



BALLYMACELLIGOTT GAA CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2020
SUNDAY 10th January 2021
2.00PM
ONLINE MEETING

Agenda

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Ballymacelligott GAA Officers

Pátrún/Patron Most Rev. Dermot Clifford D.D.

Uachtarán/President Tom Leen

Leas Uachtaráin/Vice Presidents Fr. Anthony O'Sullivan, Fr. Pat O'Donnell, Michael O'Sullivan, Michael Savage, Tony Riordan & Tom Herlihy

Cathaoirleach/Chairperson Mike Sweeney

Leas Cathaoirligh/Vice Chairpersons John Rice & Bernard Cassidy

Runaí/Secretary Fionnán Fitzgerald

Leas Runaí/Asst. Secretary Aidan Savage

Cisteoir/Treasurer Mike Brosnan

Leas-Chisteoir/Asst. Treasurer Jer Lynch

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí/PRO Maureen O'Shea

Health & Well-Being Officer Oonagh O'Rahilly

Oifigeach Oiliúna/Coaching Officer Stephen O'Brien

County Board Delegate Tom Herlihy

Toscairí Coiste Trá Lí/Tralee Board Delegates Aidan Savage & Declan O'Connell

Toscaire Coiste Naomh Bhreandáin/St. Brendans Board Delegate

Oifigeach Leanaí/Childrens Officer Joanne Long

Cláraitheoir/Registrar Maureen O'Shea

Oifigeach Cultúra/Scór Officer Tom Herlihy

Toscairí Naomh Chiaráin/St. Kierans Delegates Mike Sweeney & Fionnán Fitzgerald

Ballymacelligott GAA Executive Committee

Bernard Cassidy, Aidan Savage, Bridget Leen, Declan O'Connell, Gerard Collins, Helen Leen, Jer Lynch, Joanne Long, John Rice, James Godley, Kevin Leen, Kieran Savage, Maureen O'Shea, Michael Brosnan, Mike Sweeney, Oonagh O'Rahilly, Stephen O'Brien, Tom Herlihy & Sean Hennessy

Minutes of Ballymac GAA AGM held on the 30th November 2019.

Attendance:

Jer Lynch, Mike Sweeney, Fionnán Fitzgerald, Mike Brosnan, Joanne Long. Dennis O'Connor, Pádraig Laide, John Breen, Declan O'Connell, Frank O'Rahilly, Ger Collins, Ruraí O'Rahilly, John Rice, Stephen O'Brien, Bernard Cassidy, Dave Slattery, Kieran Savage, Aidan Savage, James Godley and Maureen O'Shea.

Apologies:

Josephine Fearn, Tony Silles, Anne Kenny, David Long and Tom Herlihy.

The Chairman Jer Lynch welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to stand for a minutes silence for deceased members of the club.

Minutes of 2019 AGM:

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were proposed by Fionnán Fitzgerald and seconded by John Rice.

There were no matters arising.

Secretaries Report.

The Secretaries Report to 2019 AGM was proposed by Declan O'Connell and seconded by Ger Collins.

There were no matters arising.

Financial Report

The Financial Report was proposed by Dave Slattery and seconded by Joanne Long.

Mike Brosnan went through the report in full and explained the income and expenses.

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Address:

The Chairman thanked everyone for their help and great work over his three year term. His address is attached.

Nominations

The following officers were proposed by Dennis O'Connor for 2020 and seconded by Frank O'Rahilly.

Chairman: Mike Sweeney

Vice Chairmen: John Rice and Bernard Cassidy.

Runaí: Fionnán Fitzgerald.

Assistant Secretary: Kieran Savage.

Treasurer: Mike Brosnan

Assistant Treasurer: Jer Lynch

Coaching Officer: Stephen O'Brien.

Scór Officer: Tom Herlihy.

County Board Delegate: Tom Herlihy.

Registrar: & Data Protection Officer: Maureen O'Shea

Tralee Board Delegate: John Rice and Declan O'Connell.

The following positions remain to be filled at first executive meeting: St Kieran's Board Delegate and PRO:

Rúin/Motion

1. That Tom Herlihy & Tony Riordan be appointed Vice President of Ballymac GAA Club was proposed by John Rice & Seconded by Bernard Cassidy. Passed unanimously
2. The membership cost of Ballymac GAA Club be as follows from the 2/12/2020
 - (1) €75.00 per adult member.
 - (2) €50.00 per juvenile with the exception of girls over 12.
 - (3) €25.00 Plus LGFA Levy for all girls and ladies who play LF over 12 years of age
 - (4) €50.00 for OAP and students.
 - (5) €10.00 per Adult for Adult Scór participants
 - (6) €5.00 per juvenile for Juvenile Scór participants was proposed by Maureen O'Shea & Seconded by Mike Sweeney. Passed unanimously
3. That the membership for all current senior Adult male players and working members form previous working year be €50.00 per person was proposed by Maureen O'Shea & Seconded by Declan O'Connell. Passed unanimously
4. That a minimum of 1/4 of the nett income raised by way of Club Fundraisers be deposited in the Club Development account towards future Development in the club was proposed by Maureen O'Shea & Seconded by Declan O'Connell. Passed unanimously
5. That the Annual Lotto ticket be €80.00 per year from 1/4/2020 was proposed by Maureen O'Shea & Seconded by John Rice. Passed unanimously
6. That the lotto numbers on the lotto ticket for weekly draw increase from 28 to 32 from 1/4/2020 was proposed by Pádraig Laide & Seconded by Stephen O'Brien Passed unanimously
7. That the executive of Ballymac GAA Club examine the feasibility of depositing Ballymac GAA Development money in the Croke Park savings account for clubs so that any future loans by the club would be interest free was proposed by Fionnán Fitzgerald & Seconded by Kieran Savage. Passed unanimously

AOB

A discussion took place on the proposed new Dressing Room Development and the possibility of re looking at the development to include a sports hall.

Various suggestions were discussed and the incoming executive were asked to revisit the proposed development and look at it again. The incoming Chairman and Secretary said they will look at it all and put every effort into it going forward. It was suggested a new sub committee be set up to look at it again.

Frank O'Rahilly thanked the outgoing Chairman and secretary for their help and support all year.

Declan O'Connell thanked The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for their support all year. James Godley thanked them both for their help and support all year.

Jer Lynch complimented Kieran Savage on taking the photo of Tony Riordan at the U14 boys final in Currow. He trained U14 boys in Ballymac for 19 years and it was a fitting tribute to him to have it acknowledged.

The meeting then ended.

Matters Arising from These Minutes

Tuarascáil An Runaí 2020

Mar Runaí an Chumainn cuirim fáilte do gach éinne chuig Cruinniú na Bliana seo. Is é seo mo chuntas ar chúrsaí Cumann Lúth Chleas Gael i mBaile Mhic Ealagóid I rith na bliana 2020.

Senior Team

What started as a normal year became a very unusual and disjointed year. Great credit must be given to all who helped to train and play a lot of football in a tight fixture schedule.

Our first game was in the Tralee Town Board League v John Mitchels at home. In an even encounter we eventually lost on the scoreline 1-11 to 0-09;

Next up was away to Austin Stacks who proved too strong for us on the day by 1-15 to 2-05, We then played St Pats in John Mitchel's under lights where we ran out winners by 1-14 to 1-07.

Our last Tralee Board game was v Kerin's O'Rahilly's who defeated us on the score line 4-11 to 0-09.

Our first and only county league game was at home to Dromid. This was a tight dogged affair with little between both teams resulting in a share of the spoils with the score line of 1-9 each.

This was followed by the lockdown and everything was suspended until the end of June. We had challenge games with St Pats ,Ballydesmond and Laune Rangers.

On Saturday July 26th our long awaited Premier Junior Championship game v Churchill was played in Blennerville. We started slowly but gradually got into this tough and dogged game. We came good towards the end of the game and were successful on the score line Ballymac 0-15 Churchill 1-10.

Next up we played St Michael's /Foilmore at home. We hit the ground running here and quickly took command of the game. We finished the game as resounding winners Ballymac 3-12 St Michael's / Foilmore 0-7.

Our final group game was in Brosna against our St. Kieran's rivals. Even though both teams had qualified no quarter was given. The game was finely balanced throughout but we managed to take control in the second half eventually winning 2-16 to 2-19.

Before the quarter final we played two challenge games against Desmonds and Na Gaeil.

All roads led to our game v Gneevguilla in Castleisland. We started reasonably well and it was level pegging for most of the first half. However, leading up to half time and at the start of the second half our opponents forged into a huge lead. However we started to get into the game in the last quarter and made a bold comeback but time ran out and we lost by two points 2-15 to 2-13. Although hugely disappointing we have to be proud of everyone who had given their all over the summer.

Our final game of the year was against Austin Stacks in the Tralee Championship. Disappointingly we had only the bare 15 players which required Bainisteoir Frank to play to make that number. However, the performance from everyone was brilliant and we really took the game to our opponents and battled to the end going down by 3-16 to 2-15.

In a very strange year great credit must go to all involved. The players for their commitment, the management of Frank O'Rahilly, Ruairi O'Rahilly, Tom O'Shea, George Savage, Physio Mark Thompson. Team Support Aidan Savage, Brendan Falvey and Tom Long.

Junior Team

In a year with so many players available it was hugely disappointing that we had only one game was away to Austin Stacks C. This was an exciting encounter with both teams playing some lovely football. It ended in a draw 2-11 apiece. Thanks to all the players who were available and management of Tom O'Shea. Tony Silles, Sean Brosnan and Mike Sweeney.

Minor Team

It goes without saying that 2020 was a difficult year for everyone. In Ballymac, it turned our calendar of games upside down and inside out. It took adjustments from everyone.

As like coaches, the players were delighted to be back on the playing fields doing what they love and got on with the games and the new protocols. With a limited number of games, it was great to see large numbers at all games.

Season began at end of November 2019 with strength and conditioning work until end of January and from then on we had joint training sessions with our senior team. We thank Frank Rahilly and his management team for all their help in this.

Town League: We played three games in Town League Austin Stacks (Draw), Kerins O'Rahillys (Won) and Na Gaeil (Lost).

We started the County Minor Football League with great enthusiasm and after a great win over Glenbeigh/G'car/Cromane we were looking forward to a good run in this competition. Unfortunately, this was our only game in the county league.

The County Board organised a number of games in a round robin system. We were grouped in with Laune Rgs, Fires and Keel/Listry. Both Laune Rgs and Fires were championship teams for 2020 where we lost to Laune Rgs, with a draw against Fires and were beaten by Keel/Listry in our last game.

We would like to thank all the panel of players for their respect, commitment and their appetite for football throughout a challenging year.

A huge highlight from a difficult season was that a number of our players played for the

senior team this year. With a large number of them moving to senior level for 2021 we wish them every success as they represent the club going forward.

Huge thanks to coaches Pdraig Laide, Tony Silles and Jer Lynch for their commitment throughout the year. If anything, this year made us more aware of our games and the enjoyment we get from being involved in the Gaa.

ST KIERANS

I would like to congratulate all our players who represented St. Kieran's at all levels in 2020. These achievements are ones that we as a club are immensely proud of. Aidan Breen, Vinny Horan, Brian Lonergan and Daniel O'Shea acquitted themselves very well on the senior team.

Ballymacelligott Ladies Football Club

This year was a busy and successful but short one for the Ladies Football Section. A fuller account of the activities of this rapidly growing section of the club are contained in their own report. Particular thanks must go to Sean Hennessey, Patrick White, Emma Sweeney and Veronica O'Donnell amongst others along with coaches and parents who gave so freely of their time to ensure the fullest possible development of this sector of the club. We were the first club to livestream an LGFA Game in Kerry which shows the huge potential this has which is in the hands of all clubs. We wish the incoming Ladies Board Officers all the very best for 2021.

Coiste Na nÓg.

The activities of our underage section of the club are included further on in this report. To the many involved with our juvenile section a huge debt of gratitude is owed. Chairman Declan O'Connell & Gerard Collins carry out their functions with great enthusiasm and energy. The extraordinary level of activity and the huge ability to adapt to difficult and ever-changing conditions such as we saw in 2020 is testament to the solid foundations on which this section of the club has laid upon over the years prior to this.

Referees

Jer Lynch, Roland Rogers, Barry Lyons, Kieran Boyle and Daire Keane gave huge service refereeing on behalf of the club. We thank them for their commitment and time to this important role in our organisation.

Scór

Scór activities were ready to take to the stage when the pandemic overtook the country and we went into Lockdown. Much thanks to Tom Herlihy and Josephine Fearn who work so hard to prepare our competitors for the stage. We look forward to a brighter 2021 with enthusiasm.

Public Relations

Public Relations is an ever expanding section of the Gaa Community as a whole and thus is the case with Ballymacelligott. This club has been fortunate in having Maureen O'Shea in charge of this role. Maureen has huge experience in the role at many levels and brings this professionalism to bear on our club – we are very grateful for it. She always ensures accurate and in-depth accounts of games were available to the Gaa community and beyond.

Along with Kevin Leen and Veronica O'Donnell, Maureen has ensured that all our updates were available on Print, Facebook & Twitter and more recently Instagram. Much thanks to Maureen for her continuous commitment to this important section of our club.

FINANCE

The club is in a comparably healthy position at the close of a challenging year.

Our weekly lotto was suspended in mid-March as soon as lockdown came into force. Our Lotto sellers are a vital part of the day to day running of this club. Without their commitment our finance, our developments and eventually our game would be difficult to keep on an upward curve. Thanks must go also to those who contribute so generously to The Lotto. Thanks to those who run the weekly Lotto and to the venues who host it in turn, they being The Ballygarra House Hotel & Spá, O'Riada's Bar, Kielduff Community Centre and The Halfway Bar. We know that this pandemic will eventually run its course at that at the traditional lotto which is so much part of life in Ballymacelligott will come back to the fore again. Great thanks and credit is due also to Lee Strand for sponsoring the printing of our lotto tickets.

Huge thanks must go to Mike Brosnan, Kevin Leen and Maureen O'Shea who set-up the interim 'online lotto' and ask people to continue to support it.

Much thanks must go to Joanne Long who faithfully runs the shop each Sunday morning during the year. Much needed funds from this offset many expenses within the club and it is Joanne who makes this possible.

Thanks must go to all our sponsors and particularly our main sponsors Ballygarra House Hotel who have given so generously to the club. Through all these various sources of revenue the club can hope to cater to the standard it would wish the large membership base in the club.

Mike Brosnan deserves huge credit for controlling our finances so well during the pandemic. The income of clubs is under huge strain throughout the country yet under Mike's stewardship the club was able to make ends meet in what is a challenging environment.

Health & Wellbeing

Huge credit and thanks must go to Oonagh O'Rahilly, Joanne Long & Stephen O'Brien for their massive work in keeping this to the fore in a year where it was never more important. The pandemic has made society more aware of mental health issues and our club was ready to play its part – this was in no small way due to the efforts and commitment of Oonagh, Joanne & Stephen – Míle Buíochas. Hopefully, in the very near future, we will see a walkway around our training pitch which will bear permanent testament to the importance our club lays on this issue.

Child Protection

Joanne Long is the club's child protection officer and has huge experience in the role. Ballymacelligott is the envy of many other clubs due to her personal commitment to this role. Her energy is never-ending. Joanne handled a very difficult year which drew many volunteers into the club but all have to have criteria filled in relation to Child Protection. For this we say thanks Joanne.

Coaching

Stephen O'Brien has given an in-depth account of coaching development throughout 2020.

It was great to see the video recording being used to help develop our game. This is a venture that we hope continues into the future.

Focail Scoir

The secretary's report for last year's AGM seems like another world compared to where we are today. All our plans, our club routines, our lotto, our pitch booking system, our ability to meet and plan, our Sunday morning Academy, our shop, our attendance at games and many other aspects of Ballymacelligott Club life were brought to a halt last March.

When training and playing on the pitch resumed last June it was a joy to see. Many people at all levels of the club worked extremely hard to ensure that this could happen. Timetables for training and games were worked and re-worked. We went from 2 training sessions per week per team to 1 session per week due to concerns over health and safety of us all.

Words like 'health questionnaire', 'social distance', 'sanitise your hands', 'have your own water bottle', 'pods' and 'pitch closed' are words we now use daily in relation to our games. It has been an incredible year for the country, county and club. But we have survived it and overcome it. As a club we were one of the very first in the county to establish a volunteer network across the parish to deliver foodstuffs, fuel and medicine etc to the elderly and those cocooning. We had over 50 volunteers offering their help in conjunction with Ballymacelligott Community Alert Group. We can be immensely proud of what we contributed to the life of Ballymac during a time of huge difficulty and challenge for everyone.

To everyone and every officer who helped over the year I say a huge word of thanks. Nothing could have been achieved without your support. We have new words in our vocabulary but we do not use the word 'No' in our club – let it always be that way.

I wish you and your families and friends all the very best for the new year. May you stay safe and healthy and may we all meet alongside our pitch in the very near future where once again we may be able to smile, shake each other's hands and say 'How are You?' We live with each other and we live in a great place.

Fé mar a deireann an seanfhocal *"Ar scáth a chéile a Mhaireann na nDaoine"* agus I gcás CLG Baile Mhic Ealagóid is fíor é.

Mise le meas

Fionnán Mac Gearailt
Runaí.

Treasurer's Report

This is contained on a separate file to be presented at the AGM

Chairperson's Address

Chairperson Mike Sweeney will address the club through this online medium

Election of Officers

All officers have indicated that they will remain in position into 2021. No other persons have been nominated for positions on the Club Executive.

Consideration of Motions

Two motions have been received:

Rúin/Motion:

Club Rule regarding U-12's, where you play with the A Team (Blue Team) if you are 12 years of age on the given year and you play with the B Team (Gold Team) if you are 11 years of age on the given year to be changed to U-11's from the 2021 season as per the age grades changing to uneven U-11's, U-13's, U-15's & U-17's.

New Club Rule:

U-11 age group to go by age and not by ability when picking teams for all games, this means if the games are 11 a side oldest player must play with the A Team (Blue Team) and same with the subs. Players may go down to the B Team (Gold Team) if the parent is agreeable it will benefit the player's progress

U-13's to go on ability and enter 2 teams into competition

From Ballymacelligott GAA Coiste na nÓg.

Please note: As per guidelines from Croke Park, The Executive will meet within the 10 days following the AGM and give a decision on the Motions brought to the AGM above.

Correspondence

A.O.B.

Ballymacelligott Ladies Club Report

2020 Vision The Most Unconventional Year.

First of all, I would like to offer our sympathy to any of our members or associate's who may have lost a loved one during this most difficult year. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

To all who gave their time and assistance in helping to keep us all Covid free and safe from Covid,

THANK YOU. To all the coaches and selectors who gave their time and help for the Ladies Club in the trying circumstances of the Covid 19 pandemic,

THANK YOU. To Mike Sweeney, Fionnán Fitzgerald, Joanne Long, our partners in Ballymacelligott Coiste Na nÓg for all their guidance, support and help through the year with the Ladies Club and Academy,

THANK YOU. To the Ladies Executive Patrick White, Veronica O'Donnell and Emma Sweeney, you were a huge help to myself finding my feet in this role.

THANK YOU. To the ladies who were involved in the coaching this year, Linda Daly Seniors, Siobhan Leen Minor & U16, Avril Geary U12 and Liz Sheehan at U8. The Senior Ladies that helped out at Minor, U10&U8's at academy.

THANK YOU. Most importantly to all our players and parents/guardians who showed up to all our training sessions and matches, who gave so much time and effort under the pandemic restrictions, without you there would be no club.

THANK YOU. Finally to our Sponsors Johnny McElligott of Sean Og's Bar and Townhouse, Sports Direct, Lidl and Lee Strand THANK YOU.

COMPETITION REPORT.

U8's were only in Academy and did not partake in any go games or blitzes. Thank You to Kevin Leen, Liz Sheehan, Eve Freedom, Niamh Rahilly, Emer Curran and Grainne Galvin.

U10's were mainly academy, but did have a few games towards the end of the season where they showed good promise and a big improvement on the early part of the season. Thank You to Kieran Savage, Fintan Kelly, John Sheehan, Cora Savage and Roisin Long.

U12 took part in North Kerry Division 4 and made the Plate Final, where we defeated Dingle in Dingle. Thank You to John O'Rourke, Avril Geary and Kerry Hennessy.

U14's took part in Kerry County Division 1, where we made the County Semi Final, a great achievement to be in Top 4 sides in the county. Unfortunately we lost out to Austin Stacks. Further Congratulations to player Kate Collins who made the Kerry U14 Team. Thank You to Don Brosnan, Ger Collins, Liam Sweeney, John Creedon and Leo O'Connor.

U16's took part in Kerry County Division 1 and also made the County Semi Final, where we lost out to eventual County Champions Southern Gaels. Further Congratulations to player Roisin Rahilly who made the Kerry U16 squad. Thank You to Donal Rahilly, Siobhan Leen and Anthony Griffin.

Minor Ladies, took part in Kerry County Division 1, where we made our debut in Division 1. This was a tough lesson for us where the Friday night games didn't work well for us with the ladies working and injuries to key members of the squad who were playing Senior on Monday nights and U16 on Wednesday nights. Further Congratulations to players Eve Creedon, Ellie McElligott, Cora Savage and Aisling O'Connell on making the Kerry Minor Squad.

Thank You to Anthony Curran, Donal Rahilly, Dave Keane, Linda Daly, Siobhan Leen, Una Kerins and Emma Sweeney.

Senior Ladies took part in Kerry County Junior C Championship where we made the County Final, but were unlucky to lose out to Annascaul/Castlegregory.

Next Year we will go one better. Thank You to Anthony Curran, Linda Daly and Dave Keane.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Over the year we had two major fundraising activities for the club and two for an outside club cause. The two major fundraising events for our club were Bag Packing at Tesco Xmas 2019 which raised €805 and a Last Man Standing competition which raised €2,400. Many Thanks to all those who helped out in these events. We also took part in the Jack Rahilly Points for Chemo fundraiser in which our players and coaches scored points to raise money. We altogether raised €294 out of an overall €2,500 for Comfort for Chemo. We also helped out MKL Gaels Ladies in their quest for 1 million solo's which raised €7,281 for ISPCC. We also received a new set of Jerseys for our U16's team and a full set of Half Zip Training Tops for our Senior team in reaching the County Final, both were sponsored by Sports Direct Ireland.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Thanks to the co-operation of our coaches we had the majority of our match reports in, which was a great help, plus reports from the Academy also. We did our 20x20 pledge in March, where we pledged to enhance the popularity of female participation in Sports Our club did a lot of live streaming of our ladies Senior matches which was a first for a ladies club in Kerry and was a great bonus for our extended family in the community as well as our diaspora across the globe. Indeed our County Final stream was the most viewed of all the County Finals with a peak audience of 5,500. Our charity fundraising activities were also featured on Scartaglin and MKLsocial media, with further posts on the KGLFA social media outlets.

CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL

Baile Mhic Ealagóid

Cruinniú Cinn Bhliana

Coiste na nÓg

Dé Domhnaigh 10ú Eanáir 2021

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Coiste Na nÓg Officers 2020.

Chairman : Declan O Connell

Vice Chairman: Kieran Savage

Secretary: Gerard Collins

Assistant Secretary: Barry Lyons

PRO: Maureen O Shea

Children's Officer: Joanne Long

Coaching Officer: Stephen O Brien

Tuarascáil An Runaí 2020

Ta fáilte roimh go leir anseo inniu. Is é seo thíos mo chur síos ar príomh imeachtaí Coiste na nÓg Cumann Luthcleas Gael I mBaile Mhic Ealagoid i rith na bliana 2020.

2020 will live long in the memory as a year which many activities previously taken for granted were severely curtailed or cancelled.

The underage footballers of Ballymac were no exception as while the Co. Board did organise games Central Region, Coiste TraLi and Castleisland District Competition were unable to take place due to COVID 19. Unfortunately the Eric Mason blitz, Cul Camps, Scor Competitions, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Presentation Evenings and our Club players taking part in County Development Squads were some of the other events that did not happen in the past Year..

Throughout the year many necessary guidelines and rules were put in place to ensure the safety of our members. Our Club was fortunate that we got great co-operation from coaches, parents, players and supporters in the enforcement of these.

With the development of a vaccine the hope is that some semblance of normality can return to life and this will hopefully extend to our playing fields again beginning a hive of activity for our young footballers.

Below is a summary of the various age groups. Many thanks to the co-ordinators of each team who compiled the reports and also for the time and commitment they gave as co-ordinators of their age group.

U6 BOYS

When compiling this report, I had a read over our 2019 report and what a contrast it was! However, the bright side is we took on the challenge at Ballymac Coiste na nÓg and got our U6s up and training in 2020.

This year was a challenging one, for everyone. Initially at the beginning of what would be the start of our U6 training we had lockdown and our club rooms were closed.

Once things began to open up we did our best as a club to start slowly and safely. This involved a lot of training on COVID-19 precautions and protocols for our administrators and coaches. Some coaches could not return to coach because of vulnerable relatives so we got started later in the Summer. A big effort was put in by Declan O'Connell and Stephen O'Brien to get our U6s up and running.

Once we started it was absolutely great and to hear the laughter and enthusiasm of our U6s every Sunday morning was a tonic for everyone.

They learned new skills, played Games and really enjoyed their U6 training. I think everyone appreciated it more after the long lockdown.

At the end of the season we had to stop abruptly in early October when COVID-19 began to rise and it was felt safer to not meet for training. The following week all GAA Coiste na nÓg Clubs were asked not to train and play for Health & Safety reasons.

It was short and enjoyable season for the U6s who got plenty of exercise and picked up a lot of new skills.

We wish to thank the players, their parents & grandparents who ferried them to training every Sunday.

A big thanks to all our coaches who trained the kids every Sunday.

Finally, a final word of thanks to Coiste na nÓg Secretary Ger Collins; Chairman Declan O'Connell and Stephen O'Brien Coaching Officer for their support and help all year.

U8 BOYS

U8 academy for boys started back in February on Sunday mornings at the Kerry Sports Academy. We had a few weeks of both indoor and outdoor training with an average of 18 boys each week.

Our season was cut short due to Covid but when we were able to return to training, we were back in Ballymac football field on Sunday mornings.

Every week we did the basic skills whilst adhering to Covid guidelines.

Our first game of the season was a friendly against Austin Stacks inside at Connolly Park. Then the County Board organised a series of Go Games which included ourselves, Spa (Killarney), Kilcummin and Dr Crokes.

The panel of boys consisted of Dara Leen, Seán Kelly, Gearóid Jones, Michael Scanlon, Tadhg Brick, Scott Fitzmaurice, Mikey Brosnan, Jayden Roche, Jack O'Connell, Conor Mc Carthy,

Conor Browne, Conor Mangan, Daithí O'Connor, Daniel Maher, Kian O' Connor, Sam Leen, Taylor Brosnan and Tom O'Neill.

Many thanks to our coaches John Leen, Donal Rahilly, Andrew Scanlon, Eddie O'Connell and Shane Brosnan. A special thanks to a young Ballymac footballer, Maurice O'Connell who turned up every Sunday morning to give us a hand and who is a great role model for the boys.

U10 BOYS

Our U10 Boys began at the start of February in the astro pitch in the IT Tralee, we had five weeks of training until we were stopped with the lock down just before St Patrick's Day. We started up again at the end of June and we went twice a week with training, we had a few challenge games against Milltown/Castlemaine , St Senans and Na Gaeil,

We also took part in the U10 Go Games , where we played Kilcummin, Spa and Dr Crokes , and all the boys played some great football and were a match for all the teams. Many thanks to all the parents who brought the boys to training and to the games and to all the boys for turning up for training in all weather conditions.

Panel :: Adrian O Connor, Rory O Connor, Daniel Moriarty, Harvey Leen, Gearoid Joy, Jack Lynch, Jamie Harrington, Gearoid O Connor, Patrick Leen, Eric Quirke, Ciaran Brosnan, Tadhg O Connor, Evan Horgan, Diarmuid Scanlon, Blake Leen, Kelan Burke, David Fealy, Dylan Scanlon, Finn Hannah, Jack Hobbart, Jack Stack, Aiden O Connor, Regan Zhang Flynn Boyle ,Darragh Lyons.

Coaches : Neilus O Connor, Thomas Lyons, Kieran Boyle, John Moriarty, Ciaran Burke, Kieran O Connor, Francie Hobbart.

U12 Boys Blue& Gold Teams

Our training this year began in early February with sessions once a week on the Astro Turf in Castleisland. Numbers were good from the start with 22-25 players toggging out each week. Our competitive season began on 8 March with the first round of the Tralee town league vs John Mitchels on their Astro turf pitch. Weather conditions were brutal with high winds and driving rain . The boys showed great grit and determination despite the conditions. The Blue team endured their first taste of defeat for the season while the Gold team were worthy winners of the second game. It was no mean feat as this team went on to win the Division 1 B county Championship.

We continued to train weekly until the Government imposed Coronavirus lockdown in mid March.

We got the green light to resume training at the end of June and held our sessions twice a week on the training pitch. The boys were rearing to go after a very tough time in their young lives. Each night we had over 20 players training and we split them into 2 groups Blue and Gold so they would be both training and playing with their respective team mates .

Our first game back was a challenge match against St Pats of Blennerville where both Blue

and Gold teams registered impressive wins. The U12 County League Phase 1 was our first taste of competitive football after returning and we got drawn in group D against Na Gaeil, An Ghaeltacht and Kerins O Rahillys. The Blue team registered significant wins over An Ghaeltacht and Kerins O Rahillys and were unlucky to concede a draw away to Na Gaeil to finish the group in joint top position. The Gold team had wins over An Ghaeltacht and Kerins O Rahillys with a defeat to Na Gael saw them finish in 2nd place in the group.

Phase 2 of the County league saw us drawn in Division 2 against Austin Stacks, Killarney Legion, Listowel Emmets, Na Gaeil and Listry. Almost all top quality Town sides capable of fielding 2 or 3 teams each week. Our first outing was away to Austin Stacks where the Blue team took on Stacks A team. Both teams played some great football in a fantastic game that was tight throughout. Our Boys showed tremendous fighting spirit to come from behind in the last quarter and out score their opponents to win by 4 points. The Gold team were less fortunate and suffered their first defeat of the campaign. The Blue team then picked up defeats to Listry, Listowel Emmets and a cruel one point defeat to Killarney Legion at home. We then had a good win over Na Gaeil which saw us finish mid table with Legion winning the division.

Overall we felt we were unlucky - a dip in form in the middle of our campaign cost us dearly. The Gold team had a tougher campaign, due to our limited numbers we had to bring up 5 or 6 of our U10 players for each match to enable us to put a team and a few subs together. Despite putting in spirited performances each week they had a few narrow defeats and ended up losing all their games and finishing bottom of Div 2 B. As coaches we don't feel like this was a true reflection of their abilities and effort. Being selected in the same group as the Blues with so many Town teams was always going to be a big ask. In reality this team should have been playing in div 5 or lower.

Towards the end of phase 2 we faced into another government lockdown which cut our training once more for a few weeks. No Blitz's went ahead this year or regional competitions and even our own Eric Mason Blitz was cancelled. Many clubs finished up at this stage of the season rather than play on over the possibility of picking up a case of Covid-19. Indeed this was a nervous time for both players and coaches with the schools back open again. The lads were still mad for Football so we organised some challenge games to round the season off. First up we took on Austin Stacks at home on our training pitch with the blue team putting in great effort and taking the victory. There is a great rivalry between both teams with our boys on top again. Our gold team were defeated by Stacks C team. Next up we had a trip to Cordal where our Blue team out classed the home side and the Gold team suffered a narrow loss. Our Blue team really started to make great progress at this late stage of the season and showed fantastic team spirit.

Our last game of the season was a trip to Churchill to take on the Division 1 A 2020 champions. The game was held in very blustery conditions with the ref changing the direction of play each quarter. Our boys dug deep and put in their best performance of season and won comfortably by 5 points.

Again our Gold team were out classed by the division 1B champions but tried their best nevertheless.

We had intended to carry on training through the winter on the Astro turf once a week however Covid 19 had other ideas and we got locked down again. And that was that for the year.

Great thanks is due to Michael Quirke, Patrick Reidy and Maureen O Shea for their excellent PRO work all year. It's not an easy gig and a certain amount of flack has to be taken but they handled it admirably.

To the management team of Denis McMahon, Liam Joy, Shane Brosnan, Frank Donovan, Patrick Reidy and Ted McCarthy, many thanks is due for all the effort to make things happen this year despite all the obstacles in our way. It says a lot about dedication when no coach missed a single training session or match all year.

We would like to thank the boys for their outstanding effort all year. Their enthusiasm for the game and willingness to work hard on the training pitch was admirable given the difficult year that it was.

You have raised your standards again and we look forward to seeing you back again next year.

U12 2020 Panel :John Leen, Ray Horgan, Eoghan Joy, Jamie Tarrant, Michael Quirke, Cian Gilroy, Sam Boyle, Sean Martin, Pdraig Reidy, Matthew O Connor, Ryan Burke, Darragh McMahon, Conor Lynch, Shane Cassidy, Fionn Enright, Jackson Brosnan, Kyrán Boyle, Conor McCarthy, Jack Collins , Cathal Carr, Jimmy Healy, Graham West, Seadhna O Brian, Liam Brennan, Liam Rahilly, Tommy Walsh.

We would also like to give thanks to the U10 coaches and players who helped us fill our teams during the year.

U14 Boys

The Under 14 panel consisted of 25 active players. With the help of some under 12 players we were in a position to field two teams for the season, to make sure all players had meaningful game time on the pitch to develop, learn and hone their skills in a games environment as much as possible.

Training commenced on the 4th February in the IT Tralee astro pitch for all players. Seven sessions were completed in total until Covid kicked in, and all games were suspended until July 1st when we resumed training on home ground.

With the games programme for the year turned on its head the good news was that a County League would be completed at the very least.

Due to Covid and the short season we took the full panel to all the Blue teams games.

Blue Team

The boys played in Division One Group A in Phase One against Austin Stacks , Ardfert and Laune Rangers.

Playing against boys physically much bigger, the team struggled to gain a foothold in their three games.

Challenge games were played against Na Gaeil, Kilcummin and Firies with all the boys really

showing us their capabilities and great satisfaction achieved in the process.

Training sessions were always very well attended regardless of how results went in Phase One of the County League.

Phase Two of the County League saw us in a group with An Ghaeltacht, Cordal/Scart and Moyvane . Three really competitive games were played out, winning against Cordal, losing by a point to Moyvane and losing out by 5 to An Ghaeltacht. The standard was very good with all players showing some great potential and spirit in all games.

Eventhough the year was short we managed to have 12 games in total and 27 odd training sessions for both panels. Our local Kerry Gaa Games Development Administrator Tom Joy also took a session which was much appreciated.

Evan O'Brien, Micheal Savage, Shane Gilroy, Cathal White, William O'Donoghue, Jack Slattery, Tom Long, Jamie Burke, Thomas Leen, Conor Martin, Mark O'Connor, Maurice Harrington, Luke Silles, Jack Joy, Eoin Moriarty, Conal Savage, Mairtin McKivergan, Stephen Turner, Donnacha Enright, Micheal O'Connor, Gearoid Healy, Luke Griffin, Ciaran O'Connell, Shane Brosnan, Cian Harris.

The Ballymac U14B Boys had a short but very enjoyable campaign in 2020, in what was a stop start season for all involved. Our first fixtures were set for early August and we were grouped with Austin Stacks B, Laune Rangers, Kilcummin and Firies. Our first game was against familiar rivals, Austin Stacks in Connolly Park. Due to a number of late dropouts and injuries we started the game with 13 players. Austin Stacks had a few challenge games under their belts but our boys were competitive throughout against a physically bigger team. Tom Leen played very well at full back and Michael Quirke and Sean Martin scored 3 fine goals on the night.

Next up was a home game against a young Firies team that were full of running. Gearoid Healy, Eoghan Joy and Donnacha Enright put in great displays on the night, with Gearoid scoring a number of superb goals to help us run out winners on a scoreline of 5-11 to 3-8.

On 24th August we played the Laune Rangers B at home on a wet and windy evening. Laune Rangers were physically bigger and dominated kick outs and possession in the first half and should have been out of reach but for some poor shooting. We scored 3 quick goals in the second half with two coming from Gearoid Healy who was superb on the night, to put us up by 3 points with 10 mins to go. A late goal by Laune Rangers saw the draw this game on a scoreline of 2-10 to 4-4. The fighting spirit of this group on the night was a pleasure to witness.

Our last match in the group was away to Kilcummin on 28th August. The team were really starting to gel having had a few games together under their belts and in this game there were some wonderful passages of play with excellent defending from the likes of Micheal O'Connor, Shane Brosnan and Cian Gilroy, while Luke Silles was outstanding as full forward. We won this game on a scoreline of 5-11 to 9 pts.

After a break in competitive games of a few weeks we had our last game of this short season in a B final on 22nd September against Laune Rangers in Killorglin in what was a very wet night. Killorglin had a very large squad for the match and we unfortunately had a few of our older boys missing. We started strongly, thanks to great work in midfield from Eoghan Joy and we had two great goal chances in the first 5 mins. However that was as good as it got, and when Laune Rangers struck for 2 quick goals midway through the first half, they had opened up a sizable lead by halftime. Laune Rangers were physically stronger and were able to use their full bench and ran out convincing winners on the night.

Our B team was made up of six u12s, nine u13s and three u14s. The aim was to give the u13s and u14s more game time and give the u12s experience of playing on the full sized pitch. While our age profile and limited numbers came against us in some matches, overall it was an enjoyable and positive experience for the boys who showed great heart in all their matches and were a pleasure for myself and Robbie to coach.

U14 B Squad 2020

U14 Tom Leen

U14 Tom Long

U14 Evan O'Brien

U13 Cian Harris

U13 Donncha Enright

U13 Shane Brosnan

U13 Ciarán O'Connell

U13 Micheal O'Connor

U13 Maurice Harrington

U13 Gearoid Healy

U13 Luke Silles

U13 Luke Griffen

U12 Eoghan Joy

U12 Mike Quirke

U12 Cian Gilroy

U12 Sean Martin

U12 Jamie Harrington

U12 John Leen

We would like to thank all the players, parents, under 12 management and all club officers who supported us in this very difficult time for everyone. We all look forward to 2021 with great hope that normal life is not too far away again.

U 14 Management

Kieran Savage

Mossy Brosnan

Tony Silles

Aidan Savage

Rob Harris

David Long

U16 BOYS

Our U16 s began training on the Astro pitch in Castleisland in late January with a panel of 21 players. The effort put in by the players was impressive and this was reflected by a near full turn out at all training sessions on those cold windy nights . Football was suspended due to COVID 19 and didn't resume until July. Due to restrictions on traveling Ballymac were placed in Block A of the County League against near neighbours Ardfert Austin Stacks & Kerins o Rahilly's.

On the 20th of July, Ardfert came to Ballymac and really proved what a formidable force they have become with an impressive display of attacking football.

However our boys showed much improvement with a great display against Austin Stacks in the second round , the game being in the melting pot right down to the final whistle.

Our third game against Kerins O Rahilly's was a game of two halves , we played with the wind in the first half and were losing at half time . However a heroic display in the second half put us in a great position in the last Quarter. The post denied us a score or two but we were very unfortunate to come out on the losing end .

We played several challenge games in the break between Round one and Round 2 of the county league , against Firies (2) Keel and Knock/Brosna. The emphasis of these games was to give our younger players valuable game time to develop their football skills and to try and maximise the strength of our team .

In Round 2 of the County League we were up against Legion Moyvane and Kilcummin. In a brilliant display of football and determination we beat a fancied Legion side in Ballymac on the 31st of August . We played Moyvane in our second game in Moyvane and lead at half time having played with the wind. We were very unlucky to lose on the night , having played most of the game missing our two midfielders due to injuries.

Our last game against Kilcummin in Kilcummin proved a difficult assignment. We started well and after 20 mins were ahead having played some fine attacking football. However luck deserted us again with injuries and Kilcummin ran out deserving winners on the night .

Having finished 3rd in our group we played Austin Stacks in our final game, and the Rockies were deserving winners on the day .

We would like to thank all the players for their huge effort in training and complement them on their progress during the year .

We would like to thank Coaches Roland Rogers Martin Lowe John Rice & Eddie o Connell for giving up their free time and doing a fantastic job in an extraordinary year .

We would like to thank all parents for their support and for obeying all GAA Guidelines during the year . Without your support it would not be possible for the kids to enjoy the

game they love .

We would like to thank all officers of the club who assisted us in our adventure this year and for making it a safe environment for our players to play football.

Our panel was Kieran Slattery, Luke Horgan, Aidan Horgan, Luke O Connell, Eoin Creedon, Raymond Lowe, Maurice o Connell, Mossie Brennan,, Gary Lynch, Andy Rogers, Sam Mansfield, Niall Collins, Skye Lynch, Tommy Palmer, Diarmaid Galvin, Dylan Roome, Adam Wharton, Michael Prendergast, Donal Daly, Sean Rice, and James Kenny .

REFEREES

Ballymac are most fortunate to have a number of referees to officiate at underage games.

Jer Lynch, Roland Rogers, Barry Lyons, Kieran Boyle and Daire Keane all refereed. Kieran and Daire took the whistle for our U12 home games as part of a County Board initiative which saw the home team appoint a referee from within the Club. Thanks to all the lads for this important job they volunteer to do on behalf of the Club.

Many thanks to the Senior Club Executive especially Chairman and Secretary Mike Sweeney and Fionnán Fitzgerald for their continued support of the Coiste na nÓg section of the Club.

Finally, I would like to thank all my fellow officers in Ballymac Coiste na nÓg who dedicated their time to the improvement of the Club and look forward to working with them all in 2021.

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Runaí- Coiste na nÓg Baile Mhic Ealagóid

2020 COACHING REPORT

2020 has been a very difficult year, due to the arrival of Covid 19 most of our plans for the year were put on hold.

The one little development during the year was the arrival of the VEO game recording system, our senior team management used the system for most of their games and found it very beneficial in improving the team. We will continue to use the system during 2021 and may roll it out to some of the underage teams in a limited capacity.

As most of you may know the County Board have changed the playing age groups from U12,14,16 and minor to U11,13,15 and 17. Due to these age changes they are working on a new schedule of games for all under age teams. We will not know the new programme of games for at least another 3-4 weeks.

Every year the coaching officer thanks all the coaches for their hard work and commitment to all the players in the club. During 2020 they went above and beyond even putting their own health at risk in returning to coach as soon as the GAA allowed. I would hope our club executive will have volunteers in place to deal with all Covid 19 issues and let our coaches deal with coaching, in my opinion coaching is the most important job within the club and they have enough work to do in planning and delivering a session. As coaching officer, I

must recommend that the executive have Covid volunteers trained and in place for each age group ASAP.

If you know anyone who would be interested in getting involved in coaching please contact me or any club executive member.

Finally, after this very stressful year, I want to again thank all the coaches for their unselfish work, I also want to thank Declan and Ger for all their help and support it was much appreciated. I would like to thank the club executive for their support.

I look forward to working closely with you all again in what I hope will be a less stressful 2021

Stephen O'Brien Coaching Officer,
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