

# Na Gaeil Notes Monday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Coiste na nÓg AGM** Na Gaeil Coiste na nÓg AGM was held virtually on Thursday evening last February 4<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was very well attended with most members now coming to grips with zoom technology. Chairperson Colm O'Suilleabháin welcomed everybody to the meeting and secretary John Keating gave a full and detailed report of all Coiste na nÓg activities both on and off the field in what was a trying year for our GAA community. Colm thanked all officers, coaches, mentors and parents for their input over the season and for the manner in which they strictly adhered to the covid-19 guidelines thus ensuring that our young boys and girls trained and played in a safe and healthy environment at all times. He asked everybody to stay safe and be patient and hopefully sooner rather than later all our young players will be back on the club fields again. John Keating stepped down as Coiste na nÓg secretary after ten years of sterling service in that role. Colm thanked him for his outstanding contribution during his tenure and wished him well in his new position as club secretary where he will as always do an excellent job. Roz Fitzgerald stepped down as registrar, a job she did so efficiently over the past number of years. Colm thanked Roz for the commitment, dedication and professionalism she brought to her role as registrar and wished her well in the future.

**Covid Restrictions Update** The following is a covid restrictions update issued last week from Croke Park by Ard Stiúrthóir Tom Ryan and Uachtarán John Horan: As you may have read or heard through media sources, a meeting of the GAA's Covid Advisory group was held this evening. The meeting considered the question of a return to training for senior inter county teams. It was the view of the group that the incidence of the virus in the community remains at a level where it would be irresponsible for the GAA to permit a return to collective training at this moment in time. However, the group did welcome the significant and ongoing reduction in case numbers over the course of the last number of weeks and it was agreed to reconvene on the week commencing February 15<sup>th</sup> to further consider the matter. As the situation with the virus remains fluid, it is unfortunately impossible for the Association to put definitive dates in place for when inter-county training or games may resume. However, there are positive indications in terms of the reduction of case numbers and the continued roll out of the Covid vaccine and as such, the commencement of competitions in the month of March is a definite possibility. In that context, we remain committed to providing at least a four-week window for teams between the return of collective training and the commencement of competitive games, and remain committed to running all of the various competitions that were outlined in the original Master Fixture plan published last December. In the interim, I would like to thank our players and managers for their understanding of the current situation and for co-operating with us in ensuring that collective training does not take place. I also wish to remind Counties that all pitches and gyms must remain closed for the time being. Finally, I want to re-assure Counties and Clubs that despite this necessary delay in getting the inter-county season up and running, we remain committed to ensuring a healthy portion of the fixture calendar is allocated to our

clubs so that they can return to training and competition as soon as Government restrictions permit. We are also conscious that outstanding club games from 2020 and the remaining games in the 2020 Minor and U20 inter county competitions need to be factored into the equation in this context. We will issue a revised Master Fixture Calendar to address all of the above once a date for the commencement of the 2021 inter-county season has been agreed.

**Kerry GAA Masters** Kerry GAA is delighted & excited to announce a Masters by research in collaboration with MTU Kerry, with the potential to progress to PhD. The project titled: *Quantifying physiological performance and attributes of development pathways in elite grade GAA football squads using GPS data*

See link below:

<https://www.ittralee.ie/en/media/ResearchScholarships/2020/Project14InformationAShields.pdf>

Applications are invited for a master by research project for which a fee waiver scholarship is available. It would suit a graduate with an interest in sport with a bachelor's degree (second class honours or higher) in either science, computing, business or a related field. Interested candidates are invited to apply to undertake the master by research degree programme on either a full or part time basis: To APPLY please e-mail your CV with a short cover letter outlining your interest in the project area to [research@ittralee.ie](mailto:research@ittralee.ie)

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 1PM ON FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2021. Informal enquiries on the project may be e-mailed to [andrew.shields@staff.ittralee.ie](mailto:andrew.shields@staff.ittralee.ie)

**Clubhouse** The clubhouse is closed for all outside activities and the gym will also be closed until there is further clarification from GAA Headquarters as to when they can re-open.

**Clothes Collection** There is now a Clothes Collection Bin situated in Na Gaeil car park for use by all members of the public.