involved sooner rather than later and finally to recruit four ambassadors from our graduate teachers who have reached county level in hurling, football, camogie and ladies football. The Minister for Sport should be partner to this specific target.

2. Making Games Happen in the Primary Schools.

Our priorities in this theme will see a leaflet published that summarises the function of Cumann na mBunscol nationwide. This leaflet will inform, motivate and celebrate all that is positive in Cumann na mBunscol.

A facilities audit will be carried out with the results published for all and an annual coaching template will be developed.

3. Working Hand and Glove with the Wider GAA.

Ensure full participation at County Board level for Cumann na mBunscol rep. Each school will identify its parent club and reacquaint with the network of support available therein. All major coaching conferences will have the involvement and input of Cumann na mBunscol. I welcome Pat Culhane to our committee who has expressed the desire to work with us to achieve these targets. A proud limerick man with lots of energy.

4. Who We Are And What We Do.

A total review of our website is of immediate priority and a PR plan that works is to be formulated and activated in each county. The continued support of generous sponsorship is dependent on the success of this aim. The award scheme that served us in the past is in need of a review and while our AGM of 2012 will have its say on this topic I believe any Award Scheme must adjust to serve the needs of our schools and reflect the action on the school playing fields. The awards must reward excellence. The colourful programmes that we almost addictively purchase in

Development Report

Croke Park must also change to highlight the Cumann na mBunscol brand name. The exhibition games and Mini sevens are Cumann na mBunscol flagship activities and need to be seen as such.

5. Governance.

A template for Governance in all counties will be brought forward that addresses the National Constitution, the five year term and the involvement of non teachers. A five year plan that will "not reduce the rainforests hugely" is needed in each county and it must be achievable and practical. Cumann na mBunscol needs input at Annual congress and this is seen as a major target for 2013 Annual Convention. Outside of Central Council the National body needs to have two representatives at Annual Congress. Finally meetings with County Boards and County Coistí of Cumann na mBunscol need to be an annual event where common aims and objectives are set out and any advice or assistance that can be given by both organisations serves as a greater unity of purpose.

An extract from November Report to National Body 2011

"As each school makes the enthusiastic return to activity after the excesses of Christmas, usually indoor at first and then to the field at the earliest possible chance to kick that ball or hurl that sliotar. On then to build a momentum from early Spring to the height of Summer. Inter class leagues, Mini Sevens, Exhibition Go Games the length and breadth of Ireland. Drowned by April downpours baked by impromptu heatwaves and blown off the field by the tail end of hurricane "what's her name". A short break in July and August to recharge the battery at a coaching course somewhere in Meath, only to take up the cause again in early September, be it football in Kilkenny or hurling in Kerry the fading light of an autumnal term is used to the full, developing, strengthening, enthusing, and bestowing joy on eager minds as they strive to realise their dream to play the games they love. As winter closes in and the last pitches are begged for to host those remaining finals, the shops

are busying themselves for the impending spree and Christmas holidays herald in another vacation where AGMs, secretary reports, treasurer reports and medal ceremonies fill the off season around the winter solstice and in no time at all.....it will start all over again!

Why is there no award scheme for such dedication? Why does somebody have to write it down and photograph it to make it real? Why do we not congratulate for a job well done?

Then there should be the biggest award scheme in all of the GAA to honour this dedication. It is our lifeblood and you are doing the greatest service imaginable each day you take a team to a match or a group to the field.

Let the "sweetest melody, the one you haven't heard" be next year's season. May you have a great convention and may you continue to enjoy your work as the greatest volunteer sport has ever known.

Jim Fennelly
Development Officer

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PRO's Report

2011 was once again a very busy year for Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

INTO Congress

Our stand at the INTO Congress in Sligo was very popular with the delegates, with plenty of free material and posters given away. I would like to thank Nicholas Walsh for co-ordinating the weekend and to everyone who took time out to help at the stand. All codes were well represented with players and officials from all codes, football, hurling, camogie, ladies football, handball and rounders.

We raffled several Fun-Do packs and those were forwarded to the winning schools.

In-Touch Page

Cumann na mBunscol has a page every month in InTouch. I wish to acknowledge the assistance of Tom O'Sullivan and Lori Kealy for their continued co-operation. Although we do use this page for highlighting our annual events such as the mini 7's, handball, Corn Market Awards, I do feel that all units could and should use this page to their advantage in highlighting what is actually happening in all counties around the country. There is no better way to gain publicity for your county or school than having an article sitting in every staffroom in every primary school in the country.

Website

At the moment, the outgoing committee are currently looking at relaunching the website for Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta in 2012 making it more attractive and child centred. The current site has, over the past number of years, served its purpose well, but it is felt that it is time for a change. A sub committee are currently looking at possible servers and a new domain.

Match Programmes

The National committee has secured space in match programmes on All-Ireland semi-final and final days. I would like to thank those counties who forwarded me articles for the page showcasing the work that is going on at primary school level within their county. Unfortunately, not all counties took advantage of this excellent opportunity to highlight some aspect of Cumann na mBunscol and let 80,000 patrons see what is happening at grass-roots level around the country. I would encourage all counties to get behind this idea. I know not all counties will make semi-finals or the final, but it is too good an opportunity to turn down if your senior team gets there.

National Awards

The Corn Market Awards last November was a great night of networking and celebration of what is good in Cumann na mBunscol. We would like to thank our



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sponsor Corn Market for their continued support and they have committed to sponsoring the National Committee in 2012.

Although the night as always is a great success, the number of entries to the competitions has been dwindling over the years. The percentage of entries to the number of schools is not very high and it may be time for the incoming Coiste to think of some way of trying to increase the participants or even change the format. Congratulations to all nominees and in particular to the winners on the night.

Allianz Sponsorship

Throughout this year, I have been appealing to all county units and in particular to county PROs or PR teams to provide consistent and regular reports to your local media and to use the name "ALLIANZ" in all press releases. Last September, during the General Meeting we had a PR seminar, where I outlined the role of the PRO and in the correct use of our sponsor's name. Unfortunately Allianz wouldn't be happy with the current results gleaned from over 120 newspapers throughout Ireland. Last month I wrote to all county units to, highlighting their concerns and asking each county

coiste to make a concerted effort in improving our PR and coverage of Allianz.

PRO Email Account

A new email account, on the GAA Email Service, has been set up for all county PRO's to use. The idea behind this venture was to make it easy for PRO's to contact each other and myself and to share thoughts and strategies in marketing and promoting Cumann na mBunscol. A number of units have initiated their accounts, but it would be great if all counties could have the new account up and running as it will help with making contact, particularly with the sponsor's media coverage. All login details were sent to county secretaries but if you would like me to resend them, contact me on pro.cnmb@gaa.ie and I will forward those to you.

I wish to thank everyone that I have been in contact with who have helped me in my first year as a PRO. In particular I wish to thank my fellow officers for their support and encouragement and to all members of Cumann na mBunscol who I have worked with this year.

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 7th August 240 pupils represented their schools and counties in exhibition games in Croke Park.

This year it was disappointing that Britain could not take up the full allocation of 4 places. It is my hope that they will be able to avail of all their places in 2012. 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 1 county. The counties involved were Down, Offaly, Mayo and Limerick for the semi-finals and Cork for the Hurling Final and Dublin for the Football Final. I would like to thank Bernie Ryan who co-ordinated the Young Whistlers Scheme. It has proved to be a great success. As in previous year the President of the GAA, Mr Christy Cooney gave of his time to be with the children and their parents on both All-Ireland Final days in the GAA Museum. 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 Noreen Flynn, 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 Noreen Flynn for 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. I would like to personally thank Nicholas Walsh for his help and commitment in ensuring the success of our exhibition games and for his guidance and professional manner in which he handled everything. As you are aware Nicholas is now working in Australia and on behalf of Cumann na mBunscol I would like to wish him every success in his new venture.

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 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 re the Dublin teachers.

Thanks to our own National Committee and especially to Br. Dormer who is there assisting on each of the 6 Sundays. His help is greatly appreciated.

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 new format.

Patrick McGivern

Nominations 2012

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 2012

Motion 1:

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

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)

Motion 3:

That the 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)



Cumann na mBunscol National Award Winners 2011



1. Pat Trainor Hall of Fame

Margaret Cunningham

2. School of the Year

- 1 Watergrasshill N.S., Co Corcaigh
- 2 St. Brigid's P.S., Ballymena, Co. Antrona
- 3 St. Mary's P.S., Aughlisnafin Road, Co. an Dún
- 4 Scoil Chríost Rí, Caherdavin, Co. Luimnigh

3. Publication of the Year

- 1 Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Tiobraid Árann
- 2 Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Luimnigh
- 3 Cumann na mBunscol, Co. na Gaillimhe
- 4 Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Port Láirge

4. Public Relations of the Year

- 1 Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Port Láirge
- 2 Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Thiobraid Árann
- 3 Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Fear Manach

5. Best Games Promotion Initiative

- 1 Our Lady's & St. Mochua's PS, Derrynoose, Co. Ard Mhacha
- 2 Anacarty N.S. Co. Thiobraid Árann
- 3 Kilcoole P.S., Kilcoole, Co. Chill Mantáin
- 4 St. Mary's P.S., Mullymesker, Co. Fear Manach

6. Assessors' Merit Award

Sunday's Well B.N.S., Blarney Road, Corcaigh
 Our Lady's & St. Mochua's PS, Derrynoose, Co. Ard Mhacha
 Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Ard Mhacha
 Cumann na mBunscol, Co. Shligigh





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.

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

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

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

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

(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



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(11) Addresses of invited Speakers.

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

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

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

*Special General Meeting:

1. A special General Meeting may be called by An Coiste Náisiúnta or by the special written request of 12 or more County/Provincial 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.

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9. The Assistant Secretary shall minute all meetings and ensure that a copy of the minutes be available for the next meeting.

10. All routine correspondence with affiliated areas shall be done by the Secretary.

11. All correspondence with the GAA, State Departments and Public Bodies shall be carried out by the Secretary in consultation with the other bodies.

12. (a) The National Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses

(b) The Treasurer, in conjunction with Accounts Department Croke Park shall be responsible for

- (i) The maintenance of proper financial records.
- (ii) An annual audit of the accounts.
- (iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

13. The PRO shall in consultation with the other officers:

(a) Take every available opportunity to publicise the work of Cumann na mBunscol and to ensure that Gaelic games are promoted as the games of choice in our primary schools.

(b) Ensure that the 'Aims and Objectives' of Cumann na mBunscol be protected and advanced in dealing with outside agencies.

(c) Prepare all National Press Releases on behalf of An Coiste Náisiúnta, 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 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.

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.



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6. Invited guests may speak at the invitation of the Provincial Council.
7. Delegates must attend a minimum of two out of three meetings.
8. At this meeting the delegates will elect officers and a committee to run the affairs of the Provincial Council between Provincial Annual General Meetings.
9. The Minutes of the Provincial AGM must be sent to the National Secretary within a month of the Provincial AGM.
10. The annual financial statement must be sent to the National Treasurer within a month of the Provincial AGM.
11. Failure to send either the minutes or annual financial statement within a month of the Provincial AGM shall result in sanctions.
12. This committee shall promote the aims of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games within the Province.
13. Each Provincial Council will liaise with An Coiste Naisiunta 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 Naisiunta 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.

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- Members of 'An Coiste Gearán' should not be officers or members of the Committee within the County.
 8. (a) The County Treasurer shall be responsible for verification of all expenses
(b) The Treasurer, shall be responsible for
 - (i) The maintenance of proper financial records.
 - (ii) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (iii) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
 9. A statement of Accounts must be forwarded to the National Treasurer annually.
 10. Two delegates from each County will attend the Annual General Meeting, and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
 11. Each county shall formally adopt a constitution, a copy of which shall be forwarded to An Coiste Náisiúnta for ratification.
 12. Each County Coiste shall adopt a code of practice in line with any of the following:
GAA Code of Practice in Youth Sport or DES / DENI guidelines on Child Protection.
 13. When affiliating to Cumann na mBunscol annually, teachers and B.O.M./B.O.G. agree to be bound by the rules of Cumann na mBunscol.
 14. County committees shall accept correspondence only from the school through the Chairperson, the principal or the designated teacher.
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.

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.



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10. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than two minutes.
 11. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than two minutes.
 12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed. No speaker shall speak for more than two minutes.
 13. Each delegate shall register and each speaker shall identify themselves, name and unit.
 14. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
 15. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
 16. The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
 17. In the event of the proposition "That the question be put", and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or 'Put the question'.
 18. In the event of the proposition "That the AGM, move to next business " and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
 19. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
 20. The Cathaoirleach may at his/her discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
 21. The Cathaoirleach may at his/her discretion and in consultation with order officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.
 22. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.
 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.

An Coiste Náisiúnta Constitution



4. Coiste Gearán:
This is an appeals body.

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

(a) Grievances, complaints and objections dealing with issues outside County Jurisdiction will be dealt with by the National Committee and that decision will be final.
 5. Sanctions will be taken against any Coiste, National, Provincial or County or any member for the following reasons:
 - bringing the organisation into disrepute, or
 - failure to implement National Policy.
- *Sanctions:**
1. Misuse of organisational funds. Automatic Disassociation.
 2. Conduct unbecoming a member of 'Cumann na mBunscol'. Automatic Disassociation.
 3. Failure of a County to furnish a statement of accounts. Withholding of grants and tickets.
 4. Failure of a County to furnish a secretary's report. Withholding of grants and tickets.
 5. Failure to hold an A.G.M. plus relevant meetings and two additional meetings. Withholding of all monies and tickets due to that County / Provincial Coiste.
 6. Failure of County / Provincial units to honour obligations to sponsorship agreements. Withholding of sponsorship monies.
 7. Failure to comply with/implement the Constitution. Withholding of grants and other benefits.
 8. Failure to comply with/implement National Policy. Withholding of grants and other benefits.





Insurance Certificate



Broker Declaration

Dated 1st January 2012

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, 2012 to October 31st, 2012. 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).

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| 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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