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Cúntas An Rúnaí / Secretary's Report





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Checklist – Commonly asked questions about Club AGM

- 1) When does membership of a GAA club officially close?
 - 6.2 The determined Annual Subscription shall be payable on election and thereafter annually, in advance of the date and in the manner decided by the Executive Committee. The date set shall be a date prior to March 31st each year.
- 2) Can you become a member after March 31st?

Yes but you will not have voting rights at the AGM that year.
- 3) How is the committee elected at an AGM?
 - 7.2 The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Children's Officer, one Players' Representative, and at least five other Full Members.
- 4) How is the committee elected at the AGM?
 - 7.5 The Executive Committee including the Players' Representative shall be elected by the Full Members present, entitled to vote and voting at the Annual General Meeting. Exception: The Children's Officer shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the outgoing Executive Committee.
- 5) Who can be elected to the committee?
 - 7.6 Only Full Members, whose Membership Fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2 and who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution or Rules or the Official Guide, shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee.
- 6) When and who conducts the AGM?
 - 7.7 The outgoing Executive Committee shall conduct the Annual General Meeting.
 - 7.8 The Executive Committee shall hold office until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.
 - 8.3 An Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time as shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee, but insofar as is practical shall be held before the end of November each year
- 7) What business is done at the AGM?
 - 8.4 The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:
 - (a) Adoption of Standing Orders.
 - (b) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
 - (c) Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary.
 - (d) Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s).
 - (e) The Chairperson's Address.
 - (f) Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.
 - (g) Notices of Motion.
 - (h) Other Business
- 8) What is the correct procedure for calling an AGM?
 - 8.5 The Annual General meeting of the Club shall be called in the following manner:
 - 8.5.1 The Executive Committee shall decide upon a date, time and place for the meeting, allowing adequate time to meet the time limits set out hereunder.

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8.5.2 Once the date of the Annual General Meeting has been fixed, the Secretary shall give at least twenty-eight days notice in writing to the members of such date, at the same time inviting nominations for election to the Executive Committee for the following year and motions for consideration at the Annual General meeting, also specifying that such nominations and motions shall be received by him by a date not less than twenty one days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

9) What must the Secretary send out to members 10 days before the AGM?

8.5.3 The Secretary shall then, on or after the date specified for return to him of such Nominations and Motions, but so as to give the members ten days clear notice before the meeting, circulate to the members the following documentation:

- (a) Copy of the Agenda for the meeting.
- (b) Copy of the Annual Report of the Secretary.
- (c) Copy of the Financial Statements, including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s)
- (d) Details of the Nominations for election to the Executive Committee.
- (e) Copies of any motions for consideration at the meeting.

10) How are committee positions filled?

8.6 In the event of the number of Nominees for any particular Executive Committee position being equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, such Nominees shall be declared elected, and any positions left unfilled, due to the lack of Nominees or Nominees withdrawing, shall be filled by the new Executive Committee, as soon as practical after the Annual General Meeting.

11) Who can vote at an AGM?

9.1 Only Full Members, whose membership fees are paid up to date in accordance with Rule 6.2, and who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide, shall be eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

12) What majority is required when electing officers 51% or 75%?

2 candidates – simply majority determines the outcome

3 or more candidates –

a) Candidate that reaches quota* deemed elected

b) If no candidate reaches quota, candidate with the lowest number of votes, eliminated, and you vote again. *Quota = 50% + 1

13) What is the procedure where a position is not filled at the AGM?

8.6 In the event of the number of Nominees for any particular Executive Committee position being equal to or less than the number of positions to be filled, such nominees shall be declared elected, and any positions left unfilled, due to the lack of nominees withdrawing, shall be filled by the new Executive Committee, as soon as practical after the Annual General Meeting.

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Agenda:

- A. Adoption of Standing Orders.
 - a. See Appendix 1 for most Up-to-Date Club Constitution
- B. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
- C. Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary.
- D. Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Accountant(s) or Auditor(s).
- E. The Chairperson's Address.
- F. Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.
- G. Notices of Motion.
- H. Other Business

Minutes: Ballina GAA AGM 04 Dec 2015:

Attendance:

John J McKeogh (President), Sarah Devane (Chairperson), Carmel Bradshaw, Fergus Breen, Orla Carey, John Gleeson; Ger Hurley, Jimmy Hurley, Peter King, Brendan McKeogh, Diarmaid McKeogh, Gerard McKeogh, Jerry McKeogh, Des Morgan, Eamonn Power, Eugene Power, Ronnie Power, Anne Sheehy,

- **Welcome:**

An Chathaoirleach Sarah Devane opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

- **Standing Orders**

The present Club Constitution (TO 2015) was adopted. Each year the club constitution would be adopted as part of the AGM

(P): Peter King; (S): Ronnie Power

- **Minutes of Previous AGM**

The minutes of the Previous AGM (9th Jan 2015) & Adjourned AGM (24th Jan 2015) were adopted. These were included in the AGM Booklet.

(P): Ronnie Power; (S) Ger Hurley

- **Secretary's Report**

An Runáil had produced & circulated his report prior to the AGM. He went through the report on a page by page basis. Questions were invited from the floor. Sarah Devane said it was a good record of the year. The report was adopted.

(P): John Gleeson; (S): Carmel Bradshaw

- **Treasurer's Report**

An Cisteoir produced and circulated his report to the AGM. The club has a net debt of €197,698 to the Bank at the end of the year - comprising of €186,231 Bank Loan on Field Purchase Account & €25,773 Bank Loan on Field Development Account. The current Account balance was €18,358.

Income for the year was almost €99,000, while expenditure was over €96,000. Bank Loan Interest came to over €10,000. An Cisteoir presented a detailed report outlining all Income & Expenditure.

An Cisteoir outlined plans for an Investor's draw to be launched in March 2016. He said the "Friends of Ballina" had almost completely expired. The Investors draw had potential to raise €50,000 per year profit (Based on 500 people X 12 months X 3 Years X €15) with 40% of Income paid back in prizes.

Jerry McKeogh asked would this be for Ballina alone - An Cisteoir confirmed that it was. He said that the club wanted to get rid of borrowings in 5 years - "Strive for 5". He said that the finances of the

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club were in good shape overall. The club had qualified for a €25,000 grant for further development. He also reminded members of the Christmas Day swim.

(P): Eugene Power; (S): Brendan McKeogh

- Chairperson's Address:**

An Cathaoirleach Sarah Devane then addressed the meeting. She complimented and thanked all those involved with the club from players to committees to selectors to supporters. She congratulated the Senior Hurling Team & management on winning the Holohan Cup.

She looked back with pride on her tenure as Chairperson, highlighting several things including the winning of the North & County Intermediate & Minor Hurling double in 2013 & the completion of the second field in the club. She acknowledged the work that still has to be done to complete the second field & the finance involved.

She mentioned the 5-year plan & the importance of that plan for Ballina going forward. She wished everyone well for the future.

Many compliments were paid to Sarah from the floor for her work as chairperson for the past 9 years.

- Election of Officers**

Position	Nomination(s)	Proposed By	Seconded
Life Presidents	John Joe Maher John Joe McKeogh	Carmel Bradshaw	Eugene Power
President	Patsy Nevin	Carmel Bradshaw	Eugene Power
Vice-Presidents	Paddy O'Brien Father Ted O'Rahilly	Jerry McKeogh	Michael Sheehy
Chairperson	Sarah Devane - Withdrawn Peter King	Sarah Devane	Eamonn Power
Vice-Chairperson	Peter King - Withdrawn Diarmaid McKeogh	Michael Keely	Ger Hurley
Treasurer	Fergus Breen	Eugene Power	Anne Sheehy
Secretary	Gerard McKeogh	John Gleeson	Carmel Bradshaw
Registrar	Adrian Hurley	Jimmy McKeogh	Michael Kealy
Officer for Irish Language & Culture	Anne Sheehy	Eamonn Power	Carmel Bradshaw
Public Relations Officer	Sandra Blaser	Anne Sheehy	Peter King
Children's Officer	To be appointed by Executive	---	---
One Player's Representative	Players to be invited to executive meeting on ad-hoc basis	---	---
At Least Five Other Full Members	Eamonn Power Others to come via Sub-Committees	Peter King	Brian McKeogh
Assistant Treasurer	Anne Sheehy	Des Morgan	Michael Kealy

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Assistant Secretary	Des Morgan	Anne Sheehy	Carmel Bradshaw
County Bórd Draw Co-Ordinator	Eugene Power	Des Morgan	John Joe McKeogh
North Bórd Rep	1 from Chairperson / Vice Chairperson / Secretary Sarah Devane John Gleeson	John Gleeson	Ger Hurley
County Bórd Rep	Michael Sheehy	John Gleeson	Ger Hurley

- Eugene Power indicated that this would be his last year as Tipp Draw Co-ordinator

- **Selectors**

The executive committee had agreed to the following selectors:

- Senior Hurling - Brendan McKeogh (Manager/Trainer) & Adrian King, with a possibility of one or two more to follow. These names would be ratified by the executive committee.
- Junior Hurling - No-one was selected
- Under-21 Hurling - Aaron Devane (Manager) - might be more names to be added as selectors
- Minor Hurling - Executive committee to check with Dermot Gleeson/Fran Hogan
- Junior Football - No-one was selected, but Adrian King may be interested
- Under-21 Football - No-one was selected. Aaron Devane noted that he would not be involved in the with Under-21 Football & wondered would the will be there from the players.
- Minor Football - Executive committee to check with Dermot /Fran Hogan.

The executive committee would meet to fulfill the vacant positions. The coaching committee would also help in this process. The executive committee would pass selection committees at their meeting.

In future years the executive committee would agree & pass selection committees & might be aided by the coaching committee

- **Motions**

The following motions were put before the meeting for consideration:

1. Given the introduction of the second field, and with a large number of teams and squads utilising both pitches, the complexity of managing access to this has increased in the past few years. Proposal is that a "Field Liaison" is identified from each strand of the club – Senior, Juvenile and Camogie – to meet (or arrange via email) and agree a plan for usage of both fields on a weekly basis.

(Michael Keely)

Michael Keely explained that the field was very busy & that perhaps a committee as outlined could meet on a weekly basis to review and revise the schedule. Ronnie Power explained that a timetable is put in place at the beginning of the year to ensure that everyone gets fair usage of the field. She explained that games/training are moved as necessary.

With the new field in operation, it was agreed that the situation would be reviewed throughout the year.

2. A member who has served five full years in a specific Officership (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer) shall be ineligible to hold that Officership for the ensuing 5 year period. The start / end of year is taken to be the AGM (and Adjourned AGM if held). Reason/Further Explanation To ensure members who become officers have a route out of the position. It also benefits to have renewed energy and approaches from incoming personnel.

(Diarmaid McKeogh)

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Diarmaid McKeogh explained the motion and said that it was based on the ruling at National/County level. He clarified that a person, could spend 5 years as Chair and then move onto another position. He also clarified that the motion would take effect for 2016. There was general agreement with the motion & it was passed without objection.

(P): Diarmaid McKeogh; (S): Ger Hurley

Cuntas An Rúnaí:

It is my pleasure to present my 3rd Secretary's report to this great club. It has been another eventful year on & off the field. The year started with a 5-year plan & a new chairman. There was an icy dip for many members on Christmas day in Two-mile-gate. Our club Investors draw was launched and included huge co-operation from the Juvenile & Camogie Clubs. Our Senior Hurlers regained Roinn I status. Over Under-12 Footballers captured county honours & the Camogie club continues to grow in strength, also capturing county titles.

Feile na nGael was held in the county & Ballina hosted teams from Down & Meath. Again it was a great effort across the various units within the club. Some of the Arrabawn Under-16 inter-county tournament was held in Ballina. We forged & improved links with various business' in the community. Ballina NS & Boher NS had great days in Semple Stadium. Saint Anne's Killaloe, with a lot of Ballina involvement also enjoyed Munster & All-Ireland success.

In September - All-Ireland Senior Hurling medals came to Ballina through Michael Breen & Steven O'Brien. The first Celtic Crosses at Senior level to come to the club. Liam McCarthy visited the schools in October - The players & the cup got a tremendous welcome.

An amount of good work continues through the efforts of many. We can / must improve in certain areas, but we must also keep in mind that we need to welcome all, encourage all & grow together as a club.

Reflection on Games:

We had a mixed bag on the playing fields this year. Progress was made at Senior level, our Juniors are in a rebuilding stage, our Under-21's competed in the A grade, while our Minor struggled all year. In Football - we very much were on the back foot. Indeed later I will ask questions about Football in the club.

Senior Hurling:

Ballina were in Roinn II of the County Senior Hurling Championship this year as well as playing in the County Senior Hurling Challenge Cup & the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship.

The year started with the players committing to a S&C plan/schedule overseen by Robert Cassidy. After a number of challenge games - Ballina's first competitive game was against Burgess in Kilcolman in the County Senior Hurling Challenge Cup. Ballina never really got into this game and lost heavily to Burgess. Ballina travelled to Lorrha in Round 2B of this competition and after a much improved performance - easily accounted for the home side. Ballina had a long wait as championship took over before meeting Templederry Kenyons in Templederry in the Dr. Fogarty Cup Quarter Final. Something happened in Templederry on the due date for the game & Ballina received a walk-over. There was another long wait to the semi-final. This game was fixed for Templederry against Loughmore/Castleiney. Ballina were very sluggish in the first half & Loughmore were well in control. A much improved second half was not enough for Ballina to catch Loughmore.

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Ballina played in the Holohan Cup & won it in 2015, so 2016 was a slight step-up. However the format of this competition is far from satisfactory. Ballina will hope for a change in format in 2017.

The County Championship started off in Nenagh in April on a very wet Sunday. A lot of games were called off on the same day across the county, but our game went ahead against Silvermines. Ballina sent out a clear signal of intent for the remainder of the championship with a great win. Ballina played against the elements in the first half and were well in contention at the break, we went on to dominate the second half and were full value for an 8-point win.

Two weeks later Ballina played Clonakenny in Toomevara. Playing against the elements in the first half - Ballina struggled at times against the County Intermediate Champions. Ballina were much more dominant in the second half and finished the stronger including a late goal, which could prove vital later in the group.

Ballina travelled to Templetuohy to play Ballingarry in the last group game. Both teams had two wins going into the game - so it would be a case of winner takes all. However we did have the advantage of a better score difference than Ballingarry. The game itself was dour & tight throughout. Ballingarry led for most of the game, but Ballina hung in & got the final score to gain a draw. This draw was enough to top the group. Topping the group meant a place in the County Championship Preliminary Quarter Final & Roinn I hurling in 2017.

Attention now turned to the North Championship. Portroe were our first round opponents, but due to players on both Senior Inter-County Panels, this game was a movable feast - date wise. The players kept their focus through-out the uncertainty & eventually Ballina faced Portroe in Nenagh - 2 days after the Munster Hurling Final. As had become custom for most of the year - Ballina had a slow start & Portroe were ahead for most of the first half & well into the second-half. However Ballina finished stronger in a bruising campaign and achieved victory over Portroe for the first time in living memory.

A Couple of weeks later - Ballina took on defending North Champions Kiladangan in Dolla. This was probably Ballina's best first half performance of the year against the strong favourites. However Kiladangan turned the screw early in the second half & built up a lead. Ballina battled gamely to the end, but were unable to catch Kiladangan. This ended our interest in the North Championship at the Quarter Final stage.

There was an 8-week gap from the Kiladangan game to the next championship game. In that gap, challenge games & a County Challenge cup game was played. Ballina faced Mullinahone CJ Kickhams in Templetuohy in the County Senior Hurling Championship Preliminary Quarter Final. Again our old failing of a slow start came back to haunt us, allied to the concession of too many free's. Ballina were much improved in the second-half but could not draw level. We had Mullinahone under pressure & if we had managed to draw level, who knows what might have happened. In the end Ballina lost out narrowly to the South Champions.

It was a year of considerable progress. We mixed it with the best teams in the county & only lost narrowly to North Champions - Kiladangan & South Champions - Mullinahone. Ballina will compete in Roinn I in 2017 and will know from 2015, that this is a very competitive level of hurling. However the players now know the level of performance required to compete & survive at this level. In North Tipp - we can hold our own with anyone, but only with hard work. Last year I highlighted the gap in the age profile of our Senior Team. We need new players coming through, learning from the experienced players present & pushing onto the team.

Thanks to the management team for their effort this year. Adrian King has served as a selector for the past 5 years, David Quinlan came on board this year & Jim McGrath came back on board this year. The three of these bring a mixture of experience, coolness, attention to detail & sometimes the harsh truth to the table. Brendan McKeogh has led the side for the last 4 years - bringing the team to highest rung of the ladder in Tipperary. He has been a brilliant coach, manager & organiser, demanding the best from himself and those around him. Brendan has decided to step down after 4 years - we want to thank him for his commitment & his time & wish him well in the future. He won't be lost to Ballina.

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Well done to the remainder of the back-room team also. The day of a small unit of 3 or 4 selectors no longer works & it is so important to have a strong back-up team.

Ballina Senior Hurling Championship Players 2016: Steven O'Brien (Captain), Michael Breen, Thomas Collins, Kevin Cosgrove, Pat Cosgrove, Dan Finnerty, Aidan Hanley, Diarmuid Healy, David Hickey, David Kelly, Donal Kent, Ben King, Conor Maguire, Brian McKeogh, Martin McKeogh, Jerry O'Brien, Conan O'Sullivan, Adrian Power, Eoin Slattery, Brian Stritch & Stephen Stritch.

Senior Hurling Results

Date	Venue	Competition	Score	Opposition	
Sun 25th Sep	Templetuohy	Tipperary Water Co SHC Prelim QF	0-16 V 0-19	Mullinahone CJ Kickhams	Loss
Sun 11th Sep	Freshford	Challenge Game	0-15 V 0-17	Danesfort (Kilkenny)	Loss
Sat 3rd Sep	Clarina	Challenge Game	2-13 V 4-17	Ballybrown (Limerick)	Loss
Tue 30th Aug	Ballina	Challenge Game	0-11 V 0-17	Ahane (Limerick)	Loss
Fri 12th Aug	Templederry	Co SH Chall (Dr Fogarty) Cup Semi-final	2-11 V 0-20	Loughmore/Castleiney	Loss
Fri 29th Jul	Dolla	Hibernian Inn North SHC Qtr Final	2-12 V 3-16	Kiladangan	Loss
Tue 12th Jul	Nenagh	Hibernian Inn North SHC Rd 1	1-16 V 1-14	Portroe	Win
Sun 3rd Jul	Ballina	Challenge Game	2-18 V 2-18	Moycarkey/Borris	Draw
Fri 20th May	Templederry	Co SH Chall (Dr Fogarty) Cup Qtr Final	W/O V Scr	Templederry Kenyons	Win
Sun 8th May	Templetuohy	Co SHC Roinn II, Grp 4, Rd 3	0-11 V 0-11	Ballingarry	Draw
Sun 24th Apr	Toomevara	Co SHC Roinn II, Grp 4, Rd 2	1-20 V 1-14	Clonakenny	Win
Sun 10th Apr	Nenagh	Co SHC Roinn II, Grp 4, Rd 1	2-14 V 2-06	Silvermines	Win
Sun 27th Mar		Challenge Game	2-10 V 2-16	Kinnity (Offaly)	Loss
Sun 20th Mar	Lorrha	Co SH Chall Cup Rd 2B	3-18 V 1-10	Lorrha/Dorrha	Win
Sun 13th Mar	Kilcolman	Co SH Chall Cup Rd 1	1-16 V 1-28	Burgess	Loss
Fri 19th Feb	Uni Limerick	Challenge Game	0-12 V 1-17	South Liberties (Limerick)	Loss
Sun 14th Feb	Uni Limerick	Challenge Game	0-11 V 2-17	Effin (Limerick)	Loss
Fri 5th Feb	Uni Limerick	Challenge Game	1-18 V 0-15	Éire Óg Annacarty/Donohill	Win

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Junior B Hurling:

It would be fair to say that the year for the Junior B team had its fair share of ups & downs. The commitment was there from most players. There was a fair element of fun to the team.

Ballina started the North Tipp League away to Kiladangan & lost narrowly. Our next game was at home to Lorrha/Dorrha. Ballina put in a strong performance to account for Lorrha. Ballina then travelled to Portroe for the next game, but were comprehensively beaten. A walk-over from Toomevara, meant that Ballina were involved in a 3-way play-off for the semi-finals. Again Ballina recorded a good win over Lorrha to reach the semi-finals. 2 days later in the semi-final in Shallee, Ballina lost out heavily to a good Newport side. This was probably the sides poorest performance of the year, but wasn't helped by the short time frame between games.

Ballina were drawn in a championship group with Newport, Templederry, Moneygall & Lorrha. Ballina's first game was at home to Templederry Kenyons & despite a poor start, the team finished well & recorded a great win.

Next up was a trip to Newport. Newport once again held the upperhand on us. Newport got scores easier & won comfortably. The next game brought Moneygall to Ballina. Once again the players did what was necessary & accounted for Moneygall.

Ballina final group game was in Lorrha & at this stage, both Ballina & Lorrha/Dorrha had qualified for the Quarter Finals. This game would decide Quarter Final opponents. Despite missing a few players, Ballina put in a good performance, but unfortunately, this was not enough.

Ballina travelled to Shallee to play Silvermines in the Quarter Finals. This was a real ding-dong battle, with the result in doubt for much of the game. In the end - Silvermines came out on top after a great tussle.

Huge credit has to go to Seamus Hannon for organising the panel this year. He worked extremely hard for the players & with the players. He had the dressing room behind him all year. Some of the younger members of this panel can use this team as a stepping stone to the Senior Team. For others it can be a means of keeping yourself in the mind of the Senior management. However it is clear that the talent is there to launch a serious challenge on the North Tipp Championship & League. Again this will only happen with hard work from all involved.

Ballina Junior B Hurling Championship Players 2016: Paul Ryan (Captain), Liam Breen, William Carroll, Jamie Collins, Gerard Coonan, Diarmuid Healy, Eamon Healy, Michael Hurley, Eoin Kennedy, Martin Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy, Michael Lane, Thomas McGrath, Peter McMahon, Des Morgan, Noel Moroney, TJ O'Connell, Brian O'Connor, Paddy O'Donovan, Terry O'Halloran, Peter O'Leary, Chris O'Meara, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Mark Power, Kevin Ryan, John Sage, Niall Sheehy & Paudie Sheehy.

Junior "B" Hurling Results

Date	Venue	Competition	Score	Opposition	
Fri 26th Aug	Shallee	Watch Centre North JBHC Qtr Final	4-12 V 6-12	Silvermines	Loss
Sat 20th Aug	Lorrha	Watch Centre North JBHC Grp 2 Rd 5	2-13 V 1-19	Lorrha/Dorrha	Loss
Sat 30th Jul	Ballina	Watch Centre North JBHC Grp 2 Rd 3	2-19 V 2-13	Moneygall	Win
Fri 15th Jul	Newport	Watch Centre North JBHC Grp 2 Rd 2	1-08 V 1-23	Newport	Loss
Sat 2nd Jul	Ballina	Watch Centre North JBHC Grp 2 Rd 1	2-18 V 2-14	Templederry Kenyons	Win

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Sun 26th Jun	Shallee	North JBHL Semi-final	1-07 V 4-17	Newport	Loss
Fri 24th Jun	Ballina	North JBHL Grp 1 Play-Off (2)	4-07 V 1-15	Lorrha	Win
Wed 18th May	Ballina	North JBHL Grp 1 Rd 5	W/O V Scr	Toomevara	Win
Fri 13th May	Portroe	North JBHL Grp 1 Rd 4	0-15 V 2-19	Portroe	Loss
Sat 30th Apr	Ballina	North JBHL Grp 1 Rd 3	3-15 V 2-12	Lorrha/Dorrha	Win
Fri 22nd Apr	Puckane	North JBHL Grp 1 Rd 2	2-11 V 1-16	Kiladangan	Loss
Mon 18th Apr	Ballina	Challenge Game	Lost V Won	Ahane (Limerick)	Loss

Under-21 A Hurling:

Three years ago, Ballina played in the Minor "B" hurling championship, winning the county final. As a result, Ballina played in the Under-21 "A" hurling championship this year. Hopes were high with this group.

Ballina played Moneygall/Clonakenny in the first championship game. In this game, Ballina didn't perform to their ability and lost to Moneygall/Clonakenny. A few weeks Ballina played Roscrea again in Nenagh. Roscrea were a very slick outfit - faster to the ball and faster on the ball.

It was disappointing not to make progress in this competition. Once again questions will be asked about the timing of the championship, but this would probably have had little effect on overall results. Judging by Minor results for the last number of years, we could struggle at this level for a while, but should be competitive in 2017. Well done to all involved with the panel. Well done to Aaron Devane, Sean Collins & Michael Hurley for their efforts.

Ballina Under-21 A Hurling Championship Players 2016: Ronan Bourke, Ruairi Clarke, Jamie Collins, Dan Finnerty, Michael Grace, Aidan Hanley, Eamon Healy, Michael Hurley, Eoin Kennedy, Ben King, Michael Lane, Conor Maguire, Peter McMahon, Paddy O'Donovan, Terry O'Halloran, Adrian Power, Mark Power & Eoin Slattery.

Under-21 "A" Hurling Results

Date	Venue	Competition	Score	Opposition	
Sun 30th Oct	Nenagh	Walsh's Nenagh North U21AHC Grp 3 Rd 3	1-14 V 3-29	Roscrea	Loss
Sun 16th Oct	Nenagh	Walsh's Nenagh North U21AHC Grp 3 Rd 1	1-08 V 1-13	Moneygall/Clonakenny	Loss

Minor B Hurling:

Unfortunately the story of our Minor Hurlers is not a good one for 2016. The panel was quite small to begin with & we lost our best player before a game was played.

Ballina played their first game away to Portroe & lost heavily. We were at home to Borrisokane in Round 2, & were unfortunate to lose narrowly. We travelled to Dolla to face Silvermines in Round 3, but only 13 players turned up on the evening. The 13 players gave a great performance, but had to concede game to Silvermines. Ballina actually won the second half when it was 13 V 13.

We were unable to field in the remaining games against Ballinahinch/Templederry, Burgess or Lorrha/Rovers.

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It was very disappointing that we were unable to field in so many games. Numbers were tight throughout & we had to rely on a number of younger players to make-up the numbers. In 2013, we won the County Minor B Hurling Championship, in 2014, we competed in the A grade - but were unable to make any impression. We struggled in Minor B in 2015, but played all games. We are conscious of a downward trend at this level, but we are working on correcting this. We need to encourage all players who can play Minor, to play at this grade. Our coaching committee has looked at player drop-out.

Well done to the players who committed & to the management team of Dermot Gleeson & Fran Hogan.

Ballina Minor B Hurling Championship Players 2016: Conor Burke, Luke Egan, Michael Grace, James Hanly, Ian Helebert, Mark Loughran, Jack Lynch, Tom McGrath, Peter McMahan, Cian O'Donnell, Jack O'Mahony, Conan O'Sullivan, Conor Power, Eoghan Power, Mark Power, James Prentice, David Slevin.

Minor "B" Hurling Results

Date	Venue	Competition	Score	Opposition	
Wed 24th Aug	Ballina	Ger Gavin North MBHC Grp Phase Rd 7	Scr V W/O	Lorrha/Rovers	Loss
Tue 16th Aug	Kilcolman	Ger Gavin North MBHC Grp Phase Rd 6	Scr V W/O	Burgess	Loss
Wed 10th Aug	Ballina	Ger Gavin North MBHC Grp Phase Rd 5	Scr V W/O	Ballinahinch/Templederry	Loss
Wed 3rd Aug	Dolla	Ger Gavin North MBHC Grp Phase Rd 4	Scr V W/O	Silvermines	Loss
Wed 20th Jul	Ballina	Ger Gavin North MBHC Grp Phase Rd 2	0-14 V 1-12	Borrisokane	Loss
Wed 13th Jul	Portroe	Ger Gavin North MBHC Grp Phase Rd 1	1-07 V 4-17	Portroe	Loss

Junior A Football:

Junior Football is a story of two seasons. First of all back at the end of January, we were unable to field in the 2015 North Tipp Junior "A" Football Final. We had to concede a walk-over to Newport.

The 2016 campaign began in October and is still ongoing? Ballina played Portroe in Puckane in Round 1 of the championship. We had no preparation done for this game & it showed on the night against a Portroe side who had done their work. As a result we lost heavily to Portroe.

Portroe & Shannon Rovers were nominated to represent North Tipp in the county championship, while the North championship is due to reconvene, but when?

Is there a will & an appetite to compete in this championship.

Peter King & Gerard McKeogh took charge of the team V Portroe

Ballina Junior "A" Football Championship Players 2016: Conor Maguire (Captain), Noel Bugler, Thomas Collins, Patrick Cosgrove, Shane Grace, Diarmuid Healy, Eamonn Healy, Michael Hurley, Ben King, Brian McKeogh, Martin McKeogh, Noel Moroney, Des Morgan, Jerry O'Brien, Terry O'Halloran, Adrian Power, Mark Power, Eoin Ryan.

Junior "A" Football Results

Date	Venue	Competition	Score	Opposition	
Sat 8th Oct	Puckane	North JAFC Rd 1	0-03 V 4-16	Portroe	Loss

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???	???	North JAFC Rd 2 / Semi-final		???	
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Junior "A" Football Results 2015

Date	Venue	Competition	Score	Opposition	
Sat 30th Jan	Newport	North JAFC FINAL 2015	Scr V W/O	Newport	Loss

Under-21 A Football:

Under-21 Football is a becoming a big concern. Once again we were unable to field in a North Final. Players were caught with work, other sport commitments or away. Should we continue to enter a team?

Under-21 "A" Football Results

Date	Venue	Competition	Score	Opposition	
Sun 13th Mar	Newport	North U21AFC FINAL	Scr V W/O	Newport	Loss

Minor B Football:

Like Minor Hurling, we struggled big time in Minor Football. We were unable to field in our first game against Burgess. In round 2 - we played Portroe in Ballina, but unfortunately were unable for Port & loss by double scores.

Well done to the Management team of Dermot Gleeson & Fran Hogan & the players.

Ballina Minor "B" Football Championship Players 2016: Mark Power (Captain), Conor Bourke, Alex Casey, Luke Egan, Ronan Gilmartin, Michael Grace, James Hanly, Michael Hanley, George Kealy, Marc Loughran, Tom McGrath, Peter McMahon, Gary O'Brien, Jack O'Mahony, Conan O'Sullivan, Conor Power, Eoghan Power, James Prentice & Gary Quilligan.

Minor "B" Football Results

Date	Venue	Competition	Score	Opposition	
Wed 13th Apr	Ballina	North MBFC Grp 2 Rd 3	1-05 V 4-10	Portroe	Loss
Wed 30th Mar	Kilcolman	North MBFC Grp 2 Rd 1	Scr V W/O	Burgess	Loss



Football in Ballina:

What is the current state & standing of Gaelic Football in Ballina? Has it been ignored by Players, Officers &/or Team Management? What should our Football status be? Should we be a dual club - with equal dedication to both codes, should we be a Hurling Focused club, with a healthy respect for Football & encourage participation as much as possible? Should we be Hurling exclusively, ignoring

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Football? Are North Bórd structures helping or hindering Football? What change is needed there.

There are many opinions on this matter. I believe, that we should participate in Football championships. At underage level it can be a gateway to welcoming new members into the club. There will be people moving into the parish, and their first love will be Football, by ignoring Football are we ignoring some potential new members. We can't force anyone to play, but I believe that we should encourage as many as possible. We are a Hurling club first and foremost. That should continue to be the case. Should we give a ½ hour to football at the end of one training session per week?

On the other side of things, Is there enough people out there to field a football team without any hurlers? Participate in Football Leagues only?

Will we have an Under-21 Football team in 2017? Is there any point in entering a team? What about Minor? I think we should definitely keep entering a Minor Football Team.

We can talk also about North Bórd structures - but the truth of the matter is that very few clubs in North Tipp are willing to entertain Football while their club is involved in Hurling. In truth are we any different? What or how do Loughmore/Castleiney, Cratloe etc manage to combine both at a very high level?

Where is the happy medium?

I look forward to hearing views on this & maybe someone to put their hand up and think about taking charge of a football team for 2017. Maybe a gathering is needed of people interested in Football in the New Year?

Inter-County Participation:

This particular section can only start with one item. Huge congratulations to Michael Breen & Steven O'Brien who won Senior All-Ireland Medals with Tipperary in September. We were waiting a long-time for an All-Ireland Senior medal to come to the club & then 2 come together. I know, I write on behalf of the entire club when I say that we are very proud of your achievements. Michael started each game in Tipperary's successful run & was nominated for an All-star. It was Steven's first year on the panel.

We had no other representation on Inter-county adult teams, but congratulations to the Senior & Minor Hurlers on their Munster & All-Ireland success. Well done also to Tipperary Senior Footballers who made considerable progress this year reaching the Munster Final & All-Ireland semi-final.

At Juvenile & Camogie level, a large number of players played with Tipperary & North Tipperary across the various competitions. Well done to all concerned.

Part of our agenda must be developing players to a standard where they are chasing places on a Tipperary panel. It would be great to see Ballina names featuring regularly on Inter-county panels going forward, with more All-Ireland medals coming back to the club & parish.

Michael & Steven did not win their All-Ireland medals without a lot of hard work & a lot of help from Parents, Family, Coaches & Teammates.

It was also a pleasure to visit Ballina NS, Boher NS & Saint Annes Killaloe with the Liam McCarthy Cup & the two lads. They truly are great ambassadors for the club. They received a brilliant welcome in all the schools & spoke so well to the pupils. They stood for photos & autographs with abundant patience & gave so freely of their time. Well done lads.

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Feile na nGael / Arrabawn Under-16 Hurling Tournament:



Well done to all involved in organising and overseeing a very well run Feile na nGael in Tipperary and Ballina. We hosted Bredagh, Co. Down (Hurling) & Na Fianna (Meath) Camogie. The club also hosted several games in the competition. All were made feel welcome and everyone enjoyed their time in Ballina. The girls reached their final, while the boys lost out narrowly in the Quarter Finals.

In August, Ballina hosted part of the Arrabawn Under-16 Inter-County Hurling Tournament. We hosted Cork, Galway & Limerick in the B championship. Well done to Ronnie Power and committee who brought Inter-County Teens & more people to the grounds.

Wider Community Links:

Last year I wrote: *"This club is all about Community, Parish & Togetherness."* We have continued to foster links with the wider community and have been available to the community.

Schools:

One of our primary point of contact with the community is through the two National schools in the Parish. Margaret O'Sullivan retired as principal in Ballina NS in June 2016 & has been a great friend to the club during her term as principal. Best wishes to Bernice Caulfield who takes over from Margaret. We look forward to working with her and the entire staff & student body in Ballina. Una Kennedy and her staff and students continue to work hard with us in Boher NS. They have been a huge asset to the club. We offer both schools every possible support. There are upwards of 430 students in Ballina & 100 students in Boher.

Back in May, both schools were represented in Thurles on county hurling/camogie finals day. Ballina participated in 5 finals and won all 5. Boher were also in their final, but lost out to Cappawhite.

Earlier this month, both schools were in county final action again - this time in football. Congratulations to both schools on their success.

Taken from Tipperary Cumann na mBunscoil website - <http://cnmb.tipperary.gaa.ie/>

STEPS TO ESTABLISHING CLUB-SCHOOL LINKS

1. Ensure that the club has a dedicated School Liaison Officer (SLO). The SLO should be selected after considering availability to visit the school during school hours and communication skills. (If there is a club member teaching in the school he/she should not be asked to be SLO)
2. The SLO and club Chairperson could arrange to meet the principal and teacher with responsibility for sport/games.
3. Agree points of contact for club and school.
4. Outline the club's work at underage as well as the Go Games Programme which promotes participation for all children.

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5. Establish what support the school requires in terms of:
 - a. Equipment and gear
 - b. Facilities
 - c. Coaching assistance in the school setting
 - d. Support for Cumann na mBunscol activities
 - e. Assistance with organising Go Games Blitzes
 - f. Support for after school activities e.g. homework clubs
 - g. Information about coaching courses
 - h. Club membership for staff
6. Formalise arrangements regarding mutual use of each other's facilities.
7. Establish (and keep up to date) a GAA notice-board in the school with information on Club Blitzes, Ú Can (Skill) Awards, GAA Cúl Camps, Cumann na mBunscol activities etc.
8. Provide a calendar of club events e.g. registration days, Go Games Blitzes etc. and keep up to date with school events.
9. Liaise with the County Games Manager and the school to keep up to date with school initiatives including the GAA Céim ar Aghaidh Education Resource, GAA Fun Do Coaching Pack, Cúl4kidz magazine and the Schools Coaching programme.
10. Circulate a club newsletter to the school children to encourage them to become involved in the club.
11. Host schools Go-Games blitz at the club pitch and hold a follow up event on a Saturday or Sunday morning.
12. Build on the new partnership; both the club and school could link together on new projects and schemes that will encourage children to Play and Stay with the GAA.

Clubhouse Usage:

Once again, our Club Complex was the focus of many events in the community. The clubhouse was the start & finish point of the Pieta House "Darkness into Light" walk for Ballina/Killaloe. Thousands gathered in the club ground early on Saturday May 7th . They walked to Killaloe & back into the Light of Ballina. Well done to all concerned. We were the starting point for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Later in the year, the club like all other clubs in the community was involved in organising volunteers for the funeral of Anthony Foley.

Other day to day activities take place in the clubhouse on a regular basis.



Sponsorship / Business Links:

We were delighted to welcome *Tuscany Bistro* on Bórd this year to sponsor our Senior Hurling Jerseys. It was great to link up with a relatively new business in the parish. We look forward to a long & happy working relationship with Sabrina & her team.

Simply Delicious continue to sponsor our annual Sports Predictor Quiz. This is a fun quiz - run exceptionally well by Michael Keely. You will get reminders in the new year & hopefully you can join next year. Thanks to Simply

Delicious.

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Other Business' in the community are also very generous with their sponsorship & time. We thank them all & look forward to working with them all going forward.

Long Term:

5-Year Plan:

Last year (2015) we spend a lot of time around our 5-year plan. We engaged with many people and in the end we produced a plan to guide us into the future.

We now have to review this plan - make sure it's still relevant & do-able. Adjust goals as necessary and plot the way forward for the future. Will we be able to meet all the targets?

A review of the 5-year plan is going to have to be one of our key objectives for early 2017. Having said that, a lot of progress has been made. Amongst others - A history book committee has come together, our coaching committee has worked throughout the year.

Club Complex:

Is our club complex fit for purpose? I Don't think it is! What do we need going forward? Are our dressing rooms up to standard? Have we enough dressing rooms for two busy pitches? What is the best use for "Squash Court"? What about a gym, referee's room, storage & outdoor toilets?

I ask these questions as i believe that this will be a major project into the future. Already we are using the Squash Court as an Indoor Hurling Wall. We have photo's on the wall in an area, that is also used for indoor work - Is this a recipe for disaster?

Most teams now have a physio table and can have panels of over 25 players when they come to games. Is our dressing rooms big enough for this?

We don't have the finances at this stage to complete a major upgrade of the complex, but we do have time on our hands to plan for future of this complex. Maybe we need floodlights before we go near the field - what should be our main priorities?

Miscellaneous:

- Congratulations to Michael Fenton, who received a Sean Ghaeil award from Tipperary County Bórd in recognition of his work with the Tipp/Dublin Association. Michael is a great supporter of the club.
- Congratulations to Michael Sheehy who led Ballinahinch to their first North Tipp Intermediate Hurling Championship this year. Also to Aaron Devane who coached Smith O'Briens to a Clare Intermediate Hurling Championship semi-final - losing narrowly to eventual champions Saint Josephs, Doora/Barefield.
- Congratulations to Elaine King who won a Munster Senior Club Camogie title with Burgess/Duharrow in November.
- Sympathy to all those who lost loved ones during the year.
- Lotto / County Bórd Draw: This year we launched our Club Investors Draw & we appreciate the work of all those who promoted & sold the draw. Most of the prizes have stayed within the club and this provides a great impetus for the draw. We also thank those who support and sell the Lotto & County Bórd draw. There is a small team promoting these fundraisers and without these two events, we would not be able to run the club on a day to day basis.

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- Field Committee: well done to Paddy Coleman & John Stritch who kept the field in tip-top condition through the year.
- Sub-Committees: Thanks to all those who sit on the various sub-committees within the club. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scene. I have asked those who sit on these committees / hold relevant officership to submit reports and these are contained later.
- Executive Committee: This committee met on a regular basis throughout the year. There was always a good attendances & a good work ethic within the committee.
- Well done to Fergus Breen who continued his hard work as Club Treasurer. He is meticulous in all his dealings and has presented a detailed report to you.
- Well done to Peter King who has led the club in a very professional and friendly manner during 2016. He has had regular interaction with all aspects of the club, providing leadership and direction.
- Thanks to my own family for their support during the year. It would not be possible to undertake this role without their help and understanding.
- Last year we a motion before County Bórd highlighting the loss of membership across our club & others. It look s as though something has come from that as the GAA are launching a new loyalty scheme for 2017 - GRMA. More details to follow.

Reports from Sub-Committee's/Other Officers:

Ballina Camogie Club:

Report: Aidan Coyne

Ballina camogie club have had an unbelievable year both on and off the field . We are now from our humble beginnings around 10 years ago the largest club in Tipperary with 173 girls registered to play camogie with the club.

We reached no fewer than 5 county finals this year at Junior, minor, U16 and our U14s reached both league and championship finals . We had the good fortune to win both the U16 and U14 finals.

The highlight of the year was our hosting of Feile Na nGael where Na Fianna from Meath were our guests. Our girls went all the way to the All Ireland final where we lost out to Bellaghy from Derry .

With the dedication from both girls and coaches it is only a matter of time before Ballina are playing camogie at the highest level in Tipperary .

On a personal note I would like to thank the senior club for all their help to me as Secretary of Ballina camogie club over the past 3 years and I hope the brilliant relationship between both clubs continues as I pass on the reigns to our new Secretary, Rachel Kinahan .

Wishing all in Ballina GAA club continued success.

Membership:

Report: Adrian Hurley

Membership numbers were down in 2016. It is felt that the appeal for membership has decreased as a result of tickets for Tipperary matches now being available in local supermarket and online more easily. The executive have agreed that the club registrar will look at putting together a new membership package for the 2018 year. This will go before next year's AGM.

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Field Committee:

Report: Diarmaid McKeogh

The goalposts and highball netting to the new pitch were completed this year so we now have two regulation size playing pitches. A new mower was also purchased as the existing mower could not cope with cutting the two pitches. Some modifications are required to the existing fencing. Some drainage works were carried out to the main pitch. Despite some very wet weather early in the year we were generally able to accommodate all training and playing needs over the year. Works planned to be carried out over the next year will include modifying and extending the existing fencing, line marking to car park, improve accessibility to the stand and clubhouse, improve surface drainage to main pitch.

Juvenile Club:

Our Juvenile club had a great year -

Under-12's - won County "A" Football Championship & reached the County "D" Football Final - winning the North championship in both. The club also had two Hurling teams and were competitive in the "A" championship.

Under-14's were also very close, with Inane Rovers (Football) & Roscrea (Hurling) defeating them. Both those sides went on to win North championships. The Under-14 footballers also lost the North Feile na Peil to Inane Rovers and of course competed in Feile na nGael.

The Under-16 hurlers reached the North Final losing narrowly to Burgess. Prior to this loss, the Under-16's were undefeated in the championship. The Under-16's played in the A Football championship, but didn't have great success.

The club also took part in various tournaments and held a very successful Nevin Tournament once again. Well done to all concerned.

Public Relations:

This year we launched a new website www.ballina.tipperary.gaa.ie We also launched our clubify app also during the year (Ballina GAA). Our twitter account & facebook page are also very busy. We supply notes to the paper on a weekly basis.

The profile & public relations for our club are very important.

We also introduced a new online system for usage of the fields and this proved quite successful.

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Nominations:

Honourary Positions:

Life Presidents:	John Joe Maher & John Joe McKeogh
President:	Patsy Nevin
Vice-Presidents:	Larry Flanagan, Paddy O'Brien & Fr Ted O'Rahilly

Executive Committee:

Chairperson:	Peter King
Vice-Chairperson:	Diarmaid McKeogh
Treasurer:	Fergus Breen
Secretary:	Gerard McKeogh
Registrar:	Adrian Hurley
Officer for Irish Language and Culture:	Anne Sheehy
Public Relations Officer:	Sandra Blaser
Children's Officer:	To be Chosen by Executive Committee
One Players' Representative:	
At least Five other Full Members:	Eamonn Power; 2 Juvenile Club Reps; 2 Camogie Club Reps; Coaching Committee Rep; Field Committee Rep; Assistant Treasurer; Assistant Secretary;

Other Position:

Assistant Treasurer:	Anne Sheehy
Assistant Secretary:	Des Morgan
County Bórd Draw Co-Ordinator:	Eugene Power
North Bórd Representatives:	Sarah Devane & John Gleeson
County Bórd Representative:	Michael Sheehy

Motions:

1. That all adult teams have separate Selectors that are picked at the AGM or adjourned AGM.
(Michael Sheehy)
2. The National flag should fly at all matches being held in the field.
(Michael Sheehy)

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Appendix I (Motions submitted to County Bórd)

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Appendix II (Club Constitution per Official Guide 2016)

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