

SECRETARY'S REPORT

CLG Uí Dhonnabháin Rosa, Ard Bó



Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa GAC

AGM Day

SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY 2021



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A Chairde Gael,

2020 has been a year like no other, it was a year of great stress and uncertainty for everyone.

This was also my first year as Club Secretary and I have been honoured to be involved in the Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa Football Club. On behalf of the entire committee, I would like to sincerely thank all key workers for their hard work through these very challenging times, all of you have worked relentlessly every day and many have gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of our wider community. *Go raibh míle maith agaibh* on behalf of us all.

I would also like to thank all our club members, players, coaches, mentors, administrators, parents of underage children and supporters for their co-operation and patience during this past year and hope that we will have the same support in 2021.

I know that in years gone by the Secretary's Report would have given a timeline of the array of games, fundraisers, and tournaments that the club had organised and hosted throughout the year. As a large majority of these were either placed on hold or did not take place, I would like to use my report to focus on all the great volunteers within our club who continue to work tirelessly for the good of our club and community.

The Parking Sub-Committee is just one of the great examples of those volunteers who deserve massive recognition for the time they offer and the benefit it is to the families in our community, in their hour of need. Thanks to Sean McCartney for taking the lead in this group and to all those others who assist. It is greatly appreciated by the club and by the families of those bereaved. As always, this group is always needing extra volunteers, you don't need to be a member of the club to get involved. I

would encourage anyone who is interested in helping to contact Sean McCartney.

To our coaching officers, coaches & mentors we offer a huge *go raibh míle míle maith agaibh* for this year. This is true not only for our youth teams but also our adult teams, both men & ladies. The added challenges & obstacles that you all faced just to make sure training was able to go ahead, never mind matches deserves huge congratulations. In a year when our children missed so much time from school and their friends, our coaching officers, coaches & mentors for all teams were a shining light, who offered valuable time and support for their teams. We also offer a huge thank you to the COVID officers who stepped forward and enabled all training and matches to take place.

To all our players who wore the Ardboe colours with pride, we thank you for your time and effort. Never more than the year gone by has the GAA been key to bringing some sense of normality for everyone. Whilst we were not always able to attend the games in person, through the PRO group ensured that we could watch on social media.

A special thanks goes to our club referees, Martin Coney, Cathal Forbes in a year with an even greater congested run of fixtures, their time, effort and dedication were vital in helping games go ahead. Thanks to both men for doing what can often be a thankless job.

Our Facilities Sub-Committee are always at hand to keep the grounds and facilities in top order. Thanks to all those involved in this group and again, they would greatly appreciate new volunteers.

I would also like to pay tribute to club members who gave so generously of their time to assist with the club's Covid 19 Response Plan, "Rossa Response". These volunteers provided help, support, and food to those most in need throughout this past year. This group of people once again contributed not just to members of the club but to the wider community.

In our Treasurer's Report, it will highlight how costly it is to run our club over the course of a year. Especially given that many of the events or fundraisers that we normally could undertake were sadly side-lined. I would like to offer a heartfelt thanks for those who worked in the background to prepare forms & paperwork to apply for grants. A massive

thanks to those who helped us to pull off several events throughout the year. Without those people who worked in the background & front in centre we would not have been hampered further by raising funds.

My hope for anyone reading this report you can obtain and understand the great pride and community ethos those in our club foster and the strong sense of community spirit that there is within Ardboe. This is derived from the collective time, effort & devotion from everyone within our club.

I will finish by acknowledging all those who sadly passed away over the past year, many of whom are closely connected to our Club. Go raibh suaimhneas síoraí acu go léir:

Mary Mc Keown, Fr Brendan Mc Hugh, Mary McCausland, Patricia Quinn, Fr Vincent Darragh, Peggy Kearns, Mary Mc Flynn, Rapheal Cassidy, Donal Lavery, Jim Curran, Vera Mc Cullagh, Josie Mc Flynn, Joe Coyle, Rosaleen Coyle, Frank Cassidy and Gerry McGahey.