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Clár an Laé

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Standing Orders

1. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
2. Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than the last Friday in January.
3. All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
4. The National Committee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration at the AGM.
5. Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before the AGM.
6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at least one hour before the AGM.
7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
9. (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.
(b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.
10. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than three minutes.
11. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than three minutes.
12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed.
13. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
14. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
15. The usual method for the disposal of amendments and agenda shall be followed.
16. In the event of the proposition "That the question be put", and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall on a show of hands either continue the debate or 'Put the question'.
17. In the event of the proposition "That the AGM, move to next business " and that this proposition be seconded, the presiding Cathaoirleach shall put the proposition to a vote immediately. If defeated the debate shall be resumed.
18. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot. A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
19. The chairman may at his discretion ask if there is no obvious objection to a motion that the motion be put in order, to save time.
20. The chairman may at his discretion and in consultation with order officers change the order of business in the interest of efficiency.
21. The order of business may also be changed at the request of a majority of delegates present and voting.
22. Only properly constituted delegates may speak at the AGM or General Meeting. Other speakers may only address the AGM when prior arrangements are made through the National Committee.

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta

General Meeting

Date: Saturday, February 10th, 2007

Venue: Hotel Westport, Westport, Co. Mayo

Present: An Choiste Náisiúnta and County Delegates.

Welcoming of Delegates:

Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta Chairperson Margaret Cunningham, welcomed everyone to the Meeting. She introduced Peter Carney, Runaí Cumann na mBunscol Mhaigh Eo who addressed the Meeting. Peter thanked all the delegates for their attendance and wished them an enjoyable stay in Westport.

Adoption of Standing Orders:

Jerry Walshe (Cork) proposed that Standing Orders be suspended as the A.G.M. was not in order due to an irregularity which, he stated, had occurred at the Munster Cumann na mBunscol A.G.M. The Chairperson responded by stating that the speaker was out of order as the activities of Coiste na Mumhan are not the business of the National A.G.M. The Meeting continued after the formal adoption of Standing Orders.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the September 2006 General Meeting were taken as read as a copy of them was contained in the A.G.M. Booklet. The minutes were adopted on the proposal of Liam Lynch (Carlow) and this was seconded by Cyril Mannion (Galway)

Matters Arising from Minutes: There were no matters arising

Correspondence:

There was a request from Brian Roberts, Warwickshire for affiliation to Cumann na mBunscol. This request was granted on the proposal of Pauric Daly (Donegal) and was seconded by Tim O'Byrne (Waterford)

Correspondence was received from Croke Park stating that tickets for Soccer or Rugby Internationals should be applied for through the F.A.I. or I.R.F.U. as the G.A.A. had no role in distribution of same.

Secretary's Report:

National Secretary, Paul Duggan, presented his report. He outlined the activities of an Coiste Náisiúnta for the past year referring in particular to the Strategic Plan, which he asserted had brought impetus and resolve to Cumann na mBunscol. He paid a special tribute to our various sponsors - Allianz, Gaelic Telecom, O'Neill's, the G.A.A. and the I.N.T.O. for their support. He acknowledged the work of an Coiste Náisiúnta who shared with him the burden of an increasing workload. He concluded by thanking all who promoted and engaged in open debate and by encouraging young teachers to get involved in Cumann na mBunscol activities.

Adoption of the Secretary's Report was proposed by Michael O'Donoghoe (Limerick) and seconded by Malachy McGeeney (Armagh)

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Br. James Dormer, presented his report on the finances of Cumann na mBunscol for 2006. He said that €45 000 was still outstanding in sponsorship. Seven counties applied for and received €1 000 each in development grants.

The Treasurer's report was adopted on the proposal of Killian O'Reilly (Waterford) and this was seconded by Pat McDonagh (Limerick)

Handball Report:

Secretary, Paul Duggan stated that President, Paul Hart and Assistant Secretary, Noeleen Rooney will look after Handball for 2007. He paid tribute to Malachy McGeeney for his work in this area for the past number of years. He reminded the Meeting that the Handball dates for Croke Park were in the programme and also on the Cumann na mBunscol website. Paddy Corbett reminded the delegates to forward results and pictures to the Assistant Secretary so that these can be included in the programme for the exhibition games.

The Handball Report was adopted by the meeting on the proposal of Ann Connaughton (Roscommon) and was seconded by Nicholas Baxter (Cavan)

Development Report:

Development Officer, Richard Bowles, summarized, province by province, the activities in this area for 2006. He announced the expansion of the 'Young Whistlers Programme' stating that a resource pack will be distributed to the schools in the near future. He welcomed the implementation of the strategic plan as it will provide a template for development in the future.

Adoption of the Development Report was proposed by Liam Lynch (Carlow) and seconded by Cyril Mannion (Galway)

Mini-Sevens Report:

Central Council Delegate, Jim O'Reilly, presented the G.A.A./I.N.T.O. Mini-Sevens Report. He spoke of the joy and excitement with which two hundred and forty boys and girls from thirty two counties participate in this event each summer. He thanked the sponsors G.A.A./I.N.T.O. and all who helped out on the six days – Cumann na mBunscol Átha Cliath, an Coiste Náisiúnta and, especially, the 'Young Whistlers'

Adoption of the Mini-Seven's Report was proposed by Thomas Hanafin (Kerry) and seconded by Michael O'Donoghoe (Limerick)

P.R.O. Report:

Ciarán Byrne, P.R.O. presented his report. He requested that all copy for ScoilSpóirt be forwarded to him by February 23rd. He thanked Tom O'Sullivan and Lori Kealy (I.N.T.O.) who were most helpful in ensuring that Cumann na mBunscol articles and pictures were published in InTouch. He referred to his attendance at I.N.T.O. congress and the London Conference. He urged all to send reports of Cumann na mBunscol matches to local media and to use Allianz promotion boards in all pictures This board can be ordered from Paddy Corbett. He reported that the agreement with Azzurri had not been finalized as he is awaiting advice from Croke Park. The adoption of the P.R.O.'s report was proposed by Tim O'Brien (Waterford) and seconded by Edel Parkinson (Laois)

Election of Officers

Nominations 2007

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Uachtarán: | Paul Hart (Árd Mhacha) Outgoing |
| Cathaoirleach: | Margaret Cunningham (Port Láirge) Outgoing |
| Leas Cathaoirleach: | Pat McGivern (Tír Eoghain) Outgoing |
| Secretary: | Paul Duggan (Ard Mhacha) Outgoing |
| Assistant Secretary: | Noeleen Rooney (Longfort) Outgoing |
| Treasurer: | Br. James Dormer (Luimneach) Outgoing |
| PRO: | Ciarán Byrne (Cill Mhantáin) Outgoing |
| Development Officer: | Richard Bowles (Gaillimh) Outgoing |
| Delegate Central Council: | Jim O' Reilly (Corcaigh) Outgoing: Mairéad O'Callaghan (Corcaigh) |

Since only one nomination was received for each of the first eight positions all these nominees were deemed elected. An election took place for the contested position of Central Council Delegate.

Tellers were appointed as follows:

Niall McQuaid (Tyrone) Proposed by Bertie Foley (Tyrone) Seconded by Gerry O'Meara (Laignean)

Kevin Woods (Armagh) Proposed by Tadhg Kelly (Dublin) Seconded by Derek Butler (Iar Mhí)
Joe O'Boyle was appointed to oversee the process.
Following a vote Jim O' Reilly was deemed elected.

Motions 2007

1. That each Coiste, Provincial or County, shall produce a written policy on the distribution of their allocation of their Cumann na mBunscol All-Ireland tickets. This policy is to be lodged with An Coiste Náisiúnta by 30th June 2007. An Coiste Náisiúnta
After discussion it was agreed that An Coiste Náisiúnta will email recommendations regarding distribution of tickets to all County Secretaries
2. Any Coiste, County or Provincial, which fails to send at least one delegate to the GM and AGM shall not be eligible for grants and shall not receive their allocation of All-Ireland tickets. An Coiste Náisiúnta
This motion was carried
3. That units in Great Britain be allowed to have participants in the GAA/INTO mini-sevens. This shall be subject to particular regulations re travel grants etc. London
This motion was withdrawn
4. That a sub-committee be established to review the Gaelic Telecom Awards. Corcaigh
The Gaelic Telecom Awards have been reviewed in the current year so this motion was withdrawn
5. That a breakdown of all grants and financial allocations be included in the Treasurer's Report. Corcaigh
This practice is already in place so the motion was considered unnecessary.
6. That all officers of a Coiste, County or Provincial, may hold office for a maximum of 5 years and that all such officers be limited to two consecutive terms of office serving that Coiste. An Coiste Náisiúnta
As this is part of the Strategic Plan the motion was deemed unnecessary
7. That each county devise its own team selection method for entry into the provincial stages of the GAA/INTO mini-sevens. An Clár
This motion was defeated on a vote.
8. That Clare be moved from Region 4 to Region 3. Review Committee. (Mini Sevens)
This motion was carried
9. That a girl and boy from Britain be selected to play in the GAA/Mini Sevens during one of the All Ireland Football Semi Finals. These places will be given by Regions in rotation beginning with Region 1 in 2007/08. A region with 6 counties will not be part of the rota. Review Committee (Mini Sevens)
This motion was carried

Recommendations:

1. That the meal allowance for Regional Festivals be increased from €10 per player to €15 per player.
Review Committee (Mini Sevens)
This recommendation was agreed
2. That schools which maximise coaching and games participation for their pupils (Classes 1-6) be eligible for selection by engaging in all of the following:
 - a. Full participation in Go Games leagues
 - b. Provide 8 coaching sessions in hurling / football or both for all classes
 - c. Avail of club coaching assistanceThis recommendation was withdrawn

Strategic Plan:

Mark Conway gave an overview of the Strategic Plan which has been developed over the past six months stating that approval was being sought from the delegates for the implementation of the plan. He illustrated its progress, outlining its necessity in the context of a wealthier and changing society. He identified the objective of the plan as 'Making Gaelic games the games of choice for Ireland's Primary School children' and emphasised the importance of branding in the promotion of our National games. He referred to the five themes and fifty-one actions associated with the plan and said that he hoped to see these rolled out in the next five years. He used a 'frog' analogy to illustrate the distinction between thought and action. He commended all who had contributed in bringing the plan to fruition, recalling the enjoyment of the past six months but warning that implementation is the real challenge.

Niall Laird then presented the proposed ScoilSpóirt logo and jersey designs which will be utilized in the new branding.

There was much positive discussion on the content of the Strategic Plan. It was adopted by the Meeting on the proposal of Malachy McGeeney (Armagh), seconded by Ann Connaughton (Roscommon)

Any Other Business:

Malachy McGeeney (Armagh) expressed concern regarding attacks being made on young referees. The Secretary agreed to seek clarification regarding insurance for such cases.

Tim O'Brien (Waterford) questioned the balance in the Treasurer's report and was informed that some grants remain outstanding. National Policy on servicing officers was discussed. Mark Conway stated that it was not a priority at the moment as it is not cost effective.

Pauric Daly (Donegal) suggested that An Coiste Náisiúnta approach the Department of Education and Science seeking substitute cover for Primary teachers when attending inter-school matches as is the practice in second-level schools.

Jerry Walsh (Corcaigh) again stated his dissatisfaction with procedure at the Munster A.G.M.

Joe O'Boyle (An Coiste Náisiúnta) congratulated all associated with the international flavour to the exhibition schools match at Croke Park the previous Saturday - the first match under lights at the stadium. Gerry O'Meara informed the meeting that Jerry Grogan was responsible for the arrangements.

Killian O'Reilly (Port Láirge) praised Mark Conway on his good work.

Martin Shortt (Antrim) congratulated An Coiste Náisiúnta for a job well done.

Signed: _____

Margaret Cunningham

Cathaoirleach Choiste Náisiúnta

Date: _____

Mini-Sevens Report 2007

Since its inception, the GAA/INTO Mini Sevens has provided thousands of Primary School Children the opportunity to display their skills in Croke Park on the occasions of the All Ireland Hurling and Football Semi Finals and Finals. As usual all 32 counties were represented and this factor remains the great strength of the scheme as could be seen in All Ireland Hurling Final day when young hurlers from Kilkenny, Cork, Waterford and Limerick play on the same teams as young hurlers from Armagh, Mayo, Meath and Monaghan. It was great to see young footballers from Tipperary, Wicklow, Longford, Limerick and Sligo in action on All Ireland Football Final Day. This year 120 boys and 120 girls took part in the scheme over 6 Sundays. As well as players, 20 boys and girls participated as linesmen, runners, umpires and flagbearers. Our referees were young boys and girls who have graduated from the Young Whistler scheme organised by Cumann na mBunscol, Atha Cliath. I am sure that some of these excellent referees will be back in duty in Croke Park in later years.

As in previous years, the President of the GAA, Mr Nicky Brennan, met the players on the mornings of the hurling and football finals. Despite a very tight schedule, he spent a considerable amount of time with them and this was much appreciated by the players themselves, their parents and teachers who were present on those two days.

The INTO was represented on each of the Sundays by its President, Ms Angela Dunne. Each Sunday, she congratulated the players on their selection and thanked their parents and teachers for their help and encouragement. I would like to thank Angela for her support and kind words each Sunday. We in Cumann na mBunscol are very appreciative of the commitment by the INTO to this scheme and would like to thank everybody at Head Office but especially Mr John Carr, General Secretary; Ms Sheila Nunan, General Treasurer and Mr Tom O Sullivan, Assistant General Secretary.

The scheme would not be able to function without the help and support we receive from many people in Croke Park. We are very appreciative of the support we receive from Liam O Maolmhichil, Ard Stiurthoir, not only this year but since the beginning of the scheme. As Liam will have retired when you are reading this report I hope that he has a very long and happy retirement. Mile buíochas Liam. I would like to wish his successor, Padraig O Dufaigh, the best of luck in his new post and assure him of our continued support. Ms Moira Graham continues to play a very important role in sending information and tickets to players and teachers. She is present in Mater Dei every Sunday and solves any problems that occur with great professionalism. Her help and assistance is much appreciated. I would also like to thank Peter McKenna, John Leonard and all the crew in Croke Park for their continued support on match days. A special word of thanks to Jerry Grogan, our former PRO, who gives great publicity to Cumann na mBunscol while the matches are in progress.

I would like to thank the teachers from Cumann na mBunscol Atha Cliath who are present every Sunday and provide invaluable support to the smooth running of the scheme. I would especially like to thank the retired teachers who continue to help out every Sunday without whose help the scheme would not exist.

Tá buíochas freisin ag dul do oifigigh Chumann na mBunscol, An Coiste Náisiúnta. At least two of my fellow officers were present in Mater Dei each Sunday and their help is greatly appreciated. A special word of thanks to our PRO, Ciarán Byrne, for the wonderful work he continues to do in providing publicity for the scheme.

Finally I would like to thank my own family for their continued support and help. I would not be able to undertake this role without their help.

Jim O Reilly

Number of schools that took part in GAA/INTO Mini Sevens 2007

| Condae | Peil | Peil na mBan | Iomáint | Camógaíocht |
|-----------|------|--------------|---------|-------------|
| Leitrim | 20 | 19 | 14 | 0 |
| Galway | 101 | 65 | 66 | 49 |
| Sligo | 60 | 58 | 24 | 20 |
| Roscommon | 9 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| Mayo | 143 | 114 | 4 | 3 |
| Waterford | 27 | 24 | 26 | 20 |
| Limerick | 21 | 15 | 20 | 28 |
| Cork | 82 | 74 | 44 | 36 |
| Kerry | 78 | 54 | 14 | 7 |
| Clare | 16 | 12 | 28 | 25 |
| Tipperary | 50 | 42 | 60 | 46 |
| Armagh | 50 | 32 | 18 | 28 |
| Antrim | 45 | 30 | 30 | 45 |
| Fermanagh | 22 | 21 | 15 | 10 |
| Derry | 23 | 12 | 10 | 17 |
| Monaghan | 28 | 28 | 3 | 8 |
| Cavan | 52 | 40 | 10 | 17 |
| Donegal | 103 | 91 | 8 | 4 |
| Tyrone | 48 | 25 | 7 | 7 |
| Down | 18 | 12 | 18 | 10 |
| Louth | 50 | 48 | 12 | 6 |
| Wexford | 54 | 42 | 48 | 30 |
| Carlow | 24 | 18 | 20 | 16 |
| Westmeath | 18 | 16 | 8 | 6 |
| Meath | 55 | 47 | 21 | 11 |
| Kildare | 36 | 22 | 14 | 14 |

Secretary's Report to Annual General Meeting

8th February 2008

Is mor an phribleid dom an Tuairisc seo a chur os comhair an Chomhdhail Bhliantuil don bhliain 2008. Ba mhaith liom buiochas a ghabhail do gach einne a raibh pairteach le hobair ar gCluichí i rith 2007. Taim fíor- bhuioch do na muinteoiri, daltaí, tuismitheoiri, boird bainisteoireachta a chabhraigh linn agus a thug tachaíocht duinn.

ADMINISTRATION:

An Coiste Náisiúnta met on nine occasions since the AGM in Mayo. The meetings to a large extent concentrated on The Strategic Plan, The Gaelic Telecom Annual Awards, The Young Whistlers' Programme, the O' Neill's Competition, the Martin Donnelly Inter-Provincial series and the GAA/INTO Mini – Sevens.

ALLIANZ:

We would like to thank Allianz for their continuing sponsorship. The final installment, €110,000, of the three year sponsorship deal was gratefully received. A request for a continuation of this sponsorship was made and National Committee officers met with Allianz in August to present our case. As a result of that meeting Allianz has agreed a continuation of €120,000 sponsorship for one further year. A special word of thanks to Caroline Meany, Damien O' Neill, Donal Bollard and Michael Nolan in Allianz who gave us great help. Counties should show their appreciation by advertising the Allianz logo whenever possible. As a means of encouragement, Allianz projects were entered into the PR category of the Gaelic Telecom Awards.



GAELIC TELECOM:

The Gaelic Telecom Awards took place in The Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny on Saturday, 8th. December, 2008 in the presence of Minister Mary Hanafin, Minister Caitriona Ruane, officers of the senior Kilkenny Co. Board and Uachtarán Nickey Brennan.

Micheal Magill was responsible for the entertainment and promotion on the night.

The number of entries increased 300% on previous years and the standard in all categories was exceptionally high. However the attempt to revamp the awards proved difficult and it is not easy to strike the right balance. There were difficulties with sufficient accommodation and service on the night could have been better. To take stock and make amends, if necessary, a sub-committee comprising provincial officers and National Committee members met in early January 2008. This group came up with amendments including a restructuring of the categories.

The National Executive spent a lot of time trying to get the awards right. I wonder if it is worth the effort. Do the awards increase participation in our games? Should the awards continue? These are my personal thoughts.

Many thanks to Gaelic Telecom for this year's sponsorship, particular thanks to Seán Bolger, Alan Falsey and Bridget O'Donoghue.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Coiste Bainistí approved the plan and the projected expenditure including the appointment of a Project Manager to oversee its implementation. Uachtarán Nickey Brennan officially launched the Strategic Plan during Congress 2007 in Kilkenny. Accompanying the plan was a booklet containing guidelines on the use of the new logo. The themes of the plan had at their core the one objective "to have gaelic games the games of choice in our primary schools." Whilst there is immense potential in the implementation of the plan there is also the danger of inactivity or lethargy. To date the issue of the Project Manager is unresolved. This is disappointing as the implementation of the plan is dependent on the appointment of the Project Manager. The appointment is beyond our control as it is the responsibility of HR in Croke Park but the matter has to be resolved in an expedient manner.

MARTIN DONNELLY INTER-PROVINCIAL SERIES:

Members of the National Executive met with Martin Donnelly and Fearghal Magill on a number of occasions on our participation in the series. Both semi-finals were very successful with children from the host provinces participating. Children from some Leinster counties participated in the final. Thanks to all those who helped with the facilitating of these games, specifically officers in Munster, Ulster and

Leinster.

However we were led to believe that we were to have a major role in the promotion and marketing of the series culminating in a finale in Croke Park on the evening of the finals. Unfortunately a lot of what was promised did not materialise and there was confusion over ticket distribution and roles. Provincial officers were informed of proposals during the meeting with the provinces in September but it would appear that the proposals had not been given approval by CLG. This was embarrassing for us.

We would like to thank Martin Donnelly for sponsoring the gear for the various representative games in Fermoy, Ballybofey and Croke Park.

HANDBALL:

Many thanks to all who helped to promote handball throughout the various units with particular thanks due to Noeleen Rooney and Paul Hart. Niamh Egan has been especially helpful and encouraging. (Refer to Handball Report)

Dates to remember:

Regional Exhibitions Finals to be played before 28th February, 2008

5th April, 2008 Girls' Handball Day in Croke Park

12th April, 2008 Boys' Handball Day in Croke Park

Please return all results in good time. All forms and contact details are available on the website: www.scoilsport.org

O' NEILL'S COMPETITION:

The O'Neills Competition was more successful than last year. Entries were up and this competition continues to give children who are not particularly active the chance to express their interest in our games.

Pat McGivern acted as the national coordinator for this competition.

Application forms may now be downloaded from our website www.scoilsport.org for next year's competition.

Thanks to O'Neill's for their continued sponsorship.

GAA/INTO MINI – SEVENS:

Jim O' Reilly acted as Mini-Sevens co-ordinator for 2007-2008.

The national coordinator is elected at National Committee level and not at our AGM

Moira Graham is liaison officer for the Mini-Sevens and we are indebted to her for her trojan work with the dispatch of tickets etc.

This year again each officer from An Coiste Náisiúnta agreed to attend on a particular Sunday to observe the proceedings in preparation for the mini-sevens review.

Our heartfelt thanks to our co-sponsors GAA and INTO because this event is for many the very public face of Cumann na mBunscol.

There is immense marketing potential with this series.

YOUNG WHISTLERS

We're indebted to Tomás Mac Giolla Phadraig and Muiris o'Suilleabhan for their excellent work on the Young Whistlers project. A copy was sent to every primary school in the country and it has been very well received. Thanks to CLG for sponsoring this project under the Strategic Plan expenditure.

The role of National Secretary is cumbersome. It has been hectic with many meetings, some of these long and arduous and often on a Friday after a long week in school. My workload was made tolerable due to the tremendous assistance and encouragement from Margaret. She guided me through the calendar of events and ensured that everything happened in an ordered fashion, as always.

Noeleen Rooney has been of great assistance with the recording of minutes etc. I must pay tribute to my fellow officers who have all shared the burden of an increasing workload. It must be remembered that we are volunteers with family and domestic commitments and the dedication of An Coiste Náisiúnta to Cumann na mBunscol activities is highly commendable. Joe O'Boyle has been an excellent representative from An Choiste Bainistí. His wisdom and knowledge is greatly appreciated. I would like to acknowledge the assistance and encouragement from the various officials in Croke Park, namely Moira Graham, Joan Cooney, Kathy Slattery, Tom Ryan and Fergal McGill. This working relationship with Croke Park is commendable. Uachtarán Nickey Brennan has been most supportive in all our activities to date. We have also been working closely with Pat Daly and Christy Cooney to implement National Policy.

I'm appealing for an influx of new blood to take up roles as officers and I pay tribute to those who have held posts and worked hard when there were few volunteers stepping up to the plate. To those who have recently retired I wish continued health. Recent experiences have shown that there are many young teachers, male and female, willing to become involved. I congratulate the newly elected officers and look forward to working with them in the future as we roll out the strategic plan together.

Paul Duggan

(Rúnai)

Treasurer's Report

| <u>INCOME</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Allianz | 110000.00 | Allianz PR Grants | 2000.00 |
| Gaelic Telephone Awards | 51132.00 | Statutory Grants | 9000.00 |
| Mini Sevens GAA | 22564.00 | Gaelic Telecom Awards | 839.00 |
| Mini Sevens INTO | 21000.00 | Mini Sevens | 34331.00 |
| All Ireland Tickets | 105715.00 | Travel | 20296.33 |
| Sports Council | 40000.00 | Meals & Accomodation | 38017.23 |
| Handball | 2600.00 | P.R. | 6367.00 |
| O'Neill | 5000.00 | Handball | 5231.50 |
| Refunds | 499.00 | Phone & Postage | 2161.00 |
| Interest | 508.48 | Development Grants | 25500.00 |
| Croke Park GAA | 45000.00 | All Ireland Tickets | 95501.47 |
| | | Miscellaneous | 847.61 |
| | | Secretary Honorarium | 2600.00 |
| | | Bank Charges | 203.32 |
| | | Strategic Plan | 63846.75 |
| | | | |
| | | Excess of Income over Expenditure | 97276.27 |
| | | | |
| Total | 404018.48 | Total | 404018.48 |

SIGNED:

BR. JAMES DORMER
TREASURER

Handball Report

The Cumann na mBunscol 2007 Handball exhibitions games were very successful again last year at county, provincial and national levels.

I would like to thank all those who organised the county and provincial events and especially those who returned the results form on time. I would like to give a special mention to P.J. Fitzpatrick, Paul Kinsella, Paddy Corbett and Malachy McGeeney for the time and effort they put into organizing the Regional Handball events.

The two exhibition days in Croke Park were most enjoyable. I would like to acknowledge the work of Cumann na mBunscol President, Paul Hart and also of Paddy Corbett, who both attended the national exhibition games. Twelve counties that participated at the regional venues were represented at Croke Park. Games were played in sporting manner and the atmosphere was competitive but friendly. Parents and team mentors enjoyed the occasion. However, one doubles partnership did not turn up on the day so the structure had to be re-organised and some children had to play extra matches so all could get an opportunity to play. To avoid a recurrence of this problem parents should be advised that if their child is unable to attend Croke Park, adequate notification should be given so that a replacement can be found.

It is imperative also that all counties and provinces return home and school contact details along with results so that children, parents and teachers / mentors can be contacted at short notice. Last year the date for the Girls' Exhibition Day had to be changed at short notice due to a clash with a Soccer International in Croke Park.

Finally a word of thanks to Lorcán O'Rourke and Niamh Egan from the National Handball Council for their support and assistance during the past year.



Dates to remember:

Regional Exhibitions Finals to be played before 28th February, 2008

5th April, 2008 Girls' Handball Day in Croke Park

12th April, 2008 Boys' Handball Day in Croke Park

Please return all results in good time. All forms and contact details are available on the website: www.scoilsporg.org

Playing Rules for Handball

Age requirements: **Under 11 on the 1st January 2008** **Under 13 on the 1st January 2008**

- A child may represent his/ her school in singles or doubles but not in both.
- The server stands between the service and the short lines and strikes the ball with the hand to the front wall after bouncing it once. If the ball fails to reach the wall, the opposing side is awarded a score (mark)
- The ball must pass the second service line.
- For service in doubles, the server's partner shall stand in the service box facing the service with both feet on the floor until the served ball passes over the short line.
- In service the ball must pass over the short line to be in play.
- The receiver stands outside the short line. He/she must return the ball to the front wall after one bounce (or before the ball bounces). If the ball fails to strike the wall, the opponent is awarded a 'mark'
- Two shorts mean a point for the opponent(s).
- There are NO hands in and hands out
- Every rally is a point.
- The player(s) reaching eleven marks win the game.
- If the players win one game, each aggregate scores count.
- The order of service is decided by tossing a coin.
- After five aces, the service passes to the opposing player.
- Number Two ball is used.
- The recommended court size for both age groups is 40 x 20.
- It is not a knock out competition.
- The exhibitions are two games of 11 marks.
- It is not necessary to win by two clear points if the score is even at 10 each.
- If two or more children are playing in the same age group a round robin exhibition is recommended.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN INTER - SCHOOLS' COMPETITION

Development Report

AGM 2008

The past year has been an eventful one for Cumann na mBunscol, with a number of different issues at the centre of our attention.

Strategic Plan

At this stage, the Strategic plan has been distributed nationwide and had received much favourable comment from within and from outside the Gaelic Games community. Some aspects have been implemented successfully, but the challenge for the coming year is to ensure that this implementation continues locally and nationally.

The process to appoint a project manager to aid the implementation of the Strategic Plan was a time-consuming exercise. The quality of applicants was very high and a detailed short-listing procedure was carried out in conjunction the Games Development committee in Croke Park. Two rounds of interviews took place and the process was given considerable support by Christy Cooney and Pat Daly. It was extremely frustrating, then, that the successful candidate was unable to take up the position in January as planned. While this was due to circumstances outside our control, efforts are ongoing to resolve the situation. Although many elements of the Strategic Plan can, and will, be implemented by individual units of Cumann na mBunscol, the role of the project manager is crucial in facilitating full implementation.

Meeting with Provincial Officers

At the meeting with the provincial representatives in Dublin in September, a wide-ranging discussion took place where the activities in each province were outlined. Some of the areas that arose were:

- **Exhibition Games:** These are now taking place, in a variety of formats, in each province. An adapted Go Games format is generally used and the support of the GAA provincial councils is greatly appreciated. Some games in Ulster last year were organised for children with special educational needs. "Young Whistlers" refereed the mini-games in Leinster, while Warwickshire schools also paid a visit to Croke Park. Increasingly, opportunities arising for mini-games at national league and other games. This certainly gives more children a chance to participate on noteworthy occasions, but also places more demands on us as an organisation
- **Servicing Officers:** The provision of servicing officers is a live issue in Munster and negotiations are ongoing.
- **Indoor Games:** There has been a rise in the popularity of indoor activities during the winter months. The increased availability of all-weather surfaces in many areas has the potential to provide opportunities for further initiatives at that time of year.
- **Quiz activities** prove extremely popular as an alternative to the playing field.
- **Coaching:** Munster GAA council supported a residential summer course for teachers in Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, in August. Over 40 teachers participated. The Ulster GAA council has employed 20 coaches to visit primary schools: funding for this initiative was provided by the Department of Education in Northern Ireland

Fun Do / Ceim ar Aghaidh

At this stage, most schools should be aware of the Fun Do and Ceim ar Aghaidh packs produced by the GAA during the past year. These are a welcome addition to the range of resources already available. An Coiste Náisiúnta was kept informed throughout the production of these resources and was given ample opportunities to contribute to their development. The Fun Do pack is a ground-breaking resource and will be a huge help to our coaching activities for years to come. The Ceim ar Aghaidh pack for Third and Fourth classes complements the previous edition for senior classes and can be downloaded from www.ceim.gaa.ie

Young Whistlers

At last year's AGM the development of the Young Whistlers programme was flagged. In the interim, Tom Fitzpatrick and Muiris Ó Suilleabháin have produced an excellent resource pack to encourage participation in refereeing duties and to develop respect for the role of the referee. It is closely aligned to specific curricular aims making it particularly attractive for use in our schools. Further copies can be accessed at www.scoilspport.org

Camogie / Handball / Ladies' Football

2007 has seen a strengthening of relationships with Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael, Comhairle Liathróid Laimhe na hEireann and Cumann Peil Gael na mBan. As outlined at the general meeting in September, these organisations are building teams of regional development officers who are delighted to give assistance to provinces and counties. In practical terms, for example, last year saw the organisation of Cumann na mBunscol exhibition games at the Connacht ladies football final for the first time while in the coming weeks the Gaelic4Girls programme will be organised in five venues with the co-operation of Cumann na mBunscol personnel.

In conclusion, I think a reiteration of a core statement from the Strategic Plan is appropriate: "To have Gaelic Games the games of choice for Ireland's primary school children". Well done to all who contributed to this aim in 2007; let's continue the task in 2008.

Richard Bowles

Mini-Sevens Report 2007

Since its inception, the GAA/INTO Mini Sevens has provided thousands of Primary School Children the opportunity to display their skills in Croke Park on the occasions of the All Ireland Hurling and Football Semi Finals and Finals. As usual all 32 counties were represented and this factor remains the great strength of the scheme as could be seen in All Ireland Hurling Final day when young hurlers from Kilkenny, Cork, Waterford and Limerick play on the same teams as young hurlers from Armagh, Mayo, Meath and Monaghan. It was great to see young footballers from Tipperary, Wicklow, Longford, Limerick and Sligo in action on All Ireland Football Final Day. This year 120 boys and 120 girls took part in the scheme over 6 Sundays. As well as players, 20 boys and girls participated as linesmen, runners, umpires and flagbearers. Our referees were young boys and girls who have graduated from the Young Whistler scheme organised by Cumann na mBunscol, Atha Cliath. I am sure that some of these excellent referees will be back in duty in Croke Park in later years.

As in previous years, the President of the GAA, Mr Nicky Brennan, met the players on the mornings of the hurling and football finals. Despite a very tight schedule, he spent a considerable amount of time with them and this was much appreciated by the players themselves, their parents and teachers who were present on those two days.

The INTO was represented on each of the Sundays by its President, Ms Angela Dunne. Each Sunday, she congratulated the players on their selection and thanked their parents and teachers for their help and encouragement. I would like to thank Angela for her support and kind words each Sunday. We in Cumann na mBunscol are very appreciative of the commitment by the INTO to this scheme and would like to thank everybody at Head Office but especially Mr John Carr, General Secretary; Ms Sheila Nunan, General Treasurer and Mr Tom O Sullivan, Assistant General Secretary.

The scheme would not be able to function without the help and support we receive from many people in Croke Park. We are very appreciative of the support we receive from Liam O Maolmhichil, Ard Stiurthoir, not only this year but since the beginning of the scheme. As Liam will have retired when you are reading this report I hope that he has a very long and happy retirement. Mile buiochas Liam. I would like to wish his successor, Pdraig O Dufaigh, the best of luck in his new post and assure him of our continued support. Ms Moira Graham continues to play a very important role in sending information and tickets to players and teachers. She is present in Mater Dei every Sunday and solves any problems that occur with great professionalism. Her help and assistance is much appreciated. I would also like to thank Peter McKenna, John Leonard and all the crew in Croke Park for their continued support on match days. A special word of thanks to Jerry Grogan, our former PRO, who gives great publicity to Cumann na mBunscol while the matches are in progress.

I would like to thank the teachers from Cumann na mBunscol Atha Cliath who are present every Sunday and provide invaluable support to the smooth running of the scheme. I would especially like to thank the retired teachers who continue to help out every Sunday without whose help the scheme would not exist.

Tá buíochas freisin ag dul do oifigh Chumann na mBunscol, An Coiste Náisiúnta. At least two of my fellow officers were present in Mater Dei each Sunday and their help is greatly appreciated. A special word of thanks to our PRO, Ciarán Byrne, for the wonderful work he continues to do in providing publicity for the scheme.

Finally I would like to thank my own family for their continued support and help. I would not be able to undertake this role without their help.

Jim O Reilly

Number of schools that took part in GAA/INTO Mini Sevens 2007

| Condae | Peil | Peil na mBan | Iomáint | Camógaíocht |
|-----------|------|--------------|---------|-------------|
| Leitrim | 20 | 19 | 14 | 0 |
| Galway | 101 | 65 | 66 | 49 |
| Sligo | 60 | 58 | 24 | 20 |
| Roscommon | 9 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| Mayo | 143 | 114 | 4 | 3 |
| Waterford | 27 | 24 | 26 | 20 |
| Limerick | 21 | 15 | 20 | 28 |
| Cork | 82 | 74 | 44 | 36 |
| Kerry | 78 | 54 | 14 | 7 |
| Clare | 16 | 12 | 28 | 25 |
| Tipperary | 50 | 42 | 60 | 46 |
| Armagh | 50 | 32 | 18 | 28 |
| Antrim | 45 | 30 | 30 | 45 |
| Fermanagh | 22 | 21 | 15 | 10 |
| Derry | 23 | 12 | 10 | 17 |
| Monaghan | 28 | 28 | 3 | 8 |
| Cavan | 52 | 40 | 10 | 17 |
| Donegal | 103 | 91 | 8 | 4 |
| Tyrone | 48 | 25 | 7 | 7 |
| Down | 18 | 12 | 18 | 10 |
| Louth | 50 | 48 | 12 | 6 |
| Wexford | 54 | 42 | 48 | 30 |
| Carlow | 24 | 18 | 20 | 16 |
| Westmeath | 18 | 16 | 8 | 6 |
| Meath | 55 | 47 | 21 | 11 |
| Kildare | 36 | 22 | 14 | 14 |
| Laois | 12 | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| Offaly | 23 | 11 | 18 | 11 |
| Longford | 28 | 18 | 7 | 5 |
| Kilkenny | 27 | 8 | 40 | 24 |
| Dublin | 115 | 45 | 81 | 40 |
| Wicklow | 16 | 11 | 11 | 5 |

NOMINATIONS 2008

(Proposed by Cavan, Monaghan, Donegal, Limerick, Munster)

Uachtarán:

Paul Hart (Árd Mhacha) Outgoing

Cathaoirleach:

Margaret Cunningham (Port Láirge) Outgoing

Leas Cathaoirleach:

Pat Mc Givern (Tir Eoghain) Outgoing

Secretary:

Paul Duggan (Árd Mhacha) Outgoing

Assistant Secretary:

Noeleen Rooney (Longfort) Outgoing

Treasurer:

Br. James Dormer (Luimneach) Outgoing

PRO:

Ciarán Byrne (Cill Mhantáin) Outgoing

Development Officer:

Richard Bowles (Gaillimh) Outgoing

Delegate Central Council:

Jim O' Reilly (Corcaigh) Outgoing

RUIN 2008

1. That all counties participating in the Mini-7s Regional Finals would have a representation in the All-Ireland semi-finals or finals in Croke Park
Cumann na mBunscol Coiste An Cabhan
2. That Cumann na mBunscol Naisiunta request Cumann Luthchleas Gael to appoint servicing officers to each of the counties participating in Cumann na mBunscol activities, (similar to the post primary schools in Munster and Leinster.)
Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste na Mumhan.
3. That Coiste Naisiunta request a grant from the extra Croke Park revenue be used to hire suitable high profile players to promote the development of Cumann Luithchleas Gael among the schools and clubs of each county.
Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste na Mumhan.
4. That the amended Constitution as circulated to all units be accepted.
Cumann na mBunscol Coiste Fear Manach
5. That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta purchase handball medals early in the school year so that children can receive them on the day. They can then seek reimbursement from The Handball Council later in the year.
Cumann na mBunscol Coiste Dun na Gall
6. That Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta undertake to organise an exhibition of rounders at a high profile event in Croke Park.
Cumann na mBunscol Coiste Dun na Gall

Cumann na mBunscol

An Coiste Náisiúnta

CONSTITUTION

Cumann na mBunscol is a National Federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary Schools Committees. This promotional work is professionally co-ordinated by Primary School teachers in 2,800 schools throughout the Country and attracts an annual participation level of 100,000 school children. A wide range of activities for all children is provided with equal opportunities for boys and girls to participate. Activities include boys' and girls' football, hurling, camogie, rounders, athletics, handball, mini-sevens, inter-class leagues, quizzes, projects, skill awards schemes and blitzes.

- (A)** The Federation of Primary Schools Gaelic Games shall be known as "Cumann na mBunscol". The National logo of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be the "ScoilSport logo".
All business pertaining to "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be carried out under this name and/or under the "ScoilSport logo".
- (B)** Schools with G.A.A. affiliations in other countries may be accepted as associate members on application to the National Committee and subsequent approval.
- (C)** The aims and objectives of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be:
- (1) To promote and foster our national games., Boys' Football, Girls' Football; Hurling; Camogie; Handball and Rounders in all the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas.
 - (2) To promote and foster a positive attitude towards our national games among teachers, pupils, parents and all involved in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the primary education system.
 - (3) To endeavour to have our national games accepted as part of the curriculum in primary schools by the Department of Education & Science.
 - (4) To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment.
- (D)** The function of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be:-
- (1) To provide a means for the expression of the collective opinion of its members on matters affecting the interests of Gaelic Games in the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas.
 - (2) To provide a means whereby talks and negotiations can take place with the Department of Education & Science, the G.A.A. and other relevant bodies to promote the aims and interests of "Cumann na mBunscol".
 - (3) To establish and administer funds for the general administration of the organisation and provide financial assistance to affiliated areas by:
 - a. Making submissions and requests to state agencies for financial assistance, grants and special concessions.
 - b. Making submissions and requests to the G.A.A. for grants and financial assistance.
 - c. Raising sponsorship and other finances nationally to help with the overall promotion of the games.
 - d. Using the "ScoilSport logo" in franchising arrangements with business and industry to help raise funds.
 - e. Making special arrangements with sports companies so that sports goods may be purchased collectively at special reduced rates.
 - (4) To provide advice to members on the best ways of promoting Gaelic Games in Primary Schools.
 - (5) To endeavour to raise standards in all affiliated areas by
 - (a) Coaching
 - (b) Seminars
 - (c) Publications.
 - (6) To identify weaknesses with the co-operation of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies and endeavour to rectify them.
 - (7)
 - (a) To organise and administer a National Skills Programme (Mini-Sevens) in both Boys' and Girls' Football, Hurling and Camogie, culminating in Croke Park on All-Ireland Semi-Final and Final days.
 - (b) To organise a National Skills programme in individual schools in Hurling and Camogie.
 - (8) To organise and administer National Handball skills programmes, culminating in a National Handball Skills Exhibition in Croke Park.
 - (9) To operate and maintain an insurance policy so that cover can be provided for officers and members of committees of "Cumann na mBunscol" while organising and promoting the games.
- (E)** The philosophy of "Cumann na mBunscol" shall be:- To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment.

(F) Constitution:

"Cumann na mBunscol" shall be constituted as follows:

- (1) Annual General Meeting
- (2) Ordinary General Meeting
- (3) Special General Meeting
- (4) National Committee
- (5) Provincial Councils
- (6) County Schools Committees
- (7) Associate Members
- (8) Members

Annual General Meeting:

- (a) The A.G.M. shall be the supreme governing body of the organisation but shall not be involved in the running of local units.
- (b) The AGM shall be held in the month of February or March at a suitable venue chosen by the National Officers.
- (c) The AGM shall consist of
 - (1) The National Officers.
 - (2) Two delegates from each county
 - (3) Two delegates from each Provincial Council.
 - (4) Two delegates from each affiliated area (non-voting).
- (d) The hosting of the AGM shall rotate between the four provinces.

The Business of the AGM Shall be

- (1) Welcoming of Delegates.
- (2) Minutes.
- (3) Matters arising from Minutes
- (4) Correspondence
- (5) Address of Chairperson.
- (6) Secretary's Report.
- (7) Treasurers' Report.
- (8) Other Reports as necessary.
- (9) Elections
 - President.
 - Chairman.
 - Vice-Chairman.
 - Secretary.
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Treasurer.
 - P.R.O.
 - Development Officer.
 - Delegate to Central Council.
 - (a) Provincial Delegate Leinster.
 - (b) Provincial Delegate Ulster
 - © Provincial Delegate Munster.
 - (d) Provincial Delegate Connaught.
 - Motions.
- (10) Addresses of invited Speakers.
- (11) A.O.B.
 - N.B. Provincial Delegates will be elected only in the absence of a delegate from that province been elected to the National Committee.

Ordinary General Meeting

1. A general meeting of Cumann na mBunscol will be held annually in September.
2. The National Officers shall choose a suitable venue for the meeting.
3. The General Meeting shall consist of:
 - (a) The officers of Cumann na mBunscol
 - (b) Two delegates from each County
 - (c) Two delegates from each Provincial Council
 - (d) Two delegates from each affiliated area (non-voting).
4. The business of the Ordinary General Meeting shall be:-
 - (a) Welcoming of delegates
 - (b) Minutes
 - (c) Matters arising from minutes
 - (d) Correspondence
 - (e) Reports on current business
 - (f) Financial Report

- (g) Mini-Sevens Report
- (h) Special Business
- (i) Addresses of Invited Speakers
- (j) A.O.B.

N.B. Every third year the Ordinary Meeting will consider a review presented to it by a sub-committee of Cumann na mBunscol on the organisation of the 'Mini-Sevens'. Proposed changes will be voted in and if successful, will come into effect for the following years 'Mini-Sevens'.

Special General Meeting

1. A special General Meeting may be called at the special written request of 12 or more County/Provincial Coisti stating the reason for such a meeting.
2. On the receipt of 12 or more written requests for a Special General Meeting, the Secretary must inform the Chairman who will call a meeting within 14 days.
3. The Special General Meeting shall consist of
 - (a) The Officers of Cumann na mBunscol
 - (b) Two delegates from each affiliated County
 - (c) Two delegates from each Provincial Council.
 - (d) Two delegates from each affiliated area (non-voting).
4. Business of Special General Meeting.
The only business that will be discussed at the meeting is the business requested as the reason for calling the meeting.

Officers and National Committee:

1. All members of the National Committee shall be elected annually at the AGM. All officers may hold office for a maximum period of five years.
2. All members of the National Committee are limited to two consecutive maximum terms of office. A member may however seek office again after a minimum of one year's break.
3. The National Committee shall carry out the business of Cumann na mBunscol between General Meetings. They shall meet regularly and attend to all current business.
4. The National Committee may appoint sub-committees as required to assist them with a current task or problem. These sub-committees to be endorsed by the AGM or GM.
5. The National Committee may accept units from other countries on approval of application for associate membership of Cumann na mBunscol.
6. The Cathaoirleach shall preside at all meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
7. The Cathaoirleach shall see that the rules of the organisation are enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
8. In an event of the enforced absence of the Cathaoirleach, the Leas-Chathaoirleach shall preside over the meetings and act in all cases as Cathaoirleach.
9. All sub-committees set up by the National Committee will be chaired by another member other than the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.
10. The Secretary shall minute all meetings and ensure that a copy of the minutes be available for the next meeting.
11. All routine correspondence with affiliated areas shall be done by the Secretary.
12. All correspondence with the GAA, State Departments and Public Bodies shall be carried out by the Secretary in consultation with the other bodies.
13. The Treasurer shall be responsible for proper financial records.
 - (b) The lodgement of all income into the Bank Account of Cumann na mBunscol.
 - (c) The issuing of all cheques.
 - (d) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (e) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
14. The PRO shall in consultation with the other officers:
 - (a) Take every available opportunity to publicise Cumann na mBunscol and to ensure that the organisation has a high profile.
 - (b) Ensure that the 'Aims and Objectives' of Cumann na mBunscol be protected and advanced in dealing with outside agencies.
 - (c) Prepare a newsletter and distribute it to all affiliated areas.
 - (d) Prepare all National Press Releases on behalf of An Coiste Naisiunta, Cumann na mBunscol.
 - (e) Ensure that all suitable G.A.A. promotional material be available to all schools.
 - (f) Meet with the Four Provincial P.R.O.'s within a few months of the A.G.M. to formulate a coherent P.R. policy for the current year.
15. The Development Officer shall in consultation with the other officers:
 - (a) Endeavour to raise standards in all counties by holding seminars, coaching courses and issuing publications.
 - (b) Identify weaknesses and with the help of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies seek to rectify them.
 - (c) Examine applications made by County Committees for development grants and make recommendations there on to the National Committee.
 - (d) Meet with the Four Provincial Development Officers within a few months of the A.G.M. to formulate a coherent development policy for the current year.
16. The delegate to Central Council will in consultation with the other officers promote the interests of Cumann na mBunscol at Central Council and endeavour to promote Primary School games at all times.

17. The remaining members of the National Committee shall be the President, Assistant Secretary and if necessary Provincial delegates.
18. A Provincial Delegate will be a full member of the National Committee with full voting rights.

Provincial Councils

1. Provincial Councils shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of "Cumann na mBunscol".
2. A General Meeting of each Provincial Council will be held annually.
3. Those entitled to vote at this meeting shall be the officers and two delegates from each county.
4. At this meeting the delegates will elect officers and a committee to run the affairs of the Provincial Council between meetings.
5. This committee shall promote the aims of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games within the Province.
6. Each Provincial Council will liaise with An Coisti Naisiunta and the Provincial Councils of the GAA and other relevant bodies and endeavour to generate funds for the promotion and development of Cumann na mBunscol activities in that Province.
7. Two delegates from each Provincial Council will attend the Annual General Meeting, General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
8. A report of yearly activities and statement of accounts must be forwarded to the National Secretary annually.
9. Each Provincial Committee will notify and invite a delegate from An Coiste Naisiunta to the Provincial AGM.

County Schools Committees:

1. Each County Schools Committee shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
2. A General Meeting of each County Schools Committee will be held annually.
3. All Primary Schools in the County will be sent written notification of that meeting.
4. Elections will be held at this meeting and Officers and a Committee will be appointed to run the affairs of Cumann na mBunscol in that affiliated area between meetings.
5. This committee shall promote the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games in their County.
6. This Committee shall adjudicate on all activities of Cumann na mBunscol within the County.
7. Decisions of Cumann na mBunscol may be appealed to 'An Coiste Gearan' within the County. The decision of An Coiste Gearan will be final.
 - (a) An Coiste Gearan should be elected at the AGM.
 Members of 'An Coiste Gearan' should not be officers or members of the Committee within the County.
8. A comprehensive report of yearly activities together with a statement of Accounts must be forwarded to the National Secretary annually.
9. Two delegates from each County will attend the Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
10. Each county shall formally adopt a constitution, a copy of which shall be forwarded to An Coiste Náisiúnta for ratification.
11. Each County Coiste adopt a code of practice in line with any of the following: Cumann Luthchleas Gael, I.N.T.O., Sports Council Code of Ethics in Sport and Children First.
12. When affiliating to Cumann na mBunscol annually, teachers and B.O.M. agree to be bound by the rules of Cumann na mBunscol.
13. County committees shall accept correspondence only from the school through the Chairperson, the principal or the designated teacher.

Associate Membership

- (a) Other affiliated areas may be accepted as associate members of Cumann na mBunscol provided that they have a properly constituted committee set up in accordance with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
- (b) Associate membership will entitle areas to send two delegates in a non-voting capacity to the Annual General Meeting, Ordinary General Meeting and any Special General Meeting.
- (c) Associate units will be entitled to receive all new documentation together with any new promotional material issued by Cumann na mBunscol.

Standing Orders:

1. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
2. Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than the last Friday in January.
3. All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
4. The National Committee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration at the AGM.
5. Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before the AGM.
6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at

- least one hour before the AGM.
7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
 8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
 9. (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.
(b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.
 10. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than three minutes.
 11. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than three minutes.
 12. No motion shall be discussed for more than 20 minutes. The motion must be disposed of when the 20 minutes have elapsed.
 13. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
 14. Voting shall be by a show of hands on all motions. A simple majority shall ensure the adoption of any item. Where rule changes are proposed, a two thirds majority shall be necessary in every instance to ensure their adoption.
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 18. If a position on the National Committee be contested, voting shall be by secret ballot.
A successful candidate must have 50% + 1 of the valid votes cast by delegates present and voting at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the winning candidate will be drawn by lot.
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3. The National co-ordinator will, in consultation with the National Committee, be responsible for the running of the 'Mini-Sevens' from regional level to completion on All Ireland Final Days.
4. All grievances and complaints at County level will be dealt with at County level.
5. All grievances and complaints, after the County stages have been completed, will be made in writing to the National Co-Ordinator and will be dealt with by the National Committee.
6. Failure to comply with rules and bye-laws will result in immediate suspension from that year's series.
7. The rules and by-laws including organisation, playing rules, age limits and rules governing stages of the games will be considered every three years.
8. A sub-committee will be set up by the National Committee and all affiliated areas will be asked to make submissions on all aspects of the Mini-Sevens to the sub- committee.
9. The sub-committee will examine all submissions and will put recommended changes or additions to the rules or the organisation of the games to the National Committee.
10. The National Committee will examine all recommended changes and additions to the rules or the organisation of the games and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration.
11. All new proposals will be circulated to affiliated areas at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.
12. Amendments and agenda to the proposed changes which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and adopted at a meeting of that body must reach the National Secretary not later than one week before the Annual General Meeting.
13. The Annual General Meeting will consider all new proposals , together with amendments and agenda and accept or reject them according to usual procedure.
(A change of rule will need a 2/3 majority).
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1. The National Handball Skills Programme will be run each year culminating in the alleys at Croke Park in May/April as a National handball skills day/days.
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3. The National Co-Ordinator will, in consultation with the National Committee, be responsible for the running of the Handball skills programme from regional level to completion on National Handball skill days.
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10. All aspects of the skills programme will be considered by a sub-committee set up by the National Committee and submissions will be sought from each affiliated area as with the 'Mini-Sevens'.
11. All proposed changes will be put to the Ordinary General Meeting and will be dealt with in the usual manner.
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1. Grievances and complaints in regard of matters within an area will be settled within that area.
2. Each County will have a constitutionally elected Coiste Gearan to deal with appeals arising from decisions of the County Coiste.
3. Complaints, Objections and Counter Objections:
Any complaints or objections must be lodged with the Runaí Chontae in writing within 4 school days of the game. The Runaí informs the other party who also has 4 school days to respond in writing.
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4. Coiste Gearán: This is an appeals body.
A minimum of 5 are elected to this committee at the A.G.M. No member of the Officer Board of Coiste Chontae, Cumann na mBunscol or anybody who has heard the original objection may sit on An Coiste Gearán. No member of the Coiste Gearán may consider any appeal involving their own school. The Coiste Gearán may call all interested parties. A quorum of 3 is necessary to hear all appeals. The decision of the Coiste Gearán is final and binding.
5. Grievances, complaints and objections dealing with issues outside County Jurisdiction will be dealt with by the National Committee. The decision of the National Committee will be final.
6. Sanctions will be taken against any area or member who brings the organisation into disrepute.

Sanctions

1. Misuse of organisational funds.
Automatic Disassociation.
2. Conduct unbecoming a member of 'Cumann na mBunscol'.
Automatic Disassociation.
3. Failure of a County to furnish a statement of accounts.
Withholding of grants.
4. Failure of a County to furnish a secretary's report.
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5. Failure to hold an A.G.M.
Withholding of all monies due to that County Coiste.
6. Failure of Counties to honour obligations to sponsorship agreements. Withholding of sponsorship monies.

Cumann na mBunscol

An Coiste Náisiúnta

AMENDED CONSTITUTION

Cumann na mBunscol is a National Federation of Primary Schools promoting Gaelic Games in an educational context, having affiliated to it County and Provincial Primary Schools Committees. This promotional work is co-ordinated by Cumann na mBunscol in 2,800 schools throughout the Country and attracts an annual participation level of 100,000 school children. A wide range of activities for all children is provided with equal opportunities for boys and girls to participate. Activities include boys' and girls' football, hurling, camogie, rounders, athletics, handball, mini-sevens, inter-class leagues, quizzes, projects, skill awards schemes and blitzes.

- (A)** The Federation of Primary Schools Gaelic Games shall be known as “Cumann na mBunscol”. The National logo of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be the “ScoilSport logo”.
All business pertaining to “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be carried out under this name and/or under the “ScoilSport logo”.
- (B)** Schools with G.A.A. affiliations in other countries may be accepted as associate members on application to the National Committee and subsequent approval.
- (C)** The aims and objectives of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be:
- (1) To promote and foster our national games., Boys’ Football, Girls’ Football; Hurling; Camogie; Handball and Rounders, athletics and cultural activities in all the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas, in line with National Policy of Cumann na mBunscol and Cumann Luthchleas Gael.
 - (2) To promote and foster a positive attitude towards our national games among teachers, pupils, parents and all involved in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the primary education system.
 - (3) To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our primary schools whilst emphasising participation for all.
- (D)** The function of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be:-
- (1) To provide a means for the expression of the collective opinion of its members on matters affecting the interests of Gaelic Games in the Primary Schools of Ireland and other affiliated areas. To this end Cumann na mBunscol shall endeavour to align ourselves to Cumann Luthchleas Gael, its policies and national programmes.
 - (2) To provide a means whereby talks and negotiations can take place with the relevant Departments of Education, the G.A.A. and other bodies to promote the aims and interests of “Cumann na mBunscol”.
 - (3) To establish and administer funds for the general administration of the organisation and provide financial assistance to affiliated areas by:
 - a. Making submissions and requests to state agencies for financial assistance, grants and special concessions.
 - b. Making submissions and requests to the G.A.A. for grants and financial assistance.
 - c. Raising sponsorship and other finances nationally to help with the overall promotion of the games.
 - d. Using the “ScoilSport logo” in franchising arrangements with business and industry to help raise funds.
 - e. Making special arrangements with sports companies so that sports goods may be purchased collectively at special reduced rates.
 - (4) To provide advice to members on the best ways of promoting Gaelic Games in Primary Schools.
 - (5) To endeavour to raise standards in all affiliated areas by
 - (a) Coaching
 - (b) Seminars
 - (c) Publications.
 - (6) To identify weaknesses with the co-operation of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies and endeavour to rectify them.
 - (7)
 - (a) To organise and administer a National Skills Programme (Mini-Sevens) in both Boys’ and Girls’ Football, Hurling and Camogie, culminating in Croke Park on All-Ireland Semi-Final and Final days.
 - (b) To organise a National Skills programme in individual schools in Hurling and Camogie.
 - (8) To organise and administer National Handball skills programmes, culminating in a National Handball Skills Exhibition in a suitable venue.
 - (9) To operate and maintain an insurance policy so that cover can be provided for officers and members of committees of “Cumann na mBunscol” while organising and promoting the games/activities.
- (E)** The philosophy of “Cumann na mBunscol” shall be:-
To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment and to make Gaelic Games the games of choice in our primary schools.

- (F) Constitution:
"Cumann na mBunscol" shall be constituted as follows:
- (1) Annual General Meeting
 - (2) Special General Meeting, if required
 - (4) National Committee
 - (5) Provincial Councils
 - (6) County Schools Committees
 - (7) Associate Members
 - (8) Members

Annual General Meeting:

- (a) The A.G.M. shall be the supreme governing body of the organisation but shall not be involved in the running of local units.
- (b) The AGM shall be held in the month of February or March at a suitable venue chosen by the National Officers.
- (c) The AGM shall consist of
 - (1) The National Officers.
 - (2) Two delegates from each county
 - (3) Two delegates from each Provincial Council.
 - (4) Two delegates from each affiliated area
- (d) The hosting of the AGM shall rotate between the four provinces.

The Business of the AGM Shall be:

- (1) Welcoming of Delegates.
- (2) Minutes.
- (3) Matters arising from Minutes
- (4) Correspondence
- (5) Address of Chairperson.
- (6) Secretary's Report.
- (7) Treasurers' Report.
- (8) Other Reports as necessary.
- (9) Elections
 - President.
 - Chairman.
 - Vice-Chairman.
 - Secretary.
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Treasurer.
 - P.R.O.
 - Development Officer.
 - Delegate to Central Council.
 - (a) Provincial Delegate Leinster.
 - (b) Provincial Delegate Ulster
 - (c) Provincial Delegate Munster.
 - (d) Provincial Delegate Connaught.
- (10) Motions.
- (11) Addresses of invited Speakers.
- (12) Any Other Notified Business (In writing/email and to be with the National Secretary two weeks before the AGM)
 - N.B. In the event of a Province not being represented on An Coiste Náisiúnta a provincial delegate can be elected at the AGM.
 - N.B. Every third year the Annual General Meeting will consider a review presented to it by a sub-committee of Cumann na mBunscol on the organisation of the 'Mini-Sevens'. Proposed changes will be voted in and if successful, will come into effect for the following years 'Mini-Sevens'.

Special General Meeting:

1. A special General Meeting may be called at the special written request of 12 or more County/Provincial Coisti stating the reason for such a meeting.
2. On the receipt of 12 or more written requests for a Special General Meeting, the Secretary must inform the Chairman who will call a meeting within 14 days.
3. The Special General Meeting shall consist of
 - (a) The Officers of Cumann na mBunscol
 - (b) Two delegates from each affiliated County
 - (c) Two delegates from each Provincial Council.
 - (d) Two delegates from each affiliated area (non-voting).
4. Business of Special General Meeting.
The only business that will be discussed at the meeting is the business requested as the reason for calling the meeting.

Officers and National Committee

1. All members of the National Committee shall be elected annually at the AGM. All officers may hold office for a maximum period of five years.
2. All members of the National Committee are limited to two consecutive maximum terms of office, but not in the same office. A member may however seek office again after a minimum of one year's break.
3. The National Committee shall carry out the business of Cumann na mBunscol between Annual General Meetings. They shall meet regularly and attend to all current business. A synopsis of the minutes of National Committee meetings are to be circulated by email to the secretary of each unit.
4. The National Committee may appoint sub-committees as required to assist them with a current task or problem.
5. The National Committee may accept units from other countries on approval of application for associate membership of Cumann na mBunscol.
6. The Cathaoirleach shall see that the rules of the organisation are enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
7. In an event of the enforced absence of the Cathaoirleach, the Leas-Chathaoirleach shall preside over the meetings and act in all cases as Cathaoirleach.
8. All sub-committees set up by the National Committee will be chaired by another member other than the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.
9. The Assistant Secretary shall minute all meetings and ensure that a _____ copy of the minutes be available for the next meeting .
10. All routine correspondence with affiliated areas shall be done by the Secretary.
12. All correspondence with the GAA, State Departments and Public Bodies shall be carried out by the Secretary in consultation with the other bodies.
13. The Treasurer shall be responsible for
 - (a) The maintenance of proper financial records.
 - (b) The lodgement of all income into the Bank Account of Cumann na mBunscol.
 - (c) The issuing of all cheques.
 - (d) An annual audit of the accounts.
 - (e) Presentation of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
14. The PRO shall in consultation with the other officers:
 - (a) Take every available opportunity to publicise Cumann na mBunscol and to ensure that the organisation has a high profile.
 - (b) Ensure that the 'Aims and Objectives' of Cumann na mBunscol be protected and advanced in dealing with outside agencies.
 - (c) Prepare a newsletter and distribute it to all affiliated areas.
 - (d) Prepare all National Press Releases on behalf of An Coiste Náisiúnta, Cumann na mBunscol.
 - (e) Ensure that all suitable G.A.A. promotional material be available to all schools.
15. The Development Officer shall in consultation with the other officers:
 - (a) Endeavour to raise standards in all counties by holding seminars, coaching courses, issue publications and liaise with relevant bodies in pursuit of this objective.
 - (b) Identify weaknesses and with the help of County Coisti, Provincial Councils and other relevant bodies seek to rectify them.
 - (c) Examine applications made by County Committees for development grants and make recommendations there on to the National Committee.
16. The delegate to Central Council will in consultation with the other officers promote the interests of Cumann na mBunscol at Central Council and endeavour to promote Primary School games at all times.
17. The remaining members of the National Committee shall be the President, Assistant Secretary and if necessary Provincial delegates.
18. A Provincial Delegate will be a full member of the National Committee with full voting rights.

Provincial Councils

1. Provincial Councils shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of "Cumann na mBunscol".
2. An Annual General Meeting of each Provincial Council will be held annually. This AGM is to be attended by the President of Cumann na mBunscol or his/her nominee from An Coiste Náisiúnta.
3. The Provincial Secretary must inform the National Secretary of the venue and date of the Provincial AGM.
 - (a) Provincial Councils shall meet at least three times annually.
 - (b) The Provincial AGM is to be held before the National AGM.
4. Those entitled to vote at this meeting shall be the elected provincial officers and two delegates from each county.
5. Those entitled to speak at this meeting shall be the elected officers and either of the two delegates from each county.
6. Invited guests may speak at the invitation of the Provincial Council.
7. Delegates must attend a minimum of two out of three meetings.
8. At this meeting the delegates will elect officers and a committee to run the affairs of the Provincial Council between Provincial Annual General Meetings.
9. The Minutes of the Provincial AGM must be sent to the National Secretary within a month of the Provincial AGM.
10. The annual financial statement must be sent to the National Treasurer within a month of the Provincial AGM.
11. Failure to send either the minutes or annual financial statement within a month of the Provincial AGM shall result in sanctions.
12. This committee shall promote the aims of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games within the Province.
13. Each Provincial Council will liaise with An Coiste Náisiúnta and the Provincial Councils of the GAA and other relevant bodies and endeavour to generate funds for the promotion and development of Cumann na mBunscol activities in that Province.

14. Two delegates from each Provincial Council will attend the Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
15. A report of yearly activities must be forwarded to the National Secretary annually.
16. Each Provincial Committee will notify and invite a delegate from An Coiste Náisiúnta to the Provincial AGM, in the absence of the National President.
17. Provincial status is to be granted to GB.

County Schools Committees

1. Each County Schools Committee shall be properly constituted under the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
2. A General Meeting of each County Schools Committee will be held annually. Each County Schools Committee must meet at least three times annually, including the AGM.
3. All Primary Schools in the County will be sent written notification of that meeting.
4. Elections will be held at this meeting and Officers and a Committee will be appointed to run the affairs of Cumann na mBunscol in that affiliated area between meetings.
5. This committee shall promote the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol and endeavour to raise the standards of Gaelic Games in their County in line with National Policy.
6. This Committee shall adjudicate on all activities of Cumann na mBunscol within the County.
7. Decisions of Cumann na mBunscol may be appealed to 'An Coiste Gearan' within the County. The decision of An Coiste Gearan will be final.
 - (a) An Coiste Gearan should be elected at the AGM. Members of 'An Coiste Gearan' should not be officers or members of the Committee within the County.
8. A comprehensive report of yearly activities together with a statement of Accounts must be forwarded to the National Secretary annually.
9. Two delegates from each County will attend the Annual General Meeting, and Special Meetings of Cumann na mBunscol.
10. Each county shall formally adopt a constitution, a copy of which shall be forwarded to An Coiste Náisiúnta for ratification.
11. Each County Coiste adopt a code of practice in line with any of the following: Cumann Luthchleas Gael, I.N.T.O., Irish Sports Council Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport and other relevant documentations.
12. When affiliating to Cumann na mBunscol annually, teachers and B.O.M. /B.O.G. agree to be bound by the rules of Cumann na mBunscol.
13. County committees shall accept correspondence only from the school through the Chairperson, the principal or the designated teacher.

Standing Orders

1. The Cathaoirleach shall preside over all meetings and shall see that the rules of the organisation be enforced sensibly and fairly on all occasions.
2. Motions to the Annual General Meeting, which shall be in the name of County Coistí, Provincial Council or An Coiste Náisiúnta and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than the last Friday in January.
3. All nominations for positions on the National Committee which shall be in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council and formally adopted at a meeting of that body, must reach the National Secretary not later than three weeks before the AGM.
4. The National Committee shall consider all motions and nominations and decide if they are in order and acceptable for consideration at the AGM.
5. Copies of the agenda for the AGM together with list of motions and nominations for elections to National Committee shall be circulated to all affiliated areas and Provincial Councils at least 7 days before the AGM.
6. Amendments and agenda will be with the National Secretary in writing in the name of an affiliated area or Provincial Council at least one hour before the AGM.
7. Contrary motions shall not be accepted.
8. All motions must be clear and unambiguous and must not conflict with the aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol.
9.
 - (a) To be deemed in order a motion must be implementable and must be specific to Cumann na mBunscol.
 - (b) However motions may call on Cumann na mBunscol to negotiate with relevant bodies on a specific matter that is of interest to Cumann na mBunscol.
10. The mover of a proposal shall speak for not more than three minutes.
11. The seconder of a proposal shall speak for no more than three minutes.
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13. The mover shall have the right of reply in all cases. 2 minutes maximum.
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Any complaints or objections must be lodged with the Runaí Chontae in writing within 3 days of the game. The Runaí informs

the other party who also has 3 days to respond in writing.

The matter can then be dealt with by the Coiste Contae. The decision will then be conveyed to both parties. Any party dissatisfied with the decision of the Coiste may appeal in writing to the Runaí Chontae Cumann na mBunscol within 3 days. This appeal will be heard by the Coiste Gearán.

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(a) Grievances, complaints and objections dealing with issues outside County Jurisdiction will be dealt with by the Provincial Unit.

(b) Appeals can be made to An Coiste Náisiúnta, lodged within three working days.

5. Sanctions will be taken against any Coiste, National, Provincial or County or any member for the following reasons:

- bringing the organisation into disrepute, or
- failure to implement National Policy.

Sanctions:

1. Misuse of organisational funds.
Automatic Disassociation.
2. Conduct unbecoming a member of 'Cumann na mBunscol'.
Automatic Disassociation.
3. Failure of a County to furnish a statement of accounts.
Withholding of grants.
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5. Failure to hold an A.G.M. plus relevant meetings and two additional meetings
Withholding of all monies due to that County Coiste.
6. Failure of Counties to honour obligations to sponsorship agreements.
Withholding of sponsorship monies.
7. Failure to comply with/implement the Constitution.
Withholding of grants and other benefits.
8. Failure to comply with/implement National Policy.
Withholding of grants and other benefits.

Mr Paul Duggan
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Armagh
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23rd January 2008

Re: Public Liability DN RPL 3282981
INSURED NAME:Members ftb Cumann na mBunscoil

Dear Paul,

We refer to our telephone conversation today.

We confirm that the Company will indemnify Cumann na mBunscoil in respect of their legal liability as defined in the Insuring Clause of the Policy arising out of or in connection with the organisation of inter alia, GAA and athletics fixtures including coaching sessions at schools within the Republic of Ireland.

The Public Liability Limit of Indemnity is €2,600,000 any one Event.

The current period of insurance is from 05/12/07 to 04/12/08.

Subject always to the Policy terms Definitions Extensions Exclusions Conditions and Endorsements.

If you have any queries in relation to the above please contact me at the number given below.

Yours sincerely,

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Cumann na mBunscol
C/o Mr Paul Duggan
36 The Hermitage
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17th January 2008

Re: Public Liability Policy No: BT RPL 0657690
Insured Name: Cumann na mBunscol

Dear Mr Duggan,

Thank you for renewing the above Policy .

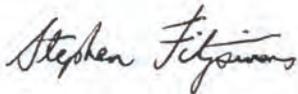
As requested we confirm that the above Policy indemnifies Cumann na mBunscol in respect of their legal liability for the organization of ,inter alia, GAA and Athletic fixtures including coaching sessions at schools within Northern Ireland .

The Limit of Indemnity is Stg £2,000,000 any one accident .

The current period of cover is 5/12/07 to 4/12/08.

All subject to the Standard Policy Wording Terms Exceptions Conditions and Endorsement Wordings therein and thereon .

Yours sincerely,



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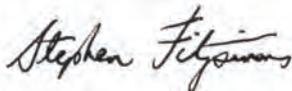
As requested we confirm that the Policy indemnifies Cumann na mBunscoil in respect of their legal liability for the organization of , inter alia ,GAA and Athletic fixtures including coaching sessions at schools in the London Board and Warwickshire Board areas.

The Limit of Indemnity is £2,000,000 any one accident .

The current period of Policy cover is 5/12/07 to 4/12/08 .

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More Than Just Child's Play”

Not for nothing is that the title of Cumann na mBunscol's new national strategic plan. If you think about it, the one thing every player in front of you today shares is that 10/15 years ago they were at Primary School, almost all of them somewhere in Armagh. In the same way, most of the players who'll play in the Armagh County Final of, say, 2022, are at a Primary School now.

Put simply, how we roll out gaelic games in our Primary Schools will determine the shape; scope; and strength of the GAA that lies ahead of us. That's why Cumann na mBunscol has drawn up its plan to ensure we have a robust gaelic games presence in our 3,500 Primary Schools in Ireland and for our 580,000 Primary School children.

The plan was launched earlier this year and contains some 50 actions spread across five themes. Those themes deal with making gaelic games accessible to all; delivering the games in the schools; working with the rest of the GAA; promoting Cumann na mBunscol and its work; and getting the governance of Cumann na mBunscol right. If you're a GAA person, then over the coming months you'll find – either at Club or County level – that there's a part you can play in helping implement this vital plan.

The plan is founded on one simple; ambitious; but vital statement: “To have gaelic games the games of choice for Ireland's Primary School children”. That's something that everyone here today can surely sign up to and work for!



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Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta/O'Neills Schools' 2008 GAA Project

Once again Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta is delighted to give children the opportunity to focus on Gaelic games in the context of their school. There are numerous prizes to be won.

Category A:

This section is open to all children (individual or a group of no more than five). The theme of this year's project is:

Tell Us About Your Favourite GAA Team

Entries should not exceed A3 size.

Category B:

Individual entries from pupils from Junior Infants to 3rd class or Primary 1 to Primary 5 inclusive. Colour the poster (available as a download from www.scoilsport.org or in the current issue of Scoilspórt).

Entries accompanied by completed entry form should be sent to:

Pat McGivern, St. Patrick's P.S. Coalisland, Co. Tyrone

Ph: 048 87740661 (S) 048 87748084 (H)

Closing Date: 30th June 2008

Further information available from:

www.scoilsport.org



Prizes

Category A:

National Winner:

25 Tracksuits, 3 Adult Jackets and €500 voucher

4 Runners Up:

Set of jerseys, shorts and socks in school colours and €100 voucher

Each County Winner:

There will be 32 prizes each of €100

Category B:

National Winner:

Set of jerseys in school colours

Each County Winner:

County jersey



2007 National Winners Doon CBS Limerick



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