

Agenda

1. Minutes of last A.G.M.
2. Secretary's Report
3. Chairperson's Address
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Motion on Amalgamation of Clubs
6. Election of Club Officers (Outgoing listed)
 - a) **Presidents** – Fr. Farrelly, Fr. Coyne, Kit Carey, Kevin Farrell, Jimmy McComiskey, Tommy Collins
 - b) **Chairperson** * – John Battersby
 - c) **Vice Chairperson** * – Shane Finnegan
 - d) **Secretary** * – Gordon McGuirk
 - e) **Assistant Secretary** – Stephen Dillon
 - f) **Treasurer** * – Pat Clarke
 - g) **Assistant Treasurer** – Noel McLoughlin
 - h) **Insurance Officer/Registrar** * – Alan Geraghty
 - i) **P.R.O.** * – Elaine Battersby
 - j) **Safety Officer** – John McLarney
 - k) **Juvenile Coaching Coordinator** * – Damien Sheridan Snr
 - l) **Irish Language Officer** * – Liz Sheridan#
 - m) **Children Officer/School Liaison Officer** * – Ian Maguire#
 - n) **IT Officer** – Gordon McGuirk
 - o) **Community Liaison Officer** – Dessie Mooney
 - p) **Co. Board Delegates** – Declan Kinsella, John Battersby
 - q) **Juvenile Chairperson** * – Patrick Darby
 - r) **Juvenile Secretary** * – Michael Mullen
 - s) **Juvenile Treasurer** * – Nora Maguire
 - t) **Ladies Chairperson** * –
 - u) **Ladies Secretary** * –
 - v) **Ladies Treasurer** * –
 - w) **Executive Committee** – 5 Full Members & 2 Players Rep (1 male & 1female) in additional to elected Officers above with * after them:
Paul Finnegan, Tony McDonnell, Joe Finnegan, Noel McLoughlin, Stephen Dillon, Joe Cowley
7. Motions
8. Election of Team Managers – Junior B, Junior D and U21
9. A.O.B.

**Automatic members of Executive*

Not seeking re-Election

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A Chairde Gael

It is a great honour, in my second year as Club Secretary, to be presenting this Secretary's Report on the activities of the Club over the past 12 months. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members to our Annual General Meeting tonight. The goal of my report is to outline the events both on and off the field, and to outline the future vision and aspirations of the club going forward.

Finance & Fundraising

Firstly I would like to cover Finance and Fundraising and how we fared over the past 12 months. While Fundraising is increasingly harder to undertake given all the financial burdens on our members and community, the club would like to thank you all for your continued support in our efforts over the past 12 months.

At the start of the year we put in place a Finance and Fundraising Sub-Committee to undertake the task of reviewing the club's expenses and ways to reduce our costs as well as increase our revenues. They met numerous times and put forward the following items:

- Cost of maintaining main pitch - manage John McBride closer on amount of cuts done in year, as well as other maintenance work he carries out. Undertake some of the work ourselves.
- Reducing our Physio Expenses further by getting players to pay for 1st visit themselves and agreement between Insurance Officer and Mary on the amount of treatments required for a particular injury which were then covered by club.
- Ensuring all expenses for Senior Team were pre-approved beforehand.
- Increasing rent for club facilities to cover costs of light and heat.
- Introduction of the mandatory subscription to weekly Lotto for all players in club

Unfortunately all these items were not fully implemented and Finance & Fundraising committee did not continue in operation on a regular basis, but it was a well worth exercise and one that we will continue with going forward.

- At the start of this year we had the ***Development Draw*** which raised around €8k/9k profit. We decided to hold another ***Development Draw*** in early November to avoid hit on supporters during Christmas/New Year period. Tickets are only slowly returning but we have more than 1000 left to be returned at this stage. While we understand tickets are hard to sell in our given economic times the draw can still be highly profitable for club and we need you all to put in a big effort to get tickets sold and returned to asap. We cannot hold the draw until we get back all tickets.
- We also ran a ***Table Quiz*** in January on night of Development Draw in Maguires in Kentstown, which again raised some much needed funding. I would like to thank our quiz master Christy Farrell for taking the time to compile the questions and helping make the night so successful.
- Our next major fundraising activity was the annual ***Golf Classic*** which was held in Royal Tara on the 6th July. We had over 30 teams and 70 Tee Sponsors, which was down from previous years but still one the most successful among all the clubs and especially considering the weather on the day. We would like to thank **Devenish Nutrition** for their generous main sponsorship of the event and to all the teams and tee sponsors for your continued support with this event. It was a great day and again was very profitable. Again I would like to thank Alan Geraghty for taking on

organising this event with help from others, and ensuring that it was a very successful day.

- In conjunction with the Juvenile and Ladies club we ran a ***Guess the Score of Leinster Final*** which raised around €2,500, and this was split across all 3 clubs based on number of tickets sold. This was a disappointing return, given the lines were very easy to sell, but it was not supported well in particular by the players who were asked to sell a full card each.
- **Membership** is another main fundraising source and is required to cover the club's team affiliations and insurance to Croke Park. We currently only have 211 Full members which is very low considering half of these are players, and membership collected just about covers the costs for affiliations and insurance. The cost of insurance and affiliations are due to rise annually, so I would strongly encourage you to actively promote club membership with your family, friends and neighbours to help the club cover these costs. If Amalgamation is passed tonight we plan on introducing new membership categories along with payment options to entice more members to sign up.
- **Lotto** is another main fundraising source and is our regular source of income which is vital to the club. Again we like to see an increase in numbers buying tickets and I would strongly encourage all members to actively sell more Lotto tickets and not leave it up to the same few every year. Again we are looking at ways to include Lotto Subscriptions with Membership for members and ways to help them spread payment across the year. Hopefully this will encourage more members to buy into the Lotto.
- During the year, we try to generate income from our facilities and this meant obtaining rental income from **Hall Hire** and membership for our **Gym**.
 - Basketball club, fitness classes run by Mary Sheridan, rent from hire of room for Physio by Mary Sheridan and have also hired the hall for other events including School Discos, Elections, South O'Hanlon Road Race.
 - Our Gym has about 70 members. This has proved to a great facility for our members and in particular to the players to help them gain extra strength and fitness throughout the year and to also aid in recovery from injuries. We would hope that membership will increase next year and have already seen an increase in interest over the past few weeks from people looking to join.
- During the year, our main club sponsor has been **Panda**, who have sponsored the club generously over the past 4 years. Our thanks to the Waters family for their continued support and agreeing to continue our partnership for the forthcoming year.
- The club would also like to thank **Devenish Nutrition** for their generous sponsorship of the Golf Classic. Again thanks to the Brennan family for this support and hopefully we can look forward to further sponsorship of this event next year.
- The club would also like to thank all other sponsors, too many to name, who have contributed to the club over the past 12 months and have given much needed support in enabling the club to continue to grow and evolve.
- **Grants** are another valuable source of income essential to the club in helping us continue our Development improvements. This year we have been successful in obtaining some grants to cover Dressing Room 4 from Knockharley and Leinster Council

Developments

- In early November last year the club started work of the new **Dressing Room** and it was fully equipped and operational for all players to use by start of our League

campaign in March. As part of this project we also added radiators to existing Dressing Rooms to help improve the damp situation. This has been a tremendous achievement by the club and has helped improve our overall facilities available to our players and members. A huge thanks to Noel McLoughlin and Alan Geraghty for overseeing this and ensuring all aspects of the work were undertaken from start to finish, and to all the local contractors who worked on it too.

- Great credit to our Juvenile club for undertaking the development and financing of the **Skills Wall** which has enhanced our club facilities and has provided a valuable source for improving the skill levels of our juvenile players. It's a credit to all involved in preserving and ensuring that your plans came to fruition and demonstrates the strength of our Juvenile club to undertake such a project.
- Converted old Dressing Room at front of building into a proper secure storage room for all the teams to store their equipment safely. Many thanks to Mark and Alan Geraghty of Oldbridge Kitchens for building the storage units and utilising the space available to the maximum.
- 2nd Pitch was main goal of the club to help alleviate the pressure on our existing facilities and provide more times to our teams to train effectively. This will be a long term project but we started the process earlier in the year and approached Smith Harrington Auctioneers to approach their client Mr.Reilly to see if he was willing to sell or long term lease some of his land adjacent to pitch behind dugouts. Within a few days of making the request we get correspondence back from them to say Mr.Reilly was interested and wanted to know how much land we wanted and what we were willing to pay. We responded with an offer of €70,000 for 5 acres in May but so far he has not come back with an answer either way, despite our best efforts to get Smith Harrington to follow up on several occasions. We gave them until end of October to come back or that our offer would be withdrawn as we needed to investigate alternative options. That deadline as now lapsed so we need to press on with other alternatives.
- To help with strain on training pitch we were able to obtain a 2nd training pitch beside Kentstown NS thanks to Richard Finnegan. This pitch was put to good use immediately and became a valuable option to allow teams to train. Special thanks to Gerry McDonnell, Joe and Paul Finnegan, and John Battersby for all the work they put in place to get this pitch up and running.
- Install Eircom Wifi Hotspot that will allow people to access Wifi for free for any Eircom, E-mobile or Meteor customers and free for first 10mins and €1 until 12 midnight for all customers of other network providers.
- Installed additional Floodlights to light up top half of Main pitch. This will help alleviate pressure on our training pitch.
- We have installed CCTV cameras to help secure our premises and ensure safety in the Gym for our members. We hope to add more cameras to give better coverage around whole hall.
- We also installed a Fop Card Reader for access to Gym which will be operational from 1st Jan and will replace access to Gym by code. We have discovered that people are sharing the access code and allowing others to use the Gym that are not members. You will now need a card to access Gym and it will record dates/time of entry that can be cross check with CCTV footage if needed.
- We have also had repairs to hall floor, heating and electrics throughout the year. A huge thanks to all the local Tradesmen and Contractors for all work carried out on our facilities during the year and being able at short notice to rectify any issues. Too many to name them all but would especially like to highlight the following: Harp Electrical

Engineering, Eric Clarke, Declan Darby, Cathal O'Dowd, Ian Carey, Joe Moore, and John Murray. I'm sure I've missed someone and my sincere apologies in advance!

- The ball stop netting behind all goals also needed repair after wind damage, and this was done along with adding some extra netting to prevent balls going out underneath existing nets.
- During the year we have also purchased new flags for pitch, new stretcher and have had the defibrillator serviced and maintained.
- Pitch and ground maintenance is our highest priority during the year as it is the most vital asset we have as a club and essential that they are maintain to highest levels given the amount of teams using it daily. I would like to thanks all the members who gave up there time during the year to come down and do clean ups around the place, cutting grass, strimming, spreading weedkiller, repairing goal mouths etc. Again the list is too long to mention everyone and again I'm sure I'd offend someone by forgetting them if I did try to list them all! However I would like to thank in particular Greg Lyons and Dessie Mooney for regularly ensuring hall, dressing rooms, gym are cleaned and training pitch is mowed.
- Going forward we have a number of items to address with our facilities and urge the newly elected committee to address these in the next year:
 - Continue negotiations for 2nd Pitch with local land owners
 - Rectify the drainage issue on bottom of main pitch
 - Undertake action items from our Safety Audit to ensure we are compliant
 - Add additional CCTV cameras to give better security of our facilities
 - Maintain Training pitch to higher standard to ensure no injuries to our players
 - Look at improving existing floodlighting on Training pitch
 - Improve our energy consumption by reducing heating costs, water consumption via better insulation, solar panels, water harvesting etc
 - Freshen up Dressing Rooms by repainting them and improve ventilation if possible.
 - New room over new Dressing room – decide what it should be used for and develop it.
 - Adding a Disabled Toilet to our premises to accommodate all in our community.

Community

On the community front the club has been actively involved with local community.

- The Juvenile club are providing coaching in the 2 **National Schools** and approached initially Joe Sheridan and Robert Ruddy and then Brian Sheridan and Andy Collins to undertake this along with mentors from the club. This has proved highly successful for both the club and schools, in getting extra kids down to play with club and also getting the schools to finals again this year – with Kentstown losing 2 weekends ago in the Div2 final and Yellow Furze winning their Div3 final last weekend. As Fr. Farrelly said at Mass yesterday the future of the club is in same hands in years to come with these young stars. I would like to thank both schools for allowing the club to get involved and to Joe, Robert, Brian, Andy and all the mentors who gave up their time to provide this service on a monthly basis.
- Our 2nd **Family Fun Day** was run on 26th August. The event was organised by a committee mainly from Juvenile club but with members for Adult club and Yellow Furze NS Parent's Association. On the day we ran numerous events and games for all

ages, had a TV with live coverage of All-Ireland Semi-Finals, had coffee and sweet shops, and a BBQ with live music at end of day. This was a great day, and while the turnout was down from last year, it was still a great success and a great social occasion for the club to have so many families down enjoying themselves from around the parish. Well done to all involved in organising this event and hopefully it will become an annual event on our club calendar for years to come.

Club Strategic Plan

All GAA Clubs are now required to create a Club Strategic Plan to allow the club plan for the next 5 years and this plan must be in place prior to receiving any funding for Leinster Council or Croke Park. Therefore as we have applied to Leinster Council for grants we decided to undertake this initiative and under the guidance of the Co. Board Development Officer we undertook a Club Plan Workshop back in May. We invited all members and people from the community to come down on the night and have their say on how the club should be run over the next years. We looked at what we did well, what we should stop doing and what we needed to start doing. Those present discussed various topics in small groups, including **Coaching and Games Development, Communication, Facilities Development, Finance and Fundraising, and Club Structure and Administration.** Those present on night volunteered to be on a sub-committee responsible for one of the above topics. They were instructed to meet over the forthcoming months and put tasks into a plan with timescales and ownership. These will be included in the overall plan and we hope to publish the final Club Strategic Plan in January 2013. The Executive Committee will follow this Club Plan over the next years ensuring all action items are implemented and updating members of the process each month. The Sub-Committees will remain in existence and play an active role in not only implementing the plan but in the running of the club. All elected club officers and all Exec members will play an active role on these various Sub-Committees along with any members interesting in participating in these committees.

Now onto the **On the Field** events for the club during the past year:

Senior

The Senior Panel under Dermot Smyth met in early November and started with a strength and conditioning program in Gym for all players to work on up to Christmas. The training on the field began on 2nd Jan with some tough weeks for conditioning and stamina work.

A league began at home on Feb 19th with an 8 point win Dunderry. Playing in Div2 it was vital that we made a good start to ensure that we got promoted back to Div1. In total we had 9 wins from 11 including Dunderry, St. Micheals, Rathkenny, Gaeil Colmcille, Trim, Ballinlough, Kilmainham (walkover), St. Colmcilles, and Nobber. Losing 2 games to Simonstown and Walterstown. We finished 2nd in Division equal on 18 points with Simonstown and only separate by points difference, which guaranteed our promotion back to Div1 and League Final with Simonstown. Unfortunately the League Final was fixed one week after our SFC quarter final and 1 week before our Semi-Final and with a number of injuries and concerns about picking up more, it was decided to field a weaken team in final and we lost badly to Simonstown in final. This angered a lot of supporters, members and players that we would treat a final like this. It was discussed at length at an Exec meeting and agreed by all that in future we should field our strongest team available and this will be

conveyed to all managers going forward.

In the Feis Cup we were drawn at home against Oldcastle in 1st Round which was played on 30th June and won the game by 4 points. Next up in Round 2 we had another home game against our neighbours Duleek\Bellewstown on 14th July and in a great game which ended in a draw after extra-time. The replay took place a week later in Bellewstown but without a few players from previous week we lost out by 6 points.

On the championship front we were drawn in Group C along with Blackhall Gaels, Oldcastle, Rathkenny, and O'Mahonys. We would play them in that order with a BYE in Rd2.

Our championship campaign began on April 21st with a 3 point win over Blackhall Gaels. Unbelievably our next Championship game would not take place until 11th August against Oldcastle – 15 weeks after our first game!! We ended up winning that game by 4 points.

Our next game was against Rathkenny on 2nd September where we eventually came out on top with a 5 point win over our neighbours and ensured our qualification into Quarter Finals. Our final group game was against O'Mahonys on 8th September. This was going to be a very tough game, as O'Mahonys were top of the group after winning all previous 3 games, and with the winner finishing Top of Group and potentially getting an easier Q/F draw. On a day that we never really got going we lost out by 2 points but still gave O'Mahonys a tough game and but for better decision making we may even have won the game.

This result meant that we finished 2nd in our group and would face the winners of Group A which were the champions Summerhill. The Q/F took place on 29th September in Skryne and a great performance by the team resulted in a 4 point win over Summerhill and dethroned the Keegan Cup champions. Our Semi-Final was fixed 2 weeks later on 14th Oct against Wolfe Tones. However on the day we were not up to the challenge and a better Tones on the day ran out winners by 5 points.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Senior management team and players for all the commitment and hard work that they have put. A lot of this work goes unnoticed or recognised by the wider membership of the club, and it is a great credit to yourselves that you have put some much dedication and time into preparing for training and games throughout the year. The club is truly indebted to have people like this give so much time and commitment for the benefit of the club and the supporters.

Following our exit from this year's championship Dermot Smyth informed us that he was stepping down due to family reasons (spend more time at home with his sick baby daughter). On behalf of everyone in the club I would like to thank Dermot, Martin Byrne, Kevin Macken, Steven Dillon, Mickey Dillon and Mary Sheridan for all their hard work, time and commitment to the Senior panel this year.

A sub-committee was setup to help find our new manager. They interviewed any candidates and brought back to the Executive their findings. After much discussions the Executive voted on their preferred candidate.

We were delighted to announce that Andy McCann was selected and has gratefully accepted the position. Andy has already met with the players and they will start fitness and conditioning programmes to work on later this week. Training in earnest will begin in January. We wish Andy and his team all the best in the forthcoming year.

Andy has selected 2 club selectors already to work with him – Ian Maguire and Steven Dillon. And will have same backroom team in Mickey Dillon and Mary Sheridan as last year. These selectors will be ratified by New Executive before January 2013.

Junior B

Our Junior B team under the guidance of Phonsie Gilsean, Mattie McCabe, and Martin McGuirk had an eventful year in both League and Championship, and were unlucky not to progress further in the Championship.

They were drawn in Group C of the Junior B Championship along with Boardsmill, Moynalty, Wolfe Tones, and St. Pauls. They won our first 2 games (St. Pauls and Boardsmill), and lost our last 2 (Moynalty and Wolfe Tones). This resulted in us not qualifying for Knock-out stages of championship.

In the League they were in Div1 and only played 8 games as final 2 games were not played, winning 5 and losing 3 and finishing 4th in table. They had wins against Dunboyne, O'Mahonys, Duleek/Bellewstown, Skryne, and Summerhill. Lost to Dunshaughlin by 1 pt, Simonstown by 15 pts and Donaghmore\Ashbourne by 7pts.

The Junior B squad is a hard squad to manage where they lose players regularly to the Senior team throughout the course of the championship and that makes it harder to have a settled team. Therefore it's great credit to the Management team that they were able to consistently contest and win games in both championship and league. So well done lads, keep up the great work and with a bit of luck next year we can achieve greater success.

Junior D

Our Junior D team under the guidance of Tony McDonnell, Leo Sheridan, and Michael Mullen had a mixed year in both League and Championship, but the success here is that we have at least 35 players turning up for training and games throughout the year. This team is providing an important level of football to the club, in giving a platform to younger players to play adult football before progressing up to Junior B or Senior, while at the same time giving other players an opportunity to continue playing at a level that they are comfortable with, and keeping a connection with the club.

The Junior D were drawn in Group A for the Junior D Championship along with Longwood, Donaghmore\Ashbourne, Clonard, Kilmainham, Drumbaragh and Trim. They won 4 - Clonard, Donaghmore\Ashbourne, Kilmainham(walkover) and Trim(walkover), and lost 1 to Longwood. They qualified 2nd in Group and were paired against Ballinabrackey in Quarter Final but lost heavily to their 2nd string team on the night. It should be noted that they only lost to Longwood by a goal in group game and they went onto Final and narrowly lost by a point to Meath Hill, so it shows that this group of lads have the potential to achieve greater things in next year or two.

On the league front the Junior D team were in Div6 and played 10 games out of 11. They won 4, and lost 6. They had wins against Dunsany, Trim, St.Pauls (walkover), Ballivor (walkover) and lost to Boardsmill by 7pts, Moynalty by 7 pts, Kilbride by 3 pts, Summerhill by 11pts, St. Brigids by 10 pts, Ratoath by 16 pts.

I would like to thank the Junior D Management team for all their hard work during the year and providing a vital outlet to players within the club. It's great to see that you have your own training sessions which encourages players to attend and play at a level they are comfortable with. Thanks again to Ted, Leo and Michael.

U21

Our U21's under the management of Phonsie Gilsean, Greg Lyons and David Hosie, prepared the team during the months of September and October with a number training sessions and challenge matches. We were drawn in the A grade against Moynalvey in the

Q/Final, and had a great win over them in wintery wet conditions in Dunganny. The final score was 2-12 to 1-7. This setup a S/Final against St. Patricks which was played in Donore and another great showing by the lads resulted in a 2 point win over our East Meath rivals on a score line of 0-11 to 0-9.

The final was fixed for last Friday evening against our neighbours Walterstown in Pairc Tailteann. In a cracking game that went to extra time the team showed great character and resolve to never lay down and eventually come out on top on a scoreline of 1-17 to 1-13. Congratulations to the whole squad on this great achievement and to end the year on a high. This squad is the future of Seneschalstown in the next few years and I hope that this win will give these lads the confidence to go on a fight for a place on our Senior team and to help us win more Keegan Cups in the years to come. A huge thanks to the management team too for the hardwork and commitment shown to this U21 squad and instilling the belief into them that they could win this competition – well done lads!

Juvenile

Our Juvenile Club have again continued to grow from strength to strength with huge numbers turning up at U6 to U10 levels, and also great numbers of parents getting involved to coach and mentor teams. They have large number of mentors undertaking coaching and first aid/defibrillator courses, which is a great credit to the club and will be a huge benefit to all the children. They also had talks by Colm O'Rourke, Fergal Logan & Peter Canavan organised for coaches, which gave great insights in to how to coach kids. Notable successes this year were the U14's winning their Summer League against Moynalvey. The U12's won their Spring League beating a strong Skryne Team in the Final in Dunganny, and our U16's retained the Patrick Ward Memorial Cup for the third year in a row, well done to all. Our Minors reached Div. 3 Championship Final but lost out to a strong St. Oliver's side on the night. Our U13's, 15's, 16's and 17's all succeeded in getting to their respective League Semi Finals and although beaten they are to be congratulated for getting so far in these competitive leagues, having played well and tried their best they just met a better team on the day further on in their development, the future is bright for all these lads if they continue on their current progress and are coached and handled to aid their development. As mentioned already the Juvenile have been instrumental in the Skills Wall, School Coaching and Family Fun Day. It should be noted that from Jan 2013 all Juvenile players (u-18) will be required to wear gumshields at training and games and by Jan 2014 all players will be required to wear them. So can parents and players please ensure that you have the appropriate gumshield in place for start of season in 2013.

Ladies

Ladies Club had another successful year on the field. The Ladies Senior team won the double by winning the Championship and Div1 league, and also won the All-Ireland 7s Shield. Unfortunately they were beaten in Leinster S/F. Congratulations to all involved with the Senior squad on these great achievements and to all the girls who represented the club at county level and in particular to Fiona Mahon who travelled to Canada in May with the All-Stars. There was plenty of other success and achievements in rest of club during the year: U-19s are in Div2 Final next Saturday – best of luck girls. U16's beaten in Div1 Shield Final. U15's were beaten in Div1 Final. U13's, U12's, & U10's won their Shield Finals, while U11's are also in Shield Final to be played soon – again best of luck girls in this final. Well done to all involved in running the Ladies Club and to all their mentors – keep up the great work. It's great to see the successes here that again show that the future is bright for our

Ladies club for years to come.

Future Vision

As a club we continue to grow and the numbers turning out for teams at all ages and in all the clubs are fantastic. I hope that the new Committee will place a priority in the forthcoming years on continuous improvement of facilities as discussed earlier with main priority on a 2nd pitch. On night of opening of Skills Wall, Colm O'Rourke remarked in his speech that Seneschalstown in his mind always had the best pitch and facilities in the county, and that Skryne always loved playing here. While we may not have the state of art new facilities like some clubs in the county these days, we still have excellent facilities and none of the financial debt hanging over us like other clubs. However we should continue to strive to improve our facilities where ever possible.

Later this evening we will discuss the motion of Amalgamation of the Clubs under the one umbrella. If this passes it will be a great opportunity for Seneschalstown GAA to be ahead of the game and become an even stronger united unit. I hope everyone here tonight will listen closely to all points and vote on what they feel is the best of the club in the long term.

Later this evening you will be asked to elected Club officers and members of the Executive for next 12 months. Can I ask those nominating or seeking election to understand that it's vital that you understand the expected commitment you will have to undertake going forward. Everyone elected tonight will have to be part of at least one of the new sub-committees and work on that sub-committee on a monthly basis to ensure all actions and tasks in the Club Plan are carried out.

All of us here are lucky enough to be part of a great club that is run well, has good facilities and has enjoyed great success on the field at all levels. We are also lucky to have great people wanting and willing to give us their time and expertise to help run this club in many roles both on and off the field. To all of you a huge thank you and please continue to support the club in any way you can. As in last year's Chairperson's Address Liz stated "Seneschalstown GFC does not run itself and it requires the dedication of many to keep it running smoothly" – this is very true and I again appeal for as many people to get involved and help out where you can. I assure you no one's help will be turned away!

Club Mass

I would like to thank Fr. Farrelly for celebrating our annual mass for our deceased which was celebrated in Beauparc yesterday.

Thank You

I would like to express my gratitude to my fellow committee members, without whose tireless work and co-operation my job would have been impossible. In particular I would like to thank the following:

- Everyone on the Gate Rota, who ensured that pitch and dressing rooms were ready and money collected for any games played during the year. I would particularly like to thank Declan Kinsella who made himself available for all Gate Rotas throughout the year and acted as great cover for anyone missing. He was always willing to assist when asked and gave up his free time without question. Thanks Declan.
- Grounds committee for all the work done around the pitch and club house to keep it in great shape.
- I would like to thank Liz Sheridan for managing the GYM this year and ensuring that

all membership was collected. It is not an easy task to manage this facility, ensure all equipment is working and collect membership.

- I would like to thank John Battersby for managing the pitch bookings this year and Noel McLoughlin for looking after the hall and ensuring everything was in working order.
- Our PRO Elaine Battersby for ensuring all match reports were submitted to papers and keeping our website and Facebook page updated on a regular basis.
- On behalf of the club I would like to thank Alan Geraghty for his outstanding work as Insurance Officer. It is a very complex and necessary service, with a huge amount of unseen work involved in pursuing the immense paper trail associated with each claim.
- Our Treasurer Pat Clarke deserves our thanks looking after the Club's financial affairs, ensuring money is wisely spent and driving our efforts in obtaining money through his dedication to the weekly lotto.
- To my wife Nicola who spent hours sorting out the 2000 tickets and envelopes on her own for the Club Development Draw
- And finally to all the partners and families of players, mentors and committee members who put up with the time they spend away from them so that they can help this club on and off the field – a huge thanks from us all.

Sympathies

I would like to extend my sincere sympathy on behalf of the Club, to all officers, players, members and friends who have suffered bereavements during the last year.

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Gordon McGuirk
Secretary
26th November 2011