

Clonduff GAA Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 30th November 2016

Present: An Cathaoirleach: Jimmie Cousins, An Runai: Anita Bn Úi Bhranagáin, Leas Cathaoirleah: Dermot Fitzpatrick, Leas Runai: Níamh Ní Mhuirí, Leas Cisteoir: Padraig Mac Mathuna and 53 other members

Apologies: Cisteoir: Lorraine Bloomfield, Ross Carr, Alistair McGilligan, Guinevra McGilligan, Rory Grant, President Dean A Davies

Welcome

Chairman welcomed all members to the AGM and reiterated the importance of the meeting – that we all work together to move forward

Jimmie encourage members to speak up with their suggestions

A minute's silence was observed for all deceased members

Minutes of 2015 AGM

James McConville proposed minutes; seconded by Niall Rafferty – minutes agreed

Standing Orders

Tommy Kelly proposed; seconded by Aidan Brown

Secretary's Report

Francis Quinn proposed adoption of Secretary's Report; seconded by Thomas Murnin

Discussion

Fire

Jimmie outlined the damage caused by the fire and explained the next stage of getting the Clubrooms back in the action

Anita read the Secretary's Report to members

U21 Football

Paddy McConville queried why a player from an outside Club was playing for the U21s and depriving a Clonduff Player of football – Jimmie explained this was discussed at length at an Executive Meeting and it was agreed on balance

Social Club

Dermot read out a report on the social club thanking this committee and the young volunteers for their help and support.

He thanked the other venues for their support and use of their premises due to the fire

He thanked bar staff and people who helped in the burger stand.

Development

Francis Quinn asked how much the walkway would be, Jimmie explained we had applied for a grant for this and we will see then if we will proceed

Shane Quinn asked for a timescale for Youth Club – it is hoped this will be sorted by the end of this week

Thomas Murnin questioned was there going to be no Youth Club now – no official Youth Club but our activities will be Youth based

Daniel McPolin questioned is it just for Youth and would it be hijacked by seniors – Jimmie said primarily but if other teams want to use it this can be arranged via a schedule

Registration and Insurance

Kieran Kelly queried did Insurance cover mentors – it only covers players

Eileen Hamill thanked Anita for all her work and for such an extensive report – Jimmie agreed and offered a big thank-you to Anita and also to Níamh

Camogie Report

Teresa Carr highlighted the U10s win and she thanked Kitty for all her work

Jimmie thanked Camogie Club for the report and for all the good work they do

Treasurer's Report / Finance

Jimmie apologised that Lorraine can't be here – she is ill and we send her our best wishes.
Paudie delivered the Treasurer's Report to the AGM
Brian McGreevy asked what the discrepancy was last year in the Stock take – Paudie wasn't sure
Cashflow does become an issue at certain points during the year
Paudie commended Lorraine for her work in ensuring we weren't overdrawn at the year end
Paudie thanked Friends of Clonduff, Dermot and the Social Club Committee
Paudie outlined the Club Shop figures and thanked and congratulated Goretta, Noeleen and Majella.
Paudie thanked Thomas and his team for their work with the Panto
Thanks to Paddy Morgan and Owen Fegan for their work at the gate
Paudie made it clear that we need to ensure that we are working to pay for the running of the Youth Club
Aidan Brown wanted to know was all the money on from the county draw – there is outstanding money to come in from November/December but this is factored in already
Thomas Murnin queried membership v county draw – Paudie explained how the draw benefits club.
Jimmie explained that everyone has their own opinion on this and they can decide – draw with membership, just membership or just make a donation. Liam McGreevy wanted it clarified if the club was owed this money and wanted to know were other clubs also outstanding money; Jimmie made it clear that we will get the money by the end of the year.
Mary McGreevy appealed for Lotto Checkers
Paddy Morgan queried was there a decrease in the membership – members have gone up but money from membership was claimed via county draw tickets
Jimmie thanked Lorraine and Paudie for the report and also for the invaluable work that they do all year

Chairman's Address

Jimmie said he was proud to be Chairman and it was his pleasure; he spoke of the great work done and said we will always highlight issues and how we would do things differently if we were to do them again. We now need to build on the work we have done; we have lots of talents available but we do have challenges – resources: people; finance. We all need to work together to build our club for the future. He paid tribute to all those who contributed in any way throughout the year. Going forward together to progress and improve – we need to work hard to succeed: the ultimate success of our club is down to us; he wants everyone to get involved in helping in whatever way they can
Our prime purpose is playing games – Jimmie thanked players and everyone involved with teams and now we need to look to the future
Senior Footballers/Ladies/Hurlers and indeed Camogs and Handball are all planning for the future – we need to ensure that they have the resources/support to do this
As we enter our 130th Year everyone needs to work on going forward – we are in total support of all that everyone is doing. We need additional help to share the load to go forward – if everyone can do 1 hour a week this will make a difference. We as a Club are ready to take things forward and everyone needs to come on board. We can become unstoppable
Ag obair as lámha a chéile!

President's Address

Dean Davies sent his apologies for not being there. He sent his best wishes to the club for the incoming year and thanked everyone who contributed to the club in the past year. On behalf of the entire membership of the club the Chairman expressed our good wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

Election of Officers

In the absence of Dean Davies Tommy Kelly will elect Chair – 1 nomination
Chairman – Jimmie Cousins
Vice Chairman – Dermot Fitzpatrick
Secretary – Anita Brannigan
Assistant Secretary – Níamh Murray
Treasurer – Lorraine Bloomfield

Assistant Treasurer – Paudie Matthews

Registrar/Insurance Officer – Alistair McGilligan has stepped down so this position is vacant to be filled by Executive

County Board – Tommy Kelly

PRO – Ciara Kelly

Children & Welfare Officer – Teresa Carr

Cultural & Language Officer – Thomas Murnin

Field & Facilities – PJ McGreevy

Adult Games – Brendan Murray

Juvenile Games – Niall Rafferty

Player's Reps – to be elected by the respective teams

Additional Members – Martin Farnon, James McConville, Maria Wilson and John Anthony Gribben

All elected representatives agreed to take positions on the Executive

Motions to AGM

1. To further the development of all our young players, when attending tournaments and games at U8, U10 and U12 levels, the Club adopts the policy of selecting teams on the basis of the Go Games principles. Teams will be picked with an even spread of ability as opposed to a 'strong' and 'weak' team. Proposed by Shane Quinn, Seconded by Brendan Murray
There was a lengthy discussion on the motion with varying views put forward. The motion was lost on a majority vote.

Recommendations to AGM

1. That Clonduff Club appoints a couple of Vice Presidents as soon as possible proposed by Tommy Kelly, seconded by Thomas Murnin
Another lengthy discussion followed and was carried on a majority vote.

Motions to County Convention

1. Rory's Grant's motion re return to knockout championship withdrawn
2. That the County Board implement our recommendations for the last couple of years
 - That Thirds teams only play against other Thirds Teams in PRFL/C Div 3
 - That the U21s and 2^{nds/3rds} play on alternate Sundays from the beginning of the season.

Motion proposed by Anita Brannigan seconded by Francis Quinn - Motion carried

Jimmie thanked the membership for attending and the way they conducted themselves and again encouraged as many as possible to help

Meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

Meeting of Committee after AGM

Jimmie welcomed new member Ciara Kelly to the Executive

Jimmie said we had a very low key AGM tonight and we should take this as a positive and we should be able to move forward

There will be no Executive Meeting in December – we will meet officially in January on Thursday 5th January 2017 in Youth Club

Club Draw tickets need to be given out – Tuesday 6th December @ 7.30pm in Youth Club

Signed: Dated
(Cathaorleach)