

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
Baile Buadáin Naomh Éanna

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Ballyboden St Endas GAA Club
Annual General Meeting 2009

Ballyboden St Enda's GAA, Camogie & Ladies Football Club

40th Annual General Meeting

Thursday 3rd December 2009 at 8.30 pm

AGENDA /CLÁR

1. Adoption of Standing Orders
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2008
3. Chairman's Address
4. Hon. Secretary's Report
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report
6. Appointment of Tellers
7. Elections
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice-Presidents
 - (c) Chairman
 - (d) Vice-Chairman
 - (e) Hon. Secretary
 - (f) Assistant Secretary/Registrar
 - (g) Hon. Treasurer
 - (h) Assistant Treasurer
 - (i) Executive Committee Members-Ordinary (2)
 - (j) Executive Committee Members-Player Representative (1)
 - (k) Board Delegates
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. Motions and Recommendations

Bunordaithe

(Standing Orders)

1. The proposer of a motion or amendment thereto may speak for 5 minutes but no longer.
2. A member speaking to a motion, or an amendment, shall not exceed 3 minutes.
3. The proposer of a motion may speak a second time for 3 minutes before a vote is taken but no other member may speak a second time to the same motion.
4. The Chairman shall, at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed, call on the proposer to reply and when that has been given, a vote must be taken.
5. A member may, with the consent of the Chairman, move “that the motion be now put” after which, when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. No interruption shall be allowed except on a point of order or information.
7. Members must address their remarks to the presiding Chairman and shall put questions or make replies through him.
8. The meeting shall not be entitled to consider any matter not on the agenda, except with the consent of a majority comprising two-thirds of the votes of those present voting and entitled to vote.
9. No motion for invalidation of proceedings at any meeting of the Club on any grounds shall succeed, unless such a motion be put at the time and in the place where the grounds arise.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting 4th December 2008

The 39th Annual General Meeting of Ballyboden St. Endas GAA Camogie and Ladies Football Club was held at the Clubhouse on Thursday 4th December 2008 at 8.30 p.m.

Adoption of Standing Orders

Proposed by: Pat Conway
Seconded by: Noel Brown

Minutes of Previous AGM

Proposed by: Pat Drohan
Seconded by: Niall Desmond

Chairman's Address

The Chairman opened the meeting by mentioning that it was another great year in the Club as is evidenced in the display of cups in front of us. In all we won 35 trophies with many teams in runners-up positions. Some teams won League and Championship doubles which is a great distinction for them. As most of the victories were by under age teams it shows that we have many good young players coming through the system.

The Chairman mentioned that it was another first for the Club in 2008 in winning the Camogie Leinster senior championship final. Winning the Dublin final was special in the manner of the win but the Leinster was extra special on an otherwise rotten day in Rathnure. The team also won the Open Cup and was unlucky to be beaten in the league final. It was a great year for the team. Well done to PJ Donoghue and his mentors, the players of course and all the supporters who travelled to Rathnure. The Senior B Camogie team also had a great win in the shield final and it shows the depth of talent in the section. Well done to all involved. Great work continues to be done in the Camogie nursery and juvenile section and I'm sure we can look forward to more successes in the years to come. The Section was also very active in fundraising with the organising of a Fashion Show. Well done to Sinead McNeela, the Camogie Committee and all players and workers in the section.

After our defeat in Birr in the first round of the Leinster senior hurling championship, the Chairman mentioned our team and management were very dejected. I suppose it is a sign of how far we have come in two years that we genuinely expected to beat Birr. It did not happen on the day but it was not for want of effort on the training field and on the field of play. If, this time two years we were offered two senior hurling championships, one league (2007) and a Leinster final, we would have taken it without question. So to the senior hurlers, I say, you are entitled to keep you heads high. Thanks for the great

enjoyment and pride you gave us over the last two years in particular. We can now see that a lot more hard work is needed to go to the next level and I have no doubt that the players are prepared to make the necessary sacrifices to get there. A sincere thank you to all the players, to the management team of Liam Hogan, his mentors and the army of other helpers who, again, have put in a huge amount of time and effort into getting us the rewards we achieved over the last two years. The performance of the Hurling Section generally has been exceptional. The Senior B team retained Senior A league status. The minor A team won the championship and league and the Minor B team also won the Championship. A very successful fundraiser was organised early in the year. Thanks to Chairman, Eddie Finn, Secretary, Richard Condron and the Committee and the mentors of all teams for your work over the last 12 months. Eddie has stepped down as Chairman but he is not turning his back on hurling as he is staying on as Vice-Chairman. Good man Eddie and best of luck to Jimmy Galavan for the coming year.

The Chairman mentioned we have become used to the successes of the Senior Ladies footballers over the years and we have begun to take their successes for granted. They won their 9th senior county final this year-what a record and what a team and they also won the league. Unfortunately they were beaten in the Leinster semi-final by a very good Mountmellick team. Thanks to Martin Masterson and his mentors for their work during the year. At underage level, the section continues to grow and grow with championship and league wins at different age levels. The future is surely bright. Thanks to Chairman, Pat McGrath and his Committee and all players and workers in the section.

The Senior Footballers had a good start to their championship. However, following a great contest with Ballymun Kickhams in the quarter final, they were extremely unlucky to be beaten by virtually the last action of the game with a last minute sucker punch of a goal. Despite a disappointing league, having to win their last game to guarantee Div 1 status for next season, there is still the nucleus of a team there capable of winning the Championship. The Junior A footballers kept the football flag flying by winning the Stacey Cup on another horrible day in Ballycullen. An excellent report prepared by Brendan Young and his Committee was presented to the Football Committee at their AGM which received a great response. As a direct result of that report, the Football Committee now has a large committed group of people under the Chairmanship of Dan O'Sullivan and I wish Dan the best of luck in the coming year. Peter Shovlin has stepped down as Chairman but like Eddie Finn he too is continuing his involvement as vice chairman. Thanks Peter.

The Chairman mentioned the success of our Juvenile Section is the envy of many clubs. The highlight of the year, among the many successes, especially in the eyes of the outgoing chairman, John Ryan, was the U16 championship victory over our neighbours St Judes. This team had been beaten in three championship finals by this same Judes team so this victory was particularly sweet. It shows it pays to persist. They were also excellent wins for the U14 footballers who won the league, the U13a footballers who did the double, the U13C footballers who won the championship/shield and the U12 and U13 hurlers who won the Camaint and PJ Troy trophies respectively.

With all the games played at all levels the Chairman advised that we are fortunate to have a defibrillator thanks to Niall Sudway for sponsoring and to Anne Marie Sudway for training the following trainers, Donie Kerin, Noel Sheridan and Caoimhe O'Neill. But aside from the above trainers we do need more on board.

The Chairman mentioned the Nurseries or as we now call them, our Academies, are thriving on Saturday mornings thanks to the hard work of Brian O'Regan, Paul McLaughlin and their cohort of workers. A new academy in Ballycullen was set up recently which will take some pressure of the local academy. Brian and Paul also work in the schools during the week. The Summer Camps continue to be one of the most popular in the area thanks to PJ Donohue, Brian and Paul and they make a few euro in profit also. The section organised a golf classic to raise funds for the Ballycullen Academy and thanks to Ned Slattery for his input and hard work in organising this event. Thanks to the Juvenile Section, its outgoing Chairman John Ryan and our coaches, Brian, Paul and PJ as a result of whose efforts we are producing squads of players that are contesting finals at all levels on a regular basis. I wish incoming chairman Seamie O'Neill all the best for the coming year.

Before leaving the playing side of the last year the Chairman spoke about the matter of membership. Our Registrar, Sean Bonar found it increasingly frustrating, as did I, that it took so long for many members including players to pay their memberships. Also discipline on the field is something we cannot take for granted. I appeal to all to refrain from bringing the club into disrepute.

While 3 chairmen of the playing sections have stepped down this year the Chairman advised we are lucky to have willing replacements. There is also going to be a contest for places on the Executive Committee which is a healthy sign. As Shane Heraty who is the Player's Representative has to step down for work reasons this position is also vacant. Shane was a great asset on the Executive and thanks again for all your commitment.

As the country is currently in recession the Chairman mentioned that fundraising in general is likely to become more difficult. Balancing the need to win championships and the need to live within our means will not be easy. Our casualty is likely to be PuncHESTOWN which has produced considerable finance for the Club in the last 3 years. I want to thank John Archbold and his Committee for their hard work in making PuncHESTOWN a financial and a social success in those 3 years. Again, I want to thank the playing sections for their efforts in financing their sections and teams. Danny Griffin works wonders as usual in helping out the different sections, especially during championship runs, when he raised money for meals etc.

The lotto plays as always a big part in fundraising in the Club and the Chairman thanked the Chairman, Pdraig Cullinane and his Lotto team for it's success. Thanks to Kevin Geoghegan who stepped down during the year. The Chairman mentioned the Club bar continues to perform well and thanks to Ned Slattery, Peter Fitzpatrick and all the staff for your continued hard work. Thanks also to John Doyle (RIP) and his fellow musicians and singers who make Wednesday nights very pleasant occasions. Gaelic Telecom is another way members can painlessly contribute to Club finances by simply transferring

from their current telephone supplier to Gaelic Telecom. Ciarán Doyle is the contact. The Chairman mentioned we will need to seek other sources of income such as extra rental income from Sancta Maria and we are also looking at the possibility of allowing Vodafone or other mobile phone operators to place antennae on our property here and in Sancta Maria at no cost to the Club. The potential income here could be in the region of €15,000 per annum.

On the capital spending side the Chairman mentioned it is a great relief that Sancta Maria's all-weather full-size pitch is now up and running and receiving very positive comments from players and mentors alike. The Prunty-type pitch should be ready for play next year. Having completed the purchase of the additional buildings in Sancta Maria we sought and were granted planning permission to build 6 dressing rooms. There is a motion on the agenda to provide for the building of the dressing rooms. The Chairman advised we were also awarded a grant of €350,000 from the Lottery funding. In Ballycullen we have been granted planning for the dressing rooms and we intend to proceed with this. As we face into another year which will be the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Club, the Chairman mentioned there will be many challenges.

The Chairman mentioned that the last two years have seen a mountain of work carried out by Terry O'Neill and his Strategic Review Committee. The final document has yet to be presented but from the preview it is clear that there are a lot of ideas coming forward from it. Therefore, the task ahead in our Challenge 2020, will be to build on what we have and indeed the main challenge outlined in the preview is to bring All-Ireland titles to the Club in 4 codes. We look forward to the challenge.

I wish to thank everyone who helped me during the year. The Chairperson's of the various sections, and their committees for making it relatively easy for me and the Executive Committee to concentrate on other matters. I also thank the managers, mentors, board delegates, PRO and everyone else too numerous to mention for your work during the year. We managed to fill the 3 vacancies on the Executive Committee early in the New Year and I thank Sean Bonar for taking on the onerous job of Registrar. Thanks Sean. Danny Griffin resumed his fundraising tasks with his usual efficiency. Thanks Danny. Liam Carter also agreed to come on board and his advice and sound judgement was invaluable during the year. Thanks Liam. The Player injury would not be but for the amount of work that Jodie Moran has contributed to ensure all claims are pursued in a timely manner. Thanks Jodie.

Malachy Daly is stepping down after serving on the Executive, as ordinary member and as Vice Chairman for 4 years. He was always a person whose advice you could rely on. He will be missed-thanks Malachy. Thanks to John for his contribution to the Executive Committee and especially his contribution to Punchestown. Thanks to Annette for her duties as Secretary and to Tony for all his work in keeping the finances in order. To our Club President, Mr Liam Coffey and to our Trustees John O'Neill, Liam Coffey and Shay Lennon thanks for your help and advice during the year.

Last but by no means Mr 24/7 himself, Noel Sheridan. His dedication to the Club is second to none. No job is too big and no job is too small for him. Noel without your work and dedication this Club would be a worse place today. From my own point of view I could not operate without the help given to me by Noel-thanks Noel.

As next year is the 40th Anniversary of the Club and 125th Anniversary of the GAA we

may be able to combine both celebrations and all ideas are welcome. I wish all the incoming Committee members, managers, board delegates the best of luck for the New Year. As I mentioned already 2009 is going to be difficult from a finance point of view but I ask every to pull together.

Finally I wish to thank my wife, Theresa, and my family for their patience during the last few years when perhaps I should have been at home doing various jobs around the house but instead escaped to the sanctuary of the Club. I ask for your indulgence for one more year and those jobs will (fingers crossed) eventually be done.

Secretary's Report

As the members had sufficient time to read through the Secretary's report before the meeting commenced, the Secretary went through the report page by page.

Proposed by: Conor Doolan

Seconded: Liam Carter

Treasurer's Report

As the members had sufficient time to read through the Treasurer's report before the meeting commenced, the Treasurer went through the report page by page.

Proposed by: John Archbold

Seconded by: Conor Sheehan

Elections

The following were elected as tellers :

John Ryan, John Archbold, Pat Conway, Conor Doolan, Conor Sheehan and Frank O Connor.

President - Liam Coffey

Vice-Presidents – Kathleen O'Sullivan, Stephen Riney and Diarmuid Mac Mathuna were elected.

Chairman - Paddy Walsh being the only nominee was declared elected.

Vice-Chairman – John Archbold being the only nominee was declared elected.

Secretary - Annette Sheehan-being the only nominee was declared elected.

Treasurer - Tony Wallace being the only nominee was declared elected.

Asst. Secretary/Registrar – Sean Bonar being the only nominee was declared elected.

Executive Committee – As there were only 8 Nominations namely, Joseph Moran, Patrick Monaghan, Daniel Griffin, Liam Carter, Terry O'Neill, John O'Toole, Ciaran Maguire and Gerard Basquel. The following were elected Joseph Moran, Liam Carter, Terry O'Neill, Ciaran Maguire and Gerard Basquel. There was no nomination for the Player Representative.

Board Delegates - As nominated by the Football, Hurling, Camogie, Ladies Football and Juvenile Committees.

Appointment of Auditors - Noel Leonard and Co. were appointed.

Recommendations for AGM 2008

- 1) That €2million of Club funds be reinvested and placed in a separately identified account and that the interest from that account be used solely for Coaching and Games Development purposes.

Proposer John Kirwan.
Seconder John O'Neill.
Accepted.

- 2) That €2million of Club funds be reinvested and placed in a separately identified account and that the interest from that account be used solely for ongoing Club maintenance purposes.

Proposer John O'Neill.
Seconder John Kirwan.
Accepted

Motions for AGM 2008

1. That approval be given to build dressing rooms in Sancta Maria at a cost not exceeding a cost of €600,000, plus professional fees, plus any approved extras.

Proposed: Liam Carter

Seconded: Shane Heraty

Accepted with deletion of last 4 words (plus any approved extras)

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí – 2008 – Secretary’s Report

Is mór an onóir domsa an tuarascáil seo a chur os bhur gcomhar. It is a great honour, as Club Secretary, to be presenting this Secretary’s Report on the activities of the Club over the past 12 months. In the first part of the report, I outline the activities of each playing section during the year. Those reports have already been presented to the AGMs of the relevant sections.

PART 1

FOOTBALL

Chairman: Dan O’Sullivan

Vice Chairman: Peter Shovlin

Secretary: Mick Garvey

Secretary’s Report of Activities 2009

Football Structure

The year saw a dramatic improvement in the levels of participation in the adult football committee. Heretofore, the composition of the Committee was small and often overstretched. However in 2008/09 this all changed with a significantly increased committee, in which all had roles to play, with a view to improving all aspects of adult football from performance on the field ultimately, to communications of managers with one another and with the Committee and support for managers.

The 2007 football AGM had passed a motion that officers and managers would meet at least once a month and that efforts should be made to get more people involved in the Committee to assist the officers.

I am glad to say that this year, considerable progress was made on the two areas. The full committee met with representatives of the various management teams on a weekly basis right through the year, with only the very odd week missed, mainly due to bank holidays. The exchanges of views were always frank and honest with the overall view to promote football in the club. To all who gave of their time so unselfishly, a big thank you.

Football Committee

Name	Role
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Dan O'Sullivan	Chairman
Peter Shovlin	Vice Chairman
Mick Garvey	Secretary
Eoghan Farrelly	Committee member and Registrar
Vincent Harrington	Committee member and Treasurer
Donie Kerin	Committee member and Football Board representative
John O'Neill	Committee member and County Board representative
Brendan Young	Committee member, member of Football Review Team and Coaching Forum officer
Tony Shields	Committee member and Player Liaison officer
John Archbold	Committee member
Mick Maher	Committee member and member of Football Review Team
Ger Flaherty	Committee member, member of Football Review Team and Juvenile Liaison officer
Pat Walsh	Committee member and Equipment officer
Frank Brooks	Committee member and Pitches and Training Grounds officer

Football Managers

The following managers were selected to run the teams by the Football Committee:

Seniors

Liam O'Dwyer

Intermediates

Conor Doolan

Junior As

Jim Keane

Junior Bs

Mick Maher

Junior Cs

Cormac O'Farrell

Minor A

Noel Basquel

Minor B

Dave Mellon

Under 21A

Peter Shovlin

Under 21 B

Liam Carter

Behind every good manager is a good management team and the managers selected were lucky to have willing and able help. At this point, it should be noted that one of the mentors of the Junior Cs, our very good friend and colleague, John Doyle, passed away suddenly in recent weeks. John will be sorely missed by us all. May he rest in peace.

Management Structures Adult football and Competitions entered

Team	Manager	Mentors	Competitions
Seniors	Liam O'Dwyer	Barry Conroy, Sean Dolan, Martin Masterson, Andy Gardiner, Eugene Kenny and Colin Moran	AFL1, Senior Championship

Inters	Conor Doolan	Neil Brennan and John Archbold	AFL3, Inter Championship and Loving Cup
Junior A	Jim Keane	Eugene Duffy and John Mulligan	AFL6, Junior B championship and Stacey Cup
Junior B	Mick Maher	Brendan Young Phelim McCabe Eoin Dunne	AFL9, Junior C Championship and Murphy Cup
Junior C	Cormac O'Farrell	John Doyle (R.I.P.)	AFL10S, Junior D Championship and Sheridan Cup
Minor A	Noel Basquel	Finian Hyland, Sean Crowley, Shane Brooks Kenny Kerins	MFL1 and Minor A championship
Minor B	Dave Mellon	John Archbold and Tony Wallace	MFL3 and Minor E championship
Under 21A	Peter Shovlin	Jim Keane, Bobby O'Sullivan and Derek Ward	Under 21A championship
Under 21B	Liam Carter	Vinney Carney, Shane Brooks and Brian Carty	Under 21 D Championship

How did we fare in the year?

Attached to this report, **See Appendix A**, are summaries by the various managers on the performance of teams over the year. It has been a spectacularly successful year in many respects and better than we could have hoped for. The incredible saga of the Senior's championship semi final win v Kilmacud Crokes, after three games and two extra time periods, and subsequent win in the final v St Judes left it's mark with all who witnessed it. The lads and their management are a credit to the club and the sheer skill, fitness level and courage were heart-warming. Again congratulations to all.

The challenge will be to build on the success next year and keep the momentum, which has been accomplished this year. The most eye catching successes are:

- Winning the senior football championship and in a play off position for the AFL1 title
- Junior As winning AFL6
- Junior Bs finishing second in AFL9 and getting promoted
- Minor As finished a respectable 4th in MFL1 and lost to Na Fianna in the semi final of the championship

In addition we managed to field a Junior C team, and fulfil our fixtures.

Football Review Recommendations

As indicated in the minutes of the AGM for 2008 attached, the Football Committee of 2008 and the AGM endorsed the Football Review Report. Throughout 2009, the Football

Committee, worked to promote the key principles of the report. The Football Review Committee was well represented in the Football Committee. In particular, I feel that communications within the section improved considerably. Also the work that went into monitoring player use by managers and the Registrar focussed the minds on the need to maximise player resources for the overall good of football. Mistakes may have been made on occasion, but it is hoped that these will be used as a learning tool and that the process will develop over time.

The Football Review Committee produced an Adult Football Strategy Road Map and the Football Committee has made a good start in incorporating the main planks of the strategy into the section within the year. In particular, as regards the 12 month detailed plan envisaged in the Map, the following has been achieved:

- Roll out of player charter
- Active monitoring of player progression/regression programme
- Implementation of panel structure
- Define player liaison Officer

The review is very much a work in progress. Much needs to be done in developing a coaching program for football and inevitably the availability and sourcing of eager, able and committed coaches is a priority. The Committee did not manage to fill the post of Football PRO in the year. It is hoped that the position will be filled in the coming year. It is an important role incorporating the promotion of football, the teams and players throughout the club and the club's broader support base. Given the feel-good factor arising from winning the senior championship, there should be a willing audience for any incoming PRO.

Player Representative to the Executive

The Football Committee successfully proposed that Alan Ryan be appointed as Player Representative on the Executive Committee.

Rory Hegarty

In the midst of celebration, sadly there was also huge sorrow through the year. As mentioned, our dear friend John Doyle died suddenly. Also young minor player, Rory Hegarty, died suddenly last February. Rory was a fine young lad and a valued and appreciated team member with the Minor B team. He had played for the team in a sporting league game v St Annes on the previous day. It is very difficult to rationalise the sudden death of one so young and all our thoughts go out once more at this time, as they did at the time of his death, to Rory's family.

Jim Stynes

As most of you will know, Jim Stynes, a former great stalwart of the club and Aussie Rules great, is seriously ill. We pass on our best wishes to Jim and the whole Stynes family.

The Hague

The annual Hague tournament has become part of the diary for the Junior Cs . This year the team reached the final of the to tournament. They have been invited back in the coming year. Congratulations to Cormac and the lads.

Feile Success

Many congratulations to the young lads and girls who won their respective division 1 All-Ireland Feile competitions. A fantastic achievement and augurs well for the future.

Senior Hurling 3 in a row

Warmest congratulations to the senior hurlers who won their 3 in a row championship, beating old foes Craobh Chiarain in the final. This completed the senior football and hurling double for the club, the first time it has been done in Dublin since St Vincents in 1981. Very few clubs in the country can aspire to winning the football and hurling double and great credit is due to all concerned in the club. In particular I would like to congratulate the dual players, Conal Keaney, Shane Durkin and Simon Lambert. We all know the stress put on dual players and these lads deserve all the accolades they receive for playing both codes so successfully at the top level.

Representative honours

Congrats to Conal Keaney and Declan O' Mahoney who represented the club on the Dublin senior football team. Stephen Hiney, Shane Durkin and Simon Lambert represented us on the Dublin hurling team. Daniel Davey featured on the Sligo senior football panel. Stephen O'Connor and James Kilduff featured on the Dublin minor panel while Sean Prendergast, Ryan Basquel , Donogh McCabe and Graham Heavey. were involved with the Dublin under 17 development squad.

Also of course we have a few young lads, Ger Flaherty, Ken Murray and Brendan Young who have being assisting the Dublin Masters.

Retirement of Colin Moran

It would be remiss not to mention here the decision earlier in the year of Colin Moran to hang up his boots. Colin gave fantastic service to the Dubs and to this club. Thanks for the memories, Colin.

Coaching Forum

The Committee recognises the need to address the issue of coaching and ensuring a good supply of quality coaches within the section. As part of an initiative to focus on coaching needs, a member of the Committee, Brendan Young, initiated a number of coaching forums on various topics. It is hoped to continue these in the coming year. Thank you, Brendan.

Football Coaching Forums

The football committee held three coaching forums during the second half of the year. The objective was to gather the coaches from all the adult teams together in an informal setting to discuss coaching methods and tactics.

These forums were well supported by all teams and the U15 and U16 coaches were invited to participate from the second forum.

The output from these forums gives a representative reflection on where the coaches see the club in terms of what we are doing well and where opportunities for improvement lie. The incoming football committee may wish to pursue some of these opportunities during the coming year.

Below is a summary of the three forums that were held.

Regards
Brendan Young.

Football Coaching Forum 28th July 2009

Topics Discussed:

Current Teams Situation:

- All teams still in championship with 3 out of 5 in contention for league.
- Football currently in middle of summer break.

Training plans for next 2-3 weeks:

- Senior
 - 3 week plan.
 - Increase duration from 60 to 70 mins.
 - Reaction training.
 - Conditional games to increase concentration. (4 goals)
 - Mental preparation. (Business end of season)
- Junior A
 - Increase intensity.
 - Match practice.
- Junior B&C
 - Increase fitness level.
 - Increase intensity.
 - Mental preparation.
 - Self belief in teams fitness.

Match Scenarios:

- Extra Man over opposition
 - Depends on timing.
 - Depends on what opposition do to cover loss of player.
- Man down on opposition:
 - Sacrifice a corner forward to cover loss of player.

- Increase work rate.
- Playing against strong wind.
 - Play a two man full forward line with an extra midfield or half back.
 - Play a two man half forward line with an extra mid field of half back.
 - Position all wide forwards centrally to leave maximum space out on the wings to play ball into. (Forward should have advantage with ball into space).
 - Set up defensively to maximise probability of winning own kick out by ensuring two lines of defence are between own goal and where the ball is landing. Mid field must contest kick out with half backs facing break.
 - Set up defensively to maximise probability of winning own kick out by pulling wing backs in field to form a diamond with full back and centre back to protect the full back line.

Coaching:

- Be aware of players with natural ability.
 - Do not try and coach natural ability out of a player by restricting development.
 - Need for a balance between natural ability and coaching.

Management Preparation:

- Know how opposition play. (Watch them, get reports from other club members).
- Video opposition and analyse tactics, strengths, weakness.
- Target opposition vulnerable players for disciplinary opportunities. (Know who is volatile).
- Make sure opposition know that you are aware of their main threats and game plans. (Has potential to unsettle opposition).

Tactics:

- Game plans.
 - Maximise position to a scoring forward early in a match.
 - Opposition will react and take action, so will only work for a short time.
 - Closing out games
 - Ball retention.
 - Pass and move.
 - Maximise time between frees and kick outs and injuries.

Discipline:

- Cannot over stress importance of retaining 15 players on field.
- Players must play the agreed game plan or it must be dealt with.
 - Has to be an immediate reaction. (Substitution)
 - Must be explained immediately to player why action was taken.
 - Can be advantageous to team if player reacts positively during subsequent matches.
 - Must be applied consistently across team.

**Ballyboden Football Coaching Forum
22nd Sep 2009.**

Summary of discussion topics:

Dublin V Kerry:

- Zonal defence
 - Dublin do not have natural defenders
 - Requires intelligent disciplined players to make it work.
 - Dublin practised zonal defending for 2 days in the week previous to the match.

Cork V Kerry:

- Kerry defend from the front:
- Cork could not break through the Kerry 45m line.
- Kerry centre back hold the middle. This was seen as a key tactic.

Playing with a blanket defence:

- Must break our at pace.
- Line the forwards down the middle of pitch with options each wing.
- Not advised to implemented at under age level
- Half forwards must drop back very fast to support defence.
- Very intensive game. Requires high fitness.
- Switching play from one side to the other is a good counter tactic against a blanket defence.

Direction to juvenile coaches:

- How backs should position themselves.
- How to and when to defend from the front or back.
- Not to position slower players in the corner positions. Prevents development.
- Divide the A and B teams by geographical divides.

Club coaching structure:

- Coaching ideas must cascade down to the juvenile teams.
- One style of play does not suite all teams.
- Requirement for a coaching road map.
- What elements of the game should teams be focusing on.

Do we want to develop football players or winning teams?

What type of player do we want to develop in Ballyboden?

- Fast
- Mobile
- Intelligent
- Early ball players.
- Scoring forwards.
- Players with both feet.

How do we develop these players?

- It takes time, practice, commitment, investment.
- Life long skills development.
- Kicking
- Passing.
- Scoring
- Marking
- Thinking

The use of skills clinics:

- Watching top class players.
- Specialised coaching for, backs, forwards, goalkeepers, shooting.
- Practising the basic skills.

Commitment to team and team mates:

- Insistence on commitment to football.
- Better long term benefit to team if it lost 3 half committed players if the team develops.

Fitness Training:

- Only 16 and up.
- Intelligent training sessions will be as good as a physical training session.
- Well planned session will work all core muscle groups.

Ballyboden Football Coaching Forum

03 November 2009

Summary of discussion topics:

Boden v Jude's

- Good full forward play by Boden.
- Judes were nieve in their defence tactics.
- Failed to go man to man.
- Failed to put their best defender on Bodens best forward.
- Boden moved ball fast into full forward line.
- Boden defence gave up 4 goal chances to Judes.
- Half forward line played well out field, leaving plenty of space in front of full forward line.

Boden V Kilmacud

- Excellent defence by KK.
- Defended from front, limited space for Boden.
- Knew when to foul Boden attackers.
- Judes didn't learn from 3 KK matches.

Under-age transition tournament:

- All players who will be playing minor football next year and not involved with adult floodlight tournament.

Under-age Player Development:

- Boden A teams are packed to compete and win.
- Borrow from rugby.
 - Elite development squads/groups.
 - Technique & skill development programs.
 - Strength and conditioning.
- Development program.
- Young players identified early and coached/mentored into specific positions.
- Difficulty developing dual players.
- Elite players in other codes don't happen by accident.

- Told what to work on.
- Mentored how to do them correctly.
- Time investment.
- The most skilled players don't always make it through.
- Mainly it is the most committed that make it.
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Boden players are making it to the top in an unplanned manner.

- Highly committed.
- Not mapped out.
- Lucky with good coaches.

Dublin development squads:

- Not ideal situation.
- Not consistent.
- Format depends on the current coach.

Annual Subs

The incidence of timely payment of the annual subs has improved considerably in recent years. Thank you all.

Thanks

As stated it has been a hugely satisfying year for adult football on the playing front. This does not just happen and is a result of huge effort by players and management and also the assistance and goodwill of so many people. I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks:

- to the players. These are the guys who make it happen. Thank you all. Without meaning to single out anyone, a particular thank you to dual players at all grades, who have so much demands on their time.
- to the managers and mentors for the unselfish work they did to bring the lads to where they are.
- to Brian O'Regan and Paul McLaughlin for technical support to our mentors during the year
- to the spouses and partners who made the sacrifices and put up with the time commitments the lads had to give to adult football during the year, whether as players, managers/mentors or administrators. I would like to include here my wife, Attracta, who in addition to handing me over to Dan most Monday nights, also gave great help to me in producing this report in a presentable fashion.

- to the gate collectors and programme sellers
- to those who helped with the jobs which must be done, including putting up and taking down nets, preparing the fields for matches, scoreboard keeping, giving lifts to matches, washing jerseys, making sandwiches, umpire/sideline duties etc.
- Great work was done by a number of people in putting up bunting etc in preparation for the senior football final. Particular thanks to Danny Griffin, Thomas O’Riordan and Martin Donoghue.
- to Seamie O Neill and the juvenile officers who have been really supportive to the adult section during the year
- to our referees including Tony Lennon and Gerard Brady
- to Jody Moran for his administration of player injuries claims for the club
- to Ned, Peter and the bar staff for their help and support through the year
- to general manager, Noel Sheridan, who is always available and helpful
- to the Executive under Paddy Walsh, for their support
- to our sponsors and particularly our main sponsor, TJ O Mahony & Sons. To TEC Security for sponsoring the Junior As. To David Bobbit who provided team tracksuits to the Minor Bs. Also thanks to George King, Kiernan Oil, Captain Americas, Shovlin Tiling, Orchard Bar, IB Solutions for sponsorship of matches during the year. Your help was greatly appreciated by all.
- a special thanks to Paddy Brady for catering for teams when needed
- our Board delegates: John O’Neill, County Board delegate and Donie Kerin, Football Board delegate. A thankless job.
- to our Football Committee who worked so hard to help and promote adult football.

Apologies to anyone I may have inadvertently omitted.

Appendix A

Team Summary Reports for the year

Senior Team – 2009 Season

Report by Liam O' Dwyer

2009 has been quite a rollercoaster of a year for the senior panel and it's management team. Having begun the season with a series of trial matches and training sessions, a panel was provisionally selected in mid-February. After a number of friendlies, we lost our first league game to Ballymun by 2pts at home. Three games later and we had only registered one win, which was away to Trinity Gaels. Not the start we had wanted but our margins in those three defeats were all within 3pts so we knew we were not that far off the standard.

Our four point defeat to St. Vincents in the first round of the championship on April 26th, transpired to be one of the turning points of our season as our performance showed a huge amount of spirit and unity, particularly since we could not field our strongest side, due to a number of circumstances. Added to this was the devastating news, two weeks previous, that Colin Moran had been forced to retire due to injury.

A switch of venue to Sancta Maria, seemed to change our home form as victory against Na Fianna in May began a run of unbeaten league, championship and friendly matches that lasted six months. Most notable of the league wins were a hard fought 3pt victory at St. Brigids and a great home win versus St. Oliver Plunketts. Our current position of 4th in the league leaves us very hopeful, with two games remaining, of reaching the top four play-offs.

Our championship campaign, resumed rather fortunately with a bye in the back-door round, and then got off the ground with a tough 6pt win against Thomas Davis in O'Toole Park. After a comfortable win against St. Peregrines, we then faced Lucan in the quarterfinal. A three-point victory here gave us a solid platform to approach our biggest challenge against Kilmacud in the semis. In what now is talked about as one of the best ever championship duals, we eventually overcame the All-Ireland Club champions by 4 pts in extra time of our third encounter. These matches will live long in the club's memory as we dug out two draws and the subsequent victory from the almost impossible positions of being 4, 5 and 6 pts down respectively. The only time that we led Kilmacud by two points or more was in extra time of the third game. It demonstrated our tremendous heart and resolve, and it was our panel of players, and indeed our support that got us through. Those supporters were magnificent on those nights and gave us a sixteenth man that always kept us believing.

The Championship Final was five days later which didn't give our lads much time to recover, but you wouldn't have noticed in our first half display, where we played some of our best football this year. Seven points to the good with fifteen minutes to go, our tired

legs began to show and St.Judes produced a fighting comeback to get within two, but we held strong for the victory that we thoroughly deserved after our three week marathon !

At this point I would like to thank all the people that helped us make this year happen. My sincere gratitude goes to my selectors, Martin Masterson, Barry Conroy, Sean Dolan and Andy Gardiner for all their work and dedication. To our Masseur David ‘Hammy’ Cunningham, our Physio Eimear Manley, our fitness trainer Brendan Quinn, and our loyal staff, Eugene Kenny, Tony Shiels and Donie Kerin.

I would also like to thank our ‘Spies’ Bobby O’Sullivan and Brian O’Regan, our Ref’s Gearoid Brady and Tony Lennon, to Ned Slattery & Paddy Brady, to TJ O’Mahoney’s and our match sponsors, and much gratitude to Dan O’Sullivan and his football committee for all their work and support throughout the year. My apologies if I have left anyone out.

Finally, I want to pay tribute to the entire panel who have been a credit to themselves and to Ballyboden St.Endas this year. They have shown an indelible spirit all season and have proved that with honesty, hard work and dedication, you can achieve your goal.

Lets hope we’re not quite finished yet !

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points	Final position
Championship	8	5	1	2		1 st place
League – AFL1	13	9	4	0	18	Joint 4 th
Total	21	14	5	2		

Intermediate – 2009 Season

Report by Conor Doolan

Only one new player was added to the panel during the year from Minor. Meanwhile, five Inter players went up to Senior and no players came back down. New players from Junior were not all up to Inter standard and some lacked commitment. Some players were regraded to Junior. The overall result was an Inter panel that was too small to cope with injuries or players away.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points	Final position
Championship	3	2	1	0		4 th round
League – AFL3	14	1	13	0	2	16 th
Cup - Loving	7	3	3	1	7	4 th
Total	24	6	17	1		

Junior A – 2009 Season

Report by Jim Keane

A successful year for the junior A team playing a total of 31 matches in total with just 5 losses three of which were at the start of the year when we were getting to know each other. Great credit must be given to the players for their commitment all year to training. Sessions were always well attended and a serious attitude for work was shown by all who attended (Some with a little gentle Persuasion) We were unlucky in the championship to lose out in the semi-final by 2-9 to 11pts 11 scores each but goals wins championship. Probably the best thing of the year was the integration between young and not so young players to form a team playing good attacking style of football like in our last league game where we scored 21 points with all 6 starting forwards scoring from play in the first half This was a game that led the team to winning Div 6 league and getting promoted to Div 5 next year This has to classed as a very successful year for the Junior A Team and I am sure the lads are looking forward to old court on wet and windy nights of January to start it all again in 2010.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points	Final position
Championship	4	2	1	1		Semi Final
League – AFL 6	15	13	2	0	26	1 st
Cup - Stacy	5	2	3	0	4	mid table
Challenge Matches	7	7	0	0		

Junior B – 2009 Season

Report by Mick Maher

This was a very good year for the Junior B footballers. The team achieved promotion to Division 8 as runners up in Division 9 with 26 points; just 4 points dropped out of a possible 30. We had a very good Championship run reaching the semi finals where the lads put in a tremendous effort against Clontarf but lost out by 2 points. This success was especially satisfying as the management team were new this year and knew very little about the players in the B squad before the season commenced. It's a credit to the players that we all developed a good rapport very quickly. We put a lot of work into retaining possession, shooting and communication on the pitch and they responded very well to what we asked of them.

We benefited from the panel training with the Junior A squad, especially at the start of the year and we offer our thanks to Eugene for all the effort and planning in his training sessions. We had a good rapport with the Junior A management team and we worked together with an openness that was refreshing. Many thanks to Jim.

The Junior B team was a blend of older players with many years of service to Ballyboden, players with a reasonable amount of experience, and a number of young players coming through from juvenile football. This blend of players contributed to the success we had this year and especially to the development and progress of the younger players, each of whom had a very good season. I would encourage the older players to continue playing in 2010 as they have so much to offer and I feel they should be strongly encouraged within the club.

Management of the Junior B team was very much a team effort and all four mentors contributed tremendously to the success of the year. Well done lads.

Many thanks to members of the football committee and mentors from other teams who regularly came out to support and watch the team.

Goals for 2010:

- This team can do well in Division 8. A number of challenge games this year (and the championship semi final) were against Division 8 opposition and the lads were never outclassed or played off the pitch.
- The goal for 2010 should be promotion to Division 7.

This will require improved training attendance and application next year. While there was a core group of players training all through the season we regularly had significant numbers of absentees. Even for the championship semi final, player numbers at training were modest and this showed in the semi final as Clontarf were significantly fitter than we were, especially in the second half. With improved attendance at training and fitness the Championship could have been won.

- There should be a trainer dedicated to the B squad for the coming year. This would maximise the player potential and augment the work done by Eugene.
- Integrate players coming through from juvenile football promptly at the start of the year.

- There was a significant break between games during the summer this year. Almost two months elapsed between successive league games from July to September. Even with challenge games it is difficult to keep players motivated during this time. I would suggest that perhaps the various team mentors and committee could work to address this in a more structured way for next year.

Finally, and most importantly, many thanks to the players for the work they put into the success of the season.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points	Final position
Championship	4	3	1	0		Semi Final
League – AFL 9	15	13	2	0	26	Runners Up (promoted)
Cup - Murphy	5	2	2	1	5	3 rd
Total	24	18	5	1		

Total Scores for the year:

For; 29 goals, 189 points (276)
 Against; 17 goals, 147 points (198)

Junior C – 2009 Season

Report by Cormac O'Farrell

At the time of writing we have still 5 League matches to play this year. This was a difficult year for the Junior C team and the question should be asked whether or not it should have been entered. At numerous times during the season, the team only fulfilled fixtures with the help of the Minor B team. My thanks goes to Dave Mellon for his massive help and players from other teams who were asked to play a second game in a day. Training as a group was non-existent and players who wished to train did so with the Junior Bs to whom I offer my thanks.

Although there are benefits to entering a team at this level of football, there is a lot of work involved in simply getting sufficient numbers to play.

If the team is to be entered in 2010, some issues will need to be resolved. The team cannot exist without the co-operation and goodwill of the minor set up and the other adult teams. It is unhealthy to see the Junior Cs as simply a social team and the team could be put to very good use in introducing minors to adult football.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points	Final position
Championship	2	1	1	0	N/A	Last 16
League – AFL 10S	15	1	14	0	2	11 th
Cup - Sheridan	4	0	4	0	0	N/A
Total	21	2	19	0		

Minor A – 2009 Season

Report by Noel Basquel

The team had a very busy and enjoyable year even though it did not achieve the ultimate objective of winning a Minor Championship. As part of the development of the players for Adult football all minor footballers (A&B) were given the opportunity to take part in fitness and conditioning training in Ballyboden Gym on Monday and Friday nights under the guidance of a qualified trainer from January to June. Not all players availed of this opportunity but the ones that did were the best performers in the championship.

We had games against teams from Kildare, Meath, Offaly, Wexford, Wicklow, Longford and Cavan. One of the highlights of the year was a weekend away in the Avon Ri adventure centre in August. The team took part in the annual Geraldine Kelly memorial

tournament in Dunboyne with minor teams from all over Ireland. Even though we were without 7 dual players we reached the semi final of the tournament losing to eventual winners, Rhode.

There were a lot of other demands on the players between Dublin minor football/hurling, club hurling, other games (rugby and soccer) not to mention the Leaving Cert and the normal distraction that young adults encounter. This meant that many players were unavailable through no fault of theirs for training /coaching for numerous sessions. Also the huge demands on the players led to numerous injuries and 3 to 4 players were unavailable for every game.

Even though the ultimate success was not achieved the player's preparation for Adult football has been significantly progressed by the excellent coaching sessions of Kenny Kearins and Shane Brooks and occasionally by Boylan Junior (aka Derek Ward). Sean Crowley did a great job at co-ordinating all activities between A&B teams and helping out both teams. The lads also benefited from the input of the wily Cavan man Fin Hyland who never missed a game even though he was a selector with the senior ladies team.

Thanks also to David Bobbett for his generous sponsorship.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points	Final position
Championship	4	1	2	1		Semi Final
League – MFL 1	9	5	4			4 th
Cup - Dunboyne	4	3	1			Semi Final
Challenge	12	10	1	1		
Total	29	19	8	2		

Minor B – 2009 Season

Report by Dave Mellon

Narrative

The Minor B football team were entered in to Division 3 south which was mainly Minor A teams from other clubs. As a result we struggled to overcome stronger opposition throughout the season. We played 8 league games and lost 7 drawing one. On reflection we believe Division 5 would have been the correct grade for us. We played 3 Championship matches loosing 2 and drawing 1.

Despite the game results team morale remained high with training sessions and matches well attended. Training sessions were mixed with the Under 16 squads over the last three months and this benefited both teams. Also The Junior C football team asked for players on occasions which was very well received by many of our players. The Minors enjoyed adult football and given the relatively small amount of games played at Minor level consideration should be given by the incoming Football Committee to formulating a clear policy in relation to integrating Minor footballers into adult football. In my opinion they are well able for it and would benefit from more regular football.

It is hoped that players no longer eligible for Minor will play Junior C next season.

The team was managed and trained by Tony Wallace , John Archbold and Dave Mellon. Sponsorship in the form of team tracksuits was provided by David Bobbit and was very much appreciated. The players wore them to games and it was helpful in developing Club “brand identity” with the team. An enjoyable season.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	Points	Final position
Championship	3		2	1		
League – MFL 3S	8	0	7	1		
Cup -						
Total						

Football Section AGM Monday 16th November 2009 Chairman's Address to the Meeting

Fellow Clubmen and invited Guests it is a privilege and an absolute honour to be the lucky Chairman to be in this position tonight the night we present to our club with the Dublin Senior Football Championship Trophy.

No matter what plans or hopes we had at this time last year if we are honest it was beyond our wildest dreams that we would win this trophy.

To say that we as a club are delighted is an understatement. More about this later.

Highlights of the year

People will identify immediately with:

- Winning the Senior Football Championship
- Gaining promotion in two leagues Divisions 6 to 5 and 9 to 8
- Putting in credible performances in many other football championships and leagues
- These are indeed the highlights and successes which are both hard won and the adrenalin which helps drive us on when times are hard

But we must never forget the lifeblood is in our players and our people and therefore other highlights are:

- The fielding of 2 U 21 teams
- The commencement of the end of season Floodlight Cup
- The strength and robustness of the Football Committee
- The improvement in the progression of a good number of young players from Under Age to adult ranks
- The level of genuine support provided to all teams but particularly to our Senior team by our fellow members and supporters in their hours when they most needed it.
- The level of genuine co-operation between all the sections which make up our great club. It would not have been possible to win the two Senior Championships without a high degree of common sense and a sense of purpose of Club.
- The improved level of interaction with the Under Age Section. There is need for further improvement on our side but it is going the right direction

All of these highlights happen only because everyone involved gives their time and energy unselfishly all of which creates one entity, OUR CLUB.

Review of the year – The Serious Issues

1. The Football Review Team (FRT)

The incoming Football Committee were presented with the FRT report.

The FRT was born out of frustration by the members not just because we had not won a Senior Championship in 14 years but because the perception was that football was struggling badly within the club.

An extract from the FRT report confirms this view :

“ In summary, and not surprisingly, the responses pointed to considerable disappointment in the performance of the adult football across a broad range of critical areas .Here is some of the feedback

- We are unable to replicate under age success*
- We accept the loss of the “gifted” and the “grafter”*
- We do not manage our players, as individuals, or across teams*
- We focus on the day to day*
- We do not promote football well*
- Players can let their team mates down with no consequence*
- Players are not happy and do not play with pride in the jersey at all times*
- Perceived by many that we have no game plan A or game plan B*
- We are not united as a section, we think our team, not football*
- We do not communicate well as adults, player to manager & vice versa*
- Players rarely speak positively about football*

Our successes have largely been one off, driven by passionate managers with a talented group of players at his or her disposal that have stayed the distance, usually after achieving at under age, either in school or the club and not on a successful football structure.

Well one year on:

We have had a very successful year by any standards but we must not mislead ourselves. The fears and disappointments for Football in Ballyboden as expressed by the members don't “go away” in one year.

What has been achieved has given us a foundation to move forward on. We have a lot more to do in the following areas:

- The implementation of the Panel system, while tried , needs improvement
- The transfer from underage to adult ranks needs continuing and constant monitoring
- The creation of a stock of experienced and skilled coaches must be made a priority.

The continued implementation of the FRT proposals requires commitment and hard work.

That said there have been many successes coming from the FRT some of which are already referred to above but which additionally include

- The level of pride restored by the senior footballers particularly in the games against Kilmacud Crokes. You could neither plan for it nor buy it
- The introduction of the PLO (Tony Shields)
- The introduction of The Football Registrar (Eoghan Farrelly) to allow us control the management of players.
- The level of commitment of the Football Committee members

2. Coaching

We cannot get enough experienced and skilful coaches at adult level or indeed any level. This year we added new people to the coaching team:

- Brendan (Young) set up a Coaching discussion group which met 3 times during the year.
- Eugene Duffy trained the Junior A team
- Shane Brookes stepped up and became part of the training / coaching team for the minors and U. 21's
- Derek Ward stepped forward to coach the U.21 football team and Vincent Carney also gave of his years of experience.
- Barry Conroy added his experience to the Senior management team.

These are only the new people introduced at adult level I have not mentioned all of the people who have been coaching for years. They are not forgotten.

Brian O' Regan and Paul McLoughlin do trojan work and through the Accademy will in time produce not alone players but also coaches but it is not in their remit to coach the adult teams.

So if there are any experienced coaches or former players who have played at an appropriate level I plead with them to step forward.

We have tried this year to spread the load between as many people as possible and we have had modest success. We will continue to try and do this so if you do "put your hand up" we will try and tailor the level of commitment to meet your situation.

3. Players (and their position within the GAA)

At the very outset let me express our clubs deepest gratitude to all dual players but particularly to the 4 senior footballers and hurlers who have literally "run the legs off themselves" for Ballyboden in the past 3 months. In time they will take great personal pride in their achievements.

There is however a serious issue with regard to the treatment of club players. At the very outset we must remember that all players are, first and foremost, club players but once a player becomes an inter county player the influences of the County manager take over with serious consequences for all parties involved in playing / managing games at club

level. The effects of the influences of Inter county participation extend far and long throughout the GAA season

- Club players rarely get to play with their clubmates in club leagues or practice games
- Undue pressure is placed on inter county players to effectively commit to the county almost to the exclusion of their club
- In a club like Ballyboden where there are perhaps seven / eight inter county players tied up it has repercussions down the line where young players are tied to higher grade teams than they need be. As a consequence both the club and the player suffers.
- Undue pressure is put on, particularly inter county players, to opt for one code i.e. hurling or football. This is totally alien to the club ethos.
- Because of the inter county calendar of even a modestly successful county which allied to the policy applied by the Dublin County Board of effectively deferring the club championships until the county ceases participation it results in up to 95% plus of Senior players playing out their Club Championship in the Autumn and Winter when playing conditions have deteriorated.

The GAA Authorities consistently state that the clubs and it's players are it's greatest assets and the club is the core unit within the GAA. On the evidence available this is not the case and there is clearly an unbalanced preference shown to the Inter county competitions and the demands of Inter County Managers

There is therefore in my view an onus on clubs to try and rectify this position. This problem is in effect a national issue but in Dublin at least the first steps to correct the position could be to

- a. Advance the Championship calendar within the county
- b. Ensure that intercounty players have greater freedom to train and play with their clubs.

It is'nt as if the current system has ensured any spectacular success for the county. So why not try some alternative.

I would hope that our Club would take up the point and make a proposal to County Convention.

In Conclusion I need to thank all those people who have helped make this a special year

- **Firstly to all the players.** Whether you won or lost your efforts on and off the pitch are appreciated. My hope for each of you is that you got something out of the year and that you are a better player at the end of the season.
- **To all Team Managers and Mentors Trainers Coaches and everyone involved on the Sideline or the training ground** I extend an unqualified and Sincere Thank You. Nothing happens without your commitment. People will sometimes remark that they know how much you put in to running

the team. I believe this is made honestly but I also believe that they cannot possibly know the extent of the commitment. In many cases team Management extends between the first call in the morning to the last call at night and all hours in between.

- **To my fellow committee members** I thank you Sincerely for your commitment , sense of purpose interest , contributions and loyalty during the year. Because of our number we tried to share the workload. We held [40] meetings since last year's AGM. In the course of these meetings we discussed issues , argued about them but I also hope that we had a bit of craic. You all by your contributions made my job a lot easier and for this I thank you.
- **To our sponsors** who are listed on the poster attached to this report and displayed at the meeting I thank you on behalf of our club and the football section. In these difficult economic times it is indeed a testament to your generosity that you continue to support us. We hope that we have through the performances of our teams on the pitch and our representation of your firms in the club that we have in some way repaid you.
While there is always a risk in singling any one sponsor out it is necessary because of the extent of their financial support to single out TJ O' Mahony

We urge all our members to support you at all times.

- **To all those other club members who helped during the year:**
Mick has listed them in his report and I endorse fully all those people / members and even non members sometimes who silently and unobtrusively get things done without any fuss or wish for personal recognition. They are always there, good people, who influence greatly the progress of our club. Each of you should give yourselves, in the same unobtrusive way that you do your work, a quite "Buala Bos" and be proud that you helped make this the year it was and 'Boden the Club that it is.
- **Finally to our supporters at the games**
I think you have come into your own this year and hopefully there's a few more days yet. Thank you all.

In conclusion may I wish you all a good rest in the off season and hope that you all return refreshed for the new season with new ideas and fresh resolve to steer Ballyboden to the very top.

HURLING

Chairman: Jimmy Galavan
Vice Chairman: Eddie Finn
Secretary: Richard Condrón

Chairman's Address

I would like to welcome you all here tonight for our AGM. 2009 has been another great year for hurling, especially with the 3 in a row Senior Championship. I would like to thank players, management and all concerned for this magnificent achievement. To all other players and management, I would also like to say thanks for your co-operation because without everybody working together, the 3 in a row would not have been possible.

The Senior B, 2 Junior and 2 Minor teams also performed well in their respective championships and I wish to thank management and players for their efforts. Richie Condrón has more details of all the matches in his report. I must say a big thanks to Richie for all his hard work. It is unreal the amount of time he spends looking after the hurling section. I would also like to congratulate the Senior Football team on a great Championship win and all concerned for their co-operation with the dual players in the club.

Finally my thanks to club chairman Paddy Walsh and his executive, General Manager Noel Sheridan, hurling vice chairman Eddie Finn, PRO Gerry O'Sullivan, Ned Slattery and his staff. Danny Griffin for all his efforts on raising sponsorship on behalf of the adult hurling section.

Go raibh maith agaibh,
Jim Galavan

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009

The club achieved our 3 in a row Senior A hurling title. Well done to the players, management teams and back up personnel on their magnificent achievement.

The club fielded

- 4 adult teams
- 2 minor teams
- 1 under 21 teams in 2008 competitions.
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The work of the Committee included:

- Obtaining approval of Executive for various post holders
- Registration, regrading and transfers of players
- Networking with managers on team panels, playing arrangements, kit requirements, other needs
- Monitoring injury scheme with Jody Moran.
- Attendance by the Board Delegate at monthly hurling Committee meetings of County Board in Parnell Park
- Collecting club membership, player insurance.
- Approval of Expenses including seeking approval of Executive.
- Contact with other sections.

. Honours

We would like to congratulate players that represented Dublin in various grades:

Leinster Team: Stephen Hiney and nominated for an All Star

Senior: Gary Mc Guire, Stephen Hiney, David Curtin, David Sweeney, Tim Sweeney, Shane Durkin, Simon Lambert and Finn Mc Garry.

Under 21: Simon Lambert (capt), Finn Mc Garry, David O' Connor, Eanna Walsh and Dean Curran

Intermediate: Tim Sweeney and Finn Mc Garry

Minor: Stephen O'Connor, Cillian Moffett, Oisín Cannon and John Breen .

Dublin Colleges : Stephen O'Connor, Oisín Cannon, Cillian Moffatt,
Naoise Maguire, John Breen.

I will outline the competitions and results that hurling teams participated in for 2008 under individual team reports.

Fixtures 2009

Our adult, minor and under 21 teams participated in 100 competitive games in Dublin during 2008 and challenge games around the Country.

The league/championship offered good quality competition to our teams.

The championships for our 4 adult teams were played on a round robin system

The senior A team had 4 teams in their group, the Senior B, Junior A and Junior C teams had 6 teams in their groups.

Players who were eligible to play Senior B, Junior A and Junior C at the start of the season were not allowed to step back down if they played one game at a higher grade in the championship during the year. This rule stretched our resources. The CCC re-wrote the rules at the start of the season to stop players from our second adult team stepping up the normal three games for the senior A team.

All adult teams were forced on a few occasions to fulfill league fixtures with limited numbers due to inter county duties, holidays and students on working holidays.

Great credit is due to the team managements for maximizing player resources.

Our hurling committee made representation to the GAC to spread out fixtures over the hurling week. This was carried out where possible.

Other clubs are also making representation with their own agenda.

In 2007 a pilot scheme for three years was introduced to allow 4 regional teams to compete in the Dublin Senior Hurling championship.

Their participation resulted in the Senior A championship run off in a few weeks.

Their participation also resulted in no championship games for our Senior B and 2 junior teams from mid August to mid October. 34 other teams in Dublin were in the same position

I hope that the regional team idea will be dropped to allow our team play hurling during the summer period.

I would like to thank

Paddy Walsh, Annette Sheehan and the executive for their assistance and encouragement during the year.

Jody Moran for the efficient way that he dealt with the player injury scheme.

Danny Griffin for his fund raising efforts on behalf of the adult hurling section.

Noel Sheridan for his co-operation on all club matters.

Ned Slattery and his bar staff.

Our club PRO Gerry O' Sullivan for his assistance with updating hurling section information on the web and the club notes in the daily papers. Mentors should pass on information to Gerry for inclusion in his updates.

The hurling section is fortunate to have groups of dedicated mentors. Each group is well organized and has realistic ambitions of winning their own league and championship.

2010

The senior A team will compete in the senior A championship, league and possibly the Leinster hurling league.

Our second adult team will compete in the Senior B championship and their league status is not yet decided.

The Junior A team will compete in the Junior A championship and division 3 or 4 league depending on the final games in their division.

The Junior C team will compete in the Junior C championship and division 6 league.

This level of competition for our adult teams combined with demands for Dublin inter county panels will stretch our resources to the limit again in 2010. This will require maximum co-operation between groups of mentors to achieve all our aims.

I would like to also thank all the players and organisers for the very special St Stephen's day last year where we had a memorial trophy for Declan Maguire. We look forward to a similar event later this year.

Many of our adult players already help out with juvenile teams and they are an advertisement as to how players should conduct themselves.

Senior A Team

Mentors: Liam Hogan, John Kirwan, Jim Kilty,
Vincent Teehan and Gerry Aherne
Assisted By: Mick O'Regan, Denis Nagle, Brendan Swords., Dave Conway
Tomas O' Reachteara
Medical Staff: Nuala Kennedy
Match Video: John Galvin

Our senior A team completed in the Leinster club championship, Leinster League, Senior A championship, Senior A league

Leinster Club Championship

Ballyboden St Enda's 0 – 18

Ballyhale Shamrocks 4 - 18

Championship

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points			
Ballyboden St Enda's	3	0	0	0	6			
St Patrick,s	3	1	1	1	3	Win	3 – 21	0 -15
Na Fianna	3	1	1	1	3	Win	2 - 24	0 -15
Dublin North East	3	0	0	3	0	Win	3 - 22	1 -14
Crumlin	Q/final					Win	0 - 22	0 -10
O'Toole's	S/Final					Draw	1 -16	2 – 13
O'Toole's	S/Final					Win	1 - 17	1 - 10
Craobh Chiaran	Final					Win	1 - 17	1 – 10

League

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points			
Ballyboden St Enda's A	10	8	1	1	17		-	-
Lucan Sarsfield's	09	7	0	2	14	Win	2 - 16	1 – 14
St Vincents	11	5	3	3	13	Draw	1 - 15	2 – 12
O'Toole's	09	6	1	2	13	Lost	2 - 18	1 – 11
St Jude's	11	6	1	4	13	Win	2 - 16	1 – 14
Crumlin	11	4	1	6	09	Win	4 - 22	0 – 12
Craobh Chiaran	09	3	2	4	08	Win	1 - 12	1 – 11
Cuala	11	3	2	6	08	Win	3 - 19	1 – 15
Naomh Foinbarra	08	3	2	3	08	Win	1 - 15	1 – 09
Kilmacud Crokes	10	2	2	6	06	Win	0 - 15	0 – 11
Faughs	10	2	1	7	05	Win	1 - 16	1 – 11
Ballyboden St Enda's B	09	1	2	6	04		-	-

Leinster League

BBSE 5 – 18	Buffers Alley Wexford	0 – 11
BBSE 3 – 16	Harps Laois	0 – 15
BBSE 0 – 16	St Martin Kilkenny	2 - 16

Challenge games with

BBSE 2 – 16	Carrickshock	1 - 11
BBSE 3 – 16	Kevin Lynch	0 - 24

Senior B Team

Mentors: Emmet Pullan, Michael Fletcher, Philip Larkin and Eamonn Treacy

This team competed in the Senior B championship, Senior A league and the Senior A Boland cup.

Championship

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points			
Ballyboden St Enda's	5	5	0	0	10			
Naomh Mearnog	5	4	0	1	8	Win	1 - 14	0 - 09
St Vincents	5	3	0	2	6	Win	1 - 12	0 - 12
Balinteer St Johns	4	1	0	3	2	Win	2 - 19	1 - 15
Erins Isle	4	1	0	3	2	Win	2 - 16	1 - 10
Commercials	5	0	0	5	0	Win	4 - 16	0 - 05
St Vincent's	S/Final					Lost	4 - 08	4 - 08

League

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points			
Ballyboden St Enda's A	10	8	1	1	17		-	-
Lucan Sarsfield's	09	7	0	2	14		-	-
St Vincents	11	5	3	3	13	Lost	1 - 07	2 – 11
O'Toole's	10	6	1	3	13	Lost	3 - 10	1 – 18
St Jude's	11	6	1	4	13	Lost	2 - 12	0 - 21
Crumlin	11	4	1	6	09	Win	2 - 16	1 - 14
Craobh Chiaran	10	4	2	4	10	Lost	1 - 09	3 – 11
Cuala	11	3	2	6	08	Draw	1 - 15	3 – 09
Naomh Foinbarra	08	3	2	3	08	Draw	2 - 12	1 - 15
Kilmacud Crokes	10	2	2	6	06	Lost	2 - 08	2 – 09
Faughs	10	2	1	7	05	Lost	0 - 11	1 – 15

BOLAND CUP

BBSE 4 - 12	Craobh Chiaran 1 - 14
BBSE 2 - 12	N.Fionbarra 1 - 13
BBSE 1 - 12	Lucan 1 - 12

Junior A Team

Mentors: Michael Keville, Niall O' Riordan at the start of the season and Francis Sharkey, Donal Ryan and Conor Sheehan for the latter half of the season

This championship was played on a league basis with two groups of six teams each. The top team in each group qualified for the semi final and the next two teams qualified for the quarter finals.

Junior Hurling Championship A

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points			
Faughs	5	4	1	0	9	Draw	1-12	0 -15
Ballyboden St Enda's	5	3	1	1	7			
St Sylvesters	5	3	0	2	6	Lost	1-11	3-07
St Finians Swords	5	2	0	3	4	Win	1-11	0-09
Castleknock	5	1	0	4	2	Win	3-10	1-06
Craobh Chiaran	5	1	0	4	2	Win	1-09	0-10
Na Fianna	Q/Final					Draw	2-12	2-12
Na Fianna	Q/Final					Lost	0-17	1-15
							-	-
League D3							-	-
Thomas Davis	8	6	0	2	12	Lost	0-06	3-08
Naomh Barrog	9	5	2	2	12	Draw	1-10	0-13
Setanta	8	5	0	3	10	Lost	1-13	2-17
Whitehall Colmcille	10	5	0	5	10	Lost	1-04	2-20
Round Towers	8	5	0	3	10	Lost	1-10	3-19
St Vincents	8	5	0	3	10	Lost	w/o	-
Trinity Gaels	8	4	0	4	8	Lost	w/o	-
St Oliver Plunkett/ER	8	4	0	4	8		-	-
Kevins	7	3	0	4	6	Lost	1-08	2-10

St Sylvesters	7	2	1	4	5	lost	1-14	1-08
Craobh Chiaran	8	2	0	6	4	Win	w/o	-
Ballyboden St Enda's	9	1	1	7	3			

Junior B Team

Mentors: Seamus Vaughan, John Mc Cormack, David Buckeridge.

This championship was played on a league basis with two groups of six teams each. The top team in each group qualified for the semi final and the next two teams qualified for the quarter finals.

Junior Hurling Championship B

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points			
St Vincents	5	4	0	0	8	Lost	0 - 08	0 - 13
Ballyboden St Enda's	5	4	0	1	8		-	-
Crumlin	4	3	0	1	6	Win	3 - 10	0 - 07
Kevins	5	2	0	3	4	Win	4 - 08	0 - 07
Round Towers	5	1	0	4	2	Win	2 - 11	2 - 03
St Marks	5	0	0	5	0	Win	4 - 06	1 - 04
St Maurs	Q/F					Lost	0 - 09	2 - 12

Junior 6 Hurling Hurling League

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points			
Naomh Mearnog	10	8	0	2	16	Lost	0 - 16	2 - 12
Balinteer St Johns	8	8	0	0	16	Lost	1 - 10	3 - 12
St Brigids	11	8	0	3	16	Lost	5 - 12	1 - 08
St Monicas	10	7	0	3	14	Win	3 - 11	1 - 05
St Vincents	10	7	0	3	14	Lost	4 - 09	5 - 14
Raheny	9	6	0	3	12		-	-
Nh Olaf	11	5	0	6	10	Lost	0 - 15	1 - 14
Ballyboden St Enda's	10	4	1	5	09		-	-
Faughs	11	2	2	7	06	Draw	2 - 11	3 - 08
Plunketts/ER	10	2	1	7	05	Win	4 - 11	1 - 12
Round Towers	11	2	0	9	04	Win	0 - 11	1 - 07
St Jude's	9	1	0	8	02		-	-
Erins Isle	11	0	0	11	0	Win	2 - 08	1 - 06

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Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Naomh Olaf	5	4	1	0	8
Ballyboden St Enda's	4	3	1	0	3
Round Towers	4	2	2	0	4
Faughs	4	2	2	0	4
Cuala	3	0	3	0	0
St Marks	2	0	2	0	0

Minor A

Management Team: John Small, John Ryan,

This team competed in the Minor A league and championship. The preliminary rounds of the championship were played on a league system with four teams in each of the two sections. We failed to qualify for the knock out stages of the championship and won the league defeating St Vincent's in the final.

Championship

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points			
Kilmacud Crokes	3	3	0	0	6	Lost	0-07	2-08
Erins Isle	3	2	0	1	4	Lost	0-11	1-10
Ballyboden St Enda's	3	1	0	2	2		-	-
Crumlin	3	0	0	3	0	Win	7-20	1-06

A League

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points			
Ballyboden St Enda's	9	8	0	1	16			
St Vincent's	9	7	1	1	15	Lost	0-10	1-10
Kilmacud Crokes	9	7	0	2	14	Win	1-12	0-09
St Judes	9	5	1	3	11	Win	3-11	3-06

Erins Isle	9	4	1	4	9	Win	1-17	3-07
Nh Fionbarra	8	4	1	3	9	Win	5-12	1-07
Na Fianna	9	3	0	6	6	Win	5-09	0-08
Cuala	8	3	0	5	6	Win	6-26	0-10
Crumlin	9	1	0	8	2	Win	2-17	1-15
Whitehall Colmcille	9	0	0	9	0	Win	w/o	-
League Final	St Vincent's					Win	2-08	0-13

Minor B Team

Management Team: Dave Hartford, Eddie Finn and Michael Garry

This team competed in the Minor C league and C championship. The preliminary rounds of the championship were played on a league system with four teams in each of the two sections. We were defeated in the semi final of the championship and in the final of the league.

Championship

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points			
Ballyboden St Enda's	3	2	0	1	4			
Raheny	3	2	0	1	4	Lost	1-13	2-17
Kilmacud crokes	3	1	0	1	4	Win	2-09	0-11
Lucan Sarsfields	3	0	0	3	0	Win	2-16	1-04
St Johns	S/F					Lost	0-09	2-11

League

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points			
Whitehall Colmcilles	9	8	0	1	16	Lost	w/o	
Ballyboden St Enda's	9	7	0	2	14			
Lucan Sarsfields	9	5	0	4	10	Win	2-09	1-07
Round Towers	8	5	0	3	10	Win	7-11	1-07
St Jude's	8	4	1	3	9	Lost	0-15	4-10
Kilmacud Crokes	8	4	0	4	8	Win	w/o	
Scoil Ui Chonaill	9	3	2	4	8	Win	5-17	0-08
Setanta	7	3	1	3	7	Win	w/o	
Fingal Ravens	9	1	0	8	2	Win	2-09	1-06
The Donahies	9	0	0	9	0	Win	w/o	

UNDER 21 TEAM

We were disqualified from the 2008 championship.

Messages from the Managers

Senior Hurling Team

The goal of three-in-a-row has been achieved.

It is a fantastic achievement for the club and all the players involved should be very proud of their role in bringing such glory to the club.

They have achieved this goal because they are a very dedicated and focused group of players who love their hurling and who have learned how to become winners.

I would like to thank all the players for the huge effort they put in throughout the year and for the sacrifices they made to help the club achieve the three-in-a-row.

I would also like to thank the backroom staff who put in every bit as much effort as the players.

Denis Nagle and Mick O Regan are the men who make everything happen. They are the men who provide all the equipment for every training session and game. They wash the club jerseys, collect and wash our training jerseys, put up and take down the nets, provide water for the players at every training session and game and make sure that everything else is in place for the players.

I think that the players realise how valuable these great men are to the Ballyboden set-up.

I would like to thank our medical/physio team of Dr Ian McDonald, Dr Barry Cosgrove, physios Roddy McConnell and Colm Daly and Nurse Nuala Kennedy.

I think that this year again these hard working and dedicated people have proved how invaluable they are to Ballyboden St Endas.

Behind the scene we have a stats team who provide the mentors with valuable information game after game. Their work goes un-noticed by the supporters who attend our games but the team management know just how valuable that information is. So for their total dedication to the cause of our team I would like to thank Brendan Swords, Thomas O Reachtabhra and Dave Conway.

I would also like to thank my fellow selectors Vincent Teehan, Jim Kilty, John Kirwan and Jerry Aherne for their brutal honesty, their dedication to the cause and their total belief in the players who wear the blue and white of Ballyboden St Endas.

I would also like to thank the executive of the club for believing in us and for supporting us in every way. They never put an obstacle in our way and anything we asked for we got. I hope that we have in some way repaid your faith in us.

And lastly I would like to thank our dedicated supporters who this year more than ever picked us up and drove us on when things were going badly.

This was most evident in the County semi-final and final and I can assure those dedicated supporters that the players really appreciate that support because when things get tough it is that support which drives the team on.

It is very important that next year we continue to raise the bar. If we stand still we will be beaten, but these players will not accept second best. They strive for perfection at all times and their determination to continue winning is only getting stronger.

Also, many thanks to Nuala Kennedy for providing first aid at all our matches. Her help has been invaluable.

Liam Hogan

Senior B

Manager: Emmet Pullan
Selectors: Mick Fletcher
Philip Larkin
Eamonn Treacy
Brian O'Regan
Stats: Feargal Brennan
Physio: Roberto Palosi

The Panel met in February and our primary objective was agreed: To win the Senior B Championship.

League status was given secondary priority and due to the new rule invoked by the CCC, it was always going to be a tough task. Before a ball was pucked there 9 players from the panel ineligible to play with us in the league.

Despite this handicap, and several other injuries during the year, there were some excellent performances and results in the competition but it must also be said that there were games lost that should have been won. At the time of writing, we have two games left and it will be a tall order to win both and hope that results go our way elsewhere.

The Boland Cup provided us with opportunities to see our league tied panelists in action and the results showed that they were badly missed in the league. We are currently unbeaten in the competition and have qualified for the final, if it is ever to be played.

The Championship campaign began on the 21st April and after a 100% win record in the group stages, we concluded with a disappointing semi final exit on the October Bank Holiday Weekend. Our previous competitive game in all competitions was played on the 15th August. The two and a half month break until the semi final had its benefits as we were able to get several key players back from injury but with the lack of any sort of competitive action, any momentum we had was extinguished. Luckily we were able to take part in several excellent training matches with the Senior A's and this helped keep the lads in very good shape.

Prior to the Semi Final the preparation was exemplary. We felt that the players were focused and ready but unfortunately this did not manifest itself onto the field of play. What ever could go wrong did in the first half and we gave ourselves too much of a

mountain to climb in the second. This was an unfortunate familiar ending to an otherwise excellent championship run.

As I am stepping down as manager at the end of this season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people:

The Hurling Committee of Jimmy, Eddie and Ritchie.

Paddy and the Executive

Liam and the Senior A Management

John Ryan and the Minors

Ned and his staff

Noel Sheridan

Danny Griffin

Gerry Maher

John Cummins

Paddy Brady & Linda Lambert

PJ Donohue

Roberto Palosi & Premier Physiotherapy

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A special word of thanks to Ritchie Condron for his tireless work behind the scenes for adult hurling in the club.

To the Management set up. Phil, Eamonn, Mick, Oggy and Feargal. Thanks for the massive commitment. Your skills and efforts brought an organisational set up that would be envied by some professional sports teams, never mind the second team in an amateur GAA club. Mick Fletcher has been involved with me from the beginning and I'd like to extend a special thanks to him.

Finally to the players and particularly the core group that has been involved with us since 2004. We have had our ups and downs but thankfully after 130 games, I can safely say more ups than downs. Unfortunately our most disappointing days tended to be in O'Toole Park on the days that mattered most but I will take some fantastic memories from the past 6 years. I'm 100% sure that it is only a matter of time before that allusive championship is resting back in the club.

Emmet Pullan

Junior A

This team is managed by Mick Keville for the 1st part of the season. They are currently in division 3 league, having played 9 matches winning one, one draw, and losing seven. In the summer Mick Keville went to Argentina. Conor Sheehan and Donal Ryan and I took over the team.

In the championship group there was 5 matches played winning against Castleknock, St Finians, Craobh Chiarans and one draw with Faughs and one loss to Slyvesters.

We qualified into the later stages of the championship coming second in our group behind Faughs. In the quarter final we faced a strong Na Fianna side in Pairc Uí Mhurchú, at half time we were 9 points down against a strong wind, with a great second half performance the match ended in a draw from a late point, it ended 2 12 to 2 12. The replay was played in Mobhi Road, the match was decided over a single point in the last few minutes of the game, it finished 1 15 to 17 points.

Many thanks to Jimmy Galvin who did a great job training the team. Thanks also for the support and help from John Small (Minor A), Seamus Vaughan (Junior B), Emmet Pullin (Senior B). To the Hurling Committee, Richard Condrón, Noel Sheridan, Jimmy Galvin, who gave us great support over the year. Finally thanks to my fellow mentors Donal Ryan, Conor Sheehan and Robert Woodcock (first aid) who but in a great effort over the year.

Francis Sharkey

Junior C Hurling Team

Although 2009 proved unsuccessful on the competitions front, player participation was at its highest for many years. After having a successful round-robin championship the team was beaten in the quarter final of the Championship by St. Maurs. This group of players set high standards of themselves this year and were bitterly disappointed at being knocked out of the Championship at this stage. 34 players toggled out on the night and the result did not do any justice to the amount of preparation they had put into this season.

I applaud the players for the commitment and effort they have shown this year and share their disappointment at not achieving their potential. It is a joy to work for this group of lads and I thank them for their enthusiasm and attitude that they bring to the team.

Many thanks to the Executive committee and Hurling committee, especially, Richard Condrón, who does tireless work for this club. Like every other manager, I am in constant contact with Noel Sheridan who has assisted us greatly this year. Many

thanks to John Cummins and Gerry Maher for the work they do for all players in the hurling section. To Ned Slattery and his staff many thanks for catering for all teams. It is not possible to name everyone but the above named people are only a few who help this club run so well and contribute in no little way to success on the field.

I congratulate the Senior A team management on their success this year and commiserate with Senior B, Junior A and minor team managements on their defeats in Championship this year when they came so close to winning.

Martin Masterson, Brian O Regan and PJ Donohue were of much assistance to me this year in preparing training programmes, acquiring resources and locating training facilities, for this I say thank you.

The management team this year comprised of John McCormack, Ciaran Smith and David Buckeridge. I thank each member for their support, knowledge and commitment throughout the year. They each bring valuable experience to the management set-up.

Looking forward to 2010 this team are determined to end the recent drought in silverware in the Junior Hurling section. The panel have suffered many bitter defeats in recent years which will strengthen them going forward. Their enthusiasm and dedication is to be admired.

Seamus Vaughan
November 2009.

Minor Hurling 2009

We started out with a squad of 21 players from the 2008 u16 squad and 8 players from the 2008 minor squad. We attempted with the help of the current u16 squad to field an A and a B team. To this end we were competitive reaching the league final in both divisions. The B team lost the league final to Whitehall Colmcilles while we await the final with St Vincent's who were the only team we lost to in the league. Final fixed for 22 Nov.

In preparation for the championship we took part in the annual James Stephens tournament.

We lost out in the 2nd round to a Thurles Sarsfields side. In August we organised challenge match's against Dicksboro, O'Loughlin Gaels and Thurles Sarsfields recording 2 wins out of 3. We attended 2 Kilkenny training sessions. That was about as close as we got to copying Kilkenny.

In the Championship we only won one of our three round robin games losing to Erin's Isles and Kilmacud Crokes.

The B team lost in the semi-final winning two of their 3 games in the round robin. We would like to thank especially B O' Regan who put a lot of gym hours in on Saturday mornings.

Eddie Finn, David Harford ran the very successful minor B team.

John Small, JohnRyan, Mick Garry, Eoghan Carroll and Mick Ryan.

John Small

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Secretary's Report

Congratulations to the Senior A and Intermediate teams who both won their respective leagues.

U11B team also won league honours

The following players from the club represented Dublin this year :

Dublin Senior: Ciara Lucey, Emer Lucey, Anne Griffin, Rachel Ruddy.

Dublin Junior: Susan Kennedy, Jane Nolan

Dublin Minor: Dearbhla Brennan, Jane Nolan, Aoife O'Leary, Eadaoin Walsh, Danielle Brogan

Dublin U16 : Dianaimh Greene, Ciara Ruddy, Emma Doyle,

Dublin U14: Ciara Lambert, Maria McGrath

Many other juvenile players were members of county development squads.

Appreciation to all our sponsors, to Chadwicks for Senior A team sponsorship and to club sponsorship manager Danny Griffin. Thanks to Paul Candon (Topaz) who sponsored jerseys for the U11 team.

Once again the All Ireland Mini Blitz took place in June with nearly 200 girls under 12 taking part. Thanks to RoomexHotels.com for sponsorship of this event and also to Paddy Brady for sponsorship of the food for the Bar B Q.

Thanks to all the coaches/mentors with teams and also coaches in Cherryfield and Hermitage academies. Thanks also to Noel Sheridan, Ned Slattery, Paul McLoughlin and Brian O'Regan for all their help throughout the year. Appreciation to all the Committee members for their work throughout the year and especially to those who are stepping down this year.

Mona Uí Shúilleabháin

Rúnaí

Team Reports

U10 (A and B) Teams

Mentor: Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin

Between the two teams I had twenty-seven girls turning up to training week in week out. A lot of time was spent developing the girls' basic skills. The emphasis was on having fun while improving their overall skill level. Perfect practice makes perfect! We had very enjoyable matches as the under 10 league is non-competitive. Thanks to Mona and Gerry O'Sullivan for their help in organising pitches, referees and jerseys for the two teams. Thanks to all the parents for lifts to the matches. Special thanks to Bernie McGowan who helped out at the beginning of the year. I am delighted that Deirdre Coughlan and Dave Doyle have come on board to help in the coming year.

U10 C Team

Mentors: Barry Murray, George O'Shea, Martin Bourke.

Other Team Support (the real work!): Trish Holland Anne-Marie Higgins

The U10 Camogie Hermitage Team have had great support from the parents over the year. Parents turned up in force for the games the girls had during the year providing lifts and vocal support!

We have had a core group of 16 girls who were very committed to turning up both for training and matches. Training took place at 10am on a Saturday morning in the Hermitage lasting just over an hour. We managed to continue training until the start of November in the Hermitage. However, since then training has moved to Sancta Maria all weather hockey pitch. Home matches were held on a Sunday morning at 10am in the Hermitage. The home match time slot seemed to suit most girls which was important as some of the girls also play hockey on a Sunday.

In terms of the matches themselves, the competition was of mixed ability. The girls were really tested in about half of the games whereas the remainder were against teams of mixed ability / mixed age groups. The girls all developed their core skill levels throughout the year. The girls slowly got used to the idea of lifting the ball in the game and striking from the hand - but lots more work to do on this front. The coaches are very satisfied with the amount of development by the girls. The challenge for the mentors in 2010 will be to develop appropriate training sessions to maximise the girls development during the year ahead.

The team partook in two separate Blitz's during the year. We joined up with the Cherryfield U10 group for a blitz involving 4/5 other clubs where we managed to get into the finals and had a very enjoyable day. The other blitz, organised by Ballyboden Camogie, for various age groups was a tremendous success and thoroughly enjoyed by the girls.

The Hermitage Girls and the Cherryfield Girls have recently come together for training for the final weeks of the 2009 Season. Training is being held in Sancta Maria

on the all weather hockey pitch on a Saturday morning. The intention is to continue training up until the first/second week in December, weather permitting. We would also hope to organise an end of year blitz amongst the girls, subject to getting space on one of the all weather pitches. We also need to discuss how we manage the larger group of girls for the season ahead.

We are looking forward to 2010 when the girls become U11s!

U11A Team

Mentors: Edel Tevlin, Terry O Neill.

This year after the joining together of the girls born in 1998 from Hermitage and Cherryfield we had a total of 51 players. Therefore we entered three teams into the league and the championship namely the U11A, U11B, U11C teams.

Each team consisted of girls of mixed ability; their mentors and we joined together for training each Mon and Sat when there was no match. The girls gelled together very well from the start and progressed in skills, fitness and team spirit.

In both the league and the championship matches the U11As became somewhat disillusioned during the season due to the large number of defeats as we found we were meeting other clubs A teams. However the girls soldiered on, got great experience on the field, and look forward to a more successful year in 2010

As always the team was supported by the parents throughout and a special thanks to Denise O Neill for her first aid skills on the sideline.

Under 11B Team

Mentors by Paul Candon, Deirdre Hughes, Micheal Bryson, Catherine Nagle.

We started out in the beginning of the year with a panel of 17 girls comprising Cherryfield and Hermitage players and from the beginning there was a great team spirit evident. Girls took part with great enthusiasm in training sessions, learning new skills, playing as part of a team and also having a bit of fun along the way.

The team performed very well in their league matches and also competed extremely well in the championship. The girls put in to practice what they had learned during the many training sessions and showed their skills to great effect on the pitch.

There was fantastic support from parents during the year assisting in training sessions, giving lifts to matches, washing jerseys and providing encouragement on the sideline which was all greatly appreciated.

Here's to 2010!

U11C team

Mentors Loraine Faughnan, Padraic Walsh and Gerry White

The U11C team had a very busy and enjoyable season. The panel of 17 was comprised of mixed ability players from the overall 1998 group. The team, which had players from both Cherryfield and Hermitage nurseries, improved well over the year. Many players are now beginning to demonstrate an increasing array of skills in matches, such as lifting and striking and hand passing.

Playing in the one team Division 2 league, we had many successful matches. To date, we have played 17 league matches, have won 13, drawn one and lost 3. Our best performance was our home game against Erins Isle, the league leaders. Despite the fact that we eventually lost, everyone played to the best of their ability and we maintained a lead up until the last 5 minutes. We finally ran out of energy and conceded late goals but the girls could be well proud of their effort and team play that day.

In September we played 3 championship matches but found the going tough against opposition putting out their very best U11 teams.

Throughout the season, it wouldn't have been possible to complete the heavy schedule of matches without the help of parents for lifts to all corners of the city. For this, I am very grateful and also to those who helped with setting up the pitch for home games and washing team jerseys. Hopefully, parents will continue to support us in the coming year.

U12A Team

Mentors: Róisín Ní Shúilleabháin, Gerry White

This year was the first time that this group of girls played at the 'A' grade, having entered two 'B' teams last year.

The girls acquitted themselves well, and in the Division comprising 7 clubs, we came 4th...which probably was a fair reflection on our year. We played 12 league games and were competitive in each and every one of them; the games we lost were by a small margin.

In the championship, we had a tough draw and didn't succeed in getting out of our group. There was a great improvement in skill level of all girls from the beginning to the end of the year, and all of the girls on the panel showed great commitment. All of the girls and the mentors had a very enjoyable year and we look forward to further improvement next year.

U13 A and B Teams

Mentors: Marie Moffatt; Deirdre O'Dwyer; Orla Mullany; Michael Aylmer; Terry O'Neill; Paul Newe; Tom Page First Aid: Denise O'Neill; Liz Doran

The U13 A and B Camogie teams had a busy time on the playing fields. Their leagues commenced in February and, despite the best efforts of the weather, both teams are currently finishing out their remaining matches in their 18 match double round programme. The A team is in the running for runners up spot in a very competitive league having won 12 of their 16 games to date with a very talented Lucan team being the only opposition that they have not beaten at least once. Lucan also proved too strong in the Championship despite a gallant performance from our girls who had beaten Good Counsel in an earlier round. The B team found the going difficult in their league but the dedication and resilience of a core group of players has come to the fore with a number of excellent recent wins. They also performed well in the Championship losing narrowly to Cuala and Lucan with a win against Erins Isle.

A team made up of a mix of girls from both teams participated in a very enjoyable Blitz in Banagher, Offaly, and acquitted themselves well against teams from Wexford, Laois and Offaly. The A team also had a trip to Toomevara in Tipperary.

The girls are a very committed group with strong attendance at training during the year and a significant improvement in their skills level. A number of the girls participated in the Dublin U 13 Camogie academy.

Thanks to all the parents for their fantastic support during the year. A particular thanks to Paul Newe for stepping in as B team Manager during the year when John O' Hanlon had to step down. Thanks also to John for his work over the last number of years when he led the B team to success in the U11 and 12 Championships. Thanks also to Senior Camogie player, Fiona Corcoran, for her valuable coaching input with the teams.

We look forward to another year of enjoyable camogie.

U14 Team

Mentors Robbie Lambert, Aoife Hughes, John O'Toole

Competed in Division 1 of the League, Championship & Feile.

Congratulations to Maria McGrath & Ciara Lambert on making the Leinster final with the Dublin u14 team.

With a very tight panel and 9 duel players, appreciation to the U14 football management for their co-operation. Also, thank you to Terry O'Neill, Marie Moffat and the U13 players for their assistance throughout the year.

U16 Team

Mentors: Sinead McNeela, John Ryan & Tricia Cantwell

The team comprised of the both U14 team of 2007/2008 and the U15 of 2007/2008, which posed challenges in itself as we tried to integrate two panels.

During the winter season, we trained in Sancta Maria on the all weather pitch, and heading into the league season we saw the fruits of the winter season training.

We competed in our league games, and currently are placed 5th with one game remaining. In the championship, we drew our archrivals Na Fianna and were marginally beaten in the round robin of the championship. We also competed in the summer league and combined with the U14 team to be very successful in this competition.

Many thanks to all the girls for their commitment and we complement them on their progress made throughout the season. Also, we are very grateful to the U14 management who allowed girls to sub up to assist us on a many an occasion.

Congrats to Sheena Garvey, Emma Doyle, Dianaimh Greene and Ciara Ruddy who represented the club at senior level during the year, well done on this milestone achievement in your camogie careers.

Congrats to Dianaimh Greene (U16), Ciara Ruddy (U16) and Amy Ryan (U15) who represented Dublin during the year.

Our much appreciation is also shown to the parents of the team who provided transport, established fundraising activities for the team and that all important encouragement on the slide lines. Also to the parents who assisted with nets and flagging the pitch – many thanks. To Gerry Cantwell, thanks for the post match reports.

To John Ryan for his addition to the management team for 2009, camogie in Ballyboden will be forever grateful from the improved training and new drills.

Finally many thanks to Tricia Cantwell for **everything**, from arranging the phone calls, texts, washing the jerseys etc, without her this team would not have been kept ticking over!

A number of the girls on this panel will progress to adult camogie in the 2009/2010 season and we wish them well.

Intermediate Team

Mentors: Patricia Higgins, Pádraig Ó Duibhir.

2009 was a very successful year for the Intermediate team winning the League and securing runner-up place in the Shield. This was achieved through well attended training sessions and the development of a very good team spirit. There is a good blend of youth and experience on the team and the leadership and commitment provided by the more experienced players contributed greatly to the success of the team. The commitment shown by the younger players despite examination commitments etc. was excellent as was their growing skill levels as the year progressed.

The support of under 16's who helped us field a team during exams, holidays and other times of need was greatly appreciated. Our thanks go to Patricia Cantwell and Sinéad McNeela, Under 16 mentors, for their support in organising under 16 players to sub-up.

We would also like to thank the parents in general and John Burns in particular for their continued support.

Senior B Team

Mentors: Martin Donohue, Jane Hogan

We started the season with 27 players registered at this grade. 9 of these were brought up to the A panel from the start of the season. We were given 4 girls from the intermediates to train with us. Two of these were later graded to Senior B. The other 2 chose to stay at intermediate level. This left us with a panel of 20 for the majority of the year. 2 players were eventually let back from the A panel in late August. Unfortunately this meant that it was back to 'old ways' and we struggled to get numbers for training and particularly in the latter part of the year even for matches.

We did however manage to fulfill all of our fixtures, bar the last one, on the 11th Nov which was actually a back match postponed by the board earlier in the year. Unfortunately this was not a good year for results for this team as we only managed to win one match all year. The morale of the team naturally began to get worse as the year wore on but I hope the girls continue to play next year.

We would like to say a very special thank you to all the girls who 'subbed' up to us throughout the year particularly to the girls from the U16 team. It is very much appreciated.

Senior A Team

Management Team: PJ Donohue, Ciara Hayes Bernard Curtis (kit man)

The season began in January with 10 fitness sessions with Will Heffernan. In February training progressed to two days a week and by the end of March we were training three times a week. We reached 76 sessions outside of all our matches.

Our league and championship campaigns brought both success and disappointment. The loss of the championship semi final against Good Counsel was rectified on November 18th, when the team beat the same opposition in the league final. This result shows the determination and heart that the girls have.

In all my time training teams I never thought it was possible to get so much from players. The girls deserve to get full credit for what they have achieved over the last number of years and the club should be very proud of them.

I would like to thank the following people;

Dermot Hughes, Donal Regan and Cathal Regan, for all their help throughout the year.

Enda Hughes, Caitriona O'Leary, Mary Keaney, Nuala O'Sullivan, Rita Curtis and Nancy Donohue, for all their help on match days.

Our team physio Jane Fogarty.

To Paddy Walsh and Noel Sheridan for all their great support and help.

To Danny Griffin for his ongoing support through sponsorship.

To the Camogie Committee, we thank you for your support throughout the year.

To Bernard Curtis – We thank you sincerely for all the work and time you have given the team both on and off the pitch. You are a great asset to the team.

To finish I would hope that with the help of everybody, the team would continue to succeed and regain their Dublin and Leinster titles.

Election of the Committee

Nominated

Chairperson:

Vice-Chairperson:

Secretary: **Mona Uí Shúilleabháin**

Board Delegates **Fiona Hughes, Caroline Kavanagh**

Committee members: Danny Griffin, Gerry White, Loraine Faughnan, Adeline Coffey.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Chairperson:	Pat McGrath
Vice Chairperson:	Fiona Kelly
Secretary:	Pamela Lynn
Registrar:	Mary Hyland
Board Delegates:	Pat McGrath and Mary Hyland

Team Reports for 2009

Girls Academy 2009

The Girls Academy continues to grow from strength to strength .With three venues for young girls to attend – Pairc Ui Mhurchu, Hermitage and Ballycullen, the numbers just keep growing.

This year we have started a new academy for the girls in the Hermitage.

The Hermitage Academy was welcomed by parents and children.

Donal Regan and Eimear Ring had been doing a great work over the past with Camogie coaching but there was a lot of interest in getting Ladies Football coaching in St. Enda's Park as well. Now over 77 girls are registered in the Hermitage where both disciplines are now catered for in the one session .The feedback from parents and children is very positive. We are very fortunate to have a number of coaches who have volunteered led by the experienced Tony Sweeney.

There are another 120 registered in Pairc Ui Mhurchu , and Ballycullen .

In Ballycullen the girls are coached alongside the boys each Saturday morning.

The 2000 girls who are now the new U10 team for next year have moved from the academy and are training on a Friday evening, Camoige first and then football. With over 50 girls registered here there will be strong teams in both Camogie and Ladies football next year .A number of coaches have stepped forward and are taking on these teams. We wish them well in the future and thank them for their time and coaching skills.

In September of this year the parents of both the boys and the girls Academy's were invited to an information evening in the club chaired by Juvenile Chairman Seamie O'Neill .This evening proved to be a very useful event .

Overall the Academy is doing well and great credit must go to our full time coaches Paul and Brian, who continue to work so hard in every aspect of the Academy structure, i.e promoting the Academy in the Schools. setting up the stations, running fundamental courses and arranging friendly games. A big thank you also to the Juvenile Coaches who's help is greatly appreciated. It is also great to see the increase in adult coaches coming forward particularly this year , their inputs make such a difference, a big thank you to all concerned for giving your time and commitment to the Club.Mary Hyland

Under 10

Ned Flood

Barry Murray, James Brooks, Paul Manning, Breene McGowan and Brendan Young

Females: Linda McCullagh, Paula Flaherty

This is the first year for the non-competitive league. All the girls are enjoying their football as all get to partake in all matches and nobody is left on the sideline. Their performance on the pitch is one of growing confidence and great effort. Their football skills are improving week by week through training and all the mentors encouragement for home practice!

We have a large group of girls(51). This is a sure sign the girls are enjoying their football experience, which can only be a good thing. There is always a great turnout for both training, whatever the weather and matches.

All coaches give constructive input after training and matches which is a big help to the girls,

All in all the girls have had a very successful year and have enjoyed the experiences on the football field. We look forward to another enjoyable year.

Under 11B

Tom Ball, Dave Mellon, Olivia Ball, Aidan Brophy and Ray Mellon.

Tom started off with a depleted squad but through hard work he now has in the region of 26 girls turning out for training each Thursday. They came up against some very strong first teams in Division 3B and had some very mixed results playing 9 and winning 2 of them. In the league cup they were beaten in the final of the bottom 4 by a first team after some terrific performances. The girls are so enthusiastic and Tom's patience and commitment has got to be admired.

Off field activities:

The girls enjoyed their Christmas party and were the pride of Boden on La Na gClub as they sang and cheered their way on the parade from Sancta Maria. They also enjoyed a very successful barbecue on 20th June. Dave Mellon donned the apron for the day, which was great fun. Many thanks to Gerry Mahon for the ice creams which went down a treat.

Under 11A

Pat Conway, Mick Higgins and Ben Molloy

This team consisted of a squad of 19 girls which was increased to 21 in September. They trained almost every Thursday night in Sancta Maria. Training was recently

moved to the 6-7 pm slot to facilitate other teams. The girls are a credit to their parents the way they turn out for matches and training even when it would be easier to sit by the fire or television at home. The level of skill and commitment shown by the girls has been a pleasure to be associated with as the team develops. Some real leaders are beginning to appear. The level will have to take another jump in the coming year as we step up on the training and in particular coaching side of things. It would be fantastic if we could have one of the established adult players involved with the girls as they do need someone at that level to help bring them along.

We have been delighted with all the help and assistance we received throughout the year from Ursula Gillespie, Nuala McGuinness and Orla Molloy. It would be impossible to operate without them.

The team played 7 league games during the year winning 5 and losing 2. No team has managed to overcome the Foxrock/ Cabinteely team at this level over the last few years but we are confident that the girls are not too far off achieving this.

The girls played 3 games in the League cup winning 2 and losing one before going down to the aforementioned Foxrock/Cabinteely team in the semi final. Unfortunately the team were up against more than the opposition for this game when by half time four of them had to give in to a flu like virus and leave the field. It was amazing the commitment shown in actually wanting to play in the first place when they were clearly unwell. Not to worry, their day will come.

The girls also played 5 friendly games during the year winning 4 and going down in one.

Sincere thanks to all the parents who turn out for games and help along the way.

Under 12B

Mike Fitzpatrick & Graham Rigney

At the start of the year we set about developing a second team comprised solely of U12 players, after competing in the 2008 U11 League & Championship with 7/8 players from the U10 Grade. Our goals for 2009 were to develop a panel of fifteen players or more, and to develop players capable of challenging for places on the Division One Team by the end of 2009. We also felt it important to find the time to coach players on an individual level as well as a group, as many players were playing football for the first time.

At the start of the year we had a panel of eight. With help from Barry Coll we targeted players who were playing schools football with Loreto Primary School but were not playing club football. A number of girls participated in a blitz out of which five new players joined our panel. An additional three players joined us from the Division One Team. Significantly a further thirteen players joined our panel at different stages during the year.

A priority for the coaches throughout the League and Championship was to give all players plenty of game time. A great team spirit developed amongst the players and this was evidenced by the attendance at training and matches. Most weeks during the

year we had twenty five girls at training. Due to the dedication and commitment of the players we started a second weekly training session in September.

Although we maintained a policy of ensuring that all players enjoyed plenty of game time, we managed to win three matches from eight in the Division Three league. We lost our first four league matches, but with additional training sessions and a bigger panel, the players confidence, self-belief and football skills improved and we won three of the remaining four matches. We lost the first round of the Division Four Championship to Parnells. However the girls raised their game in the Shield and went on to win this competition beating Raheny by forty three points in the final (12g 15p v 2g 2p), notwithstanding the introduction of twelve substitutes at half time.

All of the teams that we played in the League and Championship (apart from Foxrock/Cabinteely) were the first teams in those clubs. Parnells had two players playing with the County Team during the summer. It was difficult for our players to compete when the opposition could field one or two outstanding footballers.

During the past few weeks eight of our players have played with the Division One Team in challenge matches. Following some excellent performances it is probable that a number of players will move up to the Division One Panel in the New Year. Thanks to Thomas Finnegan & Sean McGinn for giving our players the opportunity to play against Division One opposition. Thanks to Barry Coll for his help with bringing the Loreto players on board. Our panel would benefit from having a female mentor and we hope to address this in the New Year. The coaches would like to thank the players and their parents/guardians for the level of commitment and enthusiasm shown by the players throughout the year.

Under 12A

Thomas Finnegan & Sean McGinn

Our best achievement this year has been the establishment of a full squad of players to form a B team. We finished last season with a squad of 33 players which was too many for one team but not enough to facilitate a full second team. Before Christmas we organised a series of blitz games on Saturdays with the purpose of recruiting extra players. It proved a great success. Great credit has to go to Mike Fitzpatrick and Graham Rigney. Between both squads we now have 50 players.

We started playing friendly games in early February to ensure all girls got plenty of game time. In the League we lost one game and finished runners up to St. Bridgets.

During the summer seven of our players represented the Dublin teams in two Leinster competitions which took place in Carlow in June and August. Both Sean McGinn & myself were involved on the coaching side and it was a great experience for all concerned.

In the championship we beat Naomh Olaf's in the first round but lost to Foxrock Cabinteely in the semi-final.

We are currently playing every Saturday in a local Winter League which comprises teams from Ballinteer, St.Judes and Boden U13B Team. We are using this competition to bring up new players from Mikes squad and is proving very worthwhile. Between competition and challenge games our team will have played 30 matches this year.

On behalf of Sean and myself we would like to congratulate Mike & Graham & the U12BTeam on winning the shield in the championship. Also thanks to Orla Scollard for her help this year and the support we received from the parents and the Ladies Football Committee.

Under 13A

Michael Gillen, Mick Aylmer & Dave McFetridge

The season just gone by was all about consolidating the improvements that were made by this group of girls as U12's. Following on from the huge benefits gained from running a second team last year, we again ran 2 teams at U13 as we had 54 girls registered for the season. While the cups were won by the A team, this was only made possible by the massive improvements made by girls who started out playing on the B team, yet were always available to play up when the need arose. To this end a special word of thanks must go to Martin McGlynn, Ciaran Colclough, Fergus Lowe and our newly recruited mentors during the year, Anna & Mick Byrne and Graham McHugh, who all looked after the 'extended flock' so well!

So what about the football? We had a couple of friendly matches before the season started properly on 29th March with a 'home' fixture against Foxrock Cabinteely. Because of a double booking with the U12 team (through no fault of anyone in BBSE – it was a trait that was carried on throughout the season by the county board where they would fix four matches for Cherryfield at the same time between the U12 & U13 teams!) we offered to play the match away. It was a good first test and was eventually won on a scoreline of 3-8 to 3-6. A bit too close for comfort!

Our next match was against Templeogue Synge St. in Bushy Park and the lessons learned from the previous week were taken on board with the girls winning on a scoreline of 5-11 to 2-8.

There was then a break for the Easter and on 19th April we played Skerries Harps in Cherryfield and we nearly blew it! Indeed we required two late goals to escape with a draw despite being outplayed for long periods of time. Final score 4-7 to 2-13. Given that we had played 2 of the weaker teams in the first 3 rounds, the portents were not looking good at this stage.

However up until this time we were training all 54 girls at the same time on Thursday night – now we started to split off the A-panel; not a nice thing to have to do but essential if we were to get back on track – and it worked!

The following week we beat Castleknock 3-5 to 9-8 out in Porterstown; the week after that we beat Na Fianna 2-1 to 2-7 in Mobhi Road and the following week we beat Kilmacud Crokes 9-10 to 3-7 in Cherryfield. League won! The most pleasing thing

was that we used a total of 31 girls during our league campaign, thanks to the super rule of allowing unlimited substitutions. Unfortunately the county board rescinded this rule for the championship (to the detriment of the weaker clubs in my opinion) so we had to go with a restricted panel for the championship.

But first there was the Dublin Feile to consider. Only a lovely weekend in May we entered the division 2 Feile as all of the U13 teams did in previous years. But this time we set ourselves a goal of winning at least one game. This was made a little trickier as Danielle Aylmer, Doireann Mullaney, Aisling Scully, Aisling O'Leary, Niamh McLoughlin and Katie Murphy were playing with the U14 for the Feile. We were also joined by Claire Cremin and Ruth Kelly who added that little bit of maturity that is need for such an occasion. And what an occasion it was!

Our first match was against Skerries Harps – the same team that ran us ragged just three weeks earlier and their U14 team looked like seniors against our girls. However the spirit shown by the girls surpassed our wildest expectations and they won on a scoreline of 4-5 to 0-0. WOW!!!! This was followed by O'Dwyers (another physically imposing team) and again we won; 1-6 to 0-3. Our final match on the Saturday was against Fingallians and we won 5-7 to 2-1.

The semi-final was played on Sunday morning against Naomh Barrog who brought physicality to a new level. However after a titanic struggle we emerged victorious 1-2 to 1-0. We were in the division 2 final! The match was the curtain raiser for the division one final on the Sunday and we were eventually beaten by St. Brigids; 0-3 to 1-1. However it is important to put these Feile performances into context. Of the 22 girls that played, 9 were from the U13 B team. We got 34 scores and conceded 9! Even in the final we got more scores than Brigids. And this was the first time any of these girls ever played on a full size pitch! A great weekend and made better by the success of the U14's. (following the success of the U13's, both Martha O'Donoghue and Rachel White were invited to join the U14 Feile panel)

The championship started on 13th September with a repeat of the first round last year – at home to Kilmacud Crokes. This year the girls made no mistake and won 8-13 to 6-6 (though we were losing by 8 points at half time having conceded 5-5 in the first half!). For the semi-final on 25th September we had Castleknock at home and eventually won 4-12 to 2-8.

The final against Templeogue Synge St. was played in Bushy Park on Sunday 19th September and the girls were outstanding winning on a scoreline of 6-9 to 1-9 (indeed the opposition only scored 1 point in the first half!).

In total we employed 22 girls to win the championship so our objective of playing as many girls as possible continued, even if it was slightly curtailed by the county board.

Our season finished with a blitz in Newbridge Co. Kildare on Saturday 24th October, kindly hosted by Sarsfields GAA club. Unfortunately it was a wet and windy day, but that didn't deter the Boden belles who emerged victorious having beaten the host club, a team from Leitrim and Mournabbey from Cork to win the cup!

We have had great support all year and at the risk of missing out someone here are the people who make this team tick; Antoinette Murphy, Aileen Ryan, Liz O'Donoghue who between them always ensure a mum is present – even on the mankiest of days!

Orla Mullaney (and Tom), Catriona O'Leary (and Denis), Derek Hogan, Fred Weir and all of the other parents who are willing to assist with the many things that need sorting. We are also deeply indebted to Donal Scully who used his not inconsiderable influence in the various arrangements with our championship final and who is also the chairman of our Feile fundraising committee for 2010.

Thanks also to Pat McGrath and the ladies executive. And Finally to my fellow mentors, Mick Aylmer and Dave McFetridge – roll on 2010!

Under 14

Fearghal Brennan, John O'Toole and Edel Drury

Our ambition this year was to win Feile. Having seen how well our Feile teams performed for the last three years everyone was up for it. In particular the girls that had been part of the competition last year.

We watched the U-13's play on a number of occasions and having spoken to the two Micks we decided to request six of their players and to train as a group from the beginning. Training started outdoors in January and quickly moved indoors. This played a big part in keeping the girls focused on our goal.

We played a number of teams from Kildare and Wicklow both home and away but the U-14 inter county championship cut down on the availability of a large number of opposing teams. May came quickly and Dublin Feile was upon us. Home advantage was a big plus (thanks to the ladies football committee), and the girls did not dissappoint. Victories over Kilmacud, Castlenock ,Thomas Davis and Na Fianna meant they played Kilmacud in the final. In a great game the girls came out on top as DUBLIN FEILE CHAMPIONS and were presented with the new Emma Jones Memorial Cup.

Training then intensified and we added two more U-13's to the panel. Positions were switched liberally in league and challenge matches to try to get the best formula. There was an emphasis put on speed work in training. Fitness levels improved. When July came the Girls were ready.

Our hosts were St Laurence's of Kildare whom we beat on the Friday. We then beat Baltinglass and St. Mungrets on the Saturday morning with all players on the panel getting a game. The performance in the semi final against our old foes Mountmellick was superb and the dream was still alive.

Mourne Abbey were our final opponents in a crowded St. Conleth Park. Nerves were in evidence everywhere before the start. They started very well and it took some excellent defending to keep the score to manageable levels at half time.. The second half was a cracker of a game with scores traded at both ends. Everyone on the field gave their all. We were three points to the good at the final whistle and the celebrations could begin. What a thrill to see the girls get their just reward. ALL IRELAND FEILE CHAMPIONS.

We had achieved our goal. Well done to all the girls. All the training and hard work was justified.

Every player had played their part in the true spirit of Feile.

In september we were asked to field a team in the Kilmacud all Ireland sevens. The format was new but the girls were quick to adapt. Despite being pitched in a group with a lot of division one Feile teams the girls were magnificent and worthy winners and added THE ALL IRELAND SEVENS TITLE to their season's tally.

The U-14 championship began in September and our heros recorded victories over Castlenock and Clontarf to finish the year as U-14 DUBLIN CHAMPIONS.

A huge amount of thanks are owed to many people too numerous to mention in this short space but the biggest thanks goes to all our Girls (U-13 and 14) who gave us such wonderful memories and an unforgettable year.

HAIL TO THE DUBLIN AND ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Under 15

Robbie Murphy, Eugene Duffy, Sean Crowley and Sorcha Farrelly

It has been a very mixed year for the ladies under U15's, for reasons beyond our control we were forced to punch well above our weight from the beginning of the season in the U16 division 1 league. Suffering some early defeats the team rallied and moved on finishing in fourth place. Winning a preliminary game in the division 2 championship we were to go down by a single point in the next game to eventual finalists Skerries Harps.

We had one Inter County player at U16, Claire King. The team has grown in many ways and they have learned the importance of being able to win and loose. The girls have been magnificent in both and I know I speak for both the management and parents in saying we are really proud of them.

We have been together as a team a long time now and we have gained new members along the way as well a losing a few. It is our aim to bring these girls all the way to adult football so they can continue the proud tradition of the club. We hope continue building on the success and traditions of Ballyboden St Endas.

Under 16

Derek Ward, Joanne O Sullivan & Seamie O Neill

The under 16 ladies completed 2009 unbeaten winning both the Dublin division one Championship and League. They defeated St. Brigids in the championship final 2- 13 to 1- 6. Congratulations to all the girls and thanks to their parents for support and encouragement. Sarah O'Brien has captained this marvellous group of footballers to Dublin division one league and championship victories at under 10 / 12 / 14 a~b and 16 over the years. Well done Sarah. Many of the girls also represented Ballyboden this year at adult level which bodes well for the future.

Thanks to Pat McGrath and the Ballyboden Ladies Committee for their support all year. For the second year running the training sessions were mixed with the minor panel. Thanks to minor mentors Ger Basquel, Pat McGrath, Jimmy Walsh and Fergal Brennan for their support. Thanks also to the under 14 mentors Fergal Brennan / John O Toole and under 16 b mentors Robbie Murphy / Eugene Duffy for their players during the year. Congratulations to Féile Ladies (Fergal/John/Edel) who won the All Ireland Féile 2009.

Congratulations to Dublin who won All Ireland Under 16 Championship 2009 and the following Ballyboden U. 16 ladies who played a major contribution in that success; Elaine McGrath, Jenny Ward, Ciara Ruddy, Megan Carney, Alice Gillen, Michelle O'Reilly and Claire King.

Ballyboden U. 16 Ladies Panel 2009: Niamh Doyle, Aisling O Neill, Cathy O Neill, Nicole Basquel, Aoife O Gara, Grainne Archbold, Tracey Kennedy, Alice Gillen, Michelle Clancy, Michelle O Reilly, Jenny Ward, Elaine McGrath, Ciara Ruddy, Sarah O Brien, Megan Carney, Anna Stafford, Niamh Brien Emma Quinless, Louise Pollock

Minor Team

We set two goals for the season:

- 1) To win the Championship and
- 2) To provide maximum playing time for all members of the panel during the League so as to retain all our minor players for participation in future Ballyboden Ladies teams, be it Senior A or B.

As there is a high level of cross over between the U16s and Senior panels, we combined the training with U16s and occasionally with Seniors. This has been an extremely successful, only because of the great co-operation from Derek Ward (U16s Manager) and Declan O' Reilly (Senior manager). We would to thank both of them for this excellent co-operation and for the high level of training, particularly Derek who was involved in almost all of the training sessions since last March.

In order to support the training and preparation and avoid overburdening Derek & Declan we recruited, after extensive interviewing process and with the support top class executive recruiters, Fearghal Brennan as chief coach for Minor team. Fearghal has a superb track record in winning the Feile All Ireland this year and winning the Minor County championship in 2006. We appreciate Fearghal's generously making himself available given that he has his ongoing commitments with the U14 team.

On the results side , we play Schoil Ui Chonill in the Semi Final of the Championship on Saturday evening at 6.30pm in Sancta Maria. We lost one game in the League by 1 point (last minute goal) to Bridgets. However, we expect to get into a 3 way playoff as Foxrock / Cabinteely have to play Bridgets and are expected to force a 3 way playoff.

One of the most satisfying achievements this year was beating Foxrock / Cabinteely in the League with only one underage player. This represents a major progression for

the Ladies Section in being able to field a full minor team on the age. This should position us well for a strong Senior team going forward.

I would like to once again raise the issue of fixtures. This is a disgrace as the players have to constantly change arrangements, despite obvious commitments at this age, as games are deferred or delayed by weeks. This needs to be fixed asap.

Finally, I would like to thank Pat McGrath and Jimmy Walsh for their time and support as part of the minor management team. With Fergal, they make a strong selection committee, such that we need extended time to finalise the selection of the team for championships games.

(not to mention the few beers needed to help our thought process !!).

Ger Basquel

Senior B

Manager: Mark Magahran Mentor: Liam Walsh

This season we played in Division 3 and the Junior championship.

We finished the season in 5th place in the league and joint 5th in the cup and were knocked out of the championship by St. Peregrines in a play off for a semi final place.

Many thanks to the Declan O' Reilly and his management team of the Senior A team and Ger Basquell of the minor management team for their help during the season with regards to players and training sessions during the year.

During the season a number of the minor players joined the squad and made a great contribution to training and matches and helped strengthen the team especially during the holidays when a number of our players were on away for a few weeks.

A special thanks to Liam Walsh for all his assistance during the year with training the team and at matches and with out whom it would have been impossible to run the team this year.

Thanks also to Feargal Brennan , Pat Mc Grath and Jimmy Walsh for their help on match days and to Noel Sheridan and the other club officials for their help and support

We would like to thank the committee for all its efforts this season and wish all our girls and teams the very best for the 2010 season.

Senior A

Declan O'Reilly

They say all good things must come to an end. Unfortunately that was the case this season with the senior ladies team, who after winning the championship for an unprecedented 9th time, came up short on title no.10. However the season was not without its highlights. The div.1 league and cup were both won without losing a

match while we also won the all Ireland 7s plate trophy beating Corofin of Galway in the final. The Championship started off well for us with a 1.11 to 0.6 victory over Na Fianna in Mobhi Road. Followed up by a 25pt. win over Foxrock/Cabintee. Our last round robin game was away to Naomh Marnog where we put up a great 2nd half performance after being down by 8 pts. at one stage before being eventually beaten 4.10 to 3.11.as a result of this defeat it led to a three way play off. We were drawn to play Na Fianna away again and unfortunately were without many of our 1st team and as a result got beaten by 2 points. We then had to play Marnogs again away from home for the right to play Na Fianna in the final. In a classic match where we were again short a number of key players we were defeated 3.4 to 1.8. It was a terrible way to go out of the championship for the 1st.time in 10 years but it brought into sharp focus the amazing achievement of this team over such a long period of time. They are a unique group of sports people who in time will be recognised as the greatest set of club players in the history of ladies football. Make no mistake about it this team is not finished yet but maybe this is the time to reflect on their outstanding achievements both individually and collectively. We should all be very proud of them.

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Secretary's Report 2009

ACADEMY FOOTBALL/HURLING 2009 (Páirc Uí Mhurchú & Hermitage & Ballycullen) Boys Born 2002/2001/ 2000.

Mentors:- Paul McLoughlin, Brian O'Regan

The new Academy structure is in place in all Ballyboden Academies. So far it has been running very well and the structure sees approx **350 boys** taking part in both football and hurling every Saturday Morning.

Páirc Uí Mhurchú

Boy's Gaelic football/hurling at Páirc Uí Mhurchú is progressing well. The beginners group born in 2003 has approx 100 children registered and 20 Coaches. We have had a great response from the parents of this new group, who have come together to organise and take on the running of the U7 boys. Their help is very much appreciated. The 2002 group have approx 80 children registered with 15 coaches who are very experienced and continue to give excellent support every week. The 2001 group have approx 85 children registered and are based in Sancta Maria. Most of the boys are dual players with approx 55 boys playing hurling (with approx 10 coaches) and approx 70 playing football (with approx 10 coaches). They are preparing for the start of matches next year and are currently shaping together a very promising panel of players.

Hermitage

The Hermitage academy has changed to the new coaching structure this year, and so far it has been a major success. This is largely down to the great work being done by

all the coaches involved and now sees approx 60 boys playing football/ hurling every weekend. The new system reduces the length of time training to 1hr 30 mins and sees all the boys playing both codes which benefits their overall development in both games.

Ballycullen

We started a new Academy up in Knocklyon Park (Ballycullen) in September 2008 and this year the success of the academy has continued. Last year there was 15 boys playing in Ballycullen every weekend and this has doubled to approx 30 boys plus 8-10 girls. This rate of improvement is excellent to see and has a lot to do with the dedication of a number of very experienced coaches in the club. We are very grateful to them.

Structure

The format of the coaching involves 7 stations set up, which the boys who are in groups of 10-12, with 2 coaches per group, rotate around every 10 mins. The stations incorporate Fundamentals stations, Skill Stations, Fun Game stations, Skill Games stations and Match stations.

Thanks to the juvenile committee and in particular to Seamie O' Neill for their support and encouragement in 2009. They are regulars at the Academy every weekend and it is clear that the success of the academy has a lot to do with the enthusiasm and effort they put into it.

The mentors night was a great success enjoyed by all and is an invaluable date in the club calendar. Thanks to all involved in its organisation.

Notes

- The running of a Registration Night and an Information Night for the parents of all Academy players was a great success and an opportunity to meet parents, introduce them to the club and deal with any queries.
- It has become an unwritten policy that all Academy Coaches must complete the Foundation Level Course before they leave the Academy and out of our 90-100 current academy coaches, approx 90% of them have completed the course.
- This years Foundation Course was attended by 42 coaches, most of whom were new academy coaches. This level of interest is brilliant to see.
- Equipment for there the Academy is fine at the moment, but there is always an ongoing demand for gear.
- The need for storage space in St Endas Park is a major issue which is been worked on at present. The resolution of this would make the running of the Hermitage Academy far easier.

Overall the Academy is doing very well with approx 350 Boys registered to play both football & hurling and approx 60 coaches helping out with the **boy's** academy, but most of all the players are receiving quality coaching and the feedback is that Clubs Academies are very enjoyable and well run.

U9 Football

Group 1 Mentors: *Conleth O'Reilly, Mike Fitzpatrick, Gerry Duffy, Sean McGinn.*

Group 2 Mentors: *Alex Sweeney, Ciaran Farrell, Tom Rourke*

Group 3 Mentors: *Derek Ward, Phelim McCabe, Bernard Lynch*

The U9 football has had a very successful year in 2009. There are currently 82 boys registered on the panel. We registered three CCC1 2 team groups for the year which currently have 27 players in each group. Since returning in September alone we have had 14 new registrations following the success of the summer camps. Each group has 3 or 4 mentors assigned to it to co-ordinate the training sessions and the weekend Go-Game matches. We would regularly see 65-70 boys at the training sessions and typically have 22+ from each group for matches each weekend.

The standard of play has improved significantly since the start of the year. Our training sessions are held every Monday night on the Sancta Maria Hockey pitch. We concentrate on the primary skills, with 30-35 minutes each week focused on skills within rotating stations. 25 minutes is still allocated for practice matches.

The weekly Go-Games continue to provide much excitement and interest amongst the boys, mentors and parents. In general we have very good relations with the other clubs and the weekly matches proceed in a very friendly and good natured manner. The participation of the juvenile referees is very positive with the level of refereeing at a very high standard, providing good experiences for the boys and little or no controversy.

We are competing very well in the Go-Games matches. The ability and skills levels are spread evenly across all three groups with each group having a mixed level of ability. We follow closely the policy of not streaming the teams and have good success in persuading the other clubs to do the same. Each group is experiencing a good level of games wins and more importantly the boys are participating well.

CCC1 GROUP 1 - 2 TEAMS	CCC1 GROUP 1 - 2 TEAMS	CCC1 GROUP 3 - 2 TEAMS
Cuala	Kilmacud Crokes	Lucan Sarsfields
Clanna Gael/Fontenoy	Round Towers	Kilmacud Crokes
Lucan Sarsfields	Ballyboden St. Enda	Ballyboden St. Enda
Ballyboden St. Enda	St. Judes	Ballinteer St. John
Kilmacud Crokes	Templeogue S/St.	Ballyfermot DLS
Nh. Olaf	Geraldine P. Moran	Liffey Gaels
Thomas Davis	Ballinteer St. John	Cuala

Our toughest opponents and some of our best games have been against Ballinteer St Johns and Cuala. We currently have a very good relationship at mentor level with

these clubs and we manage to organise regular challenge matches when there are no scheduled Go-Game matches.

A large component of the success of the U9 Football this year is down to the commitment and dedication of the mentors to ensure that the boys progress both personally and as part of the teams. A lot of effort is put into ensuring that the boys enjoy participating. Thanks to all of the mentors for their continued dedication to the group.

U10 Football

Mentors: Eoin O Riordan, Frank McNamee, Maeve Gallagher, Gerry Dennehy, Ray Grady, Paul Vickery, Frank Basquel, Sean McGarvey, Paul Kelly, John Madden

We fielded 5 teams throughout the year playing 9-a-side. We were represented in two, 2 team groups and one, 1 Team group.

Overall we are pleased with the progress of all teams in this category. Our teams are competitive in most matches and usually able to match the opposition overall. The numbers participating in both training and matches were very good throughout the year. The players involved are showing great enthusiasm and effort. There has been a noticeable improvement in skills and results over the course of the year which is very encouraging. We have a good number of very committed mentors putting in a huge effort throughout the year - thanks to all those involved.

U-11 Football

Mentors: John Byrne, Colm Bolger, Eoin O Sullivan, Tom Lawlor, Eoin Gallagher, Cathal O Toole, Ben Morrell, Fergal O Reilly, Brian Waldron, Diarmuid Healy

General

We have 60 players spread over 4 go-game teams. In general, we won as many games as we lost during the year. The highlight in terms of results was the 'C' team reaching the semi-final of the Cup Competition. Our real success however continues to be in retaining all our players and in fact attracting some new players from soccer. This is no doubt helped by some off the field activities, with our trip to Clara Laragh in June the most memorable. Also arranging friendlies for the non-hurlers has meant our players have the option to play gaelic games every week.

Under 12 Football

U12 General:

We continue to have approximately 75 active players training on Wednesday nights. Pride of place goes to the U12C team which has remained unbeaten in competitive matches winning both the league and cup. Being one of the first age groups to have availed of the hockey pitch and now the astro pitch from under 9 is one of the principal reasons for the relatively high numbers participating. Players are drawn from Ballyroan, Rathfarnham and Knocklyon with only 3 from Firhouse.

BBSE U12 – A Team Report

Mentors: BBSE A: *Martin Murphy, Brian Stafford, Donal Monahan*

For the initial phase of games the top players were divided into 2 A squads of roughly equal ability. Whilst both teams performed well in their respective groups in the cup success proved elusive.

After a minor reorganisation of the squads for the league the “A” team went on to win 6 out of 7 games, losing the decider to another southside club (which shall remain nameless) 2-11 to 2-9.

In addition to the league matches challenge were played against, Dunboyne, Donaghmore, Fingal Ravens amongst others.

The lack of continuity at weekends continues to be a problem where approximately half the 21-strong squad only play gaelic football with the club.

Major performances were witnessed against the “challenge” of Dunboyne and Lucan in the league.

The squad has made considerable progress in terms of teamwork, skills and general commitment. However the efforts will have to be improved to meet the challenge of division 1 football next year.

Mentors: BBSE A2: Don Carolan, Diarmuid Cahalane, Tadhg Cashman, Martin Durkin

BBSE U12 – A2 Team Report

The Ballyboden U12 A2 team have had a very good 2009 season so far. We have operated with a squad of 19 for most of the year and attendance for training and games has been very good, with more than 15 players attending on a regular basis.

The A2 team finished third in a group of 5 in the league stage of the A Cup where we were placed in a group alongside Ballyboden A1's and Kilmacud Crokes A & B teams. In the league we progressed to the Top 3 playoff in Division 2 and were in the running for 2nd place through to our final match. Given the shortage of competitive fixtures we arranged a number of friendlies against teams from Dunbooyne, Ashbourne and Naas. We have been competitive in all of our matches; we do not struggle against some #1 team's from other clubs that play in our league. We have not had much variety in opposing teams throughout the year and would like to have more competitive matches.

We have a very committed group of players who have shown themselves to be very competitive with a very positive attitude.

U12C Football

Mentors: *Jim Dalton, Niall Kelly*

This was an exceptional season for this team. The U12C squad of players won both the league and Cup Double remaining unbeaten in all 14 games played throughout the year.

The commitment of the panel (on average 18) in both training and making it to all matches was a credit to both the players and their parents.

The Coaches, Niall Kelly and Jim Dalton would like to pay a special thanks to all parents who helped out during season.

BBSE U12 – D Team Report

Mentors: BBSE D: *Dermot O'Reilly, Martin Durkin*

Life in the lower echelons continues to be a struggle but also good fun!

From a panel of 15 players of varying commitment the team enjoyed a 3-game unbeaten streak in the middle of the league campaign which qualified us for the top 3 round robin series of games. The challenge at that stage proved a bit too strong.

It is important for the club to support a team like this where all the players are there to enjoy themselves and play football. It is teams like this that are the essence of clubs up and down the country.

Unfortunately, in order to maintain this band of warriors we need more mentors – all applications considered but only the committed will survive the initiation and go on to greater things.

The well-attended training sessions continue every Wednesday at 6pm on the Astro. Thanks to Martin Durkin, Don (u12B) and Niall (u12C) for your help and support.

U-13A Football

Mentors: *Derek Ward, Vincent Carney, Noel Basquel, Liam Deane.*

Dublin Division One League Winners 2009. Unbeaten in league i.e. 7 league plus 3 top 4 matches finishing with a win over Na Fianna in last game. The Co. Board decided not to have an U. 13 championship in 2009. Congratulations to the players, their parents and mentors. We hosted John Mitchell's Tralee 18/19 July and had a great weekend of football. We enjoyed playing in the 24th Austin Stacks Lee Strand football tournament 12/13 Sept losing out in the final after 5mins extra time to Dunboyne! Thanks to our friends and wonderful hosts John Mitchell's Tralee for a great weekend. We enjoyed competitive challenges with Donaghmore-Ashbourne, Ratoath, Dunboyne, U 14 A and B (x2) and Ladies U 16s. Thanks to those mentors. Congratulations to ladies U14s and to u. 13 panelists Colm Basquel and Cormac Healey and boys u 14s who won Division One All Ireland Féile 2009. Special thanks to Juvenile Committee, U. 13 B mentors (Paul Manning, Gerry Mahon, Brendan Gillespie), U 13 C mentors (Martin Callon, Walter Durcan, Frank Mitchell) David Bobbett, Declan and Mary O'Brien, Eddie Downey, Don Woulfe and Brian Keegan for their help and support.

Under 13 A Football Panel 2009

Brian Bobbitt Stephen Ward, Cian Murray, Adam Carney, Harry Coffey, Ciaran O'Brien, Chris Gaynor, Colm Basquel, Conor Deane, Darragh Maguire, Barry Downey, Kilian O'Donoghue, Cormac Healy, Bryan Kirwan, Jack Woulfe, Ciaran O'Sullivan, Warren Egan, Rian Cannon, Oisín Pennycooke, Michael O'Flaherty, Ronan Dooley, Harry Wallace, David Rohan, Alan Keogh.

U13B Football

Mentors: *Gerry Mahon, Brendan Gillespie, Paul Manning*

We adapted quickly to full size pitches and 15-a-Side. Challenge matches on full size pitches stood to us!!! We also found the grading matches at the start of the season challenging as we were up against Clubs from all over Dublin with 1 Team only....

When we got going in Division 4 we competed admirably, finishing off last week a very credible 3rd. Full credit to the lads who always gave 100% in all matches. We have a core group of 9 lads whom are totally dedicated to gaelic games. As the rest

have progressed into secondary school, other sports are having an impact, intermittently like, Rugby and Club Basketball. Many thanks to the U12s who made their players available to us when we were tight on squad numbers.

U13C Football 2009.

Mentors: *Martin Callan, Walter Durkan & Frank Mitchell.*

Started off the season with a panel of 15 or 16 names of players. From the outset it became obvious that some of these guys had no real interest in being with us and others who were not committed and there for the laugh.

Frank recruited a number of new players through his association with Ballyroan Boys School and as we went on we did assemble a panel who wanted to play football and responded in the main to training & coaching.

During the course of the year we probably won more game than we lost. We were never in a position to field the same team 2 matches in a row as a lot of the lads had other commitments such as Soccer, Rugby ,Badminton etc which took precedence over their Gaelic Football. To that end it is not that an enjoyable experience looking after a team at this level. Four or five of the lads had excellent attendance records at training and matches.

The better players on the panel tended to be the ones who are more committed to other sports. Certainly 3 or 4 could play at a higher level but I don't think that this would alter their sporting priorities. We had a decent and courteous bunch with few disciplinary issues. In the main the players seemed to enjoy their season.

There was a definite improvement in team play through the course of the season. Full credit to Walter & Frank for their time and efforts in conducting training and being available for matches. For two young lads with no kids on the team they were fully committed and interested when I am sure they could have had plenty of other things to be doing.

We conceded one walkover during the season which was the fixture v St Judes at the end of August. On several occasions we needed to call on U12 players to make up the numbers and were extremely well accommodated in this regard.

Under 14A Football

Mentors: *Noel Madden, Brendan Burke, Paddy Brady*

Having won the Under 13A Div. 1 league and championship double the previous year, 2009, Féile year ,was sure to be exciting. And what a year it has been! Expectations were there that the team would be in the shake up of the Dublin Féile, however, it's fair to say that all our expectations were exceeded.

It all started back in February with a comprehensive home league win against Naomh Mearnog .With one eye on the Dublin Féile weekend, training intensified and Oggie joined the team to lend his expertise.

Our first game in Féile against the hosts Kilmacud Crokes was a superb game of football. Fast and furious, the home team got off to the better start, however, despite being five points down, the lads slowly but surely got into the game and finished strongly. A draw was a fair result. After that game, the team really got into their stride and beat St. Vincents, and Sylvesters well and also Fingallians comprehensively in the semi final. Na Fianna were the opposition in the final held in Parnell Park. Yet again, after being on the ropes for most of the game, the team summoned up all its spirit and passion and once they got ahead in the second half, they never looked back and won by two points.

Held on the first weekend in July, Athy was our base as Dublin Champions. We beat Athy in the first game and followed that with a draw against Sarsfields after dominating the game. It all came down to the final game against the Kerry champions Legion, a team we had to beat by 8 points to qualify for the All Ireland semi finals. A big task but the team yet again rose to the challenge and won well in the end. Slaughtneil of Derry were the opposition in the semi final held in Naas. Ballyboden controlled the game from start to finish with a fine display of disciplined football and won 0-8 to 0-4. The final was held in Newbridge against the Kildare champions Maynooth . The team peaked for the final. Playing football of the highest quality Boden hit the front from the first minute and never looked back. The final score 2-5 to 1-3 and Ballyboden were crowned All Ireland Champions.

Since late August the team has got back to the league campaign and with one game to go, heads the table by 2 points.

Special thanks on behalf of everyone to Oggie for all his help leading up to the All Ireland win.

U14B Football

Mentors : *Joe Brennan , Joe Mernagh , Greg Edwards*

This year we found ourselves playing in Div 3 following our Div 4 league win last year.

All other teams in our division were the “A” teams from their clubs. In fact , as the only B team playing in Div 3 or above , we were the highest ranked B team in Dublin this year. This meant that the standard of some opposition which we faced this year was quite challenging. Despite this we have performed extremely well and with 3 matches left to play we are hoping to finish up in the top half of the league table. During the year we have had league wins against St Finians(N) , Skerries , Round Towers & Templeogue Synge St.

Of course this was also Féile year for our team. Our campaign started off with a very encouraging win against Raheny (who subsequently went on to win the competition). We followed this with a win over Kilmacud Crokes B before going down to a

disappointing 1 point defeat to Templeogue Synge St. We finished as runners up in our group and went on to play against Thomas Davis in the semi final. This was a great match but at the end of a very long day we didn't have enough left in the tank and we lost by 2 goals.

We also had some very competitive challenge games this year against the U13A's as part of both our League and Féile preparations. Many thanks to Derek Ward and all his lads for these.

It has been a great year with lots of good football played.

Many thanks to the boys who continue to perform in every match and training session.

Many thanks also to all our parents who have been wonderfully supportive throughout the year.

And finally a special word of thanks goes to this years Féile fundraising committee for all their hard work and also to our team sponsor Virginian Schoolwear who provided us with a lovely new set of team jerseys.

Under 14 C

Mentors:- *Donal McCarthy, Martin Hamm*

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Started with a strong panel of 23 and early results mirrored that - one draw and two wins. However, as a C team the loss of even one footballer can have a big bearing on the season. Suffering the loss of five key players during the year (injury and other sports) made progress very difficult and some heavy defeats have borne this out. Had one win in the Feile competition but effort and commitment could not be faulted. Picked up four new players and have ended the season as we started - with 23 players. Turnout at training and for matches have been excellent throughout the year. Executive may have to keep an eye on numbers as it is unclear whether there will be as large a panel next year. A big thank you to the parents for their support throughout the year and to the Feile Committee for their hard work in kitting out 70+ players and mentors.

U15 A Football 2009

Mentors: Jimmy Walsh, Ger Flaherty, Neil Buckingham, Tony McKeown

This team has had another good year by any standards. We won the League last year and this year we finished Runners up in the league to Kilmacud Crokes who were the Féile champions last year. We also won the Gerard Canavan Summer tournament. However, the exit in the Championship to the eventual winners, Kilmacud Crokes was a disappointment. At times the team play has been great to watch. The players have developed well with certain individuals making great progress. This has been recognised by the retention of six of the players in the Dublin under15 development squad.

We have managed to retain most of the players during the season despite the lack of games throughout the year. However the commitment of some squad members needs to improve if we are to build on successes to date.

Special Thanks

There are a number of personnel we would like to thank for their support throughout the season – Noel Madden and his fellow selectors for the support of their players without whom we would not have been able to fulfil our fixtures. Likewise to Bruno Byrne and his fellow selectors for their support.

Finally a special thanks to Joe Roche our statistician, fundraiser and organiser

U15B Football

Mentors: *Bruno Byrne, Aido Brophy, Sean O'Reilly.*

Once again, the U15B's showed their enthusiasm for the game in turning up for all training sessions. Unfortunately, having to play matches on Sunday AM's resulted in many of the lads having to miss the matches due to years of commitment to other sports. We have no doubt had we had full teams at the matches, we would have been in the top two in our league. We therefore look forward to matches resuming to Saturdays next year. It is a great privilege to train the lads, they show such heart and commitment. Many thanks to the parents who support their sons and us the mentors each week.

Under 16A Football

Mentors: *Paul Waters, Ned Flood, Tom Mullany*

The 2009 season has been a challenging one for our panel with many of our players sitting examinations and involved in other sports at elite level. However the panel has remained at a very healthy number of 21 players. After an early season exit in the championship, the team put together an excellent run of victories since returning after the summer break and are now in the running for third place in our Division.

Players attitude and moral has been great all season.. Many of the players have made major advances over the past season. Their progress certainly confirms development occurring at varying stages in their sporting lives. All players are really looking forward to the challenge of adult Football next year.

Thanks must go to Eugene Duffy and Brian O Regan for their assistance during season with some interesting and very beneficial coaching sessions.

We would like to thank the parents for their support and help over the season. Also thanks must go to the under 15A and under 16B football team for providing their support and players during the season.

U16B Football

Mentors: *Pat Drohan, Sean Farrelly, Joe Johnston, Sean O'Connor, Denis Moloney, Seamus O'Flaherty.*

The current season saw this panel of players elevated to Div 4, the highest grading at which this squad have played to date. It was hoped that the level of competition would provide a meaningful challenge for this group of players and that they would benefit, both, individually and as a team from same. Pre season friendly matches against Naomh Fionnbarra (Div 3) and Crumlin (Div 4) proved promising and we looked forward, with some confidence, to the beginning of official competition.

However, this proved to be a false dawn as we went down in our first 4 league games. We lost the first 2 games in very competitive matches with Thomas Ashe and St. Anne's. In the subsequent 2 league games we suffered defeats to St Jude's and Parnell's mainly due to the loss of players to Rugby Junior Cup competition.

A friendly game against Clanna Gael preceded the beginning of the Championship. We suffered a one point defeat in the first round of the C Championship to Na Dubh Ghall. This was a disappointing result and proved to be the lowest point of the season.

With the rugby season over, the panel was boosted with returning players from the rugby schools and more competition for places. The mentors are happy to report since then, an unbeaten run of 8 league matches, including wins against the current top 2 teams, Crumlin and Thomas Ashe (C Championship winners), which leaves the team currently in 3rd place, with 2 games yet to be played.

In addition, following our defeat in the C Championship, the team were successful in winning the C Shield in convincing fashion with wins against Raheny B, St Oliver Plunketts, St Patrick's Donabate and Clann Mhuire in the final. In the run up to the final we had friendly games with Naas, Raheens (2) and Na Fianna (Allenwood).

During August, mixed teams from U16A, U16B and U15A played friendlies against Portlaoise and Strabane. There was also a one day mixed blitz for players in age groups U13 to U17.

Overall the season has been a success with a very creditable performance in the league to date, despite the poor start, and honours in the C Shield competition. More importantly the players have developed both individually and as a team proving that they can compete against other clubs A teams at this level. We hope that the experience this year will provide a sound foundation for the players as well as maintaining their interest in continuing to play for the club as they move forward to Minor grade where the aim is to have three minor teams next season.

We would also wish to place on record our thanks to the following:

- Members of the 15A team and their mentors, Neil Buckingham, Ger O'Flaherty and Jimmy Walsh for their assistance.
- Noel Sheridan for his work on the allocation of pitches during the year.

- Seamie O’Neill and his committee for their support.
- Parents especially Noel Maguire, Liam Moloney & Vivian McCusker.

Ballyboden Hurling

U9 Hurling

Group 1 Mentors: *Alex Sweeney, John Kirwan, Daire Killian.*

Group 2 Mentors: *Ultan MacMathuna, Donagh McGrath, Alan Kinsella, Sean Garvey*

The U9 Hurling is having a very successful year. There are currently 66 boys registered on the panel. We registered two CCC1 2 team groups for the year which currently have 33 players in each group. Since returning in September we have had 8 new registrations following the success of the summer camps. Each group has 3 or 4 mentors assigned to it to co-ordinate the training sessions and the weekend Go-Game matches. We would regularly see 45-55 boys at the training sessions and typically have 25+ from each group for matches each weekend.

The standard of the group is very good at present with some outstanding individual players. Our training sessions are held every Friday night on the Sancta Maria Hockey pitch. We continue to concentrate on the primary skills (Lifting, Striking the Ball, Catching, Clashing etc...) with 30-35 minutes each week focused on skills within rotating stations. 25 minutes is allocated for practice matches. Some work is carried out on agility skills, however equipment is lacking in this area.

The group participates well in the Go-Game matches. Our main competitors are Cuala and Naomh Olaf’s. We are able to compete at a high level with a good number of match wins.

CCC1 GROUP 1 - 2 TEAMS	CCC1 GROUP 1 - 2 TEAMS
St. Judes	St. Judes
Commercials	Commercials
Nh. Olaf	Nh. Olaf
Faughs	Faughs
Cuala 2	Cuala 2
Ballyboden St. Enda 1	Ballyboden St. Enda 1
Ballyboden St. Enda 2	Ballyboden St. Enda 2
Clanna Gael Fontenoy	Clanna Gael Fontenoy

A group of 15 players competed in the Féile Iomána in May, against Naas, Portlaoise and Naomh Olaf’s. The day was very well organised by the U10 mentors (with some assistance from the U9 mentors). Our team rallied from behind in the second half of the final to pip Portlaoise for a Féile win. The boys showed great resilience to fight back. It was very rewarding to see how they played as a team.

A significant component of the success of the U9 Hurling this year is down to the commitment and dedication of the mentors. A huge effort is made by the mentors to keep continuity in the training sessions and to arrange matches every second week. When there are no scheduled Go-Games on a Saturday the mentors arrange training

sessions or challenge matches. Thanks to all of the mentors for their continued dedication to the group.

U-10 Hurling

Mentors: *Tom McGrath, Garrett Delaney, Eric O Reilly, Martin Garvey, Paul Kelly, Denis Kelly, Tom O Donoghue, Michael Carrigan, Fergal Ryan, Pat Normile*

Overall we had a good year. While still behind the big 3 of, Na Fianna, Kilmacud and St Vincents in results, progress is being made and the gap is narrowing!

We increased our playing numbers to 50+ and our mentors to 10+. Of the 50+ players, approximately, 10 also play soccer – but we still encourage them to attend matches/training and to keep connected.

The schools blitz organised by Brian and Paul each summer always gives a boost to number's and we invariably pick up a few additional recruits.

The fact that we can train and play matches in the new all weather pitch in Sancta Maria has been very welcome in improving and developing our skills base.

Our emphasis has been on participation and enjoyment, while developing the basic skills and encouraging the lads to compete and win, if at all possible.

Looking forward to 2010, in the close season we intend to call on the help of the present U11 mentors to advise us in our preparations for next year. We've a lot to learn!

U 11 Hurling

Mentors: ,Andrew Coffey, Mick Kennedy, Tony Mealy, Des O Reilly, Paul Kelly

The U11 Hurlers (1998s) fielded three teams in CCC1 this year competing in Divisions 1, 2 & 6. Remarkably while upwards of forty kids might attend at training sessions, when Saturday came and teams needed to be fielded we tended to find ourselves down to minimum numbers for a variety of reasons. This only served to emphasise the importance of each panel member, irrespective of ability (the real stars are those that show!), in allowing us to fulfil our fixtures. For 2010 however we see no option but to go with two teams only.

During the course of 2009 we attended tournaments hosted by Ballyragget, Kilmacud Crokes and Na Fianna as well as our own Ballyboden Féile (definitely the best organised of the lot!!). A particular highlight this year was the Cámaint tournament held during the summer. This tournament focuses on ground hurling and typically involves four teams playing off each evening. These games were played at high intensity, proved to be very competitive and culminated with a memorable finals day held in Parnell Park.

The U11 mentors wish to express their gratitude to the Executive for their assistance throughout the year. We would also like to thank John Cummins for reducing our carbon footprint by repairing many a hurley and in the process saving numerous ash

trees.

And finally we pay tribute to the Senior Hurlers and Footballers for the remarkable double they achieved and the inspiration they are to the juvenile members.

Under 12 Hurling Team

Mentors: *Ultan Mac Mathúna, Alyn Deane, Mick Garry, Mark Mellett and Colm O'Connor.*

2009 has seen a good improvement in the skill level of the U12 boys with the emphasis in coaching on first touch, high catch, striking from strong and weak side all reaping results in the boy's enhanced hurling ability week on week. While in the areas of overall speed both on and off the ball and physicality during match play there is still room for improvement and focused coaching.

Following a recruitment drive in all local schools the year started with over 40 boys participating in training each week. Having gained commitment from the boys and parents we entered 3 streamed teams in the Cup with the B team achieving the greatest success of the 3 teams in winning all its Group matches. Despite a great effort by the boys the B team were defeated in the semi final by Balinteer. The A team was unsuccessful in reaching the knock out stages of the Cup. The C team suffered badly from insufficient boys turning up for matches with many matches having to be played with less players than the opposition.

Summer hurling was enjoyed by the boys who remained in the Capital for the Summer with one team in u12 competing in the Camaint Competition during July. The boys reached the semi finals in O'Toole Park where they were beaten in a exciting match by St Marks.

Given the inability to continue to consistently field 3 teams we entered the League with 2 teams playing in Division 1 and Division 3. Performance was disappointing for both teams in the League with the now enlarged squad size of both teams undoubtedly a factor here. The mentors were committed to ensuring that all boys who regularly attended training received equal amounts of match time. While this constant rotation of players during matches ensured each player developed it was costly in terms of competitiveness and ultimately results.

One of the many highlights was the Cardiff Cup tournament during the club's Féile Iomana where the U12's hosted teams from O Donovan Rossa, Naas and Raharney.

Many thanks to all of the parents who come along to support the boys and who give a dig out with lifts, pitch preparation and traffic control. Thanks also to those parents who prepared food and helped out on Blitz day in the club.

With 40 boys in two panels consistently turning up for training we hope to field two panels of 15 a side teams at under 13 next year.

U-13 Hurling.

Mentors: *Declan O'Brien, John Crowley, James Murray, Paddy MacNamee and Peter Lyons*

The U13 hurlers rounded off their league season with a narrow defeat away to Whitehall, Colmcilles on September 7th. The defeat by four points was typical of the season's frustrations with four crucial matches being lost by two scores or less. This should not undermine the very solid progress made by the squad whose physical presence and tenacity showed a marked advance on 2008. Five squad members joined the South Dublin Development panel and their participation in that training regime raised the overall training intensity of the full squad to the benefit of all. In terms of player numbers this was a difficult year. With a dependable panel in the low thirties it was only practical to enter one league team. Providing a meaningful number of B matches proved unsuccessful. This will hopefully be addressed next year with a few new players added since September, and a few who had been unavailable due to return. A notable feature of the squad was their regular attendance at senior club games in both codes. Support for the senior hurlers in particular was very evident – a dozen made the trip to Kilkenny last weekend. This surely is a good sign as the club continues to work on a greater sense of Club identity.

U14 Hurling

Mentors: *Ciarán Maguire, Séamie Ó Néill, John Robinson*

The undoubted highlight of the year was participation in the National Féile where we were royally treated by our host club, Nenagh Éire Óg. The team performed well in the Féile beating Roscrea and Clarecastle. Unfortunately, we lost out to our hosts on Friday evening and did not progress from our group.

The hurling year began early with participation in the Carrigeen tournament on bitterly cold & wet Sundays in January and February where we played Killeagh of Cork, Danesfort of Kilkenny among other teams. Easter holidays saw us in Cork for a coaching session in Cloyne from Cork hurling coach, Jerry Wallis and Dónal Óg Cusack. We drew with Killeagh on the Saturday morning before narrowly losing to Na Piarsaigh in a tough game on Saturday afternoon. The weekend efforts took their toll, and we lost to Holy Cross of Tipperary on the return journey on Sunday.

The trip to Cork, however, prepared us well for the Dublin féile which was held in DCU having been postponed and moved from Silver Park due to bad weather the previous week. Our first game against St. Vincents was a nervous affair where we conceded two goals in the first half. After a few adjustments, we settled into the game and won narrowly. A draw with Kilmacud Crokes and a victory over Cuala was sufficient to see us through to the final despite losing our last group game to Na Fianna. The final pitted us against Crokes in Silver Park on a glorious Sunday morning. The Boden boys went behind by five points from the start before a Cathal Bergin point stemmed the tide. Goals in either half from Tom Hanifin and Morgan Ryan were decisive and saw us as Féile Champions for 2009 by a two point winning margin.

League form before the Summer put us in with a chance of top position, however poor results in the Autumn where we lost to Crokes and Cuala meant we finished in third place. We look forward to competing for honours at U15 in 2010.

We would like to thank Brian O'Regan for his ever-present support and especially for the Strength & Conditioning work he did with the team. We also thank our sponsors, Imagine, and the parents who did such great work in fundraising and supporting the team.

U 14B Hurling

Mentors: Brendan Ryan, Paddy Corrigan, Frank Harrington

In 2009 the hurlers born in 1995 separated for the first time into two entirely independent streamed A and B teams. Ballyboden St Enda's was one of only two clubs in Dublin to field two U-14 hurling teams.

The U-14B team played with distinction in the Féile only losing to the eventual winners, Clontarf, by one point. The B team played in Division 3 of the league where at times, when all players made themselves available, they played magnificently, achieving large victory margins. However, at times it proved difficult to field strong teams and heavy defeats were incurred. The reasons for the inconsistent nature of the team's performances and commitment are perhaps to be found in the fact that for a significant proportion of players, hurling was not their number one sport. Basketball, rugby, soccer and scouts were often their preferred choice of activity on match days.

Despite this, the B team provides an important function for the club. It enables boys who perhaps are not as athletically gifted as those in the A team, but who can nevertheless represent their team and jersey with pride and can make a positive contribution to the club now and into the future. The B team also provides a place for boys with the potential to hurl at a higher level who may not yet be ready to hurl at this level. It is hoped that next years U-15s can continue to field two hurling teams for the benefit of all involved.

U-15 Hurling

Mentors: Ray McKenna, Eugene McGee, Joe Roche, John Keegan

Hard work in training added to a visit on a wintery 8th March to Dicksboro, Co. Kilkenny set the team up for the League as three wins in a row prior to the end of April gave them a solid start. A highlight of any U15 year is the Cian Durkin Tournament on the May Bank Holiday weekend. Traditional visitors Mallow as well as holders Na Piarasigh as well as first-time participants Birr gave a fine display of

hurling. Boden, despite losing a group match narrowly to Mallow, qualified for the final against the same team. They kept their best performance for this match and regained the cup on a scoreline of 1-10 to 2-3. The visiting clubs thanked Boden for fine competition and hospitality and new alliances were forged, as is traditional with this tournament. Thanks to the Durkin family for their incredible support for this annual event.

After the exam and summer break, a busy August followed and the team continued the momentum in the league to remain unbeaten and claim the League title – a great achievement.

A particular success at the end of August was the presence of nine Boden players on the Dublin South U15 squad that won the Leinster title (Michael Foley Cup) at the end of August in Wexford, beating a strong Kilkenny South team in the final. Dublin South beat Wexford, Antrim & Kildate on the way.

The team, jointly managed by Ray McKenna with Denis Gorey of Kilmacud Crokes, had played a series of challenge matches in July & August against Kilkenny North & South, Limerick, Kildare, North & West Dublin and Laois.

This proved invaluable as the benefit of keeping a large panel together paid dividends. The championship took place in September and with wins over Na Fianna and St Jude's, the team faced Cuala in the final in Parnell Park. The League & Championship double proved elusive with the Dalkey outfit winning on a scoreline of 2-8 to 1-7. Despite their disappointment after the final, the team can look back on a successful year with the added bonus of representative honours for many of the team as well as success in Dublin Schools competitions later in the year.

Great thanks and appreciation to all the players, particularly the Under 14's and management Ciaran Maguire, Seamie O'Neill, John Robinson & Brendan Ryan who support this team so strongly. Thanks also to Ray, John, Eugene & Joe for the huge effort and success in coaching the team. Thanks to Noel Sheridan for accommodating us with pitches throughout the year. Finally, appreciation for the wonderful support of parents and friends of the team throughout the year. The team heads to Waterford for a match and overnight stay before going on to support the seniors in Nowlan Park on Sunday.

Congratulations to them on the magnificent three in a row and best of luck in Leinster. We're looking forward to providing a few players for the senior team in the coming years !

U16 Hurling 2009

Mentors: *Niall Desmond, Paudie O'Neill, Paddy Corrigan*

The U16 division one championship final of 2009 will live long in the memories of this squad and their mentors. Having lost championship finals at U13 and U14, as well as the Féile final of 2006, there was a huge outpouring of emotion in St.

Peregrine's club on October 10th as this group won their first championship, (Ballyboden's fifth U16 title this decade). In a very close final throughout, we beat our great rivals Lucan Sarsfields by a single point after a dramatic finish. The quarter and semi-finals included fine wins over Castleknock and Kilmacud Crokes. Many challenge games were played during the year against teams from outside Dublin, including James Stephens, Naas, Dicksboro, Co. Kildare Development Squad and Moycarkey-Borris. An end-of-season overnight trip to Midleton, Cork, included games against Lismore (Waterford) and Holycross (Tipperary). We finished in third place in Division 1 league. Great support was received from the U15 squad and their mentors Ray McKenna, Eugene McGee and John Keegan. The hard-working John Cummins provided an excellent hurley repair service throughout the year. Thanks to Ned Slattery for making the bar and hall available to us for catering, to Noel Sheridan for all his assistance with pitches and other club resources, and to our club coaching officer Brian O'Regan for generously sharing his time and expertise.

Code of Ethics Committee

Chairman: Tom Lawlor

In April 2009 the GAA published a Policy document entitled '*GAA Code of Practice in Youth Sport*', the aim of this document is to foster the creation and maintenance of the safest possible environment for all young people who wish to participate in Gaelic Games and activities.

In June 2009, in response to this GAA initiative, Ballyboden St Endas GAA club established a Code of Ethics Group (CEG), with members being drawn from the GAA, Camogie Association and Ladies Gaelic Football Association. The aims of the CEG are as follows;

- Appoint and train Children Officers.
- Review and update the club's code of ethics statement.
- Manage the Garda vetting process for existing juvenile mentors.
- Establish procedures for dealing with any allegations against mentors or club employees.
- Establish procedures for Juvenile & Mentor recruitment.
- Advise Juvenile and Executive Committee on matters pertaining to code of ethics and medical issues

Since the CEG was established it has achieved the following;

- Appointed and trained 2 Children's Officers, Collette Ward (Ladies Football) Tom Lawlor (GAA). Their training was completed on the 7th November 2009.
- The GAA have instructed that from the 1st January 2010 only mentors who have received a Garda Clearance letter from the GAA can be involved with juvenile teams. The CEG has supervised the distribution and collection of 192 Garda vetting forms. A register is now being compiled of all mentors who have returned their GAA clearance letter.

- The CEG has supervised the revision of the juvenile membership form to incorporate requests for information on relevant medical conditions and information on photography and communication policies.
- The CEG has introduced a new mentor application form

Juvenile Board

We are fortunate that we have Comhairle na nÓg, to administer juvenile football and hurling in Dublin through it's full-time secretary, Damien Murphy, who is based in Parnell Park. Damien's efforts (and the work of his predecessor Kathleen McPoland) has added greatly to the profile of juvenile games. Unfortunately, some problems recur, despite our representation. Most notably the difficulty of fielding teams in peak school holiday time, have arisen again, exacerbated by the terrible weather that followed through from summer to the present. As in previous years, some competitions are not complete with the playing over really. We would like to thank all of the officers of the Board for their courtesy and efficiency during the year.

Presentations.

For the last several years, the format of juvenile presentations has been altered to smaller events for individual teams or particular age groups. We feel that this gives the event more meaning for all those involved: parents, mentors and, especially, the players. A sincere word of thanks to all our adult players who have assisted with these presentations.

Discipline.

Once again, it is gratifying and indeed it is a compliment to our mentors, coaches and players that we can report that there has been very few citations of our players or mentors for unsporting behaviour at matches during the season. I would ask you all to be especially vigilant in this area and continue to maintain the very high standards of behaviour in the coming season.

Board Delegates.

Our Board Delegates are our contact between the teams, the Club and the Boards. They perform one of the most important tasks on behalf of the club. It is essential that they are kept fully informed at all times of results of matches and any other incidents that may occur. It is essential that we respect the role of Board Officers who run the leagues to the best of their abilities and for the good of the players and the games in general. At the insistence of the Boards, contact between the club and the Boards should only happen through the Board delegates; otherwise, it can prove very difficult for the Boards or the club to know what exactly is happening in any particular

situation. I would like to thank most sincerely our Board delegates: Pat Drohan, Dave Harford and John Lennon for their attendance at the Board meetings during the past 12 months and for their representation of the interests of the club at those meetings.

Appreciations.

The work of the Juvenile Committee would not be possible without the help of many people and we extend our thanks to:

Paddy Walsh and the Executive Committee for their superb support,
Brian O'Regan, Paul McLoughlin, P.J. Donohoe et al
Noel Sheridan,
All juvenile mentors,
Ned Slattery and the bar staff,
Paddy Brady,
Board delegates,
All our referees,
Our club coaches,
Our many sponsors.

Our thanks is also extended to Scoil Treasa, St. Mary's BNS, Colaiste Eanna and St. Colmcille's Community School for providing the use of their pitches and to all our local schools and their teachers for promoting and fostering our national games and for their assistance in the running of our club.

Ballyroan Boys School,
St. Mary's BNS,
St. Colmcille's NS, Knocklyon,
Scoil Treasa,

Scoil Carmel,

Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna,
Rathfarnham Church of Ireland National School,
Colaiste Eanna,
St. Colmcille's Community School, Knocklyon,
Firhouse Community College.

PART 2

Executive Committee

	Name
Chairman	Paddy Walsh
Vice Chairman	John Archbold
Secretary	Annette Sheehan
Treasurer	Tony Wallace
Registrar/Asst. Sec	Sean Bonar
Members	Joseph Moran
	Danny Griffin co-opted for Liam Carter
	Terry O'Neill
	Gerard Basquel
	Ciaran Maguire
Player Representative	Alan Ryan

The Executive Committee met on 23 occasions during the past year. There were many other meetings involving members of the Committee in the performance of their other responsibilities. At the start of the year Alan Ryan was co opted to fill the Player Representative. Later in the year Liam Carter found it necessary to resign due to work commitments and Danny Griffin was co opted to replace him.

We rejoice in the success of the Senior Footballers, Senior Hurlers, Senior Camogie and the Ladies Football Team

General Manager/Development Committee Report

In addition to his work on the development front, Noel also performs an enormous amount of other tasks for the Club such as compiling the fixtures lists each week, allocated pitches as needed, assisted Ned Slattery and Tony Wallace in the Bar area. He was also a tower of strength and wisdom when needed in all other areas of the Club when difficulties arise. His courtesy, availability and helpfulness were commented on at each of the section AGMs. Noel we as a Club are so reliant on you and it does not go unnoticed as all will vouch that you are one in a million and a 24/7 man. Thanks Noel.

Ballycullen

Dressing rooms should commence at the latest at the beginning of February 2010. Delays have been due (a) works on the M50 (b) Boherboy pipe laying (c) licence to build (d) insurance issues. These are in the process of being solved and we are confident that works will commence. The Lottery Grant of €250,000 is secured providing we meet all conditions required.

Sancta Maria All Weather Pitch (140x81metres)

All pitches now completed and will need careful maintenance. Some income is being generated by the renting of the all-weather pitch. Dressing rooms are in the process of being built and we should be able to take possession the end of January. A Lottery Grant of €350,000 is secured providing we meet all conditions required. A new lease has been signed with the Sapling School which will give an increase in income to the Club, and we are currently in discussion with them re the renting out of further buildings.

Some improvements are being carried out to the gym. There will be a 30 metre sprint track in the court yard outside the gym. A small grant has been awarded by South Dublin County Council for the repair of the roof of the gym and of the two storey building opposite the gym with the possibility of a further grant next year.

It has been agreed with St Colmcille's National School that they can locate temporary pre-fab buildings beside the prunty pitch to facilitate the development of their school in Knocklyon.

Pairc Ui Mhurchu

Vodafone has received planning permission required from Bord Pleanana which will enable the Mast to be erected by year end. This will generate a yearly income for the Club.

Allocation of pitches-Noel Sheridan

Once again the arrangements for the allocation of pitches worked very well with very few disagreements between sections or teams. Noel organised a weekly list showing all the matches due to be played each week so that members knew at a glance where all teams were playing. Noel drew up a schedule for the use of the all-weather hockey pitch. However we are now introducing a new system which will reduce the manual workload and all going well will be a success.

Céilithe

This was a good year for the ceili's. They are held on the first Saturday of the month and the set dancing classes are held every Wednesday, except for the summer months. Many thanks, to Ann O'Donnell for calling the sets and taking the classes in her usual efficient and professional manner. Many thanks to all our team who helped during the year, Tommy O'Brien, Dan Browne, Joe Purcell, Gerry Hogan, Barry Hynes and also to all the ladies who helped in the kitchen with the teas, Eileen O'Brien, Anne Hogan, Alice Burke and lastly to Ned and all the bar staff who helped in the hall. The Ceili's

as we all know are very sociable enjoyed by all ages so thanks to all who contribute to these occasions.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Held in December 08, it was a super day. The attendance was up. It is a special day for the Club as it brings together past and present members and local people from around our area. Many thanks, to all who entertained and supported the various fund raising events and gave donations. Compliments to Paddy Brady and staff for the high standard of food and service on the day. A special thank you to all the lads on our committee, Dan Brown and John Fair and to all those members who have helped throughout the events. To Tommy Clinton and the Committee, a big thank you, to you all for this wonderful occasion and many other events.

Senior Citizens Network Group:

The Senior Citizens Network Group (SCNG) had another reasonably active year. Our AGM was held on the 19th March and a representative group was elected to the Committee, Chairman-Fintan Walsh, Vice Chairman-Noel Callan, Secretary- John O'Neill and Treasurer-Sean Flynn and the following committee members, Diarmuid Mac Mathuna, Olive Monaghan, Bridie Phelan, Jack O'Farrell, Jim Fogarty, Tommy Clinton, Dolores Griffin, and Rose Sheridan.

It was decided at the AGM that we should affiliate to Active Retired Ireland to obtain any benefits associated with this organisation.

The main activities over the year were:

- Invitation to Premier production of 'Drama at Inis'
- Outing to Wicklow Gaol, Mount Usher and Avoca.
- Vist to Aras on Uachtarain on 30th June
- Outings to concert hall (2 occasions)

These outings were well supported varying from 36-52 people.

Music

Pat Garrett is booked for the last Saturday of each month for 2009. An informal music session takes place every Wednesday night. It is extremely popular. It is with regret that I have to mention the sad passing of John Doyle during the year. John's colleagues have continued to play each Wednesday which I am sure is also a hard task for them. Thanks again for your continued support.

South Dublin County Council

We thank the Senior Manager and staff in South Dublin County Council for the use of their pitches again over the last 12 months. I emphasise again the need to comply with Council directives relating to the unplayability of pitches.

Hermitage

I wish to thank the OPW for the use of the pitches. I wish to thank Mr Brian Crowley for all his help throughout the year

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Cards

The cards continue each Friday night and are organised by Betty O'Neill. The numbers are dwindling and if you are interested in joining, just turn up on Friday night. Please also spread the word to your friends.

Communications

The main organ of communication is now becoming the Club's website (www.bodengaa.ie). Sincere thanks to Gerry O'Sullivan for his work in keeping the website up-to-date and interesting. Also a note of thanks to Paddy Bates who is always very obliging in Gerry's absence. However, the information on the site is only as good as the information given to Gerry by members. Please continue to give him information on your team, including photographs.

Gerry also keeps members informed through the Club Notes in the Evening Herald and the Echo and, again, it is up to yourselves to keep him informed. Similarly with the Club Newsletter; if you do not supply information about your team or section to Gerry, do not complain when other teams or sections get coverage.

The Club Directory was published again this year and is proving to be a very valuable document.

Player Injury Scheme

The GAA Player Injury Scheme is there to assist football and hurling players who may get injured in the course of a game or training. It is administered by Coyle Hamilton Ltd. (The Camogie and Ladies Footballers have a separate scheme.) It does not cover all medical expenses and, accordingly, since 1997 a Supplementary Player Injury Scheme has been in operation.

Premier Physiotherapy and Paulette Kilkenny continue to provide physiotherapy services to our players. Players may attend either one and are not required to pay directly for the service if they are members of the Supplementary Injury Scheme. The Club covers the cost in those cases. Some players also use other physiotherapists and this is their right. Thanks to Jodie Moran for all his work in keeping up to date with the player injury scheme.

Lotto

The **Lotto** is in its tenth year and continues to be a valuable source of revenue for the Club. As we approach the half way stage of Lotto 2009 the position is as follows. We started the year with 715 subscribers. This was 35 down on the numbers at the end of Lotto 2008. At present we have 710 subscribers and this is likely to fall further over the coming months.

A campaign to attract new members was undertaken in the launching of Lotto 2009. This was mainly directed at parents of the academy and the juveniles and involved the issuing of over 1,200 letters with follow up by means of further letters and phone calls. However, the number of new subscribers (50) coming on board was very disappointing with many of these coming from outside the target groups. As the figures show this was not sufficient to balance the number of dropouts.

We have introduced a new weekly envelope with a three lines for €5 incentive and this has been successful. However given that at the beginning of the lotto we lost out a number of weeks the average weekly take from the envelopes is €180 compared to €200 in 2008.

Based on the above figures the income from lotto 2009 is estimated to be €116,000. Between prize money and expenses total expenditure will be €90,000 approx. This gives a profit for the lotto year of €26,000 which is a few thousand down on 2008. The profit has been maintained at this level mainly through a reduction in 2009 of €8,500 in the prize fund. Otherwise, it would be under €20,000 which I have pointed out on a number of occasions is not a good return for the effort which goes into the running of the lotto.

The Lotto can continue to be a good source of funding for the Club but it will require a concerned effort next year if the return is to be maintained at around the existing level not to mention increasing it even by a few thousand. The option of reducing further the prize money will not be available to us next year. The revitalisation of the lotto is an issue to which the proposed new executive might give particular attention.

Monday night is Lotto night. So why not drop in to the Clubhouse and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere which surrounds the Lotto draw. The draw takes place at 11.00p.m. Thanks to Michael Dillon and Greg Heraty for their support in the selling of the €2 envelopes. As the Lotto is such an important source of revenue to the Club I ask all members to support it. On behalf of the Executive Committee I wish to thank Pdraig Cullinane-Chairman of the Lotto and his Committee for all their hard work and commitment to making the Lotto such a success to date

Gaelic Telecom

This is another fund-raising opportunity that will help generate funds for the Club. By transferring your telephone service to Gaelic Telecom, 15% of your call charges will be paid to the Club on an ongoing basis and at the same time you will achieve considerable savings for yourself. We urge you to consider this seriously. You may contact Ciarán Doyle – 1890 929 422 for further information.

Vodafone

This is another fund raising opportunity and I urge all members to consider joining

Strategic Review Committee:

. Challenge 2020

The Strategic Review Group presented their report to the Executive Committee and to the Club members. An EGM was held in October to adopt the motions recommended by the Strategic Review Group. A copy of the report had been sent to Christy Cooney and Padraic Duffy and the message received back from them was that it was an excellent strategic review report and we were setting the standards both on and off the pitch.

I would like to thank Terry O’Neill and his Committee for such a detailed Strategic Review Report and all their work in compiling it.

40th Anniversary Celebrations

The 40th Anniversary Celebration commenced with a tree planting event in conjunction with National Tree Week (2-8th March). On Tuesday the 3rd March Mr Nicky Brennan-GAA President officiated at the tree planting ceremony at Sancta Maria. All who attended enjoyed the occasion. In May we celebrated La na gClub which coincided with the 125th Celebrations of the GAA. This proved to be a wonderful occasion attended by young and old and it was a joy to see all in the parade from Sancta Maria to the Club House. A sight to behold. On Friday the 18th September we hosted a celebration for all past members of the Executive. This was a wonderful occasion and those who attending enjoyed meeting old friends and there was many a story recalled.

Tickets for All-Ireland Championship matches

Dublin played a number of games in this year’s All-Ireland championship series. Demand for tickets exceeded supply in all cases, especially Hill 16 tickets. Rationing was difficult but I think our decisions were fair in trying to ensure that all members got at least one ticket.

Bar

In his capacity as General Manager, Noel Sheridan worked closely with Bar Manager Ned Slattery and Treasurer Tony Wallace and Aiden McGovern to ensure that the Bar is run in a smooth and efficient manner.

Golf Society

The Captain was Niall Kelly and the Committee comprised Ned Slattery (Treasurer/Secretary), Gerry Keane, David Coffey, Pat McGrath, Tom O'Mahony, Mick Glynn (handicap secretary) and John Cummins. Paddy Walsh, in his capacity of Club Chairman, was President of the Society.

The Society had 38 members this year and they took part in 6 outings. The Society had a wonderful year with an average of 36 players for each outing. They are already looking forward to next year.

We thank the Committee for all its hard work during the year. All Members are welcome to join and the Committee would welcome new members.

Drama Group

The Drama Group has been running for a number of years. There has been increased interest in the past 2/3 years.

Thank you to all concerned for the great production of 'Drama at Inis' and the wonderful social evenings that it brought to the Club. The 'Laughter in the Lounge' sketches were very enjoyable. We are looking forward to next year already.

Art Society

The art society is in its second year and the Chairperson is Katie Daly. There was an art competition held for U18's in early October and this was a huge success with 102 entries. The annual art exhibition was held on November 20th in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. Exhibitors include Katie Daly, Dave Sweeney, Neil Brennan, Conor Sheehan, Lisa Daly, Eddie Walsh, Dympna Smyth and Bette Wilkinson. Thanks also to Paul O'Brien for his huge input in the construction of the displays. Any interested artists will be welcome next year.

Registrars Report 2008 – Sean Bonar

Adult Membership	2009	2008
Full	562	562
Full OAP	45	38
OAP	20	18
Minor	70	82
Student	110	104
Social	77	97
Spouse	210	231
Juvenile/Academy	1479	1009
Total	2573	2141

All Managers should ensure that membership fees for players are paid as early as possible. This year quite a number of players from various adult teams paid their membership as late as October. This should not be tolerated next year. Some members seem to wait for a reminder letter before they pay.

I would like to thank Mary Hyland, Helen McGuinness and Mona Ui Shuilleabhain for their co-operation throughout the year.

As a Club we are required to have a member on door duty during opening times. As a member you have a responsibility to ensure that the Club complies with the law.

During the past year, having decided at a past AGM to have a lottery for door duty, it went a lot better than previous years. In the coming year it will be expected that anyone who is asked to do door duty will co-operate.

Shop Report

There are many people who I would like to acknowledge for all their hard work and involvement with this project –Rita Curtis, Nuala O’Sullivan, Anne O’Regan, Tom and Mary Phelan, Muriel Falconer, Mary Cummins, Maureen Walsh, Pat Walsh ,John Manley, Rosemary Manley, Dave Harford, Theresa Harford, Noel Sheridan and Leby Galvin. A big “Thank You” to all those who staffed the shop and give of their time voluntarily week after week. I would like to thank all the club members for their patience and support during this time and would ask for your continued support.

The current opening hours for the shop are **Thursdays 8.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.** and **Saturdays 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.**

Defibrillator

Defibrillator training is ongoing and thanks to all both involved in training and to all our trainers. As highlighted a lot it is very important to have a defibrillator but equally as important to have trained personnel to use it.

We welcome more volunteers on board

Health and Safety

The Club has a comprehensive Safety Statement covering all aspects of Club activities to ensure that members, staff, players, visitors, etc., can use our facilities without risk of injury. Noel Sheridan has been overseeing the implementation of the safety provisions of the Statement and ensuring that everything is in order.

Na Mairbh

Six Club members passed away during the year. We extend our sincere sympathies to the families of Eamonn O’Sullivan, John Doyle, Paul Lynch, Statia Stokes, Rory Hegarty and Rita Croke.

Thanks

- I want to thank the Chairman for his continued support during my reign as Secretary and now that I have decided to call it a day I wish the new secretary all the best.
- I want to thank all the officers and the other members of the Executive Committee for their help in making my job a little easier.
- Noel Sheridan, as General Manager, has given me tremendous support in the performance of my duties. Thanks, Noel.
- To all those who assisted in fund-raising, Danny Griffin, Padraig Cullinane and the Lotto Committee, John Archbold and all other members who organised fund-raising events.
- The schools that continue to work closely with our Club for the benefit of our catchment area and our Gaelic Games.
- Ned Slattery and his staff for making the bar a friendly place to visit, for members and visitors.
- Our coaches, P J Donohue, Brian O'Regan and Paul Mc Loughlin.
- All our referees.
- Paddy Brady for his catering skills.
- South Dublin County Council, Duchas (OPW), the Christian Fellowship and our local schools for the use of pitches.
- Terry O'Neill and all who are involved in the Strategic Review.
- Padraig O'Duibhir for his involvement in Scor na nOg.
- All our volunteer workers, especially Joe Young, Donal Regan, Robert Lambert and Fintan Walsh who have helped in the maintenance and lining of the pitches.
- To all our sponsors, too numerous to mention, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

- Those members who assisted in door duty.
- Board delegates who perform a valuable service in representing the Club at Board level.
- Dublin County Board Chairman, Gerry Harrington, Secretary John Costello and his staff and the members of the GAC.
- All managers, mentors, coaches, First Aid personnel and those who supplied the water, those who put up nets and flagged pitches, all jersey washers and all other voluntary workers for your invaluable contribution to the smooth running of the Club during the last 12 months.
- Finally, without our players the Club would not exist. Accordingly, I want to thank all players who represented the Club with pride during the year, at whatever level. To those players who were lucky enough to represent their county and indeed their province, I say, we are proud of you. Finally, finally, I'm sure I have left out someone from the above list, so I want to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the Club during the year. **Our Club** would not exist without the army of voluntary workers who give freely of their time day in day out.
- A big Thank You to my husband, Conor, who has throughout my reign as Secretary encouraged me and also has been quite patient while I worked at my laptop. To my daughter Julie thanks for your help.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir

Áine Ni Shiocháin.
Rúnaí

Nominations for AGM 2009

President:	Liam Coffey
Vice Presidents:	Kathleen O'Sullivan Stephen Riney Diarmuid Mac Mathuna
Chairman	Terry O'Neill
Vice Chairman	John Archbold/Joseph Moran
Secretary	Ciaran Maguire
Treasurer	John Archbold
Registrar/Asst Sec Committee	Sean Bonar Danny Griffin Joseph Moran Alan Ryan (Players Representative)

Motions for AGM 2009

- 1) That paragraph 7.9 of the Club Constitution be replaced by the following: "The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each month and ten members present shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Executive Committee, when all positions on the Executive Committee have been filled. Until such time as all positions have been filled, the quorum shall be 60% of the positions filled, excluding any fractions."

Proposed: Terry O'Neill

Seconded: John Archbold

