



Minutes of Comhairle Laighean Convention 2013

Leinster Convention was held in Áras Laighean Portlaoise on the 18th of January 2014. The attendance was as follows:

Aileen Lawlor

Rachel Hogan Chairperson

Sarah Conroy Secretary

Patsy Hetherington Treasurer

Pat Martin Acting Development Officer

Gerry O'Sullivan P.R.O

Brigid Carney Registrar

Mary Connor Louth

Catherine Neary Fixtures

Hilda Breslin Fixtures

Joan Dunphy T.H.D.C

Breda Donnelly T.H.D.C

Delegates from

Wicklow, Kildare, Offaly, Meath, Kilkenny, Westmeath, Dublin, Carlow and Louth.

Apologies from Nat Pearson, Pj Fulham, Joan O'Flynn, Helen Collier and Laois.

Chairperson Rachel Hogan opened the meeting and expressed apologies from those not in attendance. She welcomed all officers and delegates from each County and guests. She thanked all Officers and committee members for all their work in 2013. She stated of how Leinster had met with the Leinster Ladies Football Board and how there were no clashes with any Leinster Fixture for 2014, but Counties were to be mindful in looking to change fixtures not to clash with the Football and she asked all Counties to liaise with the Football board within their own Counties. She congratulated Mullinavat Kilkenny, Ballyhale Kilkenny and Myshall Carlow on their Leinster Club Championship success. She went on to congratulate Myshall on their second All Ireland Junior Club Championship win, and she wishes Mullinavat and Ballyhale the best of luck in the All Ireland semi finals on the 2nd of February. She congratulated Leinster Officers on hosting the Gael Linn and the successful Under 14 Development Blitz, she thanked Portlaoise Gaa Club for the use of their facilities, and Laois Gaa and Kilkenny Gaa for the use of their County grounds, She also thanked Kilkenny Gaa for their support with the Leinster Club Championship Finals in Nowlan Park. She thanked the Leinster T.H.D.C and encouraged all Counties and

Clubs to attend the Nation T.H.D.C review in February because Counties need to tighten up on the rules. She thanked the Acting Development Officer Pat Martin for stepping into the role last year and felt that Counties were taking their foot off the pedal and relying too much on their R.D.O's to organize Development in their Counties. She thanked Gerry and Bronagh for all their work with the media. She stated that she realized that there were problems within Counties filling positions and she urged Counties to let us know if they are having issues. She congratulated Dublin Camogie on their involvement in the Gathering, Dublin did Leinster proud. She once again thanked all the Officers for all their work and commitment and informed the meeting that Nat Pearson was stepping down as Vice Chairperson and that he thanked all the Counties and Officers for their support in his term as Vice Chairperson of Leinster Council and that he is here to help. She extended her sympathies to any member who suffered bereavement in 2013 and wished all Counties the best of Luck for 2014.

President Aileen Lawlor then addressed the convention. She congratulated Leinster on their Development and on winning 9 All Irelands in 2013. She congratulated them on their Blitz's, she stated that Blitz's don't happen on their own and a lot of work went into organizing them. She congratulated the counties on their All Star and Soaring star successes in 2013. She thanked the counties for their support in the Affiliation motion for last years congress and she now urged club's not to charge extra for membership. She hoped that on line registration would be soon used for convenience. She informed the meeting of the up-coming training day's for P.R.O's and T.H.D.C and the plan to hold a Registrar training day. The Camogie Association is 110 year old this year and the occasion was being marked in some form. She urged all counties to nominate people for the up coming awards (Media and Volunteer). She spoke of the One Club Module and asked for the Counties support in the motion at congress to look further into the structure of the One Club, we are a field sport with not many fields and if we want to be part of change and have our say we will have to be part of the one club. She thanked all the volunteers and Staff of the Camogie Association and wished all the best for 2014 and finished by thanking Leinster for their invitation to Convention.

Standing Orders were then adopted proposed by Gerry O'Sullivan, seconded by Dublin.

The minutes of last years Convention were taken as read proposed by Kilkenny and seconded by Westmeath. There were no matters arising.

Secretary gave a detailed report of the past years successes both National and within Leinster, she wished all club's and Counties the best of luck in the coming season and thanked all who helped and supported her in her role as Secretary especially her fellow Officers. She thanked the Fixtures and T.H.D.C committees for all their assistance and looked forward to working with them in 2014. She extended her sympathies to any member who suffered bereavement in 2013.

Secretary's report was proposed by Offaly, seconded by Wexford.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer Patsy Hetheron gave a detailed report and income and expenditure for 2013, she drew everyone's attention to the increase in gate takings and put this down to the use of County grounds for Final's or any pitch with a turnstile. She pointed out the increase in Expenses but assured the meeting that this was due to Leinster increasing the mileage from 25c to 40c. She thanked all that helped her and gave a closing balance of over €30,000.

Treasurer's report was proposed by Dublin, seconded by Meath.

Development Report.

Pat Martin apologies to the meeting as his report had been corrupted on his computer and he would furnish each County with it at a later date. He did however give out a sample of the proposal by Leinster Council to give back 50% of membership funds to the Counties for Development in 2014. He expressed Leinster's plan to run one under 14 Blitz and this and the other August Blitz to be either under 13 or under 15. He informed of planned training days for referees, officers and registrars and he urged counties to work with their R.D.O's.

Proposed by Carlow, seconded by Wexford.

P.R.O's Report.

Gerry gave a report on his work with the media in 2013 to promote Camogie and where possible he produced a match program. He thanked those that put together the program for the Leinster Club Finals and for the presentation on the day in Nowlan Park Kilkenny. He informed the meeting of the Leinster Camogie Website which he hopes will be in operation in the next few months and that he is finalizing the site at the end of the month, this site will be able to be ran both on P.C and mobile. He urged all counties to attend the National P.R.O's training day on the 8th of February in Croke Park and also urged counties to nominate people for any upcoming media awards.

Catherine Neary and Joan Dunphy were then elected as Tellers.

Motions:

Where there is a play off required at National League / All Championship Level game to be played at a neutral venue. **Carlow Passed 22 for.**

Amend rule 28.4 A player must meet the following age criteria in order to be eligible to participate in competitions

U 12 Be under 12 and over 8

U 14 Be under 14 and over 10

U 16 Be under 16 and over 12

U 18 Be under 18 and over 14

Adult Be over 15 except in the case of inter-county competitions where a player must be over 16

Under means that a player must be under the age limit by midnight on the 31st December of the year prior to the championship year e.g to play U16 a player must be aged 15 years or under on the 31st December prior to the championship year .

Over means a player must be over the age limit by midnight 31st December of the year prior to the championship(e.g. to play under 14 a player must be 10 years of age on the 31st December prior to the championship year)

For breaches of the above rule, the penalty is the awarding of the game to the opposing team where applicable and a suspension of up to six months to the person(s) in charge of the team in which the breach is committed. (Ref rule 44 for player playing illegally)

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Wexford 9 for 11 against motion lost.

Amend rule 21.2 Every club affiliated to An Cumann Camogaiochta is required to purchase two adult tickets for All Ireland camogie finals in Croke Park

To read Every club affiliated to An Cumann Camogaiochta is required to purchase one adult ticket for All Ireland camogie finals in Croke Park

Wexford 1 for 14 against Motion Lost

That the clubs from counties that compete for the O Duffy cup must Compete in the senior All Ireland club championship.

Wexford 4 for 10 against Motion Lost.

That the under 16 and under 18 All Ireland series revert to the original format of provincial competitions with the winners progressing to the All Ireland semi-finals and final.

Wexford 1 for 16 Against Motion Lost.

Fixtures:

The first round draws were drew for all competitions from Under 16 right up to Senior. A fixtures booklet was being produced this year and all counties were asked to send in their contacts to Secretary A.S.A.P. There was no draw for the Club Championship this to be done at the first meeting of the year as the grading is not being done nationally until the 1st of February. Draws were as follows:

Senior: Offaly V Kilkenny, Wexford V Dublin

Intermediate: Preliminary Rd: Wexford 2 V Kildare (Winner A)

Dublin 2 V Winner A, Meath V Kilkenny 2

Junior: Preliminary Rd: Carlow V Dublin 3 (Winner A)

Laois V Winner A, Offaly V Westmeath

Under 18 A: Offaly V Dublin, Wexford V Kilkenny.

Under 18 B: Grp A: Meath V Kildare, Laois a Bye

Under 18 B Grp B: Dublin V Louth or Bye, Carlow V Westmeath.

Under 16 A: Kilkenny V Offaly. Wexford V Dublin.

Under 16 B Grp A: Wicklow V Meath, Kildare V Westmeath.

Under 16 B Grp B: Laois V Carlow, Dublin V Louth or Bye.

Catherine Neary then spoke and once again thanked Leinster for there endorsement and asked Counties once again for their support in her campaign for President. She spoke of how Leinster being the biggest province should stick together and we would have more power.

Date of next convention: 17th January 2015.

This concluded the meeting.

Sarah Conroy
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