



CLG Naomh Mearnóg

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2024

AGM

28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

NAOMH MEARNÓG CLG  
CRUINNIÚ CINN BHLIANA 2024

## Clár

- Adoption of Standing Orders
- Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
- Consideration of the Secretary's Annual report
- Consideration of the Financial report
- Sections & Games reports
- Chairperson's Address
- Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee
- Notices of Motions
- Other Business

# Standing Orders

- The Proposer of a motion may speak for five minutes only.
- A member speaking on a motion, or an amendment, shall speak for three minutes only.
- The proposer of a motion, or an amendment may speak a second time before a vote is taken. No other member may speak a second time to any motion or amendment.
- The Chairperson shall, at any time that he/she considers a matter to have been sufficiently discussed, call on a proposer to reply, after which a vote is taken.
- A Member may with consent of the Chairperson, move “that the question be now put” after which, when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
- Where the AGM considers it appropriate, a vote may be taken by secret ballot.
- A speaker to the Chairperson Address/Secretary’s Report or to any other general discussion shall not exceed three minutes on one topic.
- Any motion seeking additions or amendments to the Constitution or Rules must have a majority two-thirds of those present, entitled to vote and voting.
- Standing Orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the Agenda except by the consent of a majority equal to two-thirds of those present, entitled to vote and voting.
- The Chairperson may change the order of items on the agenda with the support of a simple majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting.

# TUARASCÁIL AN RÚNAÍ 2024

## INTRODUCTION

It is a great honour and privilege to be able to deliver my secretary's report for 2024 to the members of Naomh Mearnóg GAA club. I was nominated and appointed at last year's AGM and gratefully accepted the position. It's hard to believe how quickly the year has gone by.

Efforts to keep our club moving forward in the right direction are constantly on-going both on and off the pitch. The GAA is built on volunteerism and without the support that is shown to the Executive from all our members we wouldn't be where we are today.

As I write this our Snr Footballers are currently preparing for a Leinster Intermediate Football Final. This follows on from a strong performance in the Dublin Intermediate Football Championship with victory in the final.

## ON THE PITCH

### Men's AGC

Our Senior Footballers regained Senior 2 Championship status while also winning the Intermediate Football Championship. Division 2 Football status was also retained. They have also reached the Leinster Intermediate Football Championship final taking place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

Our Senior Hurlers won Division 3 and retained Senior 2 Hurling Championship.

Our Junior 7 Footballers narrowly missed out on promotion to Division 6 and lost a tight semi-final in their championship.

Our Junior 10 Footballers finished 4<sup>th</sup> in their league but more importantly went on to win their Championship. Well done lads!!

Our Junior Hurlers retained their status in the league following two successive years of promotion.

Our U21 Footballers lost a competitive ¼ final in their championship.

Our U21 Hurlers are through to a Championship final. Best of luck lads!!

Our Minor Footballers finished mid-table in their league and got to a Championship ¼ final

Our Minor Hurlers finished 4<sup>th</sup> in division 2 and unfortunately didn't proceed beyond the group stage in an extremely competitive championship.

### Women's AGC

Our Adult Ladies Football team won their Junior D Championship. Well done ladies!!

Our Minor Ladies reached a championship semi-final

Our Inter. Camogie team retained their championship status

Our Junior Camogie team reached a semi-final in their championship

Our U21 Camogie team, at the time of writing, are through to a championship semi-final. Best of luck ladies.

### Juvenile Boys Section

Our Juvenile boys finished up as follows:

U16s: Hurling league winners Div 4

U15s: Féile Football Div 2 Dublin & Regional winners, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Div A

U14s: Div 1 Football winners, Govan finalists

U13s: Retained league status across all codes

### Juvenile Ladies Football Section

U16 Div 1: Won League, Shield finalists, travelled to New York GAA

This team is the most successful team at Juvenile level. They have won Division 1 leagues and championships from U13 upwards. We wish them the best as they go on to Minor level.

U16 Div 9: Retained league status

U15 Div 4: Won promotion to Div3, Won Shield, Féile finalists

U15 Div 8: Retained league status, Championship semi-final

U14 Div 3: Retained league status, Shield semi-finalists

U14 Div 9 Retained league status, Shield finalists

U13 Div 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> in league

U13 Div 11: Retained league status

### Juvenile Camogie Section

U16 Div 2: Won shield final

U15 Div 2: Finished second in league & retained Championship status

U15 Div 6: Finished 7<sup>th</sup> in league & retained Championship status

U14 Div 3: Finished 7<sup>th</sup> in league & lost cup semi final

U14 Div 7: Finished 4<sup>th</sup> in league and lost shield final

U13 Grp 3: Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in grading games lost D2 playoff

U13 Grp 8: Finished 1<sup>st</sup> in grading games but later disbanded due numbers

Well done to all above. A huge thank you to all the mentors and coaches that give so much of their time and effort to helping out with all the teams. We wouldn't be where we are now without you.

In the younger age groups, we are seeing ever increasing numbers. There is a very strong emphasis on both codes being promoted. Our mini-leagues were a hive of activity for a week in June, and our Summer and Easter camps continue to be very popular.

With all our various members, both playing and non-playing, juvenile and adult, we now have approximately 2200 members. The future looks very strong for Naomh Mearnóg.

Naomh Mearnóg continue to support the All-Ireland Ladies 7s and the Gaelic for Mothers blitz which were both held again this year between ourselves and St. Sylvester's. Both days were a huge success.

## OFF THE PITCH

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of Naomh Mearnóg. This is no more evident than our GroundForce team. They work tirelessly on our pitches. We also spent over €100,000 on our pitch maintenance this year. This included a replacement sewer pump, a new well pump, sanding, fertilising, Verti-draining etc. Every weekend our pitches looked immaculate. Thank you to the lads on GroundForce.

New toilets and an upgrade to the dressing rooms are continuing to progress.

Our Green Club planted 50 saplings down by Pitch 8 as part of a Fingal County Council initiative. New solar panels are expected to be installed next month on the roof of the sports hall. This is mainly grant supported and should reduce our electricity bills. A new bike shed is due early next year, also as part of a Fingal CC initiative.

We continue to operate as a community club. A number of organisations use our facilities. This includes our schools. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate St. Helen's N.S. on winning Cumann na

mBunscol in Croke Park last month. I understand that all but one of the girls play for Naomh Mearnóg. That is a great achievement.

This year saw a major fundraiser for our club with “The Jungle”. Thanks to all our contestants who took part. Thanks to everyone on the organising committee who worked tirelessly to see it through. And finally, thanks to everyone who supported us to make it such the success it was.

Fundraising is a very important part of Naomh Mearnóg.

Along with The Jungle we have a number of other annual high-profile events. Earlier this year we had our Annual Golf Classic. Thank you to everyone on the committee for organising that.

Earlier this month we had the very successful Christmas Cookery Demonstration. Thanks to John Fahy and his team for organising that.

This year the club lost a number of our members. Most notably was our President Patsy Haran and John Joe Lane, who was instrumental in getting hurling off the ground in Naomh Mearnóg. To them and all other members, past and present, who passed away this year *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.*

## THANKS

I wish to extend my gratitude to everyone who supported me and the Executive throughout this year. I also wish to thank all the members of the Executive, especially Eimear Lowry, Phillip Bourke, Oisín Taylor, Alex Daly and Esther Hoban who are all standing down. I welcome all new members to the Executive and wish them every success.

*Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir*

Micheál MacGiollabháin  
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