

# Kiltha Óg

## **Secretary's Report 2017**

## **Introduction**

I would like to welcome everyone here tonight to our Annual General Meeting, As we come to the end of another year, we can look back with pride at the achievements of our members, on and off the field of play.

The club had a good year in terms of competition, committee work and finances. The reason for this success is due largely to our diligent and competent club people who put great effort into coaching and managing our teams, fundraising and general club functions.

## **Achievements**

2017 got off to a really positive start when Kiltha Og were honoured with the coveted Monthly Rebel Og Award following a memorable 2016 season. The award was presented in the Clayton Silversprings hotel in early January by Kevin Cummins (Cummins Sports) with delegates from Coiste na nÓg, Rebel Óg, Cork GAA board and the Deputy County Mayor in attendance. This has been the first time the club has been in receipt of such an award and it is testament to the hard work and commitment of the managers, mentors, trainers and the players themselves.

2017 proved to be a very successful year for Kiltha Óg once again with victories on the field of play for a number of groups. The U16 team won the P2A County Hurling Championship. U14 won both the Premier 2 hurling league final and the Eastern 'B' football championship. The U13 team reached the Premier 2 hurling league final, losing out by just the narrowest of margins and the minor team reached league finals in both hurling and football but unfortunately failed to come home with the silverware. Make sure to pick up your copy of the team managers 'End of Year' report which details the ups and downs for each age group over the last year.

Once again, the hurling skill competitions were carried out at the end of the current season for the U12, U14 and U16 age groups. Congrats to Charlie O'Neill, Niall Geaney and Mike Leahy on winning at their relevant age levels. Congratulations to Jack McGann who represented Cork in the Munster U16 long puc competition in the Burren, Co Clare. Jack finished in joint 2nd place, just 1 puc behind the winner.

Congratulations to Joe Stack, Darragh Moran, Kyle Quinn Waites, Ciaran Joyce, Ben Napier and Darragh Joyce on making the Cork Development Squads. Well done also to all the players that made the Imokilly Squads and best of luck to them all for the year ahead. Special word of congrats to Joe Stack and Darragh Moran who both received U17 All-Ireland hurling medals this year with the Cork team.

### **Camps/Coaching**

Cúl Camp this year was again a huge success. Over 150 boys participated for the week. Cork player, Mark Coleman made a guest appearance on the final day to give the lads some tips for success and words of encouragement. Of course he could not be left go home without giving us a demo of his sideline skills.

In line with requirements for silver certification, we also ran a two day camp over the Easter holidays. This proved to be a beneficial and enjoyable couple of days for the kids.

Thanks again to coaching officer Mike Fahalee who along with Dave Burke dedicated many hours to ensure that we hold on to our Silver Status in Rebel OG's Benchmarking programme.

### **Website**

Our new club website is now up and running at [www.kilthaog.com](http://www.kilthaog.com), thanks to the hard work of Patsy Cashman. It is now up to each one of us to make this website a success. We would like to encourage the personnel involved at each age group to be more proactive in submitting fixtures, results, pictures, reports etc.. to the website admin on a regular basis. Without your help and contributions this website will quickly become static

### **Fundraiser**

Once again the main fundraiser for the year was our annual draw. Thanks to Patrick O'Brien who worked tirelessly to ensure that this draw was a great success. Thanks also to all our sponsors who came on board to make this draw possible. Also special mention to the Castle Pharmacy who kindly sponsored a new set of jerseys for the minor team this year.

### **Social night**

On the social side, our annual Kiltha Óg dinner was held in Castlemartyr Resort last January with a large turnout of this event. Medal presentations to winning teams and skill winners took place on the night.

### **Appreciation**

Thanks to managers and their fellow mentors and trainers within all groups who put in huge work and effort in coordinating teams for training and matches throughout the year. Much appreciation to the parents of the players who provided transport and that all important encouragement on the slide lines throughout the year.

We would like to extend thanks to Donal Ahern, Dungourney and Willie Walsh, Castlemartyr for all of their work in keeping the pitches and their surroundings in such excellent condition. Thanks also to Donal McCarthy and Richard Harney

who have always been on hand when it came to field allocation requests and at peak season this is no easy task.

Thanks once again to both Dungourney and Castlemartyr adult clubs for their constant support, especially John Kenneally and Donagh McCarthy who are always on hand to help out. I would like to wish both Dungourney and Castlemartyr all the best again in the coming year as they compete at intermediate level.

To conclude, I would like to thank all those who had any involvement with the club throughout the year, it is no small commitment to get involved in any organization but without people like you clubs like this would not survive. Thanks to my fellow officers, JJ Ahern, Joe Stack, John White, Patrick O'Brien, Mike Calton, Patsy Cashman and Mary Martin for all their hard work and assistance throughout the year.

As most of you are probably aware, JJ and Patrick are stepping down from their current roles. Patrick took over the position of treasurer two years ago and has been a fantastic asset to the club committee. His expertise in this area has been invaluable and we always knew the finances of the club were in safe and capable hands.

JJ is taking a back seat after three years at the helm. JJ has literally been my 'right hand man' during the last few years. He was always the one on the other side of the phone with a logical head and a calm approach. However, I always felt that JJ came into his own the night of the club social when he was handed the microphone at the top table, his quick wit and humour always made the night an enjoyable one. Thanks again to both Patrick and JJ, ye will be a hard act to follow.

## **2018**

So for 2018, we look forward to what will hopefully be another great year for Kiltha Óg, competing well at all levels on the field of play. Equally as important, we will continue to provide a social outlet for the young of our community, facilitating the safe and healthy development of our children. Also, to everyone here tonight, please do not be afraid to get involved, no matter how small you think your contribution may be, it will be appreciated. We are an expanding club and your help is required for us to succeed.

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