

Cumann Iomán agus Peíl Éire Óg an t-Aonaigh



*Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, November 15th, 2023
At 8pm
In The Abbey Court Hotel*



Annual Report 2023

Agenda

- 1) Minutes of 2022 AGM
- 2) Secretary's Report
- 3) Juvenile Sub Committee Report
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Chairperson's Address and Presentation
- 6) Election of Officers
- 7) Motions
- 8) AOB

Nominations

Chairperson:	Tom Gleeson	Nominated by John Tooher Seconded by Matt Lillis
Vice-Chairperson:	John Tooher	Nominated by Catherine McTiernan Seconded by Tom Gleeson
Secretary:	Catherine McTiernan	Nominated by Matt Lillis Seconded by Anne Kennedy
Treasurer:	Jim Nagle	Nominated by Seamus Cleary Seconded by John Tooher
PRO:	Ella Carey	Nominated by Anne Kennedy Seconded by Enda O'Sullivan
Club Registrar	Enda Long	Nominated by John Tooher Seconded by Liam Heffernan

Club Officers 2023

Presidents:	Michael Hynes, Jimmy Morris Paudie O Kennedy	Juvenile Club Chairperson:	Niall Cahill
Juvenile Secretary:	John Kennedy	Juvenile Treasurer:	Mel Gleeson
Chairperson:	John Tooher	Club Registrar:	Enda Long
Vice-Chair:	Tom Gleeson	Juvenile PRO:	Elaine McWeeney
Secretary:	Catherine McTiernan	Child Welfare/ASAP Officer:	Eileen Kennedy
Treasurer:	Josephine Mackey	School Liaison Officer:	Shane Hennessy
PRO:	Anne Kennedy	Website:	Seán McTiernan
Juvenile Club Rep:	John Kennedy	County Board Rep:	Enda Costello
North Board Rep:	Martin Morris	Health and Safety Advisor:	Liam Quinn

In addition, Michael Ryan served on the North Bórd Senior CCC in 2023 and Jimmy Minogue was Tipperary County Vice-Chairman in 2023.



Minutes of 2022 AGM on November 30th 2022

In attendance; Martin Morris, Jimmy Morris, Noel Tomlinson, Tori Tomlinson, Rory O Farrell, Jimmy Minogue, Eamonn Brennan, Séamus Cleary, Enda Costello, Eddie Sheary, Neilie Corbett, Shane Connolly, Josephine Mackey, Matt Lillis, Jim Kennedy, Mikey Ryan, Tom Gleeson, Shane Hennessy, Seamus Houlihan, Jim Nagle, Anne Kennedy, Tom Boland, John Kennedy, James O Dwyer, Paudie O Kennedy, Enda Long, Elaine McWeeney, Liam Heffernan, Conor O Donovan, Paul Ryan. Apologies, Páraic Harty, Phil Hennessy, Mel Gleeson.

Minutes of the A.G.M. 2021 were passed with no Matters Arising.

Proposed - Eddie Sheary

Seconded - Mikey Ryan

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary's Report was taken as read.

Proposed - Anne Kennedy

Seconded - Noelle Tomlinson

Juvenile Report.

The Juvenile Chairperson's Report was read by Niall Cahill with a synopsis of the Juvenile Secretary's Report being read by Tom Gleeson. Both were thanked for their excellent updates on the juvenile division. They were praised on their forward thinking and planning, in particular in relation to the difference between training and coaching and training at a juvenile level.

Treasurer's Report.

Josephine Mackey as Treasurer discussed the income and expenses accounts that were handed out. Full accounts were available upon request from Séamus Houlihan. John Tooher highlighted the field project figures which, upon query, were noted to only include the field and security fencing.

Proposed - Shane Connolly

Seconded - Enda Costello

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson, John Tooher welcomed the members back to an in-person AGM. He outlined the rationale behind the clubs updated Code of Practice and Coaching Manual which would be launched on Dec 3rd with Eamon O'Shea as guest speaker. They would provide clarity in our aims in both sporting and social contexts with respect for all involved being at the core of our club ethos.

He acknowledged the army of volunteers that supported the club in 2022 and offered them praise and thanks. John displayed his org chart on how the Club Executive would be set up in 2023, abiding by Croke Park rules but noted that full members meetings would continue to be held to keep members up to date with club activities.

Updates were given on the field and development project. We received the maximum Sports Capital Grant allocation of €150k and an independent tender board was put in place to oversee contractor appointments. Decisions made throughout the year were explained and these had been ratified at Executive meetings throughout the year. The community walkway will be worked on in 2023.

Conor O'Donovan was thanked for organising the 1995 Senior County Final 25 year celebrations in Thurles following Covid postponements, with thanks also given to the County Bórd.

The Chairperson signed off by committing to his targets on and off the field. He thanked everyone for their support and generosity of spirit.

Election Of Officers

As unopposed, all officers were deemed as elected.

Proposed - Enda Costello

Seconded - Matt Lillis

Adoption of The Club Code Of Conduct

Proposed - Tom Gleeson

Seconded - Eddie Sheary

There was unanimous agreement in the room for this proposal.

Coaching and Games Development

Shane Hennessy informed the room of coaching development in 2022, including schools coaching by Pa McCormack and multiple blitzes held. He outlined the work done by the coaching committee on our new Games Development manual which was presented to the members for approval.

Proposed - John Kennedy

Seconded - Jim Nagle

There was unanimous agreement in the room for this proposal.

A.O.B.

Jimmy Morris wished to propose motions to be sent forward to the County Bórd convention but as that deadline had passed, this was not possible.

There was an open floor discussion on the status of football in the club. It was agreed that improvements were necessary and would be looked at in 2023. This would also need to be reviewed at North Juvenile and Senior Bórd level to help clubs.

There was praise and commendation from the floor for the work of the various club officers for their reports and work behind the scenes.

Jimmy Minogue was congratulated by all on his appointment as County Bórd Vice-chairperson.

This concluded the meeting with the Chairperson wishing all a happy and healthy 2023.



The late Mick Burns R.I.P. being carried aloft with the Frank McGrath Cup in 1964



Motions

- Motion 1. We propose the introduction of a new technical playing rule in hurling to be known as rule 4.2(c), which will state that it is a foul:
To either hand-pass the ball or palm the ball directly from the same hand that is holding the ball.
Proposed, Conor O Donovan. Seconded, Michael Cleary.
- Motion 2. Following a breakdown in play during a game, the game should be restarted with a maximum of four players, two from each team, with all other players returning to their start of match positions.
Proposed, Jimmy Morris. Seconded, Martin Morris
- Motion 3. Breaches of regulation in the directives set out for inter-county and inter-club games regarding playing of the National Anthem prior to games should result in a fine to be determined by CCCC.
Proposed, Jimmy Morris. Seconded, Martin Morris.
- Motion 4. In my capacity as the Coaching Officer of Nenagh Éire Óg, I am putting forth a proposal for the immediate formation of a subcommittee. This subcommittee's primary task will be to investigate the feasibility of repurposing a portion of the complex to serve as a temporary solution to our current gym/S&C facility constraints. This initiative is intended to be executed during the Q4 2023.
Proposed, Shane Hennessy. Seconded, Conor Ryan
- Motion 5. Nenagh Éire Óg membership offering should be expanded to include three weekly Lotto tickets, one weekly Lotto ticket, Tipp Draw and Gym or a combination of the above I am proposing a €20 increase in membership across the board.
Proposed new membership rates:
Students/Unemployed/OAP €50
Adults €70
Juveniles €50
Family package of two adults plus children €120
Family package of one adult plus children €100
Proposed, Shane Hennessy, Seconded, Enda Long.
- Motion 6. I propose that two former greats of Nenagh, Frank R. Maloney (deceased 1941) and Mick Burns (deceased 2023) should be accorded suitable and appropriate recognition for their contribution to local and national G.A.A. Frank R. Maloney, as attached, convened the meeting to form the first GAA club in Nenagh, organised and refereed the first North Tipperary game, was present when the GAA rules were drafted in January 1885, appointed Vice President of GAA in 1886 (proposed by Cusack and seconded by JK Bracken), later Secretary of Nenagh, North Tipperary, and County Bórd Chairman.
*See Appendix 1.
Proposed, Hugh Maloney, Seconded, Paudie O Kennedy.

Secretary's Report 2023

2023 was another successful year for the club with the senior hurlers capturing back to back North Tipperary senior hurling titles for the first time since 1992/93. Thank you to all management groups and backroom teams for your dedication this year. Further developments were made on our new pitch in Streame which we hope to have operational in 2025. This will provide further room for development and expansion for the club while our juvenile and camogie sections continue to expand and grow which guarantees an exciting future for all involved in Nenagh Éire Óg.



North Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions 2023

North Senior Hurling Championship 2023

Senior Hurling Management: Seamus Cleary, Michael Cleary, Johnny Kelly, Timmy Dalton

Sunday 9th July 2023

Hibernian Inn North Senior Hurling Championship Quarter Final

Nenagh Éire Óg 0-24

Toomevara 0-21

Venue: Dolla Referee: Peter Carroll

Saturday 15th July 2023

Hibernian Inn North Senior Hurling Championship Semi Final

Nenagh Éire Óg 2-24

Templederry Kenyons 2-16

Venue: Cloughjordan Referee: Tom Mc Glinchey

Saturday 22nd July 2023

Hibernian Inn North Senior Hurling Championship Final

Nenagh Éire Óg 0-21

Kiladangan 0-17

Venue: Dolla Referee: Alan Tierney



County Senior Hurling League

Friday 17th Mar 2023

FBD Insurance - County Tipperary Hurling League - Div 1 - Group 1 Round 1

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-6

JK Brackens 2-17

Venue: MacDonagh Park Referee: Gerry Treacy

Sunday 2nd Apr 2023

FBD Insurance - County Tipperary Hurling League - Div 1 - Group 1 Round 2

Thurles Sarsfields 2-29

Nenagh Éire Óg 2-18

Venue: Toor Killinan Referee: Seamus Delaney

Sunday 16th Apr 2023

FBD Insurance - County Tipperary Hurling League - Div 1 - Group 1 Round 3

Nenagh Éire Óg 2-18

Drom and Inch 2-24

Venue: MacDonagh Park Referee: Joe Leahy

Sunday 30th Apr 2023

FBD Insurance - County Tipperary Hurling League - Div 1 - Group 1 Round 4

Toomevara 0-21

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-25

Venue: Saint Michaels Park Toomevara Referee: Gerry Treacy

Sunday 14th May 2023

FBD Insurance - County Tipperary Hurling League - Div 1 - Group 1 Round 5

Nenagh Éire Óg 3-20

Kilruane MacDonaghs 0-14

Venue: MacDonagh Park Referee: Peter Carroll

County Senior Hurling Championship

Saturday 29th Jul 2023

FBD Insurance - County Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship - Group 1 Round 1

Drom and Inch 2-19

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-20

Venue: Templemore Referee: Conor Doyle

Saturday 12th Aug 2023

FBD Insurance - County Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship - Group 1 Round 2

JK Brackens 1-15

Nenagh Éire Óg 5-15

Venue: Dolla Referee: Kevin Jordan

Sunday 27th Aug 2023

FBD Insurance - County Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship - Group 1 Round 3

Mullinahone 2-21

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-16

Venue: Templetuohy Referee: Michael Kennedy

Saturday 9th Sep 2023

FBD Insurance - County Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship Preliminary Quarter Final

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-23

Thurles Sarsfields 1-27

Venue: Borrisoleigh Referee: Conor Doyle



Junior A Hurling

#	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Toomevara	2	2	0	0	71	49	4
2	Nenagh Éire Óg	2	1	1	0	54	52	2
3	Kilruane MacDonaghs	2	0	2	0	43	67	0

North Tipp Junior A Hurling League G1

Junior-A Hurling Management: Shane Connolly, Jim Nagle, Michael McNamara

Friday 26th May 2023

North Tipp Junior A Hurling League G1 Round 1

Nenagh Éire Óg 0-28

Kilruane MacDonaghs 2-14

Venue: MacDonagh Park Referee: Alan Tierney

Friday 9th Jun 2023

North Tipp Junior A Hurling League G1 Round 3

Nenagh Éire Óg 2-20

Toomevara 2-26

Venue: Saint Michaels Park Toomevara Referee: Tommy Ryan

Friday 23rd June 2023

North Tipp Junior A Hurling League Final

Nenagh Éire Óg 2-19

Roscrea 1-23

North Junior A Hurling Championship

Watch Centre Nenagh North Junior A Hurling Championship

#	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Ballinahinch	5	5	0	0	129	70	10
2	Toomevara	5	3	2	0	112	114	6
3	Roscrea	5	2	2	1	93	115	5
4	Nenagh Éire Óg	5	2	3	0	99	97	4
5	Kilruane MacDonaghs	5	1	3	1	99	117	3
6	Borris-Ileigh	5	1	4	0	76	95	2

Friday 30th Jun 2023

Watch Centre Nenagh North Junior A Hurling Championship Round 1

Nenagh Éire Óg 2-19

Roscrea 1-12

Venue: Borrisoleigh Referee: Ciaran O'Donovan

Friday 7th Jul 2023

Watch Centre Nenagh North Junior A Hurling Championship Round 2

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-10

Borris-Ileigh 0-05

Venue: Shallee Referee: Philip Kelly



Friday 14th Jul 2023

Watch Centre Nenagh North Junior A Hurling Championship Round 3

North Tipp Junior A Championship

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-23

Kilruane MacDonaghs 3-18

Venue: Toomevara Referee: Pat O Mahony

Friday 21st Jul 2023

Watch Centre Nenagh North Junior A Hurling Championship Round 4

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-08

Ballinahinch 3-14

Venue: Toomevara Referee: Gerry Treacy

Friday 4th Aug 2023

Watch Centre Nenagh North Junior A Hurling Championship Round 5

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-21

Toomevara 2-21

Venue: Cloughjordan Referee: Alan Tierney

Friday 18th Aug 2023

Watch Centre Nenagh Semi-final

Nenagh Éire Óg 0-05

Ballinahinch 2-19

Venue: Toomevara Referee Peter Carroll

North Tipp Junior B Hurling League 2023

North Tipp Junior B Hurling League G1

#	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Kiladangan	3	3	0	0	75	51	6
2	Portroe	3	1	1	1	37	39	3
3	Nenagh Éire Óg	3	1	1	1	46	55	3
4	Borrisokane	3	0	3	0	29	42	0

Junior-B Hurling Management: Conor Ryan, Cian Tucker, Shane Connolly

Sunday 7th May 2023

North Tipp Junior B Hurling League G1 Round 1

Portroe 1-09

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-09

Venue: Portroe Referee: Brendan Ryan

Friday 12th May 2023

North Tipp Junior B Hurling League G1 Round 2

Nenagh Éire Óg 3-11

Borrisokane 2-11

Venue: Nenagh Referee: Patrick Murray



Saturday 20th May 2023

North Tipp Junior B Hurling League G1 Round 3

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-11

Kiladangan 2-20

Venue: Puckane Referee: Peter Carroll

Watch Centre North Junior B Hurling Championship 2023

Watch Centre North Junior B Hurling G3 Championship

#	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Knockshegowna Gaa	3	3	0	0	37	29	6
2	Béal An Átha	3	2	1	0	63	48	4
3	Portroe	3	1	2	0	45	45	2
4	Nenagh Éire Óg	3	0	3	0	27	50	0

Sunday 25th Jun 2023

Watch Centre North Junior B Hurling G3 Championship Round 1

Nenagh Éire Óg 0-16

Portroe 0-18

Venue: Portroe Referee: Tommy Ryan

Watch Centre North Junior B Hurling G3 Championship Round 2

Nenagh Éire Óg CON

Knockshegowna 0-0

Venue: MacDonagh Park Referee:

Sunday 16th Jul 2023

Watch Centre North Junior B Hurling G3 Championship Round 3

Béal An Átha 3-23

Nenagh Éire Óg 0-11

Venue: Ballina Referee: Tom Mc Glinchey

North Tipp U19 A Hurling Championship

Ger Gavin U19A Hurling

#	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	Béal An Átha	4	3	0	1	96	58	7
2	Nenagh Éire Óg	4	3	1	0	83	71	6
3	Toomevara	4	2	1	1	75	61	5
4	Roscrea	4	1	3	0	68	98	2
5	Borris-Ileigh	4	0	4	0	48	82	0



U19 Hurling Management: Cian Tucker, Adam Gratton, Mark Flannery, Mark Long

Ger Gavin U19A Hurling Round 1

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-17

Toomevara 0-16

Venue: MacDonagh Park Referee: Mark Gennery

Wednesday 26th Jul 2023

Ger Gavin U19A Hurling Round 3

Nenagh Éire Óg 4-19

Borris-Ileigh 2-14

Venue: Borrisoleigh Referee: Pat O Mahony

Wednesday 2nd Aug 2023

Ger Gavin U19A Hurling Round 4

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-19

Roscrea 1-15

Venue: MacDonagh Park Referee: Peter Carroll

Wednesday 9th Aug 2023

Ger Gavin U19A Hurling Round 5

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-07

Béal An Átha 2-11

Venue: Ballina Referee: Philip Kelly

Wednesday 9th Aug 2023

Ger Gavin U19A Hurling Round 5

Nenagh Éire Óg 1-07

Béal An Átha 2-11

Venue: Ballina Referee: Philip Kelly

North Tipperary U21 A Hurling Championship

Under-21 Hurling Management: Seamus Cleary, Michael Cleary, Hugh Maloney, Jake Morris, Conor Ryan

Sunday 29th October 2023

North Tipperary U21A Hurling Quarter-final

Nenagh Éire Óg 0-14

Toomevara 1-12

Venue: Borrisoleigh Referee: Gerry Treacy



North Tipperary U21 A Hurling 2023

Filip McIntyre



North Tipperary Junior A Hurling 2023

Top: Taurai Shayanewako. Below left: Brian Tuíte, right, Cían Connolly.





*North Tipperary Junior B Hurling 2023
Brian Maxwell*



*North
Tipperary
Senior
Hurling
Final 2023
Man of the
Match
Conor
Hennessy*

Field and Match Day Committees



A full stand at Tipp V Clare on January 8th

Sincere thanks to Jim Kennedy, Matt Lillis, Shane Connolly, Bartley Ryan and to all of the grounds-workers for their invaluable work all year, most of which goes unseen. Our first match this year was Tipp V Clare senior hurling on January 8th. Our final one was on November 5th when we hosted the Munster QF between Lorrha/Dorrha and Corofin, Clare, with numerous games in between but standards never slipping. Thanks to Shane Hennessy and Enda O’Sullivan for coordinating the field bookings this year.

In tandem to the groundskeepers efforts, under the guidance of Mary-Jo O’Reilly, the ‘Match Day Squad’ are a well oiled machine! From parking, to shop, to Lotto sellers, to trouble-shooting the hundred and one things that pop up on big match days, nothing is beyond this group of people. Weekends quietly given up to promote Nenagh Éire Óg and the GAA ethos. The reward for it though is friendship and camaraderie. Not easy things to find. We are always on the lookout for new people to volunteer so please just let us know if you would like to help out. The rewards are worth it.

John Tooher, Chairperson for the last four years, is stepping back a row to Vice-chair this year and he has truly earned it. Once again, to the majority, it is unseen work but those of us in the know have long wondered how many hours are in his day. The challenging developments that he has overseen and will continue to oversee will ensure the future of Nenagh Éire Óg. We all owe him a huge debt of gratitude that he has managed to achieve so much in a relatively short time. Personally, I’m happy that he isn’t going far as I would miss the laughter. Also stepping sideways this year are Anne Kennedy and Josephine Mackey. Two of the best people I have ever worked with. Again, I’m delighted that they will still be around. I have no fear that the three new officers will be more than capable of the tasks ahead and I offer them my full support in 2024.

Caítríona Mhíic Thighearnáin,
Runaí



JUVENILE SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023

The year gone by has been another busy one for Nenagh Éire Óg Juvenile Club, both on and off the field. With over 200 boys participating across all our age groups, starting with those who took part in our annual Éire Ógres event aged U5 all the way up to U17, the playing pitches and astroturf have been a hive of activity all season with both hurling and football been played. Some silverware was won in the competitive ages by our U13A footballers who won the North title and by our U15 footballers who won the Féile Peil Division 2 County title which qualified this group for the regional final, an event hosted by the club on July 1st which proved a great success and made a very positive impression on the visiting clubs on the day.

There continues to be great work done in our Primary schools with a strong link to the club now established with all five schools in our parish and the aim is to grow our numbers in the club, with this link to the schools hugely important in achieving this objective. With our coaching committee also doing great work, it is imperative that we provide a high standard of coaching to all our kids across the board.

Below is a summary of activities across all our age groups through the year.

Under 5 :

Our under 5 boys had a great year again this year which ran from mid May to early September. We focused on getting the boys to enjoy the training through functional movement games but we introduced the hurleys early in the year to make the matches part of the fun.

We trained every Saturday morning over the summer and we had three very successful blitzes during the year. We played the Silvermines home and away and finished up our season with a home blitz against Newport in MacDonagh park in early September.

We had 20-22 boys for each blitz which shows how consistent the attendance was throughout the year and we had a medal presentation after the Newport game to celebrate the effort the boys put in.

The coaching team was large this year which was great as this made it easier to give the kids the direction and interaction needed to ensure the training sessions flowed smoothly. The team was made up of John Donohoe, Eoin O'Connor, John Hayes, Paraic Shanahan, Michelle Long, Michael Cronin, Michael Gleeson, Leonard Ryan, Kevin Mulryan, Kieran O'Donoghue and many others who helped during the year.

There was a big effort put in at the start of the year by Shane, Elaine, Niall, Enda and others through engagement on social media and with the junior schools which was brilliant.

Under 7 :

The first session of the U7s was held on Saturday March 25th. This session was held on the club astroturf and was followed by three more sessions which focused on 'Fundamental Movements'. On April 22 we moved to the pitch and started at the later time of 10am for a duration of 1 hour. Here we began to combine hurling and football skills with some of the drills used in the first four weeks. This combination proved successful, as the boys had a base from the fun games of the initial sessions, while also being introduced to some of the basic skills of hurling and football, in a safe fun environment.

On June 7th we introduced a second mid-week session on a Wednesday evening. We continued with this mid-week session through the Summer until the boys went back to school in early September. During the season the boys participated in ten blitzes. These blitzes were diverse, with one being a most enjoyable one against our U8 club Camogie team. We also participated in two North Tipperary Go Games in Dr. Morris Park in Thurles, one hurling and one football. Most opposing teams were willing to play teams of mixed ability. All in all, the boys thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play matches.

The season drew to a close on September 30th with a fun morning in the complex. We organised a variety of fun games for the boys along with some treats to finish our year. A total of 41 boys played throughout the Summer and it is hoped that these young players will return to play at both U9 and U7 next year.

Many thanks to the parents and guardians of the boys throughout the season. A special word of thanks to the coaches who shared their expertise and gave so generously of their time to ensure that the U7 set-up ran smoothly, namely Erica Flanagan, Niall Murray, Michael Corrigan, Noel Maloney, Anthony Whyte, Kevin Sherlock, Michael Gilmartin, Mike Ryan, Donna Mitchell, John Donohoe and Kevin O'Meara.



Under 9 :

Training began on February 18th, with a six week block of fundamental movement games on the astroturf on Saturday mornings. Following this, they moved to field training/blitzes on Saturday mornings for the rest of the year up to October 14th when we played our final blitz against Ahane.

We introduced our first mid-week training on April 25th, continuing with those sessions up to September 19th.

Throughout the year, the boys played 17 blitzes starting on May 4th, with 12 of these hurling only, 1 Gaelic football and 4 mixed between the two.

34 boys played with this group during the year. Some boys featured at varying intervals but most were involved throughout the year. The panel was an even mix of ages between 1st year and 2nd year at this age and for the most part we were competitive in all the blitzes.

The highlight of the year was when the boys got the opportunity to run out and play a game in Semple Stadium in September!

Thanks to all nine coaches who helped throughout the year and these were : Denis Mulcahy, Derek Ryan, Mike Condon, Sarah Dervan, Alan Heffernan, Donna Mitchell, Steve Smyth, David Hogan and Alan Kelly.

Under 11 :

Our U11 group started training in mid January with six weeks of athletic training to begin with. Hurling and football training commenced on the astroturf after that and continued right up to mid October. We had 39 boys who played with us during the year as well as 5 U9s who helped out in a small number of games. Some boys featured at varying intervals during the year but most of our group were involved throughout the year. Our panel was also quite young with much higher numbers born in 2013 than in 2012.

We played 18 hurling external matches/blitzes and 5 football matches/blitzes. We played nearly all of the North Tipp teams as well as Mid Tipp teams, JK Brackens, Drom & Inch and Holycross, clubs from other counties namely Ahane, Murroe, Monaleen from Limerick, Ballyboden and St. Vincents from Dublin and Newmarket-on-Fergus from Clare.

On the hurling front we mixed up the boys for a large portion of games but also graded 2 teams in the North Tipp competition with one team in A and the other in D. The mixed teams were very competitive throughout the year. In the graded games the A team were competitive for the most part. The A grade is a high standard and our aim as a club is always to play and be competitive in the top division. The D teams did really well in all their games and hopefully this will stand to both grades in the future.

On the football front, the two teams in the Michael Hogan tournament back in May did very well with both teams getting to the final of their section. Games are harder to organise with neighbouring clubs but we were very competitive against Monaleen in preparation for the above tournament. We also played Newport and Kilruane in the North Tipp fixtures with both A and D teams competing well.

Parents were hugely supportive in every way from bringing the boys training, helping with food/hospitality for visiting teams and for travelling far and wide to different matches and tournaments.

Coaches involved for the year were: Mike Corrigan, Cathal Farrell, Brian O'Brien, Rory O'Farrell, Jason Farrell, Barry Grace, David Peters, Erica Flanagan, Pat Donnellan, Eoin Buckley, Derek Ryan .

Under 13 :

There were six weeks of athletics done with Denis Finnerty and Martin O'Grady before Christmas on the Nenagh Olympic indoor track. After Christmas we had six weeks of Athletic Development with Jack Hickey on the astroturf. Jack is a qualified PE teacher and is a high-level athlete. We entered 3 football teams with each of them reaching North Finals. The A team won the North final vs Newport in a classic and ran Boherlahan very close in a County semi -final. We played 6 official games. The C team played great football and lost to eventual county champions Portroe in the North final. This team played 5 official games. The D team won a cracker of a semi final vs Roscrea and lost out to Ballina (all their 2011 boys), the eventual county champions. This team played 6 official games. In all 42 kids (40 u13s and 2 u11s) all got game time in football. Challenge match against Portroe also at the start of the season.

We also organised a hurling trip by bus to Semple Stadium – the kids seeing Jake score a hat trick vs Waterford. We also organised another trip to Tipp senior football game vs Waterford. Paraic Sheehy won the Waterford manager's jersey after the game. Ronan Quinn represented the club and the Gaelscoil at half time in this match.

In hurling we put 3 teams out on the field for the first time. There were 42 kids (36 u13s and 6 u11s) getting games in hurling week in, week out, all playing at their appropriate level. We had a guest session with Barry Heffernan. We won the Murroe tournament. We had a guest coaching session with intercounty coach Andrew Kavanagh. Our D team reached the plate final. Serious improvement vs the start of the year with this team playing 10 official matches. The C team were very competitive beating a couple of clubs' first teams



(Shannon Rovers, Borrisoleigh, Borrisokane) and ran Ballinahinch to 6 points and Templederry to a point who won North & County titles. This group will be the backbone of the U13A team next year and having played 9 official matches will stand to them. The A team got to the North final and played 8 official matches.

There are 7 boys gone in for North Tipp hurling trials. Hopefully we will see a good number of the lads on the Tipp u14 squads this coming summer. There are 8 lads gone in for North Tipp football trials also.

There were a number of new boys playing hurling & football on their last year that didn't play before or in a few years. We had numerous good challenge games throughout the year against top teams namely Murroe, Cashel (West & Co champions), Durlas Óg (Mid champions), and Monaleen (Limerick champions). Also played Silvermines, Burgess and Clonakenny.

While disappointing not to win the North A final in hurling, in the context of the list above, the year was a definite success.

Thanks to all the management team for their efforts throughout the year. Huge thank you to the parents for their support all year travelling to training and matches. Big thanks also to the club for facilitating athletic development programmes and supports for the boys.

The management team were: Niall Cahill, Joe Sheehy, Denis Ley, Brian Duggan, James Smyth, Kieran Mullarkey, Eamon O'Brien, Shane Hennessy.

Under 15 :

Our U15's commenced training early in the year on the astroturf and given that these boys have now moved on to an older age grade, training, was increased significantly from their previous age groups. Danny Ryan supported us in Nenagh College for over 2 months in training and educated our players on stretching and exercising which was very successful and attendance was very strong throughout this training.

The year commenced with our football championship where we played Silvermines and Toomevara in the round robin stages recording a win and a draw. In the knockout stages we received a bye into the semi final where we played Newport and the boys were victorious after a titanic battle to qualify for the North final. We then played Ballina in the final the following week and again after a very tough game we just came up short by a goal with the boys leaving everything on the pitch.

The Féile football also took place at this time where Nenagh hosted our group comprising of Cahir, Killenaule and Aherlow. After all games were played the boys topped the group after some great displays which then resulted in them qualifying for the county semi final the following Monday in Dr. Morris Park. Our opponents on the day were Silvermines and after a blistering first half we were well in control and after taking the foot off the pedal we were very fortunate to come out on the right side by a point. Mullinahone were awaiting us in the final after they dispatched Aherlow in their semi final. The boys again started the final extremely quick and notched up very early scores to take control of the game and a lead that they would never relinquish. At the final whistle, the boys recorded a well deserved victory on a score of 4-4 to 1-7 to be county champions.

The county final success now meant that we qualified for a regional competition in late June and once again the club hosted this event on a glorious Saturday. Again, we were in a group of 4 with clubs from Laois, Kildare and Clare and after playing all three matches on very tight scorelines the boys qualified for the Plate semi-final and there to meet us were our county final opponents Mullinahone. Once again we beat Mullinahone and now qualified for the Plate final against the Clare champions St. Breckans. The final was very cagey and at halftime only a point separated us. However, as tiredness set in St. Breckans took control of the second half and ran out winners by 5 points.

The football was really the highlight of the year for this group given their performances above and what was most pleasing for the management was the standard of play throughout the three competitions and the fitness levels of our players.

Sponsorship was provided to the panel for the Féile Regional Competition and the management, players and parents would like to thank our sponsors Joe Mulqueen of Andy Flynn's, Brendan Gavin of Ger Gavin's and the Nenagh Éire Óg Juvenile Club who kindly provided togs, socks and Nenagh training tops for this competition.

The hurling season commenced in Clonoulty on a Saturday morning where our U15's were based for the Féile and our group comprised of Burgess, Ballingarry and Clonoulty. After the three matches the team finished second in the group and qualified for the county semi-final where we played Arravale Rovers. While the game was tight all through, Arravale finished the strongest and scored a goal in the last two minutes to run out winners by 6 points.



Attention now turned to the North Hurling Championship where all North teams agreed to play each other in a round robin series throughout the summer. This particular team would have struggled at U13's two years previously as the panel would only consist of 6 players on the age so this year would give both the players and management an indication of the progress made. We played Ballina, Roscrea, Toomevara, Kilruane, Newport, Kiladangan and Borrisoleigh in the early stages and to their credit the panel of players hurled extremely well throughout these matches and were very competitive which showed the significant progress the boys have made from two years ago.

The draw was made for the knockout stages and we were drawn in the preliminary quarter final against Burgess in Ballina. This match was keenly contested throughout and when it looked as if extra time beckoned, a point with the last puck of the ball saw us through on the night where Roscrea were waiting for us. The quarter final was played in Toomevara and once again the boys played out of their skins and after a high scoring game and a goal with the last puck of the game by our lads extra time of 10 minutes aside had to be played. Again, there was never much between both teams in extra time and with the seconds ticking away and Roscrea leading by a goal the boys launched one final attack but unfortunately with the last puck of the game, the Roscrea defender made a great save on the line to deny us a replay.

Overall this group of players had a fantastic year and the management were delighted with their competitiveness and progress in both hurling and football.

During the year, a large number of our players represented North Tipp in both Hurling and Football at U14 and U15 and we also had a number of players that progressed to the represent their county in both hurling and football in both age groups which was a great achievement and experience for these boys.

Management for the year included, Kevin Tucker, Christy McLoughlin, Anthony White, Rory O'Farrell, Stevie Ryan and Darragh Quinn.

U17

The gym programme was a very good success in that some boys would never have been in that environment before and that's something that will be explored a lot more over the coming year.

Thanks to Gary and Danny there for all their help/knowledge.

First and foremost, U17 as a group this year was extremely challenging in terms of a very tight panel of players (14) before going to the 15's players.

Then we had a lot of set backs as the year went on in terms of injuries and serious injuries at that, that came at the cost of not being able to fulfil all our league and 2 championship games unfortunately, and when we did play games, the team was made up of a lot of u15 players.

But on the playing side of it we had a couple of great wins in the county league where the lads dug very deep to grind out wins in very tight games against Boherlahan and Gortnahoe.

We played a really good challenge game against Castlegar where the lads played extremely well and got the win.

Championship

Injuries became very prominent and it was extremely challenging as we had to play a lot of under 15's.

We failed to fulfil 2 championship fixtures due to lack of numbers.

We played Toomevara, Ballina, Moneygall/Clonakenny, Silvermines.

I suppose to be fair to the players they gave everything and were in most of these championship games up to half time.

We weren't able to field a team to enter in the 17's football championship.

The management team of Greg, Derek, Darragh, James and Mikey would like to thanks all the players and our first aider Bartley for their commitment throughout the year, and also the 15's management for facilitating us with players to fulfil fixtures.

John Kennedy
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Nenagh Éire Óg U13 Panel 2023



Nenagh Éire Óg Féile Panel 2023

Over 40s Social Hurling



Nenagh Éire Óg Over 40s Social Hurling Team

Back: Bartley Ryan, Deirdre O Connor, Christy McLoughlin, John Phelan, Paudie O Leary, Johnny Slattery, Shane Connolly, Enda Costello, Stephen Ryan, Conor O Donovan, Eddie Tucker,

Front: Niall Cahill, Mel Gleeson, John Kennedy, Anthony O Connor, Enda O Sullivan, Phil Hennessy, Kevin Tucker, Cyril Bailey, John Brennan.

During the months of June and August a group of Over 40's undertook a Social Hurling project under the 'GAA for Dads & Lads' programme, in the form of two teams of either 5-aside or 6-aside playing friendly games.

The games were of 20 minutes duration with 10 minute halves, goals only scoring, roll on/roll off subs, pitch area between the 20 metre line and the 65 metre line, all '65s' to be taken by way of a 13 metre penalty (ground stroke) and no hand-passing allowed.

There were 4 games played during the month of June and 5 games played during August.

The final game in June was attended by sports reporter Liam Hogan and by sports photographer Bridget Delaney, with a full page report along with some photographs subsequently featuring in the Nenagh Guardian newspaper, which stated "Nenagh's Social Hurling can become a national concept". This game was also videoed by camera operator Seán McTiernan with the recording submitted to Croke Park by the club's Health & Wellbeing Officer Deirdre Ní Loinsigh O'Connor under the Healthy Club Project.

In total 24 players participated in the project with ages ranging from the early 40's to the early 60's. Many thanks to Bartley Ryan who was our first aid officer throughout the games.

The project proved to be very enjoyable with everyone looking forward to doing it again in 2024.

Nenagh Handball Club



Nenagh Handball Club Féile Team 2023

Cian Hannon, Shane Gleeson, Eoin Hannon, Karl Boland

2023 was a year of recovery for Nenagh Handball Club. Being an indoor game, the sport of handball was affected by Covid Restrictions to a greater extent than outdoor sports. However, our club players took up where they left off, winning numerous North Titles. Cristóir Buckley and Cathal Carmody won the boys Under 10 Doubles North Final. Robbie O'Brien and Donagh Carmody won the Under 13 Doubles North Final and went on to only lose narrowly in the County Final. The Under 13 B North Final was won by James O'Dwyer. Lucyanne Cleary played some great handball to win the Girls Under 12 County Title, going on to lose out to Clare opposition in the Munster Championship. Steven McNamara won the Under 16 Singles North Title. The club also entered a team in the

All-Ireland Féile Na Gael in Galway and in October 2023 Karl Boland, Shane Gleeson and Cian Hannon were all selected to represent Tipperary in the Munster Team of 6 competition. Sinead Maher was part of the Irish Team who won the World Third Level Championships in Tucson Arizona. Sinead also won the National Intermediate Ladies Double competition for Tipperary in Croke Park.



Hurling All-Star Nominee 2023, Jake Morris of Tipperary in action against Tony Kelly of Clare. Pic: Ray McManus/Sportsfile



Chairperson's 2023 Address

I welcome you all here tonight to what is my last duty as your Club Chairperson having completed four years as chairperson and three years as club Treasurer. During these seven years I have been on a journey with you all that has been personally very rewarding and humbling with a fair sprinkle of stress which I may quickly add was from the events and not from any individual as at all times everyone was both gracious and kind without default and I hope that I have not betrayed at any stage a gift that I received so generously from everyone. The donation of your free time and advice is without question the greatest gift any club officer can receive and I got them both from you all in spades but more remarkably without any qualifications or demands.

This year I am obviously in a reflective mode but I have designed my report to also include a PowerPoint presentation which I hope will help to outline in detail our development programmes in a structured format that includes all the key areas.

When taking up the role as chairperson of the club in December 2019 I knew I was taking on an onerous challenge in the running of the club. However, I think you will agree with me that none of us envisaged the firestorm that was in store for us in March 2020 when the corona virus pandemic came knocking on all our doors. While we survived this horrible storm, I think it was a period of unparalleled stress and it is fair to state that we have at least, learned to adapt and we now have a very different set of ground rules.

The key stress during this period was without doubt the financial factor. At a meeting held on 30th June 2020, I gave a detailed financial breakdown, which was in all honesty a stark statement. However, at that meeting I was also able to report under the heading "Positive Fight Back by Club Members" and our second committee meeting was held on 1st October where I was able to report the successful relaunch of both our new Community Based Lotto and the Tipperary Draw. However, at that meeting I also repeated a statement which I had previously stated as club Treasurer at a committee meeting held on 25th April 2019. I will be repeating it tonight in my PowerPoint presentation as it still has to be a central plank to any future development programmes.

The reality for us in 2021 was that covid was still a major health concern and while we had vaccinations we still were not back into what we deem as our normal way of life. To the extent that at the time of writing my 2021 address we still didn't know if we could hold a normal meeting or if we might have to revert to a zoom meeting and unfortunately we were forced to hold our AGM availing of zoom.

So last year I was at last able to welcome everyone to our 2022 AGM and I was actually able to address you all in person and hopefully going forward we can leave the enforced zoom era behind us. Covid did have an impact on our operations during the year including the cancellation of the President's visit which had been originally planned for January but it was a year that thanks to the efforts of our medical friends and colleagues it allowed us to operate in a relatively covid free year.

2023 REVIEW

SEVEN TARGETS

At last year's AGM I made a commitment to focus on seven targets and I will give a brief update on how I fared under the following headings:

1. **Complete our new field** - The weather was such a frustrating factor and caused such unpredictable delays. Unfortunately it will now not be sown until Spring 2024
2. **The Senior Executive will work closer with our Juvenile Officers.** All my feedback is that Tommy Gleeson in his role as Vice Chairperson was at the helm at all times and gave tremendous support to our Juvenile Colleagues.
3. **Progress Community Walkway Project** - Reality is that until our new field is completed this project has to be deferred. Also, any County Council commitment is financial dependent and they predict that they will not have a budget until 2024 / 25
4. **Develop a robust Strength and Conditioning structure** - Gary Murphy (in conjunction with Danny Ryan for the juveniles) designed and provided a top class Strength and Conditioning programme that all players welcomed. Unfortunately we still had more than our fair share of injuries but some were incurred outside of any training programmes.



5. **Ensure that all teams have the required support and encouragement:** Consensus was we had a very effective management structure which embraced all players in every grade. Which culminated in us retaining our North Senior Champion status.
6. **Review all fund raising projects and explore new options within our One Club Structure.** - New ideas were explored and I will list them in my power point presentation
7. **Support all our volunteers** - I hope that I was supportive at all times to everyone

VOLUNTEERS

As usual there are too many examples of this support to name individuals so I will just highlight the areas, as I know everyone will then be able to identify the individuals.

- The wide group of ground staff who keep the grounds in immaculate conditions all year round despite having to at times manage our severe weather conditions.
- All our match day stewards including our Shop and Lotto sellers. The proud fact is that our match day stewards and our ground staff are the envy of all clubs within the county and I got the highest of praise from both our North and County officials during the year.
- Our Roster group who manage both the pitches and the Hurling wall, week in week out. They again this year can confirm for us the need for our new field because they have a very difficult portfolio to manage.
- The Juvenile officers and committee members continued with supporting all their teams and the encouraging numbers attending is only a compliment to their hard and enthusiastic work.
- Our Camogie club colleagues likewise I would like to thank them as we received their co-operation and support at all times.
- Each year, I outline a club management organisation (2024 chart in this report) which I know helped run the club and I thank everyone who took on their assigned role.
- To all the team managers and selectors who successfully manage their squads - Thank you

There is one member who I want to give a special mention and thanks to for all her sterling work over the years and has been at the heart of our club wearing mainly her Lotto and Tipperary draw hats for many years (23) and who during the year advised me that she was stepping back from these roles.

This person is of course Marian Ryan and I know I am now in her bad books because she shuns any kind of public acknowledgement for the work she undertook. This work was mainly behind the scenes and at times at very unsociable hours. When managing both projects, Marian kept her head down and diligently manage both important financial roles and I know she will still be a key member in whatever role she undertakes in the years ahead.

Two other club officers are like myself also taking a side step from their roles and that is our Treasurer Josephine Mackey who is continuing in her role with Fionan Bonner as Lotto Co-ordinator and our PRO Anne Kennedy who has taken on the responsibility of numerous key executive positions over the years but Anne is remaining in her role as a match day officer but is also taking on a new role as Insurance Officer.

Going forward I know you will all join with me in wishing Jimmy Minogue every success in his new role as County Chairman and as a club we will at all times support him as he leads the County during his three year term of office.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

INJURY AND WELARE POLICIES

During the year Croke Park launched a much welcomed additional Policy for Players Injury Fund scheme to supplement players wages who are in fulltime employment. Unfortunately this Policy does not cover players who are either working in seasonal or part- time employment. Following exploratory research our Executive Officers approved a Nenagh Éire Óg Club scheme to assist this cadre of players who in the main are students and any loss of earnings has a serious personal impact. There are strict terms and conditions under this Policy but a summary is as follows:

**This policy only applies for players who are fully paid up Club Members.**

The purpose of this Club Policy is to support both adults and our youths who are in part time or seasonal time employment at the date of injury and are not covered by the GAA Injury Benefit Fund. This policy is a support mechanism only for those who have a significant burden due to their loss of earnings while out injured i.e. a college student saving for their future education. Cash claims cannot be entertained. The maximum yearly payment for any player is set at €500 and the fund is capped at €2,000 per annum and will only be extended for exceptional hardship cases and with the Club Executives approval.

Both policies are located on our web site under - Injury & Welfare .Policies

PLAYING FIELD ACTIVITIES

SENIOR HURLING

I am delighted and thrilled to state that we are once again the proud winners of the Frank McGrath North Tipperary Senior Hurling Cup. This back to back achievement was another proud day for the club but it would be remiss of me if I did not state how we all were appalled at the serious injury that Jake Morris received so late in the game. However, the good news is that he thankfully made a complete recovery and his All Star nomination was just reward for all his efforts.

While we never use excuses we again this year had hoped to progress all the way in the Dan Breen but I challenge any club to be capable of winning such a tough competition with the level of injuries we had to endure. Nevertheless, it was a year where we were proud of all our players at every level.

Hope springs eternally but we have great grounds for huge expectations in 2024 as we all witnessed the number of young senior hurlers who established themselves within our senior squads and I wish them and future managements teams every best wishes as they strive to reach the potential that is within our proud club.

JUNIOR A HURLING

Our Junior A hurlers in summary had a year of so near yet so far in reaching the League Final and North Semi Final but in general the afore mentioned injuries obviously had repercussions on team selections. On the way to reaching the league final they had a convincing away win over Ballinahinch who went on eventually to play in the County Final.

JUNIOR B HURLING

This team had a likewise mixed bag season and while we competed well in the league their squad was also depleted with call ups to the A squad as the season progressed. It is a competition that we will need to review next season.

UNDER 19 HURLING

Our u19s reached a North semi final that was not so much a game of two halves but rather a half of two halves as we battled back from a huge halftime deficit to really stretched the eventual County Finalists.

UNDER 21 HURLING

The u 21 hurling championship was this year ran off on a knock out basis and we played our quarter final against Toomevara on Sunday 29th October in Borrisoleigh.

While we lost by a point our performance was heart warming and showed us all that the future for our senior club is in a very strong position and the success we all crave is just around the corner. Roll on 2024

FOOTBALL

Due to a number of factors and circumstances beyond our control in relation to junior football it was decided in conjunction with club officers and respective management team officers to withdraw from the competition.

The reasons were as follows:



1. Another North division club held an objection to the grading of football competitions which delayed the intended commencement date of 12th March
2. The inclement weather caused another weekend lost bringing the new start date to 8/9 April.
3. The impact on Player welfare had to be considered.
4. The proposed schedule impinged on players upcoming exams.
5. New schedule now clashing with Junior and Senior hurling leagues and training sessions.

If the football schedule had been played according to the original fixture list we would have played without any hesitation but the way the fixtures were subsequently rescheduled, we could have fielded the first scheduled weekend, but it was envisaged that major issues would arise with the remainder of the competition as it then overlapped with both junior A and junior B hurling leagues starting and also upcoming leaving cert and college exams.

Players welfare was deemed a major concern due to the now sudden glut of fixtures and training sessions and it was considered unfair to put any player in a situation where it might compromise them.

As Chairperson I deem that this is not a club issue but is an ongoing North and County Administration problem and until it is addressed at those forums then this type of unsatisfactory fixture pile up will continue and we had similar issues later on in the year where we were again forced to withdraw from both u19 & u 21 Football competitions.

Undoubtedly, some players and club members will be disappointed, but I hope that this update outlines the rationale for our decision.

JUVENILE

On the 3rd December 2022 the Juvenile Officers organised a very successful Parent and Players social event in the complex where winning teams were presented with their medals and also Eamon O'Shea made a presentation to Launch the clubs new Coaching manual and the re launch of the Clubs Code of Ethics, Conduct & Practice.

While in the 2023 season we were competitive in most grades reaching a number of finals and winning the North u13A Football final and u15 Division 2 Football Féile final, my main message is to quote some of Eamon's key messages from his presentation.

- Values, organisation and performance matter
- I like to win, but success is ultimately the joy of the game in your heart and the feeling you get about your club
- Most players say what they remember most about their coaches/mentors is how they made them feel, not about how much they won
- People matter above everything else: players, young and old, are people first and foremost
- Developing a culture takes time, but beware it can be destroyed quickly
- And winning can be big and small – getting small wins for your players – taking the time to develop them technically is so important
- Giving boy or girl match-time even when it reduces your chances of winning is show of strength not weakness
- Making sure that your players value themselves outside of sport, even if they are very talented – sporting success is transient – self-esteem is not
- Listen more; shout less
- Listen carefully to what your players say and do not say
- Protect your players
- Facilitate and encourage expression within the team environment
- Focus on personal development and knowledge

While we could deem that we should be achieving greater success across all Juvenile competitions the reality in my opinion is that we need to consider and embrace Eamon's advice going forward and furthermore, I believe we still need greater openness and unity in our general approach because to use one of Eamon's above quotes:



Developing a culture takes time, but beware it can be destroyed quickly

In my opinion if we are to define success then what has been achieved within the schools and with the attendance in our numerous Summer camps then we certainly have made tremendous progress and with increased support we can no doubt reap the reward on the playing fields.

Finally, I still firmly believe that what I stated in my report to last year's AGM still needs to be our Club's central ambition and aim

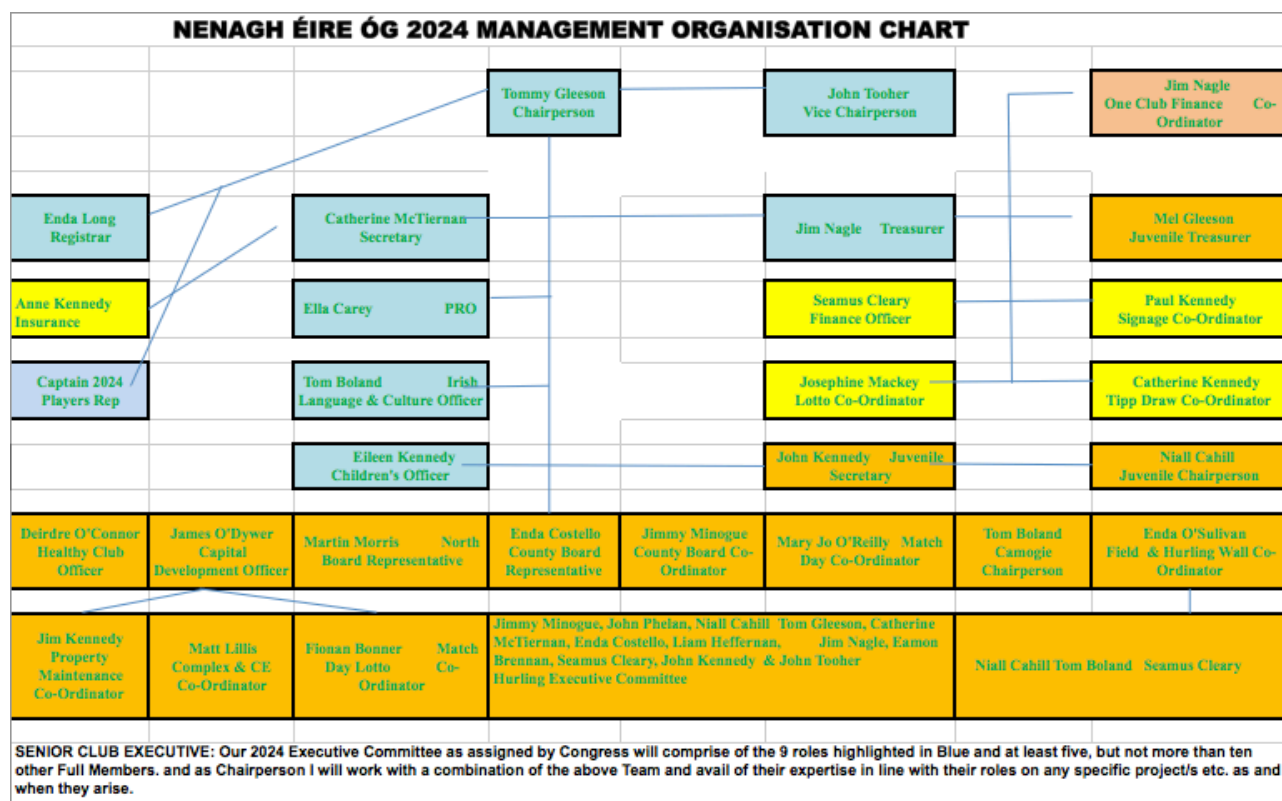
"If we are honest, our club history clearly shows that in the past, we have at times not been reading from the same book, let alone the same page. Now, going forward we need not so much to be on the same page but actually reading from the same paragraph."

"So, let's acknowledge what we have achieved, be honest enough to identify what we need to change and brave enough to action this change."

To quote a famous general election slogan - "A lot done but more to do"

CONCLUSION

I will give a summary in my power point presentation but before I do as your outgoing chairperson I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely wish you and all your families a Happy Christmas and a safe & healthy 2024



Appendix 1

Achievements

- He convened the meeting that formed the first GAA Club in Nenagh and presided over it as its first Secretary.
- March 1885 organised and refereed the first hurling match under GAA rules in North Tipperary between Nenagh and Silvermines
- October 1885 at the second annual meeting of Nenagh Hurling Club, Maloney as Hon Secretary read correspondence from Michael Cusack regarding a proposed match between a team from North Tipperary and one from Dublin city and county (5). Later in February 1886 this match was played in Dublin against a team from south Galway (6).

• At the young age of 21 in Feb 1886 he was appointed **Vice President of the GAA** where Cusack proposed and Bracken seconded him. The four Vice Presidents were JK Bracken, JE Kennedy, Pat Hoor, Frank Maloney. (8)



• Later in 1886 the **first North Tipperary Gaelic Hurling Tournament** was organized by a committee Maloney as national VP was on. In December he was elected Hon Treasurer of the first County Committee at the first Tipperary GAA Convention with JK Bracken as Chair.

• Frank R Maloney was **secretary of the Nenagh Club in early 1900's and secretary of North Tipperary Board (1907) and chairman of the Tipperary County Board 1907- 09**

- In 1906 his monster hurling tournament in Nenagh was lauded by Cusack and attracted 58 teams and was attended by 7000 ran over a period of months starting on Easter Sunday in Nenagh Showgrounds.(11)
- Some GAA historians like W.F Mandle in 1977 *The I.R.B and the Beginnings of the GAA* and Marcus de Burca in both his *The GAA: A History* and *Michael Cusack and the GAA* suggest that Frank R Maloney was present in Hayes Hotel Thurles at the foundation meeting on 1 November 1884 “for the cultivation and preservation of national pastimes”. Both writers claim he was left off the list of those present because he was a noted member of the IRB. However, no documentary evidence has surfaced to support their assumptions.
- Nancy Murphy in her extract *Frank R. Maloney - Nenagh's GAA Pioneer* would refute these assumptions of him being present. Whether he did or didn't attend the initial meeting, at the young age of 19 he was instrumental in promoting the organization in the weeks, months and years that followed.
- It was however documented and reported that he was very much present at a meeting 10 weeks later on 17 January 1885 where the rules were drawn up and the GAA appointed the first vice presidents.
- In February 1887 Maloney married Mary Anne Gleeson, with **JK Bracken being his best man**.
- As a public servant he was elected **Town Clerk of Nenagh** by his fellow town commissioners and their successor, Nenagh UDC from 1891 until 1922. (12)
- Away from Sport and Public Service, Frank R Maloney commercial enterprises were diverse – partner and later owner of corn and wool stores, publican and hotelier, farmer and auctioneer. He owned the Castle Hotel since 1885. Around 1905 he joined the firm John F Tumpane, trading at 56 Castle St, where he became partner and subsequent owner. In early 1920 **his employee Frank McGrath** became partner and manager and later sole owner of the business. This is the same Frank McGrath that the North Tipperary Cup is named after and who won had success on the field with Youghalarra, Nenagh, Toomevara and Tipperary.