

Piarsaigh an Ghallbhaile - An Cruinnú Cinn Bhliana

19ú Eanáir 2020 – 19th January 2020

Miontuairisci – Minutes

Introduction

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the club was held on Sunday 19th January 2020 in the club committee rooms with 55 people attending. Outgoing Chairman, Sean Carberry, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Pauline Bowman to lead us in a prayer for all deceased members. Niamh Rafferty then graced proceedings with Amhrán na bhFiann

Members were provided with an impressive full colour booklet which bore eloquent tribute to what had been a memorable and very successful year for the club. The highlight on the field of play was winning our first ever Intermediate Championship, the first senior championship trophy in sixty one years. The senior team also went on to capture the Intermediate league title with the reserve team winning the league and being narrowly defeated in the reserve championship final. Our U14 ladies also brought All-Ireland Glory to the club winning the Shield Final in their section of the Féile on a memorable weekend in County Mayo. The boy's U13 team also added silverware winning the county title in their grade over English.

Minutes from previous AGM.

Gareth Rafferty read out the minutes from the previous AGM and a point of order was raised by Plunket Nugent in relation to a “*Letter of Support*” that had been given to GYCA to assist a grant application by them and which he said seriously damaged any right the club had to develop our own facilities. After a robust debate Martin Brannigan proposed, seconded by Plunkett Nugent that the incoming committee would set up a sub-committee to deal with this issue, and all issues relating to freeholders and trustees, so that they were sorted once and for all. These minutes were then proposed by Pauline Bowman and seconded by Conor Brannigan.

Secretary's Report

Gareth then delivered a very extensive secretary's report focussing on all aspects of the running of the club over the previous year. There had been many highlights with the annual Big Breakfast on St Patrick's Day being a huge success again. Similarly, the club's inaugural Campa Casca/Easter Camp proved to be an outstanding success. The club's continued successful partnerships with the local primary school, secondary schools, colleges and universities were all highlighted as were the performances of our county representatives, Liam Rafferty, Laura Kane and Conor Quinn. Gareth also thanked our sponsors along with every volunteer who played whatever part in ensuring progress during 2019. There were no matters arising and the secretary's report was proposed by Pauline Bowman and seconded by Conor Brannigan.

Children's Officer's Report

A short report from the Children's Officer was read out by Gareth in the unavoidable absence of Kevin McVeigh who was attending a wake in Dublin. All child protection policies are on the club's website with the GAA's Code of Behaviour being a document of the highest importance. There were no issues arising and this report was proposed by Michelle McCaul and seconded by Kieran Brannigan.

Youth Officer's Report

Paddy Corrigan then provided the Youth Officer's report focussing on the vast amount of work ongoing at all levels from our U6 Pearse Ogs programme for boys and girls right through to minor level. Crucial to the ongoing success of the club is the very hard work being done by coaches with teams who may not win anything in their particular grade but who will produce a number of senior players for the men's and ladies teams in years to come. Paddy's report was proposed by Brian Carberry and seconded by Paul Kerr.

Treasure's Report

Dominic Rafferty then supplied a concise written account of the club's income and expenditure over the last year highlighting some of the more unusual figures such as the spending on the new

toilet block and generator. The Golf Classic had provided a healthy profit of almost £25,000.00 with club membership, Club na Píarsaigh and the Club LOTTO continuing to provide absolutely vital income ensuring a surplus after an incredibly busy year of some £3,704.53. Dominic's report was proposed by Seamus McVeigh, seconded by Pauline Bowman and duly adopted.

Chairman's Address

Sean Carberry then delivered his Chairman's Address saying that he was exceptional proud and honoured to have had the opportunity to serve the club in this position. He reminded members that a year ago saw the club being relegated from the senior ranks and that he had challenged everyone then to put their shoulder to the wheel and to put in maximum effort to achieve success. He lavished praise on John Moylan who had insisted when taking on the role of senior manager that he be surrounded by a team of local men who had all worn the blue jersey with pride in their own time. This management team left no stone unturned in the pursuit of glory and the 2019 committee were only too glad to provide whatever was asked of them in terms of gym and training equipment, food after training and whatever else was needed. Club members he said would always remember the wonderful feeling when the final whistle went in Healey Park turning a field of green into a sea of blue and white. What made the day particularly special was that it was for everyone, for the players who represented the club with such distinction, for those who had worn the jersey in more difficult times when just keeping the club going was a struggle, for those who had tasted victory in the Junior championship final away back in 1958 and for all those young people who are determined that they too will wear *an geansaí gorm* on great days for the club in the years ahead.

He also highlighted the Féile success at the wonderful event hosted by Connaught GAA and looked forward to hosting this year's competition on our own pitches. Sean concluded by thanking our sponsors, all who contribute in whatever way to the running of the club and everyone who had assisted him during his three years in office especially the secretary and treasurer. He also wished his successor every good wish.

Adjournment

The meeting then adjourned for a short while to allow for membership to be paid. This was set at Husband and Wife - £80, Adult(single) - £50, Youth - £10, Student £20, OAP £20 and Club na Piarsaigh £240 Or £20 per month. The voting strength was announced as being 55. The outgoing Chairman declared all positions vacant and asked for proposals for a chairperson and secretary to conduct the election of officers. Sean Hurson was proposed as chair by Kieran Brannigan, seconded by Seamus McVeigh with Pauline Bowman proposed as secretary by Paddy Corrigan, seconded by Paul Allen.

Honorary Secretary and Honorary Vice-President

The positions of Hon President, Plunkett McCrory and Hon Vice-President, Danny Kerr continued in the third year of the three year cycle as agreed at last year's [2018] AGM.

Chairperson

There were three nominations for the position of chair; Sean Carberry [WD], Gareth Rafferty [WD] and Noel McKeown [Sit]. Noel was proposed as Chair by Kieran Brannigan, seconded by Oliver Brannigan and was duly appointed.

Vice-Chairperson

There were three nominations for vice-chair; Kevin Kelly [WD], Pauline Bowman [Sit] and Sean Carberry [WD]. Pauline was proposed as vice-chair by Conor Brannigan, seconded by Michelle McCaul and was duly appointed.

Secretary

There were three nominations for secretary; Gareth Rafferty [WD], Daniel Brannigan [WD] and Pauline Bowman [WD]. The position was initially left vacant to be returned to later in the meeting.

Assistant-Secretary

There were two proposals for assistant–secretary; Noel Donaghy [WD] and Kevin McVeigh [Absent]. This position was left to the incoming committee.

Treasurer

The outgoing treasurer, Dominic Rafferty was nominated again for the position and indicated that he would be happy to accept. Dominic was proposed by Declan Quinn, seconded by Sean Carberry and was re-appointed as club treasurer for the incoming year.

Assistant Treasurer

There were two nominations Aishling Reilly and Brendan Corrigan who both withdrew. The position was left to the incoming committee.

PRO

There were two proposals for this position with both Marie Rafferty and Carla McAuley indicating their willingness to sit. After a vote each received 27 votes. Sean Hurson informed the meeting that he did not feel that he had the power to use a casting vote as he was only in the chair to oversee the election of officers. He did point out that one person had not voted in round one and asked for a second vote. After this vote Carla McAuley received 28 votes to Marie Rafferty's 26. Carla was proposed for the role by Conor Brannigan and was seconded by Oliver Brannigan.

Assistant PRO

They were three nominations for the role, Michelle McCaul [Sit]. Kevin Kelly [WD] and Marie Rafferty [WD]. Michelle was proposed by Gavin McVeigh and seconded by Paddy Kelly.

Cultural Officer

There were two proposals for Cultural Officer with Aiden McCrory withdrawing and Máiread Hurson being absent the position was left to the incoming committee.

Children's Officer

The outgoing officer Kevin McVeigh had informed the meeting in that he would be prepared to continue in this critical role and was proposed by Plunkett Nugent and seconded by Paul Kerr.

General Committee

Following indications of being willing to sit the following members were proposed as members of the general committee by Pauline Bowman, seconded by Paddy Corrigan;

Paul Allen, Conor Brannigan, Kieran Brannigan, Brian Carberry, Brendan Corrigan, Kevin Corrigan. Sean Hurson, Kevin Kelly, Paul Kerr, Justina Mulgrew, Ciaran Murphy, Gavin McVeigh, Seamus McVeigh, Liam óg McCauley, Aiden Nugent, Declan Quinn*, Gareth Rafferty Marie Rafferty and Pdraig Rafferty. [* Declan Quinn indicated his willingness to sit from the floor after a proposal from Paul Kerr, seconded by Declan Quinn to allow for such nominations to be acceptable.]

At the conclusion of the election of officers Plunkett Nugent said that it would be a very poor reflection on the club if after such a successful year on the field we were not able to fill the very important position of club secretary. On the basis that that he would be trying to streamline the role of the secretary's workload he would be prepared to serve the club as secretary. Declan Quinn prosed Plunkett for the role of secretary which was seconded by Dessie Donnelly. This brought to a close this part of the meeting.

Incoming Chairman's Remarks

Noel McKeown outlined to the meeting how proud and honoured he was to have been elected chairperson of the club. He paid tribute to his predecessor Sean Carberry and thanked him for all

his work for the club. Noel said he very much looked forward to working with the incoming committee and welcomed the fact that there were a number of new faces.

Motions and Recommendations

The first three items were all to be treated as recommendations for the incoming committee to deal with.

1. All committee members to push lotto sales. [Conor Brannigan]
2. A policy to be drawn up by the incoming committee to ensure best value for money from sponsors and merchandise being sourced. [Liam óg McCauley]
3. All club notes to be published in local papers and the parish bulletin. [Kieran Brannigan]

The following motions over and above the earlier one were adopted to be dealt with by the incoming committee.

4. That a LGFA secretary be appointed onto the 2020 Piarasigh an Gallbhaile executive committee and thereafter that role is maintained. [Gareth Rafferty]
5. That the executive committee of Piarasigh an Gallbhaile decide annually the date of the club's annual general meeting. [2019 Piarasigh an Gallbhaile]

This brought proceedings to a close and the incoming committee had a brief informal meeting.

Signed 15th March 2020

Gareth Rafferty (an Rúnai 2019)

Plunkett Nugent (an Rúnai 2020)