

Senior Football Chairman's Address 2020

I want to start by welcoming you all to our End of year meeting.

Sharon has forwarded the report to you on how our Teams performed during the year.

Mick will give you a report outlining our finances and has highlighted how costly it is to run Senior Football.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our management teams and their selectors for the work they put in with their teams during the year.

Our Senior Management Team

Niall Cronin has stepped down as manager of the 1st Team. I want to thank Niall and all his Selectors for all they have done over the past 2 years.

I also want to thank the Management Teams of 2nd and 3rd Teams. Again huge work was done here to ensure we had matches for all players in one of the strangest seasons ever.

Neil Farragher is in a Semi Final of the Championship with the Minor football team. We have to wait and see will this competition be finished in the coming months. Again I want to thank Neil and his team for the work they are putting in.

I want to thank Stephen our Physio for all the time and effort he put in looking after all our teams.

To our back-room team who have helped out at all our matches and training sessions. The work they do cannot be measured and is so important to the section.

Our lotto committee every week turn up on Thursday night now by Zoom to carry out the most important job. Their forward thinking of continuing the Lotto was a great decision as it's our only form of income. Thanks to you all for the work you are doing.

Sponsorship

We all know Sponsorship is hard to come by and Covid 19 has impeded on all clubs across the Country so we are no different. I want to thank all our members in Club 300 which at present are our biggest sponsor; Naas Oil. and also PJ Mahoney and Joe Morrin both who have sponsored a set of Jerseys each.

To all the members who help out at the fences in Punchestown, especially Timmy who has to be present at every race meeting to organise. It just could not happen without him.

Pitch Co Ordinator

On behalf of our Section I want to thank Owen for a job well done. Not an easy job to carry out! But I speak for all when I say that Owen carries it out in a very professional manner.

Our thanks to Austin and David in Senior Hurling for their co-operation in working with us throughout the year.

Football Committee

Thanks to my fellow Officers-, Sharon, Mick and Liam for their support during the year. I also want to thank the committee for all their input and hard work. We all do this job because we love the sport and have great passion for this club.

Sharon is taking a step back this year and some how I think there could be bigger plans in the pipeline for her. I want to thank her for everything she has done for Senior Football over the past number of years.

Conclusion

I want to start by thanking the Officers of the Club and the Executive for their support. To John, Richie, Sinead, Clive and Damien -for the work you are doing in running the Club

Huge thanks to Linda Woulfe for the continued work with the sports hall that so many members don't know about or appreciate.

The grounds committee for the work they put in week after week.

Thanks to Liam Whelan and Alan Archibold for giving up their time to referee our matches.

Thanks to all the people who helped on the gate collecting money for matches. Also the Members who gave their time to do Umpire and Linesman duties for all the League and Championship matches during the year.

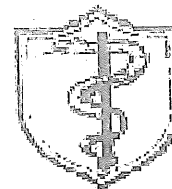
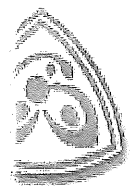
I also want to mention the Juvenile football Section for the tremendous work that is being done in coaching our young players. The success we are having at present is down to the great work that is being done by you.

As we head into 2021 hopefully this vaccine will allow us get back to normality as soon as possible

This concludes my report for 2020.

Frank Joyce

(Senior Football Section Chairman)



NAAS SENIOR FOOTBALL Year End Meeting 7th December 2020

Secretary's Report:

Welcome everyone to the 2020 End of Year Meeting for Senior Football.

2020 will go down in history as one of the most unprecedented years in senior football and not for the excitement on the field but for the uncertainty off the field for everyone.

The year commenced with celebrations in January with an awards night for all the achievements in 2019. Senior football celebrating, senior football league title win in 2019, Reserve A league, Jack Higgins Cup made its way back to Naas, Reserve C championship win, Minor A championship and Under 17 league.

Preparation for the season ahead began in January with training for senior and minor teams, matches commenced in February with pre-season competitions.

March 14th put the season firmly on hold when the first lockdown due to Covid 19 began. The restart in July saw restrictions and covid protocols put in place to keep everyone safe and well. I would like to thank Alan, Rick, Pat, Neill and Sean for taking the job of covid supervisors to ensure play could commence.

On The Field:

Unlike any other year this is going to be a very short report unfortunately.

The Senior Team: Managed by Niall Cronin, Niall Carew, Kevin Martin and Evan Mc Dermott started the competitive year with the **Aldridge cup** which they played one game in the middle of Storm Denis, exceptional conditions and narrowly beaten by Raheens. Covid 19 put a halt to this competition. **The League** started again in July but this was to be a very different format split into two sections which Naas were drawn in section B and played two games 1 win 1 loss before the **Championship** and again a very different format due to Covid restrictions drawn in Group D with four teams and had 1 win and 2 defeats. This ended the senior team season as more restrictions were put in place.

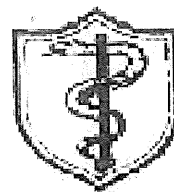
The Reserve Senior Football Team: Managed by Jim Bergin, Rick Kearns, Brian Walsh, Garven Sweeney, Joe Mc Andrew, Frank Joyce. **Senior Reserve A league** which was much the same as above with two games beating Athy and Maynooth in July. **Reserve A Championship** commenced after Kildare's second lockdown in September. Winning all their games in a knock out competition to meet Sarsfields in the final at the beginning of October in extremely wet conditions. The game was for the taking for Naas on score line 1-7 to 0-5 and the lads were firmly in control in the final until an injury on field caused the game to be abandoned. With Lockdown again the final was never replayed and no silverware.

Third Senior Football Team: Managed by Pat Healy and Crew. This again was a victim of Covid 19 and only a couple of games played throughout the year with some success.



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Minor football Team: Managed by Neill Farragher, Richie Ormsby, Declan Mc Govern, and Aiden Mc Govern **Division 1 League.** Began in February with one game and then was suspended this was never restarted. **Minor A championship.** Like the senior competitions this began again after lockdown and the team were on target to play in the final with 3 comprehensive wins, when lockdown again put an end to the season.

The Second Minor team: Managed by Tony Mc Mahon, Sean Guerin. The team entered into the championship after the first lockdown where they played 3 games in a very tough division.

No competitions this year unfortunately another victim of Covid 19.

Under 21 Team:

Under 17 championship:

This was an exceptional year and will go down as one with no silverware but plenty of success off the field of play in the exceptional way that all of Naas GAA player's, managers and club members stayed together while being apart to fight an even bigger battle to keep each other safe and well.

Sharon Murphy
Senior Football Section Secretary