



Cumann Pheadair Naofa

St. Peter's GAA Club, Warrenpoint



MINUTES OF AGM ON 8th. NOVEMBER 2022

Larry Byrne presided with the following in attendance:- Colette Lock, Helen Carvill, Yvonne McFerran, Daniel Bird, Shaner Carr, Stephen Robinson, Colm Rice, Aisling McGivern, Conrad Madden, Sean O'Hare, Dermot Donnelly, Carmel McGrath, Feargal McCormack, Gerry O'Neill, Colm Carty, Sean Mallon, Paul McKibben, Pat Rooney, Anne McCormack, John Daly, Gerry Gray, Shane Lavery, Eoin Magennis, Eamonn Connolly, Mike Barnett, Brendan Rice and Donal McCormack

Apologies were received from Hugh Carr, James Heaney, Conor Darcy, Killian Quinn, Micheal Moore and Meabh McArdle.

The meeting commenced with a minutes silence in respect of those members who had died during the year.

The minutes of the previous AGM were adopted on the proposal of Aisling McGivern seconded by Dermot Donnelly, Standing orders were adopted on proposal of Shane Lavery seconded by Gerry Gray, while the Club Constitution was adopted on the proposal of Mike Barnett seconded by Colm Rice.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The secretary, Donal cCormack, commenced his report paying tribute to our late President, Barney Carr who had given over 80 years service to the club as player and administrator. He also referref to the death of previous chairman John Hogg

The year just ended had been severely affected once again by covid but at least we did have a truncated programme of games

Football

For the second time in four years our senior footballers were beaten in the Senior Football Final by Kilcoo after extra time. The plsyers and management were congratulated on a most successful year despitr a large number of injuries, the most serious of which happened to Ross McGarry. All teams in Reserve and Underage performed well and management and players wer thanked for their efforts. Shane Carr thanked all underage players for their great attendance at training and said that had it not been for players being away during the summer they could have won many of the competitions

Hurling

The Senior Hurlers won the Junior Championship for the second timr when they defeated Castlewellan in the final. They were wished well in the Ulster Championship and management and players were congratulated on their efforts. Colette Lock said that numbers were a problem at U-13 and U-15 level.



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Ladies Football

The Senior Ladies also reached the County Final and were beaten by a very strong Saul team. At under age level Mike Barnett said that they were having problems with numbers at U-16 and U-18 level but U-14s reached the County Final

Camogie

It is just 8 years since Camogie was restarted in the This group has club and we are now fielding at 5 underage levels, it will not be long until we are fielding at adult level again. Helen Carvill said that they now had 8 players in U-18 age group.

GAA For All

GAAV for All was started in 2020 and Helelen Carvill informed us that there are 3 more clubs in Ulster who have started this year.. This group were rewarded with a visit to Stormont and also were invited to play in Croke Park and Clones while Michael Carvill was awarded an Ulster Council Hero Award. All involved were congratulated especially Michael and Helen Carvill.

Other Games Issues

Schooll liaison with St. Dallan's and St. Mark's continues to be most successful and we are benefiting from the great facilities available. Brigid Carr was thanked for her work in this area. We were fortunate to obtain the services of part-time coach, Aaron Gregory, for St. Dallan's and we thank him for his work. Brendan Rice was thanked for his coaching in St. Dallan's and the work he puts into organising Cul Canps. Also thanked were the caretakers in both schools.

Our referees are a very important part of our association and we are well served in both Football and Hurling. This year Micheal Moore was appointed to referee the Junior Football Final

Development

This area covers the implementation of policies to ensure that we are among the top clubs in Ireland and also includes the physical development of the club. We are currently preparing for our next 5 year development plan under the leadership of Anne McCormack, Development Officer. On the physical side we are progressing with the development of our premis at Moygannon and have recently completed work to the entrance with work on the field hopefully starting in April next year under the guidance of Focus Group led by Feargal McCormack and architect Barney Dinsmore,

Culturec

After a break for Covid the Scor Competitions started again this year and due to the hard work of Carmel McGrath and the culturak=l committee we won the Moya McCormack Cup for best participation in Scor. All competitors performed well with our Set Dancers reaching the Ulster Final.

Our band, although short in numbers, continue to play an Important role in the commubity and played a major part in the Funeral of their founder member Barney Carr.

SOCIAL CLUB AND LOTTO



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One of our main sources of revenue over the years has been our weekly Lotto and this year thanks to Brendan Rice and all sellers it has been very beneficial to club finances. I would urge all members to make a greater effort to sell more lotto tickets at £1 per week, 100 single pounds amounts to £100 per week which is £5,000 per year.

The Social club has proved a great amenity for the club and is now fully open again. It is a place where people meet at the weekend for a quiet drink and a chat and is also used for other social functions organised by our members during the year. I thank all those who help with the running of the Social Club and urge our members to make more use of it at the weekends.

FINANCE

In an excellently presented Commentary and Set of Accounts our treasurer Shane Lavery details the financial state of the club and makes some very important suggestions as to how things can be improved. Shane aided by Micheál Moore not only had responsibility for the finances of the club but also that of the Social Club and other fund raising monies. Our main source of income after membership is the Down Draw which has raised much money for the club since its inception in 2012. James Heaney takes responsibility for organising this and our thanks must go to him for a job well done. Our club would find it very difficult to support all our activities without sponsorship and I wish to especially thank Colm and Sarah in the Whistledown Hotel, our main sponsors, for their financial support, both in cash and in kind, and for their help and support. He also thanks all our other sponsors who donate generously during the year. We deeply appreciate your continued support.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ICT

We have a very effective and efficient communications and ICT committee within the club led by our PRO Aisling McGivern. For those who are unable to be in attendance at games there are constant tweets keeping them informed of all scores and scorers and then producing weekly press notes to summarise the week's events. We also have an excellent website which contains all information relating to club structures and much more. In my opinion the County Committee are to be congratulated on their use of internet to stream most championship games over the last two years. This has brought the games into the homes of the less able and vulnerable followers and I hope that it continues in the years ahead.

CONCLUSION

All members of the Management Committee were thanked for their work during the year and in particular outgoing Cathaoirleach Larry for his leadership during the past four years. Hugh Carr was thanked for accepting the position of Leas Rúnaí during the year as were all members of the Management Committee.

The secretary's report was adopted on the proposal of Paul McKibben seconded by Mike Barnett.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS



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All sub committees presented reports which were adopted on the proposal of Dermot Donnelly seconded by Sean O'Hare

FINANCE

Overview

In reviewing the Income and Expenditure account it is noted that the total income was £208,243 (inclusive of bar sales and rental income) and that excess income over expenditure was £1,287. It needs to be noted that our breakeven point from an operational point of view for the FYE 30/09/2022 was £33,039. This represents the capital repaid on our loans throughout the period. Therefore the reported profit sees us make an operation loss of (£31,752). The majority of this loss is clearly reflected in the reduction of the bank account from the previous year of £31,675 and at the year end we were operating well into our arranged overdraft. The decision to finance our loans through operational funds has had its challenges but in terms of the OV project has been well met and we hope to continue with the overall plan. For the year ahead it is hoped that the Accounts will highlight the need for us to push on with our level of gearing in respect of the OV project whilst improving upon our operational funds through our main sources of income as well as additional fundraising activities that will undoubtedly be needed this year as we have now returned to pre-pandemic activity across all codes. We look forward to the challenge.

Balance Sheet

The income from 'Our Vision' can be seen in the Balance Sheet. The Development Account as at the year end had over £300k with the Deferred Income the same. Now that the enabling works have begun we will expect both these balances to reduce simultaneously over time as more expenditure is needed on the project. Our other fixed assets continue to be carried at a revised balance as at September 2017 with no depreciation as it is believed they are a conservative figure. Stock includes both Merchandise (£3,750) – this includes stock purchased for Christmas orders, and Bar Stock (£2,500). As mentioned above we are operating well within our arranged overdraft. Careful planning is always needed month to month. We are heavily reliant on membership income at the start of each calendar year as well as down draw. Lotto has become important for cashflow also. Our debtors include membership from the Foireann platform, it was decided to leave an amount within Foireann to cover the lotto jackpot should this ever go. All other monies had been received by year end. Creditors include the lotto jackpot at the year end, which stood at £6,200. O'Neills was the only other creditor with Christmas orders being placed.

The treasurer's report was adopted on proposal of Gerry Gray seconded by Declan Doyle.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman opened his address by stating that 2022 has marked another eventful year for St Peters, one where the club's stature continues to be opened by stating to grow



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both on and off the pitch. It was, of course, a year marked by sadness with the passing of our President, Barney Carr.

Of course, Barney would have been delighted to see the club's continued progress with notable successes at every level. For the first time in the club's history we contested three adult county championship finals. And we should not forget that the senior hurlers won the Down Junior Championship. Yes, there were disappointments, but, the club's focus has been on building over the last few years – we know those disappointments will soon turn into successes.

For the second time in four years our senior footballers reached the County Final. We were all a bit down after the defeat to Kilcoo, but we should focus on the positives – St Peters is now considered one of the best teams in the province, if not in the 32 counties and who knows what we will do in Ulster or the All-Ireland after that. He thanked Shane, Mark, Gary, Declan, Daniel and Sean.

We must not forget our younger and reserve footballing teams. At underage level in football we fielded at all levels from U-7 to U-19 which necessitates a tremendous level of commitment by mentors and players from early in the year. Our U-19s won the Intermediate while our U15s were beaten in the B championship final. He thanked to all the management teams for your hard work throughout the year.

He congratulated the hurlers, who took home a first junior championship since 2009 and thanked Sylvester and previous management teams for their hard work which will pay dividends in the years ahead. He went on to congratulate the Ladies team and management on reaching the Junior Championship Final. He congratulated the Camogie section on their growth over recent years. This year they fielded 5 underage teams.

Development

Currently, led by Development Officer Anne McCormack, we are approaching the end of our second Five Year Development Plan while simultaneously preparing for our next one from 2023 to 2028. This will help push the club forward and lead to even more success. The work Anne and others are putting in now will mean we are challenging for championships in the 2030s and beyond.



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Culture

The Cathaoirleach went on to commend the work of those on the cultural committee, specifically Carmel McGrath. After the challenges of Covid the last few years, Carmel and others have worked tirelessly to ensure St Peters has a presence in band and dancing competitions and in building the cultural heritage of St Peters.

Social Club and Lotto

Larry then went on to thank Brendan Rice and the lotto sellers for their continued contribution to the club finances and also thanked those who have helped run the social club. Not only does it help with revenues for St Peters, it also provides a top-class "community space" for club members and those connected with St Peters.

Finance

He thanked our sponsors for 2022, and a particular mention to Colm and Sarah from the Whistledown and also thanked the treasurer Shane Lavery, who, with help from Micheal Moore, kept the club's finances ticking over.

Communications and ICT

How the club communicates with its members and wider community is perhaps one of the most underappreciated roles in the committee and Larry thanked Aisling McGivern for her tireless work as PRO.

Conclusion,

Finally Larry thanked the committee members, especially senior officers Donal McCormack and Shane Lavery, and his own family for their help and support during his term of office and wished his successor well.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Eoin Magennis took the chair for the election of officers and committee which resulted as follows;-

Chairperson	Paul McKibben
Vice Chairperson	Shane CVarr
Secretary	Donal McCormack
Assistant Secretary	Hugh Carr
Treasurer	Shane Lavery
Assistant Treasurer	Eamonn Connolly
Registrar	Colm Rice
Assistant Registrar	Mike Barnett
PRO	Aisling McGivern



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Assistant PRO
Development Officer
Additional Members

Conor Darcy
Feargal McCormack
Colette Loc6k
Gerry O'Neill
Helen Carvill
Hubert Shannon
Anne McCormack
Pat Rooney
John Daly
Larry Byrne
Brendan Rice
Gerry Gray
Carmel McGrath
Meabh McArdle
Christy Carr

AORB

It was agreed on the proposal of Gerry Gray seconded by ike Barnett that membership fees would remain the same for the coming year.

Mark Poland, Conor Gilmore, Gary Boyle, Ryan McAleenan and Daniel Bird were appointed as management of the Senior Football Team on the proposal of Feargal McCormack seconded by G. Gray.

This concluded the business of the AGM

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Cathaoirleach

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