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Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa GAC

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Annual Report: Chairperson

Annual Report: Secretary

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TUAIRISC AN CHATHAOIRLIGH 2021 ~ CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2021

A Chairde

I would like to thank all the members of the Committee and the wider club community for their support again this year. While we have emerged from complete lockdown at this time last year, it was great to see our club facilities in use again throughout 2021 but continuing to adhere to GAA and public health protocol. The addition of the basketball court and the opening of the walkway along the front of the pavilion has further increased footfall around the pitch; Michael Coney Park is – as it should be – a thriving hub at the centre of our community. It's essential that we continue to develop and maintain these facilities while nurturing respect and pride in these vital resources for future generations.

Club members and patrons have supported each other and the wider community in the face of the challenges of COVID-19 over the past almost two years. *Ní neart go cur le chéile* continues to be an appropriate description of our unity of purpose and shared vision. We encourage everyone to continue to adhere to healthcare guidelines to ensure the safety of all our community, particularly in the run up to Christmas. The recent addition of our new changing, storage and toilet facilities is reflection of our continued commitment to enhance our facilities and provide insofar as possible for all members of our club community.

Ar an pháirc ~ On the pitch

Thankfully, 2021 saw competitive action return in earnest as our teams at all levels were able to participate in league and championship competitions and enjoy full campaigns unlike the truncated schedule of 2020.

Our Senior Ladies had a mixed year, after a slow start to the league with a defeat to Trillick, the girls picked themselves up and enjoyed a much-needed win over Edendork and enjoyed further wins over Loughmacrory, Castlederg, Drumragh, Cappagh and Badoney. The girls qualified for the league semi-final, but unfortunately could not be accommodated when they requested an earlier date and disappointingly this match did not take place. The girls were also defeated at home by eventual winners Trillick in the championship.

This team is very talented, and our experienced players are aided by our outstanding youth players coming through to senior football. There is no doubt this team will push on in 2022 and success won't be too far away. Our thanks to Louise Daly and Mattie Brady for all their dedication and work with our Senior Ladies this year.

Our Senior Men had an encouraging league campaign with seven wins and two draws prior to final game vs. Coalisland. For the second successive year our championship participation came to an end with a narrow defeat to the ultimate County champions, Dromore. The transition and emergence of a number of our youth players into the senior ranks bodes well for next year and the future generally.

Our Senior Reserves enjoyed a consistent league campaign and were in contention for the league title until the latter stages of the competition. They were defeated by reigning champions Dromore at home in the championship.

Sincerest thanks to all our senior players and those involved in preparing these teams. Manager Mickey Donnelly and coaches Brian Lavery and Brian McIver have made significant progress in their first year in charge, ably assisted by Ciarán Hurl and (in the latter stages of year) Niall Muldoon.

Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí ~ Praise the youth and it will prosper

We enjoyed a much busier year at youth level than in 2020, with both male and female teams contesting county finals and semi-finals in various competitions, both league and championship. This continues to bode well for the future of the club and is a reflection of the hard work being put in over a number of years by the many coaches who contribute consistently to developing our young players. Parental support is also a huge factor in this.

Our U16 boys triumphed in the league final (vs. Donaghmore) in May this year which was held back from 2020 due to COVID. This season our boys contested a Grade 1A league final at U17 level (losing to Donaghmore) and our U15 boys were defeated by Trillick in the Grade 1A championship final. Both squads suffered greatly with COVID outbreaks and great credit is due to the boys themselves and their coaches for their performances in those circumstances.

Our U14 girls were narrowly defeated by Loughmacrory in the league final while our minor girls lost to a very strong Trillick side in the refixed championship final from 2020. This year's minors lost by the narrowest of margins to Coalisland in the championship but recovered to defeat neighbours Moortown (despite being 8 points down at half-time) to win the league final. Exciting times ahead for these young players.

Recognition is due to the endeavours of Paul McKeown (Boys) and Claire Muldoon (Girls) as Coaching Officers this past year, coordinating a wide range of teams and huge number of competitions. Likewise, a huge thank you to all of our coaches both individually and collectively and to the parents, some of whom supported training/games as COVID Officers, everyone providing our young players with the support and guidance necessary for their continued development.

Thanks also to and our Child Protection/Health & Wellbeing officers and to Mr Canavan and St Patrick's Primary School staff for continued support. A lot of work has gone into developing links with the Primary School this year and our efforts have been reciprocated by school management and staff.

Comhghairdeas ~ Congratulations!

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the return of Sam Maguire to the O'Neill County and it was a source of great pride for us to have Michael O'Neill and Michael Cassidy involved in this first national success for Tyrone since 2008. While the celebrations were limited by COVID restrictions, our primary school pupils will never forget the arrival of the two Michaels with Sam into the school. An inspiring experience for all of our younger players.

It was a huge honour for the club to have Cormac Devlin selected as captain of the Tyrone minor team this season and we all watched on with great pride as Cormac led his team to an Ulster Championship crown, missing out by the narrowest of margins to Meath in the All-Ireland final. Cormac was joined on the panel by his brother Conan, Jack Martin and the O'Hare brothers, Seán and Shea. It was also a proud moment for the club to see Cormac and Shea selected on the Electric Ireland All-Star Team from the minor championship.

We were also represented on the All-Ireland hurling stage by senior player and youth coach CJ McGourty, a member of the Tyrone team which lost to Mayo in the Nicky Rackard Final.

We tasted success in Scór Thír Eoghain for the first time in many years in 2020 when our musicians, led by Cathy Quinn, triumphed in the *Ceol Uirlise* (Instrumental Music) at the Tyrone Final and progressed to the Ulster Final. Unfortunately, COVID-19 prevented the final taking place but when this opportunity eventually came around, this talented group performed with great distinction, missing out narrowly on a provincial title. Mo cheol sibh!

Le buíochas ~ Thank You!

We recognize and thank all those club members who help us in ways that sometimes go unnoticed also. Our club referees, Martin Coney and Cathal Forbes, play a vital part in facilitating Gaelic games across the county and beyond. Brendan Hurl has served as CLG Thír Eoghain representative on Croke Park's Ard-Chomhairle for the past year and our Parking group was led once again by Seán McCartney. Buíochas mór libh go léir!

Thanks also to all of our club and team sponsors and to all those who contribute to our weekly Club Lotto and other fundraising activities. It was particularly disappointing that we ultimately had to take the difficult decision to permanently cancel the 'Jigs and Reels' event which was so close to going on stage in March 2020 just as the pandemic arrived in all of our lives. A huge word of thanks to our Events team, Clodagh Quinn-Doyle and her Quinn School of Dancing along with all of our volunteers and participants for all of their efforts. We also appreciate the understanding and support shown to us by club patrons, event sponsors and the general public in this regard. We look forward to being able to bring events back to the community as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.

Ar shlí na fírinne ~ Remembering our deceased

Finally, at this time of year it is fitting that we should reflect on all those past and present club members who have passed away in the past twelve months. We remember all Ardboe Gaels and offer condolences to their families at this time. Go raibh suaimhneas síoraí acu uilig.

Ag amharc chun tosaigh ~ Looking to the future

CLG Uí Dhonnabháin Rosa continues to occupy a very special place in each of our lives and the support network provided by the club has never been more important. Plans are well underway in the preparation of our teams for the forthcoming season and whatever it might bring. If you are considering becoming involved, then please get in touch and play your part in 2022.

Wishing all our players, coaches, parents and members a happy Christmas and every success in the year ahead.

Nollaig shona agus go raibh maith agaibh go léir!

Malachy Ó Néill

Cathaoirleach (Chairperson)

TUAIRISC AN RÚNAÍ 2021 ~ SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021

A Chairde Gael,

First of all, I would like to thank you for your continued membership of the club. It is so true that a club is nothing without its members and the impact it has on the local community. Hopefully those of you who are reading this will also be in attendance at the AGM on Sunday 12th December.

Similar to 2020, 2021 was another challenging year for the club, and our community, as the ramifications and fallouts from COVID continued to play a significant role in everyday life. Hopefully we are now seeing the worst of this behind us and can look forward to a more open and prosperous 2022 in terms of the overall health of the community.

I mentioned last year that 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. I would like to continue that theme this year as well as a call to please come and get involved in any way possible. Being involved does not mean you need to attend or be at every match or event. If you were involved previously or never involved before, any help and assistance will be very much welcomed.

To our coaching officers, Claire and Paul, our coaches and mentors we offer a huge *go raibh míle míle maith agaibh* for this year. It is a credit to all the coaches that we are able to not only field teams at all age levels for both our Ladies and Men, but also compete at the highest level.

If we want to see some of the hard work in action from coaches and mentors not only this year but from years past you can see it in the efforts and performances of Michael O'Neill, Michael Cassidy, Sean and Shea O'Hare, Jack Martin, Cormac and Conan Devlin. All of whom played roles in the success of Tyrone teams this year.

We also offer a huge thank you to the COVID officers who continued the unenviable task of keeping everyone up to date and enabled all training and matches to take place. I will leave Paul and Claire to take us through each team's journeys this year.

To all our senior Ladies and Mens players who wore the Ardboe colours with pride, we thank you for your time and effort. Our Ladies reached a league semi-final and our men had an encouraging league campaign. On the start of their journey with Mickey and his team, we have high hopes and aspirations where this will take us.

A special thanks goes to our club referees, Martin Coney and Cathal Forbes. Most clubs struggle to have one referee, we are lucky to have two. Thanks to both men for doing what can often be a thankless job. If there are any aspiring referees out there please put forward your name.

A big *go raibh míle maith agaibh* to Martin who works tirelessly to keep the grounds and facilities in top order. Both Martin and Ciaran Hurl put many unseen hours and hard work into this area of the club. Again, an area where we are always needing extra help and support – and it doesn't require you to be there every week or at set times.

In our Treasurer's Report, it will highlight how costly it is to run our club over the course of a year. In terms of fundraising, COVID-19 again had a huge impact on the fundraising activities of the club, we have where possible ran our Big Bingo events. Our Events committee are working hard on new ideas for 2022. These events bring the community together with the fun and the excitement around the club and parish in the weeks leading up to these events.

These events also provide a great platform to fundraise, without them we all need to focus and drive our weekly Lotto. Again, if you are able to sell tickets to your next-door neighbours or at work throughout the week, drop them into McConville's or Forbes' shop and this will be a fantastic help.

I would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to Sean Paul and all those who worked in the background to prepare forms and paperwork to apply for grants this year. Again, a lot of unseen hours go into these but they have been vital for our club.

To our sponsors – a massive *go raibh míle maith agaibh* for your continued support. Without this the club would not be able to function as effectively as it does so our sincere gratitude for your ongoing and continued support.

It is extremely important to stress our sincere thanks to all those individuals who give up their time to carry out roles within the club. These jobs are all voluntary, all of which is for the benefit of the club and community. The club is always open to having new people with fresh ideas involved in any capacity so if this is something you, or someone you know, may be interested in then please contact a committee member who would be happy to chat through options with you. Again, I stress being involved doesn't mean you have to be down here for hours or at set times, it means helping out when you can!

I will finish by acknowledging all those who sadly passed away over the past year, many of whom are closely connected to our Club: John Hurl, Peggy Quinn, Bridget Canavan, Fr Harry Coyle, Maurice Devlin, Gerry O'Hagan, Dolores Mc Guckin, Anne McKee, Henry Devlin, Seamie O'Neill, John-Charlie O'Hagan, John Duffy, Maura Muldoon, Darren Canavan, Bidy Hurl, Damien Boylan, Marie Kelly, Packie Henry and Seamus Gleeson.

Go raibh suaimhneas síoraí acu go léir.

Donnacha Ó Brolcháin

Rúnaí (Secretary)

TUAIRISC AN OIFIGEACH OILIÚNA – BUACHAILLÍ 2021 ~ COACHING OFFICER - BOYS REPORT 2021

Starting with our youngest players and newest members, we put particular emphasis on our relationship with St Patrick's Primary School, Mullinahoe, this year.

Our Primary school Boys & Girls enjoyed 2 days coaching each week in school plus after-schools for a period of 14 weeks completed up to Christmas. We're very grateful to David Mulgrew and Ciaran Campbell, now teaching full-time in the school, for their support and impact on our young players, male and female, through the school this year.

Nursery

Claire Muldoon
David Mulgrew
Niall Muldoon

All of our youth teams were involved in a wide range of games, tournaments and competitions, many of them competing in the orange and blue jersey for the first time given the lack of games and competitions last year due to COVID.

U7.5 Boys

Enda Teague
Jennifer McGuigan
Paul McNally
Rory Coyle

U9.5 Boys

Brian McGuigan
Fay Devlin
Frank Quinn

U11.5 Boys

Cathal McKeown
Ryan McFlynn
Sean Doris
Cathal Devlin
Denis Bradley
Aodhíonn Coleman
Eoghan Devlin

External Coaching

We would also like to recognise the support of external master coach, Terence McWilliams. The 'coach to coach' sessions during lockdown were invaluable and the additional pitch sessions that followed were invaluable, focusing on how to plan a constructive session, the use of games, skills progression, etc.

Summer Skills

- 4 weeks over summer where particular focus was given to each group on specific areas in accordance with age.
- Handling, tackling & evasion, game awareness, kicking for scores, etc.
- Led by Conor McGourty, Conor McFlynn, Gavin Devlin & Terence McWilliams.
- Coaching Team: Maggie Hagan, Brian Lavery, Joe Coyle, Paddy O'Neill, Joey Lavery and Mattie Brady.

U-13 League Grade 1A

- Coaches: Noel O'Neill, Ciaran Campbell, Joe Coyle
- Lost out in league semi-final to Carrickmore and lost to Eglis in first round Championship

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	An Eaglais, Naomh Pádraig	10	10	0	0	338	83	20
2	Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa	10	8	2	0	242	189	16
3	Cookstown Fr. Rock's GAA	10	6	4	0	208	233	12
4	Domhnach Mór Naoimh Pádraig	10	3	7	0	194	264	6
5	Fianna Oileán an Ghuail CLG	10	2	7	1	162	253	5
6	Dungannon Thomas Clarke GAA	10	0	9	1	125	247	1

U-15 League Grade 1A

- CJ McGourty, Paul Canavan, Sean McCartney and Paul McKeown.
- Lost out in league semi-final to Carrickmore and Championship final to Trillick.

	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa	10	10	0	0	295	112	20
2	Cookstown Fr. Rock's GAA	10	7	2	1	232	201	15
3	An Eaglais, Naomh Pádraig	10	6	4	0	208	193	12
4	Domhnach Mór Naoimh Pádraig	10	3	6	1	228	205	7
5	Galbally Pearses	10	3	7	0	170	203	6
6	Kildress Wolfe Tones	10	0	10	0	120	339	0

U-17 League Grade 1A

- Conor Forbes, Paul O'Neill, Chris Muldoon, John McConville and Sean-Paul Wylie.
- Lost out in league final and Championship semi-final to Donaghmore.

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Domhnach Mór Naoimh Pádraig	10	9	1	0	297	98	18
2	Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa	10	8	1	1	224	143	17
3	An Eaglais, Naomh Pádraig	10	4	6	0	152	175	8
4	Dungannon Thomas Clarke GAA	10	4	6	0	120	193	8
5	Cookstown Fr. Rock's GAA	10	3	7	0	106	199	6
6	Kildress Wolfe Tones	10	1	8	1	108	199	3

U-19 League Grade 1A

- Conor Forbes, Paul O'Neill, Chris Muldoon, John McConville, Sean-Paul Wylie and Mattie Bell.
- Lost out in league semi-final to Carrickmore.

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Domhnach Mór Naoimh Pádraig	5	5	0	0	85	25	10
2	Ardboe O'Donovan Rossa	5	4	1	0	78	48	8
3	Dungannon Thomas Clarke GAA	5	2	3	0	52	59	4
4	Errigal Ciaran	5	2	3	0	27	64	4
5	Fianna Oileán an Ghuail CLG	5	2	3	0	51	97	4
6	An Eaglais, Naomh Pádraig	5	0	5	0	0	0	0

Thanks!

- Parish Centre (Hugh Joe Quinn): accommodating our after-schools & Nursery Group on a regular basis.
- St Patrick's Primary School, Mullinahoe (Joe Canavan) - Open use of school to allow our coaches develop our children.
- Tyrone CCC (Martin Sludden): providing a comprehensive games schedule in challenging times.
- Patricia McSwiggan - directing the school coaching video to showcase what our club provide for the children of O'Donovan Rossa GAC.
- Finally, a word of thanks to our Covid officers (Patricia McSwiggan, Gemma O'Neill and Olivia Sherman) who helped ensure the health and safety of our young players throughout the year, implementing protocol and keeping our training/games in line with GAA and public health guidelines.

Pól Mac Eoghain

Oifigeach Oiliúna – Buachaillí (Coaching Officer – Boys)

TUAIRISC AN OIFIGEACH OILIÚNA – CAILÍNÍ 2021 ~ COACHING OFFICER - GIRLS REPORT 2021

U6 - Our nursery and P1 girls joined the boys this year and under the watchful eye of Claire Muldoon and DD Mulgrew continue to flourish. The girls continue to learn and improve on both their fundamental movement and sport specific skills through fun games. A total of over 50 children have attended these sessions. Thank you to both Claire and DD for leading the sessions and also to Niall Muldoon and Paul McKeown for their support in organising and assisting these sessions. A massive thank you to our parents of this group also, who assisted their child in every single session. Your help was greatly appreciated.

U8, U10 & U12 – 2021 saw a return of organised Go Games for our girls teams after an absence last year due to covid. These games were in a slightly different format, similar to the boys, where they were stand-alone games as opposed to the usual multi team blitzes. The girls have made great improvement and our thanks for that goes to their coaches: Lisa Mallaghan, Brianna Teague, Siobhan O'Hagan, Anna Quinn, Ciara Rocks, Erin Forbes, Niamh Quinn and Maeve Wylie.

U14 – Our U14 girls missed out on football completely last year with the season being postponed after one game due to covid and as a result, a lot of our girls lacked experience and match practice at this level. Nonetheless, the girls gave a great account of themselves and qualified for the league final, and were narrowly defeated by Loughmacrory. Following a win over Castlederg in the preliminary round of the championship, the girls were again narrowly defeated to the same opponents, Loughmacrory in the championship quarter final. A very successful year and no doubt the experience of this year will stand to these girls in the coming years. Our thanks to Siobhan O'Hagan, Damien Campbell, Shauna McGrath and Elisha Canavan for all their hard work with this group.

U16 – Disappointingly, the U16 season was a short one, with only 3 league games provided due to the format of the competition. Our girls were slow to start in their first two league games and by the time they had found their feet, they won their final league game with a very strong performance over neighbours Moortown. Unfortunately, this was not enough to qualify for the league play-offs. Defeat to a very strong Carrickmore side in the championship meant it was a very short season, only lasting a number of weeks. Again, a huge thank you Siobhan O'Hagan, Damien Campbell and Ciara Rocks with this group.

Minors – Our minor girls have had a long season which kicked off back in May with the 2020 refixed championship final v Trillick. Unfortunately, that ended with a defeat to a strong Trillick side but defeat spurred the girls on for the 2021 season. After a strong league campaign, they qualified for the semi-final defeating Fintona to reach the league final against our neighbours Moortown. Unfortunately, they lost out by the narrowest of margins to Coalisland in the championship after extra time, leaving only the league final to concentrate on.

After delays due to covid, the game was eventually played in October. The girls were slow to start and at half time were 8 points down. Some might of said at that stage the game was over but not with this group. The girls had an excellent second half and secured victory over Moortown. No doubt some of these girls will now be making the step to senior football and will be a great addition to the team. Our thanks to Lisa Mallaghan, Gary Martin and Eadaoin Quinn for their help with this group.

A final note of thanks to all coaches who help out in any way for our ladies' team. Coaches for ladies' teams are a little harder to come by and to those who give up their time and do so much hard work we are truly thankful. Thanks also to our parents who help out in any way possible also. We are forever grateful.

Thank you also to all sponsors of all ladies' teams, who ensure we always have an orange and blue jersey to play in.

A final thank you to our executive committee who always look after us.

Other Acknowledgements – Congratulations to Meabh Campbell and Cassie Doyle who were part of the Tyrone U14 and U16 ladies squads.

Clár Ní Mhaoldúin

Oifigeach Oiliúna – Cailíní (Coaching Officer – Girls)