



Coiste na Mí

An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael



Cathaoirleach: Seán Ó Caomhánaigh

Rúnaí: Ciarán Ó Floinn

Ionad Barr Feabhais Dhún Geannaí,
Dún Geannaí,
Atha Troim,
Co. na Mí.
C15 WFF4
11ú Nollaig 2023

Miontuairiscí - Comhdháil Bhliantúil CLG na Mí 2023

Monday, 11th December 2023 at 19:00 in the O'Mahony's GAA Clubhouse, Navan.

Clár:

- i. Glacadh leis na hOrduithe Seasta.
- ii. Miontuairiscí ón gComhdháil Bhliantúil dheireanach.
- iii. Tuarascáil an Rúnaí.
- iv. Tuarascáil an Chisteora agus Bileog Iarmhéid.
- v. Aitheasc an Chathaoirligh.
- vi. Toghchán Oifigeach do 2024.
- vii. Fo Dhlíthe.
- viii. Rúin chuig Comhdháil Bhliantúil.
- ix. Deireadh an Chruinnithe.

Agenda:

- i. Adoption of Standing Orders.
 - ii. Minutes of the last Annual Convention.
 - iii. Secretary's Report.
 - iv. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.
 - v. Chairperson's Address.
 - vi. Election of Officers for 2024.
 - vii. Bye-Laws.
 - viii. Motions to Annual Congress.
 - ix. Close of Meeting.
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(i) Adoption of Standing Orders

For the proceedings of the Annual Convention to be carried out without delay, the following standing orders will be observed:

- a) The Proposer of a Resolution or an Amendment thereto may speak for **2 minutes**, but no more than **4 minutes**.
- b) A delegate speaking to a Resolution or of an Amendment must not exceed **5 minutes**.
- c) The Proposer of a Resolution or an Amendment may speak a second time for **1 minute** before a vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
- d) The Chairperson may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
- e) A delegate may, with the consent of the Chairperson, move that “the question be now put”, after which when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
- f) Where the Annual Convention considers it appropriate, a vote may be by secret ballot. This decision shall be made by a show of hands.
- g) A speaker to the Annual Report or any other general discussion shall not exceed **2 minutes** to any one topic.
- h) Any Motions to remove or amend an existing Bye-Law shall be carried by **three-fifths** of those present, entitled to vote and voting. This applies to motions to the Annual Congress also.
- i) Standing Orders shall not be suspended to consider any matter on the agenda except by the consent of a majority equal to by three-fifths of those present, entitled to vote and voting.
- j) The Chairperson may change the order of items on the agenda with the support of a simple majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting.

This was proposed by Paddy Waters

Seconded by Joseph O’Brien

ii. Minutes of the last Annual Convention

[DRAFT Minutes of County Convention 2022 \(gaa.ie\)](#)

This was proposed by Paddy Waters

Seconded by Joseph O'Brien

John Kavanagh welcomed all the delegates and thanked Neil Quinn the Chairperson of O'Mahony's for use of the clubhouse.

iii. Secretary's Report

[Meath GAA Secretary Report \(Version 1 - 01-12-23\)](#)

This was proposed by Ciarán Flynn

Seconded by Cathal Seoige

Ciarán Flynn read out the report

Dermot Monaghan asked a question about finals at U-13 level.

Official Guide rule In order.

Gene Smith thanked the various volunteers who assisted him in completing his duties as the County Treasurer.

iv. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet

[Coiste Chontae Na Mi CLG Accounts 2023 \(gaa.ie\)](#)

[Gross Gates 2023 \(gaa.ie\)](#)

This was proposed by Gene Smith

Seconded by Liam Kerrane

Gene Smith outlined his report and explained some of the important issues.

Gene Smith informed the County Committee that some of the outstanding debt has been resolved by €200,000.

Gene Smith thanked the various volunteers who assisted him in completing his duties as the County Treasurer.

v. Chairperson's Address

This was delivered by outgoing County Chairperson John Kavanagh.

The following is a synopsis of the address:

1. John thanked the Honourary Presidents of Meath GAA. A special thanks was made to Mena Geraghty R.I.P.
2. Thank you to Ciarán Flynn and Gene Smith on their respective reports.
3. John congratulated our county teams. Congratulations to the senior hurling team on their wins in the league and the Christy Ring Cup. To the minors on the Corn Peadar Ó Liatháin. Senior footballers on their Tailteann Cup.

John mentioned that although these wins are not the pinnacle of GAA success, they are springboards to further success.

4. John thanked sub-committees. John discussed the responsibilities of clubs to ensure that they play games on time and on schedule.
5. John mentioned the abuse of referees and encouraged clubs to continue to work towards minimising abuse of match officials.
6. Páirc Tailteann, back in 2019, when John was elected was a priority. The Páirc Tailteann project is on course to finally commence in 2024.

So far we have the following raised:

8.5 million from the LSSIF

2.6 million from the GAA Central Council

€800,000 from the Leinster GAA Council

2,000,000 from IIP with more to come

Thank you to the Government ministers, and other politicians who have assisted.

Thank you to the PT CLG, especially Noel Dempsey, Seamus Kenny, and Liam Mulvihill.

7. The Dunganny COE project has been a great success with completion in the new year. This work is important for all Gaelic teams in Meath.
8. Fundraising is important for the success of these projects. We need your support in the future.
9. John mentioned that the Royal House Draw was not as successful as we hoped and we need to move on from it. We need a massive fundraiser soon.

10. Integration is something on the horizon and we need to adapt to make it work for all stakeholders. The One Club model in many clubs has shown that this can be successful
11. The election of female officials in clubs is growing and thank you to all the clubs for this.
12. Congratulated Na Fianna on getting to two All-Ireland Semi-Finals. Best of luck in the Camogie Final. Hopefully, the fixture issues can be overcome.
13. Well done to all the Meath GAA Award winners. John discussed each award winner and gave a detailed oration on each winner. A special thanks to Pat "The Red" Collier who was inaugurated into the Meath GAA Hall of Fame.
14. John mentioned Seán Boylan's 80th birthday which is tomorrow 12/12/2023. A large round of applause for Seán soon followed.
15. John discussed his recent announcement that he was not seeking his final fifth term as County Chairperson. John discussed 'legacy' and how he wanted it known that he wanted the job to solely promote the interests of Meath GAA and not personal gains.
16. John has been involved for over twenty years and he thanked everyone he has met along the way. John discussed many of the events that occurred in his time as the County Chairperson
17. John mentioned how the clubs stood up to the mark when the pandemic hit and he was so proud.
18. The setting up of the Football Development Committee was a highlight and he hoped that hurling would follow.
19. John mentioned the teams that won trophies in time such as All-Ireland winning minor teams.
20. John thanked all Management Committee and Sub-Committee members who served over the years.
21. Thanked all current and former sponsors.
22. Thank you to the office staff especially Tara Rowan for her support to me as the County Chairperson.
23. Thanked his club St Ultan's and his neighbouring Cortown for starting his GAA 'career'.
24. John thanked his family especially his wife Esther for her support.
25. John mentioned bereavements such as Mena Geraghty, Ultan Fitzpatrick, & Nicky Potterton and offered condolences to all members of Meath GAA who suffered a loss.
26. John thanked everyone for their support over the years and wished everyone a successful 2024.

This was proposed by John Kavanagh

Seconded by Ciarán Flynn

- Mairead Delaney thanked John for his guidance and assistance when she was the County Secretary.
- Keith Loughman thanked John for his service as Chairperson and mentioned many of his achievements.
- Joseph O'Brien thanked John for his service as Chairperson and mentioned many of his achievements.
- Cathal Seoige thanked John for his service as Chairperson and mentioned many of his achievements.

vi. Election of Officers for 2024.

[Nominations - Comhdháil Bhliantúil CLG na Mí 2023 \(gaa.ie\)](#)

Cathaoirleach	Iasón Pluincéid (Cluain Íoraírd)
Leas-Chathaoirleach	Padraig Ó Ceallaigh (Cill Teidhil)
An Rúnaí	Ciarán Ó Floinn (Dún Samhna)
An Leas-Rúnaí	Nicolás Mac Gearailt (Cill Dealga)
An Cisteoir	Eoghan Mac Gabhann (An Obair)
An Leas-Chisteoir	Séamus Ó Maolmhuire (Baile Shláine)
Oifigeach Traenálaí	Éamon de Barra (Baile an Bhaitearaigh)
Oifigeach na Gaeilge agus na Cultúir	Seosamh Ó Briain (An Scrín)
Oifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí	Brían Ó Ceallaigh (Baile Sencaill)
Teachta don Ard-Chomhairle	Conchur Ó Tormaigh (Domhnach Mór Cill Dhéagláin)
Teachta Chomhairle Laighean	Máirtín Ó hAllmhuráin (Rath Moliadhain), Mairéad Uí Dhubhshláine (Domhnach Seachnaill)

The listed officers above were elected.

Chairperson:

Poll of 201 votes Jason Plunkett 108 Damien Griffin 93

Secretary:

Poll of 201 votes Ciarán Flynn 109 Brian Kelly 89 Invalid 3

Assistant Secretary:

Poll of 198 votes	Nick Fitzgerald	114	Niamh Regan	82	Invalid	2
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P.R.O.:

Poll of 201 votes	Brian Kelly	157	Alan Tormey	44
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Leinster Council Delegates:

Poll of 201 votes

Martin O'Halloran	93	Mairéad Delaney	84	Arthur Reilly	13	Invalid	11
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vii. Bye-Laws.**Proposed Change 1:****That Meath GAA Bye-Law 11 paragraph 1 be amended to read:**

"A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall be restricted to joining a club in the Catchment area of their permanent residence or club with other relevant connection as defined in TO 6.2, except as outlined in these Bye-laws or the Official Guide."

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This was proposed by Neil Quinn

No seconder so the motion does not get discussed.

Proposed Change 2:**That Meath GAA Bye-Law 9 be amended to read:**

A player resident in the Parish unit of Laytown-Mornington, as defined in Bye-Law 11, who has not played with his first club in the previous 48 weeks may choose to transfer to another club within the same Parish. Transfer requests in this instance will be processed as per Bye-Law 9. In instances where the first club does not sign the transfer request this shall not prohibit the transfer being granted. The request shall be sent directly to the Meath County Secretary and forwarded to the Meath CCC for processing.

Gaeil an Oirthir

This was withdrawn.

Proposed Change 3:**That Meath GAA Bye-Law 1 be amended to include the Demographics Officer:**

The Annual County Convention shall elect the following officers of the County Committee:

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, One Central

Council representative, Two Provincial Council representatives and shall appoint a Planning and Training Officer, **Demographics Officer**, and a Children's Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee.

A member shall not hold more than one of the above officer positions at any given time. The officers elected/appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Meath Annual Convention.

That Bye-law 1, be amended to allow for the appointment of a full-time secretary, subject to permission from Central Council, as per Rule 3.9 (b) (1) T.O. 2023.

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Proposed Change 4:

That Meath GAA Bye-Law 3 be amended to include the following:

- (ii) As per Rule 3.10 T.O. 2023 the County Convention shall authorise the County Management Committee to select the following:
 - (a) Delegates to attend the Annual Congress, who shall include the Chairperson and County Secretary, when available.
 - (b) Delegates to attend the Provincial Convention.

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Proposed Change 5:

That Meath GAA Bye-Law 4 be amended as follows:

- (i) **Meath Management Committee (Coiste Bainistíochta an Mhí)** which shall consist of the **elected** officers of the County Committee, Central and Provincial Council Representatives, Meath Hurling Development Chairperson, Meath Minor Committee Chairperson, Safety and Facilities Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Football Development Committee Chairperson, County Competitions Control Committee Chairperson, and the Children's Officer.
- (ii) **Meath Competitions Control Committee (Coiste Rialaithe Comórtas an Mhí)** shall be designated as the Competitions Control Committee for the Meath County Committee. It shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, **Fixtures Administrator, Disciplinary Administrator, one member of the Fixtures Analysts Sub-Committee**, Referees' Administrator (who may only vote on the appointment of Referees) and a minimum of one other member appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.

The following plenary powers and functions have been specifically delegated to the Meath C.C.C. as per **Rule 3.18 T.O. 2023:**

1. Competition scheduling and arrangements for and control of all games under their jurisdiction.
2. The appointments of referees and all match officials for all games under their jurisdiction.
3. To allow Under 21/20/19, Minor or Younger Grade players of Clubs that are unable to field Under 21/20/19, Minor or Younger Grade teams to avail of a provision of Rule 6.7 T.O. 2023, Exception (1) (a) or (b).
4. To allow the formation of Independent Teams to play in competitions as per Rules 3.17 (o); 6.2; 6.7 T.O. 2023.

(vii) **Meath Coaching and Games Development Committee (Coiste Cóitseála agus Forbartha Cluichí an Mhí)** which shall consist of the Coaching Officer who shall act as the Chairperson, the Head of Games Development who shall act as the Secretary, ~~Football General Manager~~, Football Academy Head Coach, Hurling Academy Lead, Hurling Development Committee Chairperson, Football Development Committee Chairperson, and a minimum of one other member by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.

(x) **Meath Youth Planning Committee (Coiste Pleanála Óige an Mhí)** which shall consist of the County Vice-Chairperson who shall act as the Chairperson, County Assistant Secretary who shall act as the Secretary, the Children's Officer, Head of Games Development, two members of the Meath County Competitions Control Committee, two members of the Meath Minor Committee, two members of the Meath Youth Committee, and two members of the Meath Go Games Committee, and a minimum of one other member (if desired) appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.

(xi) **Meath Finance Sub-Committee (Fochoiste Airgeadais an Mhí)** which shall consist of the County Treasurer who shall act as the Chairperson, County Assistant Treasurer who shall act as the Secretary, County Chairperson, County Secretary, County Vice-Chairperson, County Assistant Secretary, the Central Council Representative, and a minimum of one other member appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.

(xvii) **Demographics Committee (Coiste na Daonáireachta)**

It shall be responsible for monitoring the impact of population changes and advising the County on the formation of policies to deal with those changes.

It shall liaise with the relevant committees within the Association and with relevant bodies outside the Association in carrying out its functions.

It shall consist of at least five members including the Demographics Officer, who shall act as Chairperson. All other members shall be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Coiste na Mí C.L.G.

This was proposed by Ciarán Flynn

Seconded by Noel Dempsey

viii. Motions to Annual Congress.

That GAA Official Codes 11.1 and 11.5 be amended to read:

All players who compete in their County Senior Football Championship – that includes Single Entities Senior Club Players and Divisional Team Players from intermediate and Junior Clubs shall be graded Senior Status – players are not eligible to play in their Provincial or All-Ireland Club intermediate and Junior Football Championship.

Their Cúiste Chondae C.L.G can have a bye-law, that will allow these players to be regraded to play in their Intermediate and Junior Club Championship the following year. GAA Official Code 10.8 and Rule 3.28 T.O 2023 to be amended accordingly and all other relevant rules.

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This was proposed by Barney Allen

Seconded by Michael Heery

That GAA Official Guide Rule 6.11 be amended to read:

INTER-COUNTY

Minor (Under 17): A player shall have celebrated **their 16th birthday prior** to January 1st and their 17th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year. (i.e. Final Year Minors only)

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This was proposed by Conor O'Donoghue

Seconded by Ciarán Flynn

ix. Close of Meeting.

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Ciarán Ó Floinn

Rúnaí Coiste na Mí C.L.G.

References:

- a) [GAA Official Guide Part 1 \(November 23\)](#)
- b) [GAA Official Codes \(Special Congress 30-09-23\)](#)
- c) [Meath Bye-Laws 2023 \(Approved – 27-01-23\)](#)
- d) [GAA Governance Guide](#)