

**Cumann Lúth Chleas Gael
Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo**



**Comhthionól Bhliantúil
2015**

De Domhnaigh 7ú Nollaig 2014

**The Park Hotel
Kiltimagh**

A tosnú ar 12.00 nóin.

Clár

1. Opening address and remembrance of deceased members
2. Address of welcome by East Mayo Board
3. Óráid an Uachtaráin
4. Adoption of Standing Orders
5. Óráid an Chathaoirleach
6. Miontuairiscí 2014
7. Tuairisc an Runaí
8. Tuairisc an Chisteoir
9. Toghachán na hOifíí
10. Ruin

Standing Orders

In order that the proceedings of the Convention are carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be strictly observed.

1. The person proposing the Motion/Resolution or Amendment may speak for not more than five minutes.
2. All accredited delegates must not exceed three minutes.
3. The person proposing the Motion/Resolution/Amendment may speak a second time for not more than 3 minutes.
4. The chairperson may at any time consider a Motion/Resolution/Amendment has been sufficiently discussed and call on the proposer for a reply after which a vote must be taken.
5. With the consent of the Chairperson, a delegate may move 'that the question be now put' after which the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Any motion seeking to amend existing bye laws must have a majority equal to two thirds of those present and entitled to vote and voting.
7. Standing orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering a matter not on the Clar except by the consent of a majority of two thirds of those present and entitled to vote
8. The chairperson may change the order of items on the Clar with the consent of a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote and voting
9. A motion may be withdrawn with the permission of the convention.
10. Voting procedures as per Official Guide.

2014 MIONTUAIRISCI

Cumann Lúth Chleas Gael Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo Comhthionól Bhliantúil 2014 was held in the Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar and hosted by the West Mayo Divisional Board on De Domhnaigh an 8ú Nollaig 2013.

Chairman Paddy Mc Nicholas opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates to Breaffy House for county convention. He asked delegates to stand for a minutes silence in memory of the late Peter McCartan and all others who had passed away during the year.

Address of Welcome

Michael Ó Mórain Cathaoirleach of the West Board welcomed the delegates and wished them well.

Standing Orders

Standing Orders were adopted on the proposal of John Hopkins - The Neale and seconded by Kevin McDonnell - Kilmaine

Óráid an Uachtaráin

Peadar Mac Fhinneachta spoke of what was a great year for Mayo GAA. He commented on Mayo successful three in a row Connacht Senior titles and the All-Ireland Minor Final success and our Minor Hurlers in winning their Hurling All Ireland Final. He also mentioned our success at U-16 level. Overall it was a marvellous two years to be President of Mayo Co Board and he wished his successor well.

Óráid an Cathaoirleach

Padraig Mac Nicoláis in his address as Cathaoirleach of the Coiste thanked the following:

1. The fellow Board Officers.
2. The stewards and all the club officers.
3. The Coaches.
4. The Sub- Committees and members of the County Board.
5. He spoke of the financial affairs of McHale Park and the importance of the season ticket and the County Board Draw and the need to look at other ways of generating income.
6. He expressed his disappointment with the defeat of our Senior Footballers in the All-Ireland Final to Dublin by the narrowest of margins. He congratulated all involved with our successful minor team who did us proud by bringing an all-Ireland title. He congratulated our minor hurlers and both Castlebar and Kiltane on their success at Connacht Club level.
7. He welcomed the decision to hire two full time office staff, Michael Cummins and Neil Douglas.

8. He mentioned the ongoing development work being carried out on the Top Pitch and how this was made possible by the funding of the Sports Capital grant through Minister Michael Ring of €200,000.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous convention were adopted on the proposal of Willie Kelly – Kilmeena and seconded by Mattie Murphy – Shrle/Glencorrib.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Tuairisc an Runaí

An Runai covered all the main events of the year.

1. Performance of the Senior Team in winning three Connacht titles in a row marvellous performance in the quarter final win over Donegal but the disappointing loss of another All-Ireland to Dublin.
2. The U-21 defeat again this year
3. The victorious Minor Footballers in their Connacht and All Ireland successes.
4. The Sub Committees.
5. Club championships
6. The Sponsors
7. The introduction of the Black Card for 2014.

He thanked the staff at MacHale Park the divisional secretaries. The Connacht Council office, the Club Officers and his family and his fellow County Board officers. Also all those who helped out prior to the All-Ireland Final which was indeed stressful for both Clubs and the County Board. That All-Ireland tickets were distributed as best we could.

The Runai's report was adopted on the proposition of Mattie Murphy - Shrle/Glencorrib and seconded by Michael Moran- West Board.

Tuairisc an Chisteoir

The Cisteoir S P O Luan reported a surplus of €69,155 for the year well down on the previous year. The repayments on the development of McHale Park are still of major concern. S P O Luan paid tribute to the Accountant - Michael McHugh, Our Sponsors, The Supporters Club, The Gatemen, and all the Clubs of the County for the great work they have done throughout the year.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted on the proposition of Peadar Higgins – Garrymore and seconded by Ger McHugh – Hollymount/ Carramore.

The Hurling report was adopted on the proposition of Uinsíonn Breathnach - Swinford and seconded by John Duffy – James Stephens.

The Fixtures Report was adopted on the proposition of Willie Kelly - Kilmeena and seconded by Kevin McDonnell - Kilmaine.

Toghachán na hOifigí

The following Officers were appointed for 2014.

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| Uachtarán (President) | Seamus Fléimeann | Bealach an Doirin |
| Proposed by John Kilgallon and seconded by Vincent Walsh. On his election Jim said that this was a great honour for himself, his family and the club. His will be 50 years in East Mayo next year and he was born in and played with Ardnaree and he never forgot his roots. He thanked Pakie for a job well done and he wished James Horan and the team the best for the year ahead. | | |
| Cathaoirleach (Chairman) | Padraic Mac Níochlais | Coillte Mach |
| Leas-Cathaoirleach (Vice Chairman) | Micheal O Conghaile | Maolla- Ceathrú Mór |
| Runaí (Secretary) | Uinsíonn O Nearaigh | Muine Chonnallain |
| Runaí Cunta (Assistant Secretary) | Seamus Ó Tuathaigh | Breachmhaigh |
| Cisteoir (Treasurer) | S.P. O Luain | Garraí Mór |
| Cisteoir Cunta (Assistant Treasurer) | Micheal Ó Discín | Caisleáin an Bharraigh |
| Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli (Public Relations Officer) | Aodan Mac Lochlainn | Beal Atha na Muice |
| Ard Comhairle (Central Council Delegate) | Gearoid Mac Einrí | Caislean an Bharraigh |
| Comhairle Chonnacht 1 (Connacht Council Delegate) | Liam O Ceallaigh | Cill Míodhna |
| Comhairle Chonnacht 2 (Connacht Council Delegate) | Sean O H-Oipicín | An Eill |
| Oifigeach Leanáí (Children's Officer) | Padraic Breathnach | Cluain Cearbain |

Oifigeach Cultúra
(Cultural Officer)

Gearoid De Burca

Breachmhaigh

Oifigeach Forbartha
(Development Officer)

Michael D O Maille

Cluain Cearbain

Oifigeach Oiliuna
(Coaching Officer)

Padraig Ó Cearúlláin

An Páirc

RUIN 2014

1. That starred league games take place in 2014 based on the following;
 - 1 starred League game in June (weekend of Connacht Semi Final)
 - 1 starred League game in July (weekend of Connacht Final)
 - 2 starred League games in August (between All-Ireland Quarter Final and Semi Final)
 - 2 starred League games in September (the 2 weekends prior to All-Ireland Final)

These fixtures will be starred games dependent on the progression of the Mayo Senior Team.

(Bealach an Doirín) (Referred to CCC)

2. Motion to have 6 'starred games' in 2014
(Beal Atha na Muice) (Referred to CCC)

3. That the CCC would increase the number of Starred games, possibly five and that the dates for these games would be fixed at the start of the year.
(Cnoc Mór) (Referred to CCC)

4. Motion 1
"That the starred league system deployed in 2013 be abandoned as the league competition clearly has no value when not played with full strength sides.
"As a counter proposal, we propose to divide the current Division 1A and 1B divisions into three groups of 8, as per finishing positions in 2013 season, and play all 7 league group games with county players, four before the beginning of Mayo's championship run. The top two teams in Division 1A would play in the League Final, 1 up and 1 down from Division 1A, 1B and 1C. The other four divisions to remain the same as they play currently, but be named Division 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D, with two up and two down in these divisions.
"To make up for the lack of games for Division 1 players, a Summer Michael Walsh League be proposed with four groups of six, each club getting 5 summer games, top 4 teams play off in a semi-final and final, with a prize of a training weekend away for the winning squad at the beginning of the 2015 season."
(Baile an Tobair) (Referred to CCC)

5. That all Senior League games involving clubs that have a B team be held on a Saturday on a weekend where there are games involving both the 'A' and the 'B' Team
(Bealach an Doirín) (Referred to CCC)

6. Mayo senior league:
 1. Senior teams play in senior League no relegation.
 2. Intermediate teams play in intermediate league no relegation
 3. Junior teams play in junior league no relegation.(Cathair na Mart) (Withdrawn)
7. That the team that tops their group in the Mayo SFC, IFC and JFC be awarded home advantage in their respective quarter final.
(Bealach an Doirín) (Lost)
8. That the U21 Championships be played over an eight week period in 2014 commencing in November .
(Bealach an Doirín) (Lost)
9. That the North Mayo Divisional Board enters a team in the County Senior Football Championship in 2014, comprising of players from exclusively Junior Clubs, and that the East and West Divisional Boards enters a combined team comprising of exclusively Junior Clubs in the County Senior Football championship.
(Baile an Chaisil) (Lost)
10. That the North Mayo Divisional Board enters a team in the County Senior Football Championship in 2014, comprising of players from exclusively Junior Clubs.
(Baile an Chaisil) (Lost)
11. That an amalgamation of the following GAA Junior Clubs; Ardagh, Ballycastle, Kilfian, Lacken, and Moygownagh be permitted to enter a team in the Mayo Intermediate Championship in 2014.
(Mhaigh Gamhnagh) (Lost)
12. That all Divisional Boards be abolished.
(Bealach an Doirín) (Withdrawn)
13. That responsibility for all fixtures at all grades in all divisions be ceded to the CCC
(Bealach an Doirín) (Lost)
14. That the Master Fixture Calendar be completed by the CCC by Jan 21st 2014, submitted to the clubs for discussion and to be finalised by Jan 28th 2014 by all clubs and by all Mayo team managements (Bealach an Doirín) (Carried)

15. In the event of Mayo Senior or Minor teams reaching an All-Ireland Final, 2 Chairpersons from clubs from each division be appointed to act as club representatives with regard to ticket allocation.

(Bealach an Doirín) (Matter for the county board)

16. That in future, in terms of extra All-Ireland tickets allocations to clubs based on Club Development tickets sold, the following formula should be adopted.

Top 2 Senior Clubs

Top 2 Intermediate Clubs

Top 2 Junior Clubs

(Mhaigh Gamhnagh) (Matter for the county board)

17. "That when Mayo contest future Senior All Ireland Football Finals, the Executive of Mayo GAA Board ensure that the players on the Ladies Senior football Panel that has represented the County in Championship Competition during the season be given the option to purchase tickets for the game

(Baile an Tobair) (Matter for the county board)

18. "That when Mayo contest future All Ireland Minor Football Finals, the families of all players on the panel be given 5 complimentary tickets and the option to purchase sufficient further tickets to a maximum of 12 in order to cater for the needs of players immediate families."

(Baile an Tobair) (Matter for the county board)

19. "Should Mayo County Board require the assistance of Security Officers, then the services of a proper professional Security Company with trained, licensed and Garda vetted personnel, be obtained in order to be in compliance with National Health and Safety Regulations

(Baile an Tobair) (Matter for the county board)

20. "That when Mayo contest future All Ireland Football Finals - the allocation of Stand tickets to Clubs contain a suitable defined number (the number to be agreed at a pre match meeting of the County Board) of lower Cusack and lower Hogan Stand tickets to cater for elderly people and senior citizen members of clubs who wish to attend the game."

(Baile an Tobair) (Matter for the county board)

21. That in future no GAA Club within Mayo should be levied in return for All Ireland tickets.

(Mhaigh Gamhnagh) (Matter for the county board)

22. That the prize money for League winners be increased to E2,500 for Division 1A, E2,000 for Division 1B, E1,500 for Division 1C, E1,000 for Division 1D and E500 for Divisions 1E and 1F.

(Bealach an Doirín) (Referred to CCC)

23. That there is prize money of E1500 and E750 awarded to the winners of the Michael Walsh Senior and Intermediate leagues respectively.

(Bealach an Doirín) (Referred to CCC)

24. Kilmeena GAA requests that more County Board coaching personnel be made available to assist clubs.

Coaching at club level is conducted by club members on a voluntary basis. A consistent quality of coaching is required to ensure the players coached are getting the best possible training available. The availability of County Board coaches can impact positively on players but also improve the quality of each clubs coaches and ensure a high level of coaching quality amongst club members.

(Cill Mhiodhna) (Carried)

25. "That the Executive of Mayo County Board fully adhere to and implement decisions resulting from Motions passed following the Annual General Meeting (Convention) of Mayo County Board each season."

(Baile an Tobair) (Carried)

26. "That Motions tendered by Clubs - which clearly concern the welfare and survival of Clubs - be put to the floor of the AGM for discussion, debate and decision by delegates."

(Baile an Tobair) (Carried)

27. The County Board employ extra coaching staff on a full time basis to ensure as a minimum there is one full time coach allocated to each of the divisional board areas for football.

(Breachmaigh) (Referred to Coaching/Games Committee)

This concluded the business of Convention

Paraic Mac Nicoláis
Cathaoirleach

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí – 2014.

The year 2014 was in every way an eventful year for the GAA in this county. We had the high of a dramatic All Ireland senior semi-final draw with Kerry and inside a week the low of a defeat in the replay and all that has happened since then. We retained our Minor C All Ireland Hurling title our senior and minor Connacht football titles I hope to cover all aspects of Mayo County Board in this report. This convention will see many changes in our elected officers and I thank all outgoing candidates for all their service to this county over the past number of years. Our chairman Paddy McNicholas leaves office after four glorious years at the helm of Mayo GAA and having worked closely with him in various committees I know that his dedication and service has been unflinching and that Mayo was at all times number one for him. I wish him well.

At the outset I would like to thank my own family for their support and patience throughout the year.

FBD

Mayo started their 2014 campaign two days after returning from their team holiday with a home game in MacHale Park on Friday night with a good win over NUIG and faced Sligo IT two days later at the COE and were lucky to come away with a draw. These two results left us needing a win in our final group game against Roscommon to secure a place in the final. However after a good start we were eventually beaten and did not make the final. Nevertheless many new players got a chance to stake a claim on the senior panel for the National League and some took full advantage.

Allianz League

February 2nd saw us open our 2014 National League with an away trip to face Kildare in Newbridge. This was the first real test for the new Black Card rule. A huge Mayo contingent travelled and got great value as this was a rip roaring contest. We started brightly but conceded 1-04 before half time and went in trailing by four points at the break. This rose to six early in the second half but two well taken goals by Jason Gibbons and Darren Coen brought us right back and Kevin McLoughlin scored a free to level the game in injury time and at that stage both sides would have settled for a draw, but Kildare swept up the field and scored a wonder point to win the match and deny us a share of the spoils.

Round 2 a week later and we were on the road again, this time to Omagh to face Tyrone. A bright start saw us create a few goal chances but having failed to convert any of these chances we were eventually beaten by six points 2-15 to 0-15 and a seven point tally by wing forward Adam Gallagher was very encouraging in a day where more injuries were picked up. A two week break before our first home game where Kerry was the opposition. Like Mayo Kerry had lost their opening two games and so this added a little more urgency to this fixture as it was a must win game for both counties. Mayo were quick out of the blocks and had a goal scored after only a few seconds. This along with another goal just before half time was enough to see us through on a score line of Mayo 2-15 Kerry 1-13. Alan Freeman giving a man of the match performance.

This was the first time our newly installed automatic counting system at the turnstiles was activated, and a crowd of close to ten thousand watched Mayo record their first Allianz League win of the season. It was also the first day of cashless turnstiles and there were a few teething problems mainly the queue that developed at the ticket selling booths, which left some patrons not entering the ground until the game was well on.

Round four and Mayo were on the road again. This time to face Westmeath in Mullingar. Buoyed on by the victory over Kerry in the previous round Mayo totally dominated the opening ten minutes. They had opened up a nine point lead midway through the first half thanks to goals by Lee Keegan and Mikey Sweeney but amazingly by half time Westmeath had clawed their way back and Mayo were a point down. A much more consistent second half saw us prevail by five points 2-17 to 3-09 despite conceding a late goal. Overall a sloppy performance but the points were secured which was the priority and this game also saw the introduction of Cillian O Connor as a second half substitute, his first game since the All Ireland final 2013.

After a poor start in round five against Cork in Castlebar, Mayo then turned on the style and were ahead at half time. They again picked up the momentum in the second half and had built up a substantial lead as the game swung for home. Mayo after a number of changes late in the game lost their way somewhat but still hung on for a 4-12 to 2-14 score line.

Next up was a visit to Croke Park to face Dublin in a repeat of the All Ireland final on Sat March 29th. Both teams were on six points coming into this game and both needed to win. This was a rip roaring game played at a fantastic pace all through. Dublin lost their goalkeeper Stephen Cluxton in the first half with a red card and this upset them. Mayo capitalised and had built up a six point lead with time running out, but a late rally by the Dubs saw them strike for two late goals to draw level and nearly snatched victory at the death with an effort that just sailed narrowly wide. If Mayo were to have lost this one it would be a whammy because for long periods we were dominant but like in the Cork game we faded badly at the end and hung on for a draw Mayo 2-17 Dublin 3-14.

The final round was a home fixture v Derry. The visitors who had already qualified fielded a weakened side and in a game that never came to life Mayo won 2-12 to 1-07.

Mayo needed to win this game to make a semi-final place and the result gave us that spot only to face Derry again a week later in the Semi-Final in Croke Park.

Mayo always struggled in this game and could never get their rhythm going and despite having a numerical advantage for 50 minutes as Derry had a man sent off we could never stamp our authority. We were beaten by two points in the end on a score line of Derry 2-15 Mayo 1-16. It was a very disappointing end to what had been a great league for Mayo. We were the team that scored the most in Division 1 having a total of 14-107 (149 points) after the seven rounds.

Championship

Mayo started the 2014 campaign with a trip to New York. As always this is a tricky fixture as the main aim is to get there and back secure the victory and not pick up any injuries. All of these were achieved and the victory was never in doubt. Mayo won by 4-18 to 0-08. This game saw the two O'Connor brothers start Diarmuid making his debut to join Cillian in the forward division. It also saw the three O'Shea brothers finish as younger brother Conor made his debut by coming on in the second half to join his two older brothers Seamus and Aiden. This is a rare sight in these times and the family must be congratulated. They have a record that was last held by the Mortimer brothers in the recent past.

Thunder, lightning and hailstones greeted the arrival of the Mayo team and supporters for the Connacht semi final in Dr. Hyde Park Roscommon on June 8th. Our hurlers secured a Connacht Intermediate final victory in the curtain raiser. They had to carve out a hard earned victory over Roscommon in a tight match which ended in a downpour but congratulations to our hurlers on this fine win.

What was to follow was another tense tight affair. Mayo were expecting a battle and this sure was one. Four points to three in Mayo's favour at half time in a dour hard fought contest. Half way through the second half Roscommon scored a goal and with ten minutes left Mayo were three points down playing against the wind and away from home. Mayo dug deep and the introduction of Andy Moran Alan Dillon, Miki Sweeney and Ritchie Feeney steadied the ship. Mayo scored the next five points two huge scores from Andy as well as two difficult frees from Kevin McLoughlin and Cillian and Seamus O Shea added further points, put us two up and Roscommon closed it to one and Mayo hearts were in their mouths as a last gasp effort from the home side was foiled and Colm Boyle came away with the ball and Mayo had survived. Mayo 0-13 Roscommon 1-09 and Mayo had showed great heart and courage to reach the Connacht Final.

Connacht Final day in MacHale Park on July 13 was another huge occasion and for the second year running we had our two teams playing on home soil in both the minor and senior deciders. From early morning there was a great buzz around the ground as the many cogs of the huge wheel of staging and playing the Connacht finals clicked into place. Thanks to the many volunteers who make the staging of this event so easy. The stewards, event controller, the safety officer work alongside the gate men the Gardai the Order of Malta and the Ambulance crews the Car Park attendants, programme sellers and the doctor on duty to ensure that the crowd enter and leave the Stadium in safety and while there they enjoy the comforts of MacHale Park.

A beautiful day and a Mayo v Galway Senior Final was always going to bring a massive crowd and by 2pm MacHale Park was practically full to capacity. A great minor team performance got the day off to a great start. Mayo minors put in a good solid first half and led at half time. Despite the fact that Roscommon took the lead in the second period 14 points to 1-10 Mayo completely dominated the closing stages and finished 2-16 to 14 points.

In the Senior Final Mayo were going for four in a row in Connacht this had not been achieved since 1951 and Galway were never going to make it easy. Galway got the first point but from there to the finish Mayo were ahead and thanks to a first half goal by Lee Keegan the half time score was Mayo 1-9 to 0-5. Mayo pushed on after the interval and further goals by Jason

Doherty and Barry Moran along with massive performances by man of the match Cillian O Connor and Aidan O Shea and Kevin McLoughlin helped to keep well clear of the Galway challenge. Good solid displays by our midfielders a great penalty save by Robbie Hennelly and tight marking defenders left the full time score at Mayo 3-14 Galway 0-16. We had achieved the double double in Connacht with Minor and Senior wins back to back. A great sense of personal satisfaction for team manager James Horan having won eleven straight wins in the Provincial Championship since taking over as senior manager. Mayo had overtaken Galway in the Connacht Senior Roll Of Honour and what a proud day for the Ballaghaderreen Club to see their Clubman Jim Flemming as President Of Mayo County Board on a day when both of the winning Mayo teams were captained by Ballaghaderreen players. Cian Hanley captained the Minors to success while Andy Moran led the Seniors to their four in a row. The Club had also two other starters on the Minor team Seamus Cuniffe and Sharoize Akram while David Drake was part of the senior panel.

The All Ireland quarter finals took place on the first Sunday in August. We were lucky because both our Minors and Seniors were playing in Croke Park on the same day. Our minors opened the day well for the county and had a very comfortable victory over Armagh in the opening game at 12 noon.

The senior game v Cork was always going to be a close tough encounter. Despite the fact that Cork had not played well against Kerry in the Munster final we knew that things would be different in Croke Park. A poor enough first half which was tight and tense saw us go in at the break on level terms at eight points each. A great third quarter by Mayo saw us go into a seven point lead. This was quickly cancelled out as Cork scored 1-4 without reply as the game entered the home straight. Everything was asked of Mayo at this stage and in fairness they rallied again and a Cillian free followed by a goal from Aiden O Shea put four between us again. A nerve tingling finish was in store as Cork hit back with a second goal to pile the pressure back again on Mayo but points by Donie Vaughan and Lee Keegan put three between us again. Cork did convert two more frees but we just clung on for a one point lead 1-19 to 2-15. We had reached another semi final on a day that Mayo were tested physically, mentally and psychologically and passed all three tests in a tough hard game. Overall a great days work as we won two out of two and marched both teams in the All Ireland Semi final.

The All Ireland semi final was a huge day for the county with both teams up against Kerry. Many Mayo supporters travelled early and got right behind our minors. Unfortunately the minors came up against a quality Kerry side and came up short. The senior game was most unusual in so far as Mayo were sluggish in the opening period and found themselves four points adrift coming up to half time. Further misery was inflicted on us with the dismissal of one of our players and went in at the break with a huge mountain to climb in the second half. A massive second half team display was to follow, where a five point deficit was turned into a five point lead. However the energy and effort put in by the fourteen men led to them surrendering that lead and clinging on for a hard earned draw at 1-16 each which was richly deserved. The hearts and minds of the players management and supporters was still racing when the replay details were announced, and to everybody's amazement Limerick at 5 pm the following Saturday was the time and venue.

Two items dominated during that week. Firstly the venue and why for the first time since 1983 had we an All Ireland senior semi final outside of Croke Park. We made our feelings known but the reply was as we expected and we all know that you can not object to a venue or a score and so we moved on from that topic. The second issue was the Lee Kegan affair.

The senior team management had asked the Board to seek a hearing and not accept the proposed penalty which had been handed down i.e. a one match ban. We prepared our case and headed for Croke Park. The outcome was successful and Lee was free to play in the replay on Saturday.

The replay was a great occasion and many supporters left the county early that morning to avoid the traffic and arrived in Limerick where long before match time the Ennis Road was crowded with Mayo fans and the colour was magnificent. The Gaelic Grounds were packed and a great tension engulfed the venue.

The game was a battle in every sense of the word. Kerry had increased their physical approach hugely since the first match and this surprised Mayo. However against the run of play we hit them for a few goals and were giving as much as we were getting. Several items went against us on the day but the accidental clash of two of our key players namely Aidan O Shea and Cillian O Connor resulting in both needing stitches and clearly affecting their performances from there on.

Despite all the setbacks we hung on and were level when we got a last chance to win when we were given a free. This was not a simple kick as it was on the sideline more than fifty meters out and facing a breeze and a massive effort from Robbie Hennelly fell inches short and the game went to extra time. Ten minutes to get the show on the road again but it was difficult to get fifteen fit bodies ready after such a bruising battle. We started extra time well and raced into a two point lead but were reeled in by half time and gave everything we had before eventually going down in a heartbreaking fashion by three points on a score line of Kerry 3-16 Mayo 3-13. This was a devastating defeat and compares to the two All Ireland losses. The dressing room as you would expect was a sombre place and this was reflected among the Mayo supporters and throughout the whole county. The players and management had put in a huge effort all year to reach another final and I have never felt so sorry for a group because they had just finished a battle in every sense of the word and unfortunately were piped at the post and again the team that defeated Mayo in the championship had gone on to win the All Ireland.

James Horan

Following the All Ireland semi final defeat to Kerry James Horan and his back room team stepped down as our senior management after four gruelling but highly successful years. I suppose James had given this decision a lot of thought during the year but the fact that he announced his decision so soon after that defeat was a little surprising. He owes this county nothing as he has given tremendous service both as a player and manager. I thank James as indeed does the whole county for the four super years that we got as Mayo supporters following this great outfit and the way that the team are now in the top two or three in the country. They have really come a long way from the defeats to Sligo and Longford in 2010. We must also remember and thank all those who served as part of the management team over the past four years. No stone was left unturned in team preparation and it was most unfortunate that we never got over the line. I worked closely with them in recent times and

while all sides will agree that we did not always see eye to eye nevertheless with dialogue no issues were let develop which interfered with team preparation. I wish James and all who worked alongside him during his tenure the very best as they move away from the tough task of managing a senior intercounty team.

New Senior Team Management

Two nominations were received for the vacant senior team management job. The joint proposal of Noel Connolly and Pat Holmes and the other being Kevin McStay. It was great to see that people of such high calibre were interested in taking on such a huge task. Meetings were held with both parties and unfortunately, but for all the right reasons the final decision and announcement was, as has already being described a little clumsy. The whole affair was blown out of all proportions with Mayo grabbing many column inches in both local and national print media. The situation was also making headlines on the national airwaves. Yes it was not handled properly but the way that social media users joined with their comments was very sad and in many cases hurtful. Many of those who commented have no idea what it takes to run the affairs of the County Board and the fact that this is being done by volunteers seems to go unnoticed. The abuse that the chairman and indeed his family had to endure was uncalled for. Members of the executive resigned at that time and this was regrettable because these volunteers had also given great service to this county. Apologies also to Kevin McStay whom I have known and respected for a long time, for having to endure something that was not of his making. The end result was that the names of Noel Connolly and Pat Holmes were put before Mayo County Board for ratification as the new Mayo senior team management where delegates accepted. We wish them well and the rest of their management team that will join them. They are in no doubt as to what lays ahead of them but I know that they will ,as those who went before them, give it every ounce of energy in trying to reach the holy grail.

Hurling

The hurling committee run the hurling competitions in conjunction with the CCC and John Hopkins and Eugene Connolly can be very pleased with their years work. At county level our senior hurlers won the connacht intermediate Final and the Keogh Shield while our Minor Hurlers retained their all Ireland C final with a win over Monaghan in Ballinamore and Tooreen under sixteen team won the Connacht U-16 final just last month. Congratulations to all involved in those victories.

County Competitions

Congratulations to all our league, championship and other cup winners for 2014. Castlebar Mitchells were worthy junior champions, but Achill went on to represent the county at provincial level. They reached the final where they faced the Arran Islands in a novel pairing and one that received massive media coverage in the build up, due to the all Island clash. However the Galway champions were a powerful side and overcame Achill in a tough final. Achill gained some compensation when they won Div 1D of the county league.

Ballyhaunis had a marvellous year and came from nowhere to capture the Intermediate football and senior hurling finals. They reached the Connacht semi final in the football after an excellent victory over the Leitrim champions but came up short when they met an excellent St. Croans team. They were most unfortunate a week later when beaten in the Connacht Intermediate hurling final by two points .Ballintubber are back as senior champions and went on to dismiss the challenge of St. Bridget's in the Connacht semi final and for the first time in the clubs history

they had reached a Connacht club senior final. Ballintubber also captured the Div 1A league title and the fact that this year we had more starred games than ever is testament to the strength in depth that Ballintubber possess and well done to them.

The starred games this year were a massive help in the completion of our leagues and even though Div 1C ran later than expected mainly due to Ballyhaunis success the rest of the leagues were finished in reasonable time. All leagues were keenly contested with Div 1E needing a three way play off and 1F needing a play off for promotion. The most disappointing thing in all the leagues was the failure of Westport to field for the last round of their Div 1B game which had a huge bearing on matters at the lower end of that division. Measures will have to be put in place to penalise teams who behave in such a manner in future.

Balla were our U-21 C champions with a great second half display in the final with Belmullet. Great work is going on at underage level in Balla and it was nice to see them emerge again as champions.

U-21

The team took part in the Hastings Cup for the first time. This is a competition ran by Longford County Board in January. Wins over Longford and Offaly but defeated by a good Cavan team prevented us from reaching the semi-finals. However we reached the shield final where Tipperary beat us by three points. A difficult time of year to get the full squad together as Sigerson and FBD were also running at the same time. Challenges with Kildare and Tyrone followed and although beaten in both a lot of players were tried.

A victory over Donegal and a defeat to Cavan in two further challenges were the final preparations before we faced Roscommon in the first round of the Connacht Championship in Castlebar on March 12th.

This first round of the Connacht Championship game was a huge disappointment for Mayo as they were completely overran by a fine Roscommon side. Although Mayo were missing a number of key players through injury and involvement in Club activity it can be no excuse for this lack lustre display. This was a squad who were in training very early and had the benefit of competition in the Hasting Cup but yet the result was hugely disappointing.

Junior

A new management team of Sean McLoughlin, John Gilmore, Daire McManamon and Padraig Costello took on the task of preparing a Mayo junior team for the Connacht Championship. This is a not an easy task as all eligible players were not available to them and what was more disappointing was to hear that not all clubs cooperated with the management by releasing players. To play for your county at any level is a great honour and all players and clubs should be delighted and privileged to help out in whatever way possible in making sure the best team represents the county at all times.

The opening game was against Sligo in Tubbercurry and preparation time was only about six weeks. Despite a terrible start where we conceded 2-02 in the opening few minutes, Mayo recovered well and thanks to an Ultan Corrigan goal the gap was down to two points at the break. However it took Mayo 14 minutes in the second half to score and were always chasing the game after that. They gave it everything and just came up short by two points in the end. 2-08 to 1-09. It was a pity as I felt that had they survived that game they would have improved greatly but alas it was not to be.

Thanks to the management and the players for a gallant effort in difficult circumstances.

Kiltane

Kiltane entered 2014 as Connacht Intermediate Champions and face the Cork and Munster Champions Clyde Rovers in the All Ireland semi-final in January in Ballinasloe. A great team performance saw them reach the All Ireland Final with a comfortable win. Great excitement gripped the Erris region in the build up to the final in Croke Park on Sun Feb 9th. In a trilling and high scoring game, Kiltane were eventually overcome by the Truath Rovers side from Monaghan. Well done to Kiltane Club and team and management for the uplift they gave the county early on in the year.

Castlebar Mitchels

Like Kiltane Mitchels were Connacht Senior Club Champions and had a very long wait for their All Ireland Semi Final. On Feb 15th they made the long journey to Portlaoise as underdogs to face a much fancied Dr.Croke's side from Killarney. They matched them stride for stride early on but turned in a masterful display in the closing quarter and finished with a late goal to add to the two already scored and leave them comfortable winners and a place in the All Ireland Club final on St.Patrick's day.

They faced an excellent St. Vincent's team in the final and despite a poor start and the loss of Ritchie Feeney early on they rallied well and were very much in the game until the concession of a second half goal turned the game and from there to the end they played second fiddle and were beaten in the finish.

Connacht Colleges

St.Gerald's College contested the Connacht Colleges "A" final against St Attracta's of Tubbercurry while the "B" final saw another Mayo School St. Louis Kiltimagh face Mountbellew. However the Galway side were too strong and St Louis lost out narrowly. St Gerald's made it two in a row in Connacht but were well beaten by the Munster Champions in the All Ireland semi-final in Nenagh.

Our Lady's secondary school Belmullet were crowned Connacht Senior D champions and went all the way to the final where they went to a replay against Crossmoglen after a great battle in the drawn game in Sligo. However they made no mistake in the replay and ran out easy winners. Congratulations to all involved in their team and management and it was great to see Tommy Conroy add further silver to his collection as he captained the victorious team. Indeed congratulations to Daniel Forde and all involved with the Mayo Post Primary Schools for their great work in promoting Gaelic games in the second level schools around the county.

New Playing Rules

From the beginning of the year the Black Card was introduced into our playing rules in Gaelic Football. During the Spring our referees coordinator Willie Feehily along with Sean Mac Eil Seamus Tuohy and Jerome Henry covered all four divisions to brief all managers and club officials on the new rules and many thanks to them for that. However it was disappointing that all clubs did not attend those sessions. It was also disappointing that very few clubs attended the briefing on Insurance matters held in Began also during early March.

Television Rights

Great debate surrounded the revelation that the television rights of some of our games were being sold to Sky TV for exclusive live showing. My own view is that the wider the audience that our great games capture- the better. Shortly after that announcement the GAA launched the GAA Go the on line coverage of our games. This makes our games available in many homes around the world and again this can only be good for the promotion of our national games.

Féile

Connacht hosted the football finals of Féile-Peil na nÓg on the last weekend of June. This was a great feast of football and congratulations to the organising committee chaired by Pdraig Carolan along with many fellow Mayo men on his team. Thanks to the many clubs from around the county who hosted teams from around the country and many overseas teams. I hope they had a great experience and I am sure the memories will linger for many years to come.

Cairde Mhaigh Eo

We are really grateful for the continued support of our 1500 or so members of Cairde Mhaigh Eo. This year will see slight changes to the registration of members. All will now be done on line and I hope that this does not inconvenience in any way our existing members. Several have already renewed for 2015 and Michael Cummins has also visited locations around the county to assist members to get up and running for next season.

Thanks also to those who support our draw every year and to the clubs who hosted the individual draws during the year.

Sponsorship

Thanks to all our sponsors. Elverys continue to be our main sponsors and have further renewed their commitment to Mayo County Board for the next number of years. Trenlaur Catering, Breaffy House Hotel, Smyth's Toys, Eddie Egan Jewellers JJ Burke O'Neill's and Lucozade Sport have all come on board again this year. Many individuals and companies continue to support the Board with their signs around MacHale Park and we are most grateful for their support and to Tommie Goonan for his efforts in ensuring that they do.

Sub Committees

Our sub committees continue to carry out their duties with great efficiency. The CCC again had a testing year in order to make the deadlines especially at intermediate level where our champions were involved in the preliminary round of the Connacht championship in early October. Mike Connolly as chairman guided the fixtures programme from beginning to end and hit all the important targets. Thanks to Mike and the CCC committee for all their work in 2014. Bord na nÓg with Seamus Tuohy as chair and Seán MacÉil as Rúnaí along with their committee had as always a busy but excellent year. Well done to both Seamus and Seán for all the time and effort they put in to ensure that our underage players have plenty of competitive action throughout the season.

The PR group under Aiden McLoughlin keep the public informed on all our activities and are continually updating details especially on match days.

Padraig Carolan as coaching officer along with his committee has come up with many new initiatives during the year. Cúl Camp attendances were again up this year as were all the other courses that were held under the auspices of the Coaching and Games Development brief. Thanks also to Padraig, Mike Connolly and Seamus Tuohy for the additional projects that they took on during the year.

Michael Dan O'Malley continued with his development committee to help all clubs with their Club Plans and grant applications. Michael has completed his five year term and we thank him for all his work and wish him well. Padraic Walsh as Children's officer was always on hand to offer his advice to anyone who sought it.

Thanks to our Connacht Council delegates of Padraig Staunton and Willie Kelly and to Jerry Henry at Central Council. Again both Willie and Jerry have completed their term and many thanks to both gentlemen for all that they have done for this county at provincial and national level.

Our Hearings committee were not idle in the year gone by and thanks to P.J.McGrath and the various others for their time and availability sometimes at short notice for dealing with all the requests placed before them.

The county hosted both All Ireland Scór finals this year. Thanks to Gerry Burke and the team of volunteers who helped in any way with the running of what were two very special events. Thanks also to the many stewards and other volunteers who gave so willingly of their time both in the office at peak times and around the grounds of MacHale Park to ensure the smooth running of all our games and activities for the year. To Phil Heneghan our grounds man for the way that the pitches and dressing rooms are maintained and to Sean Julian and his staff for their courtesy and efficiency at all times.

Our Administrator Michael Cummins and Neil Douglas have kept the office going all year and I would like to personally thank them for their courtesy to me and indeed to all who needed their assistance.

The activities of the county would not be possible but for the cooperation of all the clubs and thanks to all the Club and Divisional officers and club delegates for their help and to John Prenty and the staff of the Connacht Council as well as the staff at Croke Park for their appreciated advice and help to me on various matters during the season.

Thanks to the media both national and local for their continued coverage of all GAA activities across the length and breadth of this vast county. Thanks also to all our referees, officials, stewards and clubs who throughout the year have helped and co-operated in ensuring that the huge programme of fixtures can be delivered with the minimum of fuss.

The Future

Next year will see many new officers at county and club level. They face many challenges and will need full support to help them succeed.

We need to revamp our lower league groupings in order that games are competitive to the end and that the leagues will not show any games conceded.

We need to provide training for all new officers and committee members especially our CCC and hearings group where rules and procedures are continually changing.

Great care and attention must be given to Clubs that are under pressure to field teams due to population decline. This will soon be a major problem in rural areas and this fact was raised at the Bord na nOg AGM and statistics are there to prove it.

Another issue that is of huge importance to clubs is the provision of coaching and we must insure that the resources available to us are used wisely and efficiently.

Finally I want to wish you all health and happiness for the year ahead, on and off the pitch. Sonas an t-Seisiúir oraibh agus go mbeirimid go léir beo ar an am seo arís le cúnamh Dé

Uinsíonn Ó Nearaigh (Rúnaí)

Competitions Control Committee Report 2014

2014 was again a successful year again getting our fixtures concluded within our calendar program, the junior intermediate and senior championships played within the calendar program, also giving the championship winners time to prepare for the Connacht club. The star games were welcome with the success of our senior county team, it helped us give a calendar of football that we could stick with, it also helped us conclude our league games within the calendar program, it also was a success when you look at the winners of division 1 Ballintubber who had 3 county players Castlebar who were runners up with 3 players also, division 2 winners Hollymount/Carramore who had 2 players,

Our club hurling also concluded within the calendar program and while we only have four clubs competing in the senior championship the big issue is dual players that dictate the progress of the championship, if we are to improve our status in inter county hurling we really need to look at our hurling program and the amount of hurling clubs, having only four senior hurling clubs in the county doesn't do well for progress with our senior county hurling team, it is an area that needs to be looked at in 2015.

Every year brings its own difficulties with fixtures and next year will be no different our senior county team quite possibly qualify for league semi-final and final, we could have replays, all those eventualities causes problems for club fixtures, we prepare our club calendar taking into consideration our worst case, we all must accept 10-20% of change in league fixtures, but our championship fixtures must remain as planned.

Our challenges for 2015 will be to conclude our 3 lower league divisions by the end of August as to many games are being conceded, clubs with second teams are having difficulty fielding teams in September with players gone back to college and also trying to conclude the under 21 championship at the same time, our 16 team junior B championship will free up dates for more league games in the lower divisions, the creation of junior c championship will also help.

It will also give the divisional boards an opportunity to conclude their divisional junior championships in September October, it will also help us to conclude our u21 championship.

Discipline still remains an issue where a player boxes another player, referees are subject to abuse from management, County board officials are also subjected to abuse in trying to implementing the sideline rules, this behaviour will not be tolerated, giving the club a fine does not hit at the people that cause the crime, we will have to look at other suspensions to eliminate this abuse.

Sideline rules still remain an issue where some clubs totally ignore them, club delegates will have to play a part in implementing the rules within their own club, making sure that their management teams are aware of them and adhere to them, they also will have to play a part in making sure that our referees are respected at all times. A lot of work goes into recruiting and training referees and we have made a lot of progress in the last number of years in this area, great credit must go to Willie Feely in recruiting and training. The one area referees must improve on is reports of matches especially when there is an incident as the detail is very important. Referees must report the incidents as per the rule book.

At this point I would like to thank the CCC committee for their time effort and support during the year, Vincent Neary, Aiden McLoughlin, Eugene Connolly Kieran Byrne, Peter Walsh, Mick Herr, Cathy Carney, Seamus Tuohy, I would also like to thank Willie Feely the referee coordinator for all his work in recruiting and training of referees during 2014. I also would like to thank the McHale park staff for their work and support, Phil Heneghan who has McHale Park in top condition for all our finals, Michael Cummins and Neil Douglas for all their administration support during the year, Gerry Burke for all his organising of stewards for all our games in McHale park.

I also want to thank all the clubs for their support and co-operation during the year, as a CCC committee I would like to think we were fair to all clubs during the year; I would also like to thank the referees for their support during the year and sometimes at short notice. Finally to all clubs and club members I want to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a successful 2015.

Michael Connolly – Chairman, Competitions Control Committee

| SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2015 | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Castlebar mitchels | Garrymore | Ballaghaderreen | Breaffy |
| Ballintubber | Knockmore | Charlestown | Aghamore |
| Shruleglencorrib | Ballinrobe | Davitts | Claremorris |
| Crossmolina deel rovers | Kiltane | Ballyhaunis | Ballina stephenites |

| INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2015 | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Mayo gaels | Hollymount carramore | Kilmaine | Kiltimagh |
| Westport | The neale | Swinford | Belmullet |
| Burrishoole | Bonniconlon | Bohola moydavitts | Parke keellogues |
| Tourmakeady | Castlebar mitchels B | Kilcommon | Islandeady |

| JUNIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP 2015 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Killala | Lahardaune | Achill | Ardagh |
| Louisburgh | Balla | Charlestown B | Crosmolina deel rovers B |
| Ballycroy | Kilfian | Ballaghaderreen B | Ardnaree |
| Swinford B | Ballina stevenites B | Kilmeena | Ballintubber B |

| JUNIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP 2015 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Knockmore B | Islandeady B | Kilmovee | Aghamore B |
| Westport B | Claremorris B | Belmullet B | Hollymount carramore B |
| Bohola moydavitts B | Ballycastle | Davitts B | Garrymore B |
| Eastern gaels | Lacken | Ardnaree B | Breaffy B |

| JUNIOR C CHAMPIONSHIP 2015 | | | |
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| Mayo gaels B | Park keellogues B | Shrule glencorrib B | Bonniconlon B |
| Kiltane B | Burrishoole B | Castlebar mitchels C | Kiltimagh B |
| | | Moygownagh | |

Mayo GAA Football Finals 2014

2014 Football Competitions

Winners

Runners-up

Treanlaur Catering Senior Championship
Egan Jeweller's Intermediate Championship
Breaffy House Hotel Junior A Championship
Breaffy House Hotel Junior B Championship

Ballintubber
Ballyhaunis
Castlebar Mitchels
Swinford

Castlebar Mitchels
Hollymount Carramore
Achill
Westport

Breaffy House Hotel Division 1A League
Breaffy House Hotel Division 1B League
Breaffy House Hotel Division 1C League
Breaffy House Hotel Division 1D League
Breaffy House Hotel Division 1E League
Breaffy House Hotel Division 1F League

Ballintubber
Hollymount Carramore
Kiltimagh
Achill

Kilfian

Michael Walsh Senior League
Michael Walsh Intermediate League
County Cup 2014

Ballintubber
Hollymount Carramore

Garrymore
Swinford

Under 21 A Championship
Under 21 B Championship
Under 21 C Championship

Balla

Beal an Mhuirthead

PR Committee Report 2014

As the dust settles on what was one of the most exciting GAA seasons in recent memory, 2014 will also be remembered as the year where more fans globally got to see our games with Sky Sports getting in on the Television Rights. With more fans working abroad, social media has allowed them to show their support wherever they are.

GAA fans are a vocal bunch so it provides them with the perfect platform to highlight their views, speculate on who will start and offer their analysis. Also, it gives counties the opportunity to reach out to their fans, something that a lot of sports teams and clubs have been doing recently as so many of them are online. This number is growing year after year.

While we may have suffered heartbreak during the All-Ireland Semi-Final, Mayo can take comfort in the fact that we have one of the best Facebook and Twitter pages in the country, boasting an impressive engagement rate across both platforms.

It topped this during All-Ireland semi-final week, when this figure reached 22,000, showing just how excited Mayo fans were during the build up to the game.

At the moment Mayo G.A.A. have over 32,140 followers on our official Facebook Page and we have over 23,410 followers on our official Twitter page so with the figures combined makes us one of the most followed counties in the country. We can be found on Facebook: www.facebook.com/OfficialMayoGAA and you can follow us on Twitter at: @MayoGAA

I would like to thank all the people who helped throughout the year far too many to mention here. To all the local and national media who are always a pleasure to work with; unfortunately a small minority have other agendas and sometimes seem to forget that all the people in this amateur organisation are volunteers who give so much of their time for no pay; something that seems to have got lost in translation along the way. To all the clubs in Mayo who are always willing to help and cooperate. James Rock, Des McGowan and Castlebar Mitchels members for their help during the year. In particular I would like to thank the hard working PR Committee of: Paul Cunnane, Alan Prendergast, Tom Reynolds, Darren Heneghan, and Brendan Geraghty without whom a lot of this would not be possible.

Aiden McLoughlin - PRO Mayo G.A.A.



Bord na nOg Report 2014

2014 was a year of some surprise results in matches, the biggest was the defeat of the Dubs. In the All-Ireland semi-final. There were a number of good games chief among them was Mayo's draw and replay with Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final. If we corrected the glaring weakness that was evident in the team in the drawn game, I feel certain we would be back in Croke Park on the third Sunday in September. Our minor team did us proud, retaining the Connacht title and losing out to Kerry, the eventual All Ireland champions, in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The Bord na nOg committee, organised league and championship matches from under12 up to and including Minor. Great credit must go to the clubs, the coaches, and the players for all the excitement and enjoyment they gave us during the year. Unfortunately we had a few incidents of indiscipline that brought shame to all concerned. I witnessed two brawls at two Minor games that reflected poorly on the clubs. Players and mentors should show greater respect especially at under age games. We must put a stop to unruly behaviour. I urge the CCC to do whatever is necessary to stamp out this type of thuggery. It gives our Association a bad name and it detracts from the many wonderful games that were played in a sporting and manly manner. Congratulations to everyone in the promotion of our games. I pay tribute to the many volunteers who coach and train and fund raise through the year. Some clubs are finding it difficult to field teams especially at under 16, and under18. I would think that all clubs are finding it difficult to stay financially afloat. We will have to find new ways of raising money at county board in order to relieve some of the pressure on clubs.

Minor Football;

This year we played all rounds of the minor league as well as semi-finals and finals before the break for the state exams in June. In previous years the league finals dragged on till October and beyond. Thanks to your cooperation the schedule we had this year was far more satisfactory.

A concern was raised with me during the year about the type of training and the intensity of the training that our County minor players and our under 17 development players were doing. It would be a major concern if the training and the physical demands on these young lads was too much. I hope that all the people in charge of these young players are following best practices and are taking on board the best medical advice available.

38 teams played in the main league and 31 teams participated in the summer leagues. Eight clubs won league or championship titles. It was a memorable year for Moy Davitts winning the Division one league and the minor a title for the first time. Westport won the minor B championship defeating a gallant Cill Chomain team. Well done to all concerned. Division 2, 3, and 4 leagues were won by Kiltimagh, Ballina and Cill Chomain respectively. In our summer leagues there were wins for Carras, Burishoole, and Shrulc-Glencorrib.

I mentioned earlier that some clubs are finding it difficult to field teams at Minor. I urge clubs to take stock now and let the committee know what the situation is in January. Between now and the end of January our committee will meet four or five times preparing for next year. All we want from clubs is accurate information. We may be able to offer some help and advice. One of our main concerns is that as many young players as possible are getting regular football. Clubs should put in place the structures and personnel in their clubs that will ensure this is the case.

U16.

This championship was one of the most competitive and exciting we had this year. Our committee was delighted at how competitive and closely matched were all the finals. The semi-finals were close games

so it seems we got the match ups right. The best game I saw this year was the division 1 league final between Westport and Castlebar. It ended in a draw. It had everything one could ask for in a football match, terrific scores, great skill, teamwork and some excellent individual players. Castlebar won the replay and the division one title. Claremorris won the division two title, and Charlestown and Kilmeena won division three and four leagues.

In the championship one final Aghamore upset the favourites Castlebar and won a great game with a last minute goal. The championship two final was an all north mayo one with Cill Chomain overcoming Crossmolina by two points. The championship three final was a draw after extra time. In the replay Bonniclon took the honours with a three point win over Kilmeena. Burrishoole had four points to spare over Achill in the division four final.

In this championship 82 games were scheduled and 10 of these games were walk overs. Two clubs had problems fielding a team and they accounted for most of the games that were not played. On two occasions teams travelled and the opposition were unable to field and as a result as many as twenty or twenty five young lads had no football on that evening. We have to continue to ensure that this will not reoccur next year.

U 14.

One team dominated this age group, Westport. As they say they were a country mile ahead of all they played. They won division one of the league and the Championship one. Their B team won championship 4. Other clubs that had success in the league were Beal an Mhuirthead, Charlestown, Erris St.Pats, and Claremorris B in divisions 2, 3, 4, 5, respectively.

In the championship Westport were the runaway winners in championship 1. Carras, Ballyhaunis, Westport 'B' and Cill Chomain were winners in championships, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

There were 76 scheduled games in the u14 championship, and 8 games were not played. Four of the unplayed games were in division 5. Three of the eight teams in this division were B teams, but some of the other clubs gave walk overs and this is worrying. If three or four of these clubs had problems fielding at this age it's very unlikely they will be able to field at u16 and minor. It's imperative that they do a head count and see what the future holds.

U13, 15.

Forty five teams took part in the u13 league. There were 106 fixtures and 12 of them were not played. Two clubs had problems with numbers again this is very worrying going forward. Castlebar, Beal an Mhuirthead, and Kilmeena were the winners of divisions 1, 2, and 3. I'm delighted Beal an Mhuirthead are back to winning ways. They have a very hard working committee and the fruits of their hard work was evident this year. Every club has to work hard at coaching and developing young players in their parish. Young people are very discerning. If the set up in the club is not right the youth will turn to other codes. A county committee like Bord na nOg has also got to work hard at ensuring that the games are well organised and as far as possible competitive. Discipline and respect are very important. I'm writing this as our u15 leagues come to an end. Westport had more success in this league winning division 1. They had a hard fought win over Beal an Mhuirthead in the final. Breaffy had a good win over Kilmeena in the Division 2 final and in a very exciting division 3 final Castlebar had to give way to Crossmolina who had one point to spare at the end. The one remaining final is the divisional cup and that will be finished by the end of November.

We played 37 finals, in leagues and championships. Most of our finals were played in MacHale Park, and I can honestly say that for the most part they were very enjoyable. A very big thank you to Phil Heneghan who always had MacHale Park in tip top shape. You would find it hard to find a nicer gentleman in any

walk of life than our Phil. James Rocke prepared all the programmes for our finals, and I thank him. Dougie and Michael in the office were most helpful and as a result I feel confident in saying that the presentation of the finals was very satisfactory. MacHale Park is a great facility if only we could get some relief on the crippling debt.

Paddy Mc Nicholas retires at the end of this year as county chairman. He has given great service to the clubs and the Association in Mayo. I served with him for five years when he was chairman of Bord Na nOg. He was always hard working fair and impeccably honest. He made my job very easy. During his four years as County chairman our senior team have won four Connacht titles and were beaten in two All-Ireland finals. You could say he has done the County some service. I wish him well and hope he continues to play a role in our Association.

I really enjoyed working alongside the chairman Seamus. He is another example of someone doing great work for the GAA. He is also heading up the Health and Well Being committee and we hope that every club will have an officer that will help in the work of this important committee. He was also the liaison officer to the County minor team and he also found time to ring me every day and keep me on my toes!!!.

I also want to pay tribute and say well done to all the teachers in our National and Secondary schools for promoting our games. They are doing Trojan work in this regard and I would urge the incoming Chairman to meet the schools committee and see what help we can give them. Rugby is sending coaches into a number of our schools promoting their game. We will have to ensure that we have our coaches going to the schools and assisting the teachers. This may involve more spending on coaching but I think it would be money well spent.

I'm not too familiar with hurling but I know Adrian Hession and his committee are doing great work promoting the game. All his fixtures are completed and well done to all the winners. The Minor team won the All Ireland final a considerable achievement, and well done to all who were involved. Billy Mc Nicholas, Pdraig Carolan, and Eugene Lavin had another busy year in coaching. The success of our County minor teams is testament to the work of the coaching committee, as is the excellent numbers that are attending our Cul Camps. Pdraig was chairman of the Feile committee that hosted a very successful National Feile in Ballyhaunis this year.

I would also like to thank the Bord Na Nog committee for their help in organising and running all our under age games. It's great to work alongside a group of people whose sole concern is trying to improve our under age structure.

Thanks to all the media for the excellent coverage they give our games. I can't forget Michael our resident photographer in Mac Hale Park, for his coverage of all our finals. Finally to all the clubs, thanks for your courtesy and cooperation. We must continue to work hard at promoting the GAA. It's true to say that it is part of what we are, warts and all. We have to continue to work together to ensure that our games and our Association continues to attract our youth. We must also be mindful of the many small clubs we have and try to offer any help we can, so that they can continue to play a part in the GAA. Continued success to you all and the very best for 2015.

Sean Mac Eil (Runai)

Bord na nOg Finals 2014

| 2014 Football Competitions | Winners | Runners-up |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Minor A Championship | Bohla Moy Davitts | Claremorris |
| Minor B Championship | Westport | Cill Chomain |
| Minor League Division 1 | Bohla Moy Davitts | Balla |
| Minor League Division 2 | Kiltimagh | Castlebar Mitchels |
| Minor League Division 3 | Ballina Stephenites | Swinford |
| Minor League Division 4 | Cill Chomain | Islandeady |
| Minor Summer League Division 1 | Carras | Kiltimagh |
| Minor Summer League Division 2 | Burrishoole | Crossmolina |
| Minor Summer League Division 3 | Shrulle Glencorrib | Ardmoy MacHales |
| Under 16 Championship 1 | Aghamore | Castlebar Mitchels |
| Under 16 Championship 2 | Cill Chomain | Crossmolina |
| Under 16 Championship 3 | Bonniconlon | Kilmeena |
| Under 16 Championship 4 | Burrishoole | Achill |
| Under 16 League Division 1 | Castlebar Mitchels | Westport |
| Under 16 League Division 2 | Claremorris | Ballintubber |
| Under 16 League Division 3 | Charlestown | Mayo Gaels |
| Under 16 League Division 4 | Kilmeena | Parke KC |
| Under 15 League Division 1 | Westport | Beal an Mhuirthead |
| Under 15 League Division 2 | Breaffy | Kilmeena |
| Under 15 League Division 3 | Crossmolina | Castlebar Mitchels |
| Under 14 Championship 1 | Westport | Ballina Stephenites |
| Under 14 Championship 2 | Carras | Knockmore |
| Under 14 Championship 3 | Ballyhaunis | Aghamore |
| Under 14 Championship 4 | Westport 'B' | Eastern Gaels |
| Under 14 Championship 5 | Cill Chomain | Claremorris 'B' |
| Under 14 League Division 1 | Westport | Ballina Stephenites |
| Under 14 League Division 2 | Beal an Mhuirthead | Balla |
| Under 14 League Division 3 | Charlestown | Kilmeena |
| Under 14 League Division 4 | Erris St. Pats | Islandeady |
| Under 14 League Division 5 | Claremorris | Naomh Padraig |

“Mayo Health and Well Being Committee Annual Report:”

Membership of Mayo Health and Well Being Committee:

Seamus Tuohy Chairperson, Sean Maceil Secretary, Dermot Butler North Divisional Board ,Mary Coen and JJ Costello South Divisional Board, Michael Gavin West Divisional Board, Paraic Walsh Children’s Officer, Michael Gavin West Divisional Board and Niall Dunne Mental Health Development Officer (Mayo and Roscommon)

A motion was passed at the GAA Annual Congress in Derry in 2013 put in rule the requirement for every county board to appoint a Health & Wellbeing sub-committee.

Those committees are presently being established across the 32 counties and are tasked with assisting the county board and the county’s clubs in identifying and responding to the health and wellbeing needs of their members. This will involve promoting existing GAA health-related programmes such as the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) programme, the GAA Social Initiative, the RESPECT Initiative etc.

It will also involve signposting to and partnering with relevant national and local agencies who can provide services that may be of use to our members. For example, the GAA has recently announced Samaritans as its mental health partners and posters promoting their 24-hour 365 days-a-year helpline will be issued to all clubs .

To better link this important work with the great efforts being made at grassroots level, Coiste Bainistí has recommended that all clubs appoint a Health & Wellbeing Officer. This will replace the existing role of the ASAP Officer and is intended to better reflect the broad nature of health promoting work clubs already engage in.

We appeal to all clubs coming up to AGM’s that if they have not already a Health and Well Being Officer in place , we request each club to give it full consideration.

This person will act as the link with their County Health & Wellbeing Committee and will be the point of contact within the club for any relevant promotions or activities. They will not be expected to be a ‘counsellor’ for the club, but an interest in the area of health and have a willingness to drive this agenda in their club.

They will have the support of the Mayo committee and the newly formed National Health & Wellbeing Committee¹

One of our first initiatives was to propose to the County Board Meeting that Mayo GAA bans e-cigarettes from Smoke-Free Campuses from July 1st 2014 in all GAA facilities in the County. From this date, the use of e-cigarettes will not be permitted in any Mayo GAA building or on any GAA Tobacco-Free Campus.

Other Projects we are working on includes:

1. A poster which we are currently working on, this poster will display a number of support services throughout this County. It is planned that those posters will be displayed in every GAA club house in Mayo. We hope to have this completed before end of December 2014.

2. "Safe Talk training" training, this training involves learning basic steps in recognizing persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them with suicide helping resources. We are in the process of organising 2 safe TALK workshops in the New Year, in Castlebar (21 January 2015) and Ballyhaunis or Claremorris (28 January 2015)
3. Promoting the "RESPECT Initiative". This will be part of our games in 2015 and we will be working with clubs in maximizing the success of this project.
4. Mayo Health and Well Being Launch Night, the committee is actively working on this at the moment and details will be forwarded to all clubs as soon as possible.
5. We also like to welcome a new Health and Well Being Initiative launched by the County Board on Saturday night last 8th November 2014, "Player welfare" lead by Dr Sean Moffat and Mr Liam Moffat. Emphasis here will be on player welfare, injury surveillance, prevention protocols, age appropriate conditioning and training loads and Management of sports concussion. This will be an invaluable resource to our inter county squads initially and ultimately feeding into our clubs.

3 Tips for us all in keeping positive,

"Take time for your self":

Allow yourself time to do things you enjoy. Set aside time for your self and stick to it. You will find it will help you and others will respect that .Every day make sure to give yourself a treat and enjoy!

"Be active every day in as many ways as you can"

Regular exercise can really help to feel more positive and it will also give your mental health a boost. A small amount can make a difference,

"Get some fresh air,"

Getting outside for as little as 15 minutes every day to breathe fresh air and experience your surroundings can relieve stress; give you a clear mind and a positive attitude. Aim to cut your television viewing by half!

Mise le meas,

Seamus Tuohy Mayo GAA Community & Health Chairperson,

Sean Maceil : Secretary .

Coaching Report 2014

As 2014 draws to a close it was another busy and successful year from a coaching perspective in Mayo.

Connacht success for Mayo minor footballers, followed by good performances in the All Ireland quarter final and semi-final, was followed by another All Ireland success for our minor hurlers for the second year in a row.

Ted Webb plate success, a Connacht Colleges A title for St Gerald's and an All-Ireland victory for Our Lady's Belmullet were key achievements.

Research taken prior to the launch of our Friday Night Football initiative shows that just over 50% of young people between the ages of 6 and 18 regularly participate in underage football and hurling. We must as clubs, schools and as a county in general continue to support this cohort of young people in whatever way we can so that they continue to play and enjoy our games.

Secondary Schools Report

Fixtures:

For the school year 2013/14 there was a complete overhaul of fixtures at Mayo Post Primary level. We moved away from a system of 8 competitions to 16 which now provides realistic opportunities for all schools to achieve success. This has increased the number of matches played at Mayo level to 74, over 4 age groups and at 4 levels. These are played during the start of the school year in September and October and are first competitions played by all schools. It gives competitive matches to all schools which prepares them well for Connacht Leagues and Championships which take place later on in the year. Congratulations to all our winners from the past year (2013/2014).

They are as follows:

| Competition | Winner |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 1st Year A | Rice College Westport |
| 1st Year B | Gortnor Abbey Crossmolina |
| 1st Year C | St. Joseph's Charlestown |
| 1st Year D | Sancta Maria Louisbugh |
| O'Haire A | St. Colman's Claremorris |
| O'Haire B | Ballinrobe Community School |
| O'Haire C | Gortnor Abbey Crossmolina |
| O'Haire D | St. Tiernan's Crossmolina |

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Colleran A | Rice College Westport |
| Colleran B | Ballyhaunis Community School |
| Colleran C | Sancta Maria Louisburgh |
| Flanagan Cup A | St Gerald's Castlebar |
| Flanagan Cup B | St. Louis Kiltimagh |
| Flanagan Cup C | Our Lady's Belmullet |
| Flanagan Cup D | Colaiste Acla |
| Senior Hurling Championship | St. Gerald's Castlebar |
| Junior Hurling Championship | Ballyhaunis Community School |

We also have competitions at senior and junior level for the 1st time in Hurling. These were won by St. Gerald's Castlebar and Ballyhaunis Community School respectively.

We aimed to improve our level of Public Relations hugely over the last year. At the moment we have a Twitter account which gives up to date information on fixtures and results from both Mayo and Connacht competitions. In conjunction with The Western People we have begun a Transition Year Sports Reporter Programme which gives budding journalists the opportunity to compose match reports and to have their work published. It has proved to be a very successful programme with over 40 students around Mayo taking part and keeping us all informed with GAA activity in all schools. Thank you to all media outlets in Mayo for providing such excellent coverage of our Colleges matches.

Well done to St. Gerald's College, Castlebar and Our Lady's College, Belmullet who won the Senior A and D Connacht Championships respectively. Our Lady's Belmullet went on to claim the All-Ireland D with a great win over Crossmaglen. St. Gerald's unfortunately lost out at the Semi-Final stage to eventual winners Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne, Dingle who boasted 9 members of the All-Ireland winning Kerry Minor team. Well done to all schools who participated in both Connacht and All-Ireland Competitions.

Cumann na mBunscol Report

2013/14 was as busy as ever but ran remarkably smoothly mainly due to the brilliant teachers throughout Mayo who organise everything so well and efficiently without any fanfare.

Our Sports Quiz, held in January, produced a high standard of questions as always and our thanks to everyone who helped.

Our handball competition took place in January with winners going on to compete at Connacht and national level.

Mini 7s for boys and girls took place around the county during late autumn with county semi finals and finals taking place in the Connacht Centre of Excellence in Began.

Our divisional football competitions also ran at local level throughout our 9 areas before culminating in our county semi-finals which were held on the back pitches in McHale Park, followed by finals on the main pitch.

We are very grateful to the Co Board for allowing these games to take place on our county ground.

Our hurling and camogie participation levels continue to grow and thrive. There are now 36 schools taking part in hurling and 12 in camogie. Mini 7's hurling and camogie finals were held in Began in April and the divisional finals were held in Claremorris in June.

We ran hurling and football exhibitions during the NFL and NHL again this year. Thanks to Mayo GAA and Croke Park for facilitating this. We also fielded a number of teams during the summer for the Connacht Championship Exhibitions. Our thanks as always to Connacht Council and Mayo GAA for making this happen.

We are greatly indebted to the teachers up and down the county who volunteer their time, energies and enthusiasm to the promotion of gaelic games in our 174 schools. Also, the running of our games and exhibitions in their current format would not be possible without the tremendous support of Mayo coaching and games staff.

Coach Education

The following courses were conducted in 2014:

- Foundation Football 10
- Foundation Hurling 2
- Award 1 Youth Football 1
- Award 1 Youth Hurling 1
- Award 1 Adult Football 1
- Award 1 Adult Hurling 1
- Award 1 Child Football 1
- Child Protection - 1

In excess of 500 people participated in the above. Further to this a Primary Teacher training course took place in McHale Park in July – this is a 3 day practical course along with an on-line element. The course was fully booked with 25 teachers participating.

From 2016 it is mandatory that all coaches involved with underage teams have [as](#) a minimum completed a foundation course and one member of each underage management team must have completed an award one programme.

Under 12 Skills Test / Play and Stay

The play and stay days were held in Croke Park with a number of Mayo clubs involved. The trip included a blitz on Croke Park and a stadium tour.

Almost thirty Mayo clubs participated in the skills tests. Initially Mayo coaches held a skills workshop and following this, competitions were held at divisional level with the four winners proceeding to the provincial finals where all of them performed well.

Primary Schools Coaching Programme

Our Primary schools coaching programme took place over a ten week period prior to the summer holidays and a six week period after the holidays in approx 130 of our 174 schools. We hope to be in a position to extend this to all schools in the near future.

Cul Camps

Once again we had a large increase in numbers attending our 39 football and 2 hurling camps in 2014, with a total of 3,964 young people registering.
This equates to 1 in every 3.9 young people in that cohort in Mayo.

Football Academies

Under 14

4 divisional squads of 25 selected

These 4 squads participated in the Sean Purcell blitz and performed well.

Outside of the divisional trials there were 12 sessions held, comprising of skills testing, diet and nutrition, tackling and team play.

Under 15

2 squads involved (East / West and North / South)

16 sessions conducted with 2 blitzes.

Again both teams performed very well.

Both squads are now on a winter programme of skill work and flexibility with fundamental movement.

Under 16

2 squads involved (East / West and North / South)

East / West won the Ted Web plate while North / South were the defeated finalists.

These panels are now on a winter strength and conditioning programme.

Under 17

This team defeated Sligo and Roscommon in the Connacht league and drew with Leitrim – the full panel of players were utilised in this competition.

They are now participating in the County Cup competition.

Under 18

Connacht champions and All-Ireland semi-finalists

Under 20

This panel has now been screened and have been put on a strength and conditioning programme.

Hurling Report – 2014

Minor:

- Minors commenced coaching in April under the management of Brian Finn, John Regan and Nicholas Freyne.
- Took part in the Connacht GAA Niall McInerney Cup Blitz Day in Pearse Stadium in July.
- Took part in the All-Ireland Minor 'C' Qualifier blitz in Longford in August.
- Played and won their All-Ireland Minor 'C' final in Ballinamore in September.
- Need for more games/competition for this age group in the future.

U16:

- U16s started their year with a 3-day camp in McHale Park over Easter, under the guidance of Adrian Hession, Seamus Hurley and David O'Sullivan.
- In total the group took part in 12 trial/coaching sessions and 5 blitz/game days.
- Panel of 26 took part in McInerney Shield (Galway), National Academy Day (Ballyshannon) and All-Ireland Minor 'B' (Newry) and other challenge games.
- Lost to Meath in their All-Ireland 'B' semi final.
- Twelve of the Mayo players were chosen for the Rest of Connacht U16 Academy
- Rest of Connacht U16 Academy took part in 3 coaching days before defeated South Ulster in Bekan in July.

U15:

- This group under Adrian Hession, Michael Raleigh and Matt Schwertfeger had 4 coaching sessions and one blitz day.
- Connacht GAA U15 Blitz Day in Pearse Stadium in August, beating Sligo, Leitrim, Galway City and Roscommon.

U14:

- Trials held in May under Adrian Hession, Richard Crinnegan, Michael Raleigh and Keith Fehilly.
- Forty-five players took part in trials and came into the extended panel.
- Group took part in twelve trials/sessions and five blitz / game days throughout the year.
- Blitz days included Connacht Feile (Bekan), National Academy Day (Tubbercurry), All-Ireland 'B' (Newry) and Connolly / Cunniffe (Bekan).
- Team topped their group at All-Ireland U14 'B' before losing to Derry in their semi final.

U13:

- This Development Group take part in regional workshops.
- Forty-five players took part in the program ending with a blitz and a challenge game.

Secondary Schools Hurling:

- Six schools currently taking part in Mayo Post Primary schools hurling competitions.
- St Gerald's (Castlebar) defeated Ballyhaunis CS in the Senior final.
- Ballyhaunis CS defeated Rice College (Westport) in the Junior final.
- Five blitz days organised by Connacht GAA throughout the year.

National Schools Hurling:

- Thirty-six national schools receive coaching and take part in Cuman na mBunscoil Hurling.
- Competitions include Mini7s, Div1 (11-a-side), Div2 (9-a-side), Div3 (7-a-side) and Div4 (6-a-side)

- Forty players took part in Connacht GAA Intercounty Go-Games Day in June in Pearse Stadium.
- Four schools took part in Cuman na mBunscoil Exhibition Go-Games in McHale Park in March.
- Five players played in Mini7s exhibition in Croke Park.

Coaching Courses:

- Two Foundation Award Hurling Coaching Courses saw 30 coaches graduate.
- A Connacht GAA Award 1 Course saw 8 Mayo coaches graduate.
- One Mayo coach is currently taking part in the Connacht GAA Award2 (Pilot) Course.

Hurling Summer Camps:

- Two Hurling Summer Camps saw 120 children take part.
- Hurling summer camps in Tooreen and Ballina.
- Castlebar Mitchels Hurling on the Greens ran for six weeks during summer.

Club Competitions:

- Six clubs took part in Mayo GAA Minor Hurling League and Championship.
- Four clubs took part in Mayo GAA U16 Hurling league and championship.
- Six clubs took part in Mayo GAA U14 Hurling Feile and championship.
- Westport & Ballyhaunis went to U14 National GAA Hurling Feile in Antrim.
- Tooreen, Caiseal Gaels, Castlebar and Ballina went to Connacht U14 Club Hurling Feile in Began.
- Seven clubs took part in Mayo GAA U13 Hurling Mini league.
- Eight clubs took part in Mayo GAA U12 Hurling Mini league and festival finals.
- Ten clubs took part in Mayo GAA U10/U8 Go games blitz days.
- County skills competitions at U10, U12, U14 Feile Skillstar and U16 Poc Fada ran.

Connacht GAA Wheelchair Hurling:

- Four players from Mayo GAA took part in Connacht GAA Wheelchair Hurling team in 2014.
- Twelve Connacht GAA collective coaching session days in Barnacarroll throughout 2014.
- Five National Blitz Days in Athenry, Limerick, Belfast, Athlone and Sligo.

Goal to Work

Mayo GAA participated in the Swinford programme in 2014 and a number of coaches were trained as part of this course.

Mental Health Initiative

This programme was carried out over the Easter week in McHale Park with our Ted Web panels and our under 16 hurling squad.

The programme was kindly sponsored by the Mayo Mental Health Association and received very positive feedback.

It involved field sessions, mental health workshops, diabetes lecture, diet and nutrition education, drugs awareness programme and it is hoped to repeat same in 2015

Friday Night Football

From research we carried out, we found that many young players do not participate in any form of gaelic football or hurling training from the months October to March.

With this in mind, we launched an initiative in September entitled 'Friday Night Football' to encourage clubs to continue coaching 8 – 12 year olds during the winter months, either in indoor facilities or on astro-turf pitches with a focus on skill development.

To date a number of clubs have participated.

Feile Peil

The Feile Peil national competition was held in Connacht in 2014.

184 teams took part over a three day period on the weekend of June 27/28/29 with the finals held in Began.

Over the 3 day period 462 matches were played.

Over 20 Mayo clubs participated and thereby hosted clubs for the event.

Feedback was very positive in terms of organisation and it is estimated that the economic boost to the region equated to circa €3m.

Website

Our coaching website is now up and running.

Further improvements and additions will be made in 2015

Sincere thanks to Alan Prendergast of the Mayo Gaels club for his help with this.

Conclusion

In 2014 new initiatives including our Mental Health week for under 16 inter-county teams, the development of our website, a skills development session with under 12 coaches around the county and the launch of our Friday Night football initiative were set in motion.

In 2015 we hope to be in a position to increase our resources and therefore support the outstanding 40 primary schools that are not currently included in our coaching programme, we also hope to be in a position to support cub coaches further by way of mentoring and further education around skills development.

Our coach education programme for 2015 is now available on our website and we would ask clubs to encourage new coaches to attend.

In early 2015 the Mayo senior team coach (Donie Buckley) will conduct a session for all underage club coaches having conducted same for teachers last month.

Finally, I would like to especially thank our **hard working** coaching team and also the many club and school coaches for their dedication and support throughout 2014.

Padraic Carolan

Coaching Officer

Mayo GAA Hurling Report 2014

Senior Intercounty

Christy Phillips continued as Manager of the team and Austin Kenny continued on as selector. Leo O'Connor former Limerick Hurler joined the Management Team as coach.

Keogh Cup

We participated in Keogh Cup (Leinster Competition) and the intercounty action began with an away match versus Wicklow in Bray. While we were defeated in this match we continued in the Keogh Shield for first round losers. We travelled to Dublin on the 26th January and defeated St Patricks College and travelled again on the 2nd February and defeated D.C.U. in the semi-final. The final versus Queens University was played on the 3rd February in Darver, Co. Louth. We ran out 1-17 to 0-15 winners. This was the first piece of silverware won by our Senior team for some years.

- In 2015 we will be participating in a Connaught League involving Mayo Roscommon, Sligo Leitrim and Third Level teams in the province. Thanks to Connacht Council for reviving the competition after a number of years.

National League

We opened our 2B League campaign against Fingal on the 16th February 2014. This game was played in the Connacht Centre, Began. In a close game Mayo came out on top by a one point margin. Next up was an away game against Meath on the 23rd February with Meath winning 0-12 to 0-7. In Round 3 we travelled to Newry to take on Down. Despite a great second half display Down held out to win by 0-17 to 0-13.

Wicklow came to McHale Park on the 16th March in Round 4. Against a physically stronger Wicklow team Mayo struggled for long periods and were defeated 0-15 to 0-9.

Our final League game was away against Armagh on the 23rd March. Knowing that we had to win to retain our division status the team responded and won by 1-19 to 1-11 thus retaining 2B status.

Christy Ring Cup

Despite mixed league results the management team were confident of a good run in this competition. Armagh came to Elverys McHale Park for a first round meeting on the 3rd May. Always tough opponents Armagh fought hard but Mayo came out on top 0-20 to 1-14. We were rewarded with a home draw against Meath the following week 10th May. After an excellent game Meath won by one point from a controversial late free. 0-16 to 0-15.

We were drawn against Wicklow in the quarter final in Arklow on the 24th May and our record against Wicklow has been poor in recent years and they had already defeated us in the league. However on the day the team produced a superb performance to win 1-15 to 0-14.

We were drawn against Kerry in the semi-final and the game was played in Elverys McHale Park on the 1st June. A huge crowd attended the match and a great atmosphere prevailed. Mayo started slowly and Kerry had built up a substantial lead of 18 points by half time. However Mayo responded superbly in the second half and held Kerry scoreless for 20 minutes. However time ran out on our efforts and in the end we lost by 7 points but with our reputation and confidence restored.

Connacht Intermediate Final

The game versus Roscommon was played on Sunday 8th June in Hyde Park, Roscommon before the Connacht Football game meeting of Roscommon and Mayo. The spectators who came early were treated to a great game of Hurling. After a closely fought game Mayo's fitness was the difference and late scores gave us a 2-12 to 1-11 victory. This was Mayo's first victory in this competition.

Congratulation to David Kenny and Ciaran Charlton who were honoured on the Christy Ring All Star Team for 2014.

Dual Player Keith Higgins who received his 3rd All Star Football award.

Donal O'Brien (Ballyhaunis) who won the Connacht Puc Fada competition.

Overall this was a great year for the county team. Congratulations to all the players who put in a huge effort during the year and the Management team – Christy Phillips, Leo O'Connor, Austin Kenny, Michael Moran and Karen Lacey (Physio). Leo O'Connor stepped down from the Management Team in September when he was appointed manager of the Limerick Hurling Team. We wish him well in his new position and thank him for his contribution to Mayo Hurling in 2014.

U21 Team

Brian Finn was appointed Manager and was assisted by John Regan and Nicholas Frayne. They put together a comprehensive training programme. Unfortunately a number of eligible players were not available as they had emigrated for the summer months.

In the Connacht B championship after a comprehensive win over Sligo in Elverys McHale Park we played Roscommon in Athleague in the Connacht Final. Against a physically stronger Roscommon team Mayo lost by 14 points.

Minor

Brian Finn was appointed Manager and was assisted by John Regan and Nicholas Frayne. After winning the All-Ireland C Final in 2013 the pressure was on to reach the final in 2014. The panel and Management team put in a huge amount of effort to emulate the team of 2013. After winning semi-final blitz the team would play Monaghan in the All-Ireland C Final in Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim on the 6th September. Mayo held a 6 point advantage at half time but had to withstand a strong Monaghan comeback in the second half to win by 2-11 to 1-10. A great achievement to win two All Irelands in a row. Congratulations to all the players and Management. The team received further recognition when they received the Young People of the Year Award at the Mayo People of the Year Awards on the 15th November in Breaffy House Resort.

Club Competitions.

Senior Hurling (Tyrell Cup). Hurling's top duo met again in the County Final played on the 12th October in Tooreen. Thanks to the Tooreen Club for having their pitch in such wonderful condition. The game was played in front of the biggest crowd seen at a hurling final with Ballyhaunis winning by 1-12 to 1-10. Ballyhaunis reached the Connacht Intermediate Final but were defeated by Cappataggle, Galway. Thanks to Mid West Radio who covered the County Final live for the first time.

Senior League(Genfit Cup).

Tooreen defeated Ballyhaunis in the Final played in Tooreen. This competition was confined to players not on the Christy Ring panel.

Unfortunately Ballina and Belmullet are not fielding teams at Senior/Junior level. There are now only four teams competing at Senior Level – Ballyhaunis, Tooreen, Castlebar Mitchels Hurling Club, Westport.

Connacht Tain League

2014 was the second year of the competition. The games are played in January-March and gives clubs early season games against clubs from the Connacht counties. Teams from Longford also participate. In 2014 four Mayo teams participated – Ballyhaunis, Tooreen, Westport and Castlebar.

U21

Four teams competed in this competition. The A and B Finals were held on the 21st July in Elverys McHale Park. Ballyhaunis defeated Castlebar Mitchels Hurling in the A Final and Tooreen defeated Ballyvary in the B Final.

Minor

Castlebar were the team of the year at minor level winning the A Championship and League. Ballyvary won the B Championship with Tooreen winning the B League Final

U16

Congratulations to Tooreen who won the A Championship and League. They also went on to win the Connacht Title at this level when they defeated Ahascragh/Fohenagh (Galway) in the Final on the 15th November.

Cashel Gaels won the B Championship and Westport the B League Final.

U14

A great year for Westport who won the Feile A Final and Championship A Final. The Club have a great underage coaching structure in place and are now reaping the rewards. Ballyhaunis won the B Feile Competition and Cashel Gaels won the B Championship Final.

- Full results of all competitions winners attached.

Thanks to

- All Clubs at underage and Senior levels on ensuring that all competitions were played this year.
- Referees who were always available to officiate at games at all levels.
- County Board Officials for the continued support of hurling in the County.
- Coaches who were involved with underage development squads.
- Mid West Radio and Local Newspapers for the coverage of the games.
- Team sponsors – Elverys

- Jim Hogan – Couriers Westport for his continued support of our senior champions.
- Board Na nOg Iomani for their work in organising underage competitions.
- Adrian Hession, G.P.O. for his commitment to underage coaching in Schools and with Development squads.
- John Hopkins Hurling Committee Chairman and Brendan Geraghty P.R.O. for their continued commitment and help over the year.

Eugene O Conghaile

Runai – Iomain

Mayo GAA Hurling Finals 2014

| Competition | Winner | Runner-Up |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Senior Championship (Tyrell Cup) | Ballyhaunis | Tooreen |
| Senior League (Genfitt Cup) | Tooreen | Ballyhaunis |
| Under 21 A Championship | Ballyhaunis | Castlebar Mitchels |
| Under 21 B Championship | Tooreen | Ballyvary |
| Minor A Championship | Castlebar Mitchels | Tooreen |
| Minor B Championship | Ballyvary | Westport |
| Minor A League | Castlebar Mitchels | Westport |
| Minor B League | Castlebar | Moytura |
| UNDER 16 A Championship | Tooreen | Westport |
| UNDER 16 B Championship | Caiseal Gaels | Ballina |
| UNDER 16 A League (O'Shea Cup) | Tooreen | Caiseal Gaels |
| UNDER 16 B League (O'Shea Shield) | Westport | Ballina |
| UNDER 14 A Championship | Westport | Tooreen |
| UNDER 14 B Championship | Caiseal Gaels | Ballyhaunis |
| UNDER 14 Feile A | Westport | Caiseal Gaels |
| UNDER 14 Feile B | Ballyhaunis | Castlebar Mitchels |
| UNDER 13 A League | Caiseal Gaels | Westport |
| UNDER 13 B League | Tooreen | Claremorris |
| UNDER 12 A | Westport | Tooreen |
| UNDER 12 B1 | Castlebar Mitchels | Moytura |
| UNDER 12 B2 | Caiseal Gaels | Ballyvary |
| UNDER 12 C | Claremorris | Ballina |

Development Report 2014.

As I write my fifth and final report, one sentence would sum up my five years on board. A lot done but more to do.

Ireland is just out of a serious recession and this has reflected on clubs around the county. There has not been as much development work with pitches, club houses, club grounds etc. in the latter few years. However of recent times there has been an increase in activity in relation to astro-turf pitches and club houses which is on-going.

At county level, Mayo could not avoid it either with a long term lease on McHale Park and an excellent new stand and press facilities, changing rooms, kitchens, meeting rooms and offices being built. We found ourselves in financial difficulty, which made sponsorship much harder to get as businesses were struggling to survive themselves.

Thankfully the setting up of 'Cairde Mhaigh Eo' along with the continued support at all Mayo clubs and a great run by Mayo Teams in the last four championship campaigns. We have weathered the storm and are now more secure going forward.

Strategic Plan

Mayo County Board completed a Strategic, Vision and Actions Plan for years 2012-2017. This is a plan that had to be drawn up by every county. It gives a clear road map of actions and vision over the five years in different categories. 1.

Games Development

2. Theme, Game Schedule

3. Volunteers and Officer Support

4. Inclusion and Integration

5. Planning

6. Communication

Currently we are in year two of this plan.

Also, all clubs are required to draw up a club plan of their own. Clubs have received information packs on how to do so. Slowly but surely clubs are getting around to the task. Any club in search of grants or loans from Connacht Council or Croke Park this is one of the first questions asked, do they have a club plan in place? I urge all remaining clubs to go ahead in completing one.

Club Audit

Last year, all Mayo clubs were audited. Generally, clubs are in good shape county-wide. A few safety issues in some clubs need to address.

Officer Training

There was officer training carried out every second year for officers especially new officers. I would also like to include, I hope they found it beneficial.

Club of the Year

This is a competition held annually. Over the course of my five years different clubs, senior down to junior, big and small have won this title and gone on to represent Mayo in the Connacht Club of the Year Competition. 2010-Ballyhaunis, 2011-Garrymore, 2012-Moygownagh, 2013-Moy Davitts and this year Kilmeena a Junior Club who have not had great success on the field of play due to emigration but have now turned the corner at underage level and ladies football. They take great pride in their excellent club

house, dressing rooms, pitch, stand and car park. All in good shape I would like to congratulate them on their win.

I want to thank my fellow Development Committee members over the last five years for their help and support. My facilitators committee also, ably led by Luke Fitzmaurice. To my fellow officers, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with you it has been great experience. You deserve lots of credit for all the voluntary work you do for the love of Mayo GAA.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Dan O'Malley
Development Officer 2010-2014.

Tuairiscáil an Rúnaí - Coiste Scór Mhaigheo 2014

Scór na nÓg:

The season got underway with the Scór na nÓg competitions. The standard was quite high throughout the county and it culminated in a very entertaining County Final which was held in Breaffy GAA club house on Saturday, January 11th.

The **Connaught Scór na nÓg** final was staged again this year in the Royal Theatre, Castlebar. Mayo's only winner in this year's Connacht Scór na nÓg was Louise Ní Gábháin, Castlebar Mitchels, in the solo singing category.

We had the honour this year of hosting the **All-Ireland Scór na nÓg** on the 1st of March in the T.F. Royal Theatre, Castlebar, with the GMIT hosting the quiz. The overall competition was a huge success, and while our sole competitor, Louise Ní Gabháin competed superbly she just fell short on the day and I have no doubt she will be back again.

Scór na bPáistí: Scór na bPáistí still has the highest entry of all three competitions and was held on the 5th of April. Its success, however, may be having an impact in the participation in Scór na nÓg. I would like to compliment the teachers, parents and mentors for all the time they invest in preparing competitors for what was a county final of the highest standard.

Scór Sinsir: Scór Sinsir took place on the 8th of March in Breaffy and again was behind in the amount of competitors competing. Nonetheless it was an entertaining county final, with Breaffy, Castlebar, Aghamore, Kilfian, Claremorris and Shrule Glencorrib all competing on the day.

The **Connacht Final** was held in Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo on the 22nd of March. Unfortunately, luck seem to evade us on that day, with Leitrim winning 5 titles, Sligo winning 2 and 1 for Galway.

Adjudication: I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who make their services available to us as adjudicators. Everyone will agree that they do a superb job and while we all may have our own personal opinions, we are very fortunate to have such a panel of expertise that we can call upon.

Stewards: I want to thank all those who turn up to steward at the various Scór events and also the All-Ireland Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsir competitions which we had the honour of hosting. It is still great to see that so many people give freely of their services.

A special work of thanks to the Breaffy GAA club for hosting the three county finals this year, the various MCs, caterers and all those who contributed in any way to the success of Scór in the county over the past year.

I wish to pay a special tribute to our Cathaoirleach, Gerry Bourke, for his help, advice and hard work in the organising of the various Scór competitions and the organisation of stewards for the All-Ireland Scór competitions. Unfortunately for reasons not relating to Scór, Gerry resigned as Chairman of Coiste Scór Mhaigheo, which was an upsetting end for everyone involved in Scór

Mhaigheo, as Gerry has been a huge driving force behind keep the Scór competitions alive here in Mayo. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Gerry all the best in his future endeavours. Gerry will always be hugely appreciated within the circles of Scór for his tireless work and huge dedication.

In conclusion, I wish to pay tribute on a personal level to everyone who has helped me in carrying out my duties over the past year in my first year as secretary of Coiste Scór Mhaigheo.

Neil Ó Dubhghlais

SCÓR 2014

Where the titles went.....

| Scór na bPaistí (Winners of County Final) | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|
| | Rince Fóirne | Amhránaíocht Aonair | Ceol Uirlise | Aithriseoireacht | Bailéad Ghrúpa | Rince Sean Nós | Nuachleas | Rince Seit |
| Scór na bPaistí | SN Cluain Cearbhán | Scoil Raifteirí <i>Paddai O hEineachain</i> | SN Tavrane | SN Cill Mobhi <i>Hannah Ní Fhiacra</i> | Scoil Naomh Eoin, Breachmahigh | SN Cnoc Mhuire <i>Seamus de Fréine</i> | SN Craggagh | SN An Teaghlach Naofa, Baile Uí Fhiachán |

| Scór na nÓg | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| | Rince Fóirne | Amhránaíocht Aonair | Ceol Uirlise | Aithriseoireacht | Bailéad Ghrúpa | Tráth na gCeisteanna | Nuachleas | Rince Seit |
| Scór na nÓg All Ireland, Connaught, County | Cluain Cearbháin | Na Mistealaigh, Caisleáin an Bharraigh <i>Louise Ní Ghabháin</i> | Na Mistealaigh, Caisleáin an Bharraigh | Coilte Mach Emma Ní Bheaglaoch | Aghadh Mór | | Sruthair Gleann Coirib | Achadh Mór |
| | Ros Comáin Naomh Dominic | Na Mistealaigh, Caisleáin an Bharraigh <i>Louise Ní Ghabháin</i> | Sligeach Iascaigh | Gaillimh | Ros Comáin Naomh Dominic | Sligeach Naomh Fearnain | | Liatrom |
| | Áth Cliath Na Fianna | Laois Camrós <i>Molly Donnery</i> | Muineacháin Drium Shamhain | Ciarraí An Spa Alsún Nic Giolla | Uibh Fháilí An Féar Bán | Dún na nGall Naomh Columba | Tiobhaird Árann Teampall Doire | Ciarraí An Spa |

Scór Sínsir

| | Rince Fóirne | Amhránaíocht Aonair | Ceol Uirlise | Aithriseoireacht | Bailéad Ghrúpa | Tráth na gCeist | Nuachleas | Rince Seit | Sean Nós Dancing |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Scór Sínsir All Ireland, Connaught, County | No Entries | Breachmhaigh Síle Aine Ní hIonnaile | Clár Chlainne Mhuiris | Clár Chlainne Mhuiris <i>Aingeal Ní Dhubhagáin</i> | Na Mistealaigh, Caisleáin an Bharraigh | | No Entries | Shruthair Gleann na Coiribe | Na Mistealaigh, Caisleáin an Bharraigh Pauline Ní Dhonnach |
| | Liatroim Naomh Mhuire Kiltoghert | Gaillimh Mainistir Chnoc Mhuaidhe <i>Norrie Ní Chatháin</i> | Sligeach Naomh Fearnáin | Liatroim Barr na Cuile <i>Aodáin Ó Docraigh</i> | Liatroim Naomh Mhuire Kiltoghert | | Sligeach Gael Naomh Molaise | Liatroim Fíonach/N aomh Caillin | Liatroim Achadh ns Sileann <i>Leona Reynolds</i> |
| | Ciarraí Gleann Fleisce | Doire Hannah Ní Fheargusa | Laois Mointeach Milic | Cill Dara Sharon Breathnach | Tír Eoghain An Ómaigh, Naomh Éanna | Ciarraí Cnoc na Heaglaise | An Iar Mhí Mullingar Shamrocks | Ciarraí Chill Chúimín | |

2015 Convention Votes

| North | Allocated | West | Allocated |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Ardagh | 3 | Achill | 3 |
| Adrnaree | 3 | Balla | 3 |
| Ballina Stephenites | 3 | Ballintubber | 3 |
| Ballycastle | 3 | Breaffy | 3 |
| Ballycroy | 3 | Seamus Tuohy | 1 |
| Belmullett | 3 | Burrishoole | 3 |
| Belmullett Hurling | 3 | Castlebar Hurling | 3 |
| Bonniconlon | 3 | Castlebar Mitchels | 3 |
| Vincent Neary | 1 | Jerry Henry | 1 |
| Crossmolina | 3 | Islandeady | 3 |
| Mick Herr | 1 | Cathy Carney | 1 |
| Kilfian | 3 | Kilmeena | 3 |
| Killala | 3 | Willie Kelly | 1 |
| Kiltane | 3 | Louisburgh | 3 |
| Knockmore | 3 | Michael Dan O Malley | 1 |
| Sean McEil | 1 | Padraig Walsh | 1 |
| Lahardane | 3 | Parke | 3 |
| Lacken | 3 | Michael Moran | 1 |
| Moygownagh | 3 | Padraig Carolan | 1 |
| Padraic Staunton | 1 | Tuair Mhic Eadaigh | 3 |
| Cill Chomain | 3 | Westport | 3 |
| | | | |
| | 55 | | 47 |
| | | | |
| South | Allocated | East | Allocated |
| Ballinrobe | 3 | Aghamore | 3 |
| Claremorris | 3 | Ballaghderreen | 3 |
| Willie Feeley Referees Admin | 1 | Ballyhaunis | 3 |
| Davitts | 3 | Charlestown | 3 |
| Garrymore | 3 | Eastern Gaels | 3 |
| JP Lambe | 1 | Ciarain Byrne | 1 |
| Shrule Glencorrib | 3 | Kilmovee | 3 |
| Peter Walsh | 1 | Kiltimagh | 3 |
| Hollymount Carramore | 3 | Paddy McNicholas | 1 |
| Michael Connolly | 1 | Bohola Moy Davitts | 3 |
| Ger McHugh | 1 | Swinford | 3 |
| Kilmaine | 3 | Aidan McLoughlin | 1 |
| Mayo Gaels | 3 | Vincent Walsh | 1 |
| John Hopkins | 1 | Tooreen | 3 |
| The Neale | 3 | | |
| | | | |
| | 33 | | 34 |
| | | | |
| Cumann na mBunscoil | 1 | Total electoral votes | |
| Post Primary | 1 | North | 55 |
| Handball | 1 | South | 33 |
| | 3 | East | 47 |
| | | West | 34 |
| | | Others | 3 |
| | | | 172 |

Ainmiuchain 2015

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| Patrún (Patron) | Padraic Ó Maolduin | Cathair na Márt |
| Uachtarán (President) | Seamús Pléimeann | Bealach an Dóirín |
| Cathaoirleach (Chairman) | Micheal O Conghaile Sean Ó Fannaí | Maolla- Ceathrú Mór Baile an Tobair |
| Leas-Cathaoirleach (Vice Chairman) | Micheal O Conghaile Seamus Ó Tuathaigh Sean Ó hOibicín | Maolla- Ceathrú Mór Bréachmaigh An Éil |
| Runaí (Secretary) | Uinsionn O Nearaigh | Muine Chonnalláin |
| Runaí Cunta (Assistant Secretary) | Seamus Ó Tuathaigh Diarmuid de Buitléir | Bréachmaigh Crois Mhaoilina |
| Cisteoir (Treasurer) | S.P. O Luain Micheal Ó Discín | Garraí Mór Caislean an Bharraigh |
| Cisteoir Cunta (Assistant Treasurer) | Gearoid Aodha JP Ó Manacháin | Maolla- Ceathrú Mór Beal an Mhuirthead |
| Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli (Public Relations Officer) | Aodan Mac Lochlainn | Beal Atha na Muice |
| Ard Comhairle (Central Council Delegate) | Sean MacÉil Seamus de Bhaldraithe | Cnoc Mór An Éil |
| Comhairle Chonnacht 1 (Connacht Council Delegate) | Gearoid De Burca Padraic Mac Niochlais | Breacmhaigh Coillte Mach |
| Comhairle Chonnacht 2 (Connacht Council Delegate) | Pádraig Mac an Mhíle Michael D O Maille | Maigh Gamhnach Cluain Cearbain |
| Oifigeach Leanáí (Children's Officer) | Padraic Breathnach | Cluain Cearbain |
| Oifigeach Cultúra (Cultural Officer) | Seamus Mac Giobúin | Leathardán |
| Oifigeach Forbartha (Development Officer) | Liam O Ceallaigh Gearoid Mac Einrí Thomas Ó Gamhnáin | Cill Miodhna Caislean an Bharraigh Cill tSeadna |
| Oifigeach Oiliuma (Coaching Officer) | Padraig Ó Cearúlláin | An Pháirc |

RUIN 2015

Senior Leagues:

1. That all teams involved in League Divisions 1E and below be permitted to play 13 a side unless both teams have 18 players or more then they must play a 15 a side game. (Ballaghaderreen)
Carried
2. The number of nominated players who are not permitted to play on a club's second league team be increased to 18 as was previously the case. A total of 15 of these would be derived from a list of players who played in the club's highest grade Championship team the previous year. (Ardagh)
Referred to CCC
3. Players that play in a club's highest grade Championship team in a given year cannot play on that club's second team in any remaining league games in that same year. (Ardagh) **Out of Order**
4. Where more than two teams finish level on points in a league the final positions will be determined based on the head to head results, where this is possible. (Ardagh) **Out of Order**
5. Where a club is found to have played a nominated player in a League game that team be deducted 6 points for the first occasion. For a re-occurrence the team be relegated. (Ardagh)
Referred to CCC
6. Clubs who fail to fulfil a league fixture in leagues 1A, B, C, be deducted a further 2 points (i.e. loss of 4 points for failure to fulfil a league fixture) (Hollymount Carramore) **Referred to CCC**
7. 'Clubs in the top 3 divisions of the league who fail to fulfill a fixture should be subject of a minimum fine of €1,000'. (Bonniconlon) **Referred to CCC**
8. The list of nominated players be drawn up by the CCC based on the referees' reports from the club's highest grade championship games from the previous year. This list would contain the 15 most used players from the previous year's highest grade championship games. This list would be circulated to the relevant clubs and it would be the clubs' responsibility to seek changes to this list. (Ardagh) **Referred to CCC**
9. That clubs who don't field a team to play in their final two league games be fined a minimum of €500 and also start the following season on -2 points per league game missed. (Ballintubber)
Referred to CCC
10. Mayo Team List be released on the Thursday before the Mayo match so that club players on the county team who are not named in the first 26 can be free to play with their club that weekend. (Garrymore) **Carried**

11. That the senior league starts no later than the 1st of April 2015 in order to prevent the league running into the winter months. (Davitts) **Referred to CCC**

Club Championship:

12. That the team that tops their group in the Mayo SFC, IFC and JFC be awarded home advantage in their respective quarter finals. (Ballaghaderreen) **Lost**
13. That this convention reaffirms that no training sessions, matches or meetings involving Mayo Senior County panel members take place in the 7 days immediately before each club championship match which incidentally was approved at an earlier convention but as we all know has since being ignored by the Mayo management. Any request to change this must require the prior approval of the County Board. (Castlebar Mitchels) **Carried**
14. That all club junior, intermediate, and senior club championships have reached the quarter final stage by the 31st of July, the semi-final stage by the 31st of August and the final stage by the 30th of September. (Castlebar Mitchels) **Withdrawn**
15. That the Junior C Championship be a 13 a-side competition (Kiltimagh) **Carried**

Minor / Club U21 Championship:

16. The CCC be given the power to fix all U21 Championship matches at neutral venue. (Kiltimagh) **Lost**
17. That the U21 Championships be played over an six week period in 2015 commencing in November. (Ballaghaderreen) **Referred to CCC**
18. A fixed date annually for clubs to confirm their participation in those competitions, at least 28 days before the scheduled commencement date for the competition (Moy Davitts) **Carried**
19. Player/players seeking under GAA rule 6.7 (b) 2 to play at minor/under 21 grade must seek approval, if not before the closing date, within 14 days of the closing date for the confirmation by clubs of their participation (Moy Davitts) **Carried**
20. No transfers of players will be permitted under rule 6.7 (b) 2 once the first game has been played in the competition in which the club is seeking to participate. (Moy Davitts) **Withdrawn**
21. In the U21 Championship, that the group games be played on the Tuesday/Wednesday following the Senior and Intermediate Championships. (Davitts) **Referred to CCC**

Other:

22. That all clubs insure that referees from their club are paid up members of the club itself before affiliation at the start of each season. (Ballintubber) **Carried**
23. That the County Board hold a meeting with all club delegates on a monthly basis and that the day of the monthly meeting be adopted in standing orders (for example, the first Monday of every month, the second Tuesday of every month) (Ballintubber) **Carried**

24. That an e-mail be sent by the County Board secretary to all County Board Delegates and Club Secretaries five days in advance as notification of a County Board Meeting and that the minutes of the monthly meetings be sent to delegates and secretaries within five days of a monthly meeting being held (Ballintubber) **Carried**
25. That four clubs be allowed to address each monthly County Board meeting, for five minutes each, to explain how their own affairs are being conducted, and how they can improve their relations with the County Board (Ballintubber) **Carried**
26. That Cumann Luchleas Gael negotiate with Willis Insurance brokers a reduction for Clubs in the excess on Property claims from €4,000 to a sensible affordable €150. (Ballintubber) **Carried**
27. That the County Board PRO insure that all of the weekend results from Mayo GAA be included in the national newspapers every Monday morning and also on RTÉ Aertel (Ballintubber) **Carried**
28. In the event of the need to appoint a manager to the County Senior football team in the future that a more professional and transparent process is adhered to in order to process candidates for this position. (Castlebar Mitchels) **Carried**
29. That the club County Board delegate be the club Chairperson. (Castlebar Mitchels) **Withdrawn**
30. That Coiste Bainistí of Chondae Maigheo prepares a document outlining the job description and procedures to be followed for selection and appointment of all team managers and present this to Coiste Chondae Maigheo at its March meeting for approval. This document is thereafter reviewed each September and the amended document is presented to Coiste Chondae Maigheo at a September meeting for approval. (Castlebar Mitchels) **Carried**
31. That Coiste Bainisti Chondae Maigheo prepares a comprehensive annual income expenditure and Capital budget for all its activities under its approval and presents this to Coiste Chondae Maigheo at its January meeting for approval and also recommend that this particular budget be reviewed at the end of each quarter and the outcome of this review is presented to Coiste Chondae Maigheo at its meetings thereafter. (Castlebar Mitchels) **Carried**
32. That where amalgamated underage clubs has sufficient numbers in their constitute parts, to field teams in there own right and under their own names that they be permitted to do same and that regulations be adjusted to allow for same. (Lahardane) **Carried**
33. County Board coaching personnel be made available to assist clubs. Coaching at club level is conducted by club members on a voluntary basis. A consistent quality of coaching is required to ensure the players coached are getting the best possible training available. The availability of County Board coaches can impact positively on players but also improve the quality of each clubs coaches and ensure a high level of coaching quality amongst club members. (Kilmeena) **Carried**

Inter County:

34. That all All-Ireland Semi-Finals be played in Croke Park without exception (Ballintubber) **Carried**
35. That the All-Ireland Senior football and hurling championship semi-finals and semi-final replays all be played in Croke Park and this is bearing in mind that the American football is scheduled to return to Croke Parke again in August 2016. (Castlebar Mitchels) (Kiltimagh) **Carried**

Provincial Club:

36. That the Connacht Council be lobbied for Connacht Club Intermediate Championship to be played on home and away basis.
ie County winners play their Connacht semi-final at their County venue on alternate years (based on current format) (Ballyhaunis) **Carried**

