



2009 AGM Cuala Ladies Football Committee 4th November 2009

Chairman's Report

This year the Ladies Football Committee looked after 3 teams at under 14, under 16 and adult and hosted the division 2 Féile.

The under 14 team under the care of Ann Marie Kennedy, Aidan McMahon and Kevin Kennedy had a season of mixed fortunes. Having not fared too well in the Féile their season improved and they are now in the championship final to be played in the next week or two.

As mentioned above, for the first time we in Cuala hosted the division 2 Féile. It was originally planned for Thomastown but due to bad weather and pitch closures it had to be moved to Hyde Park at the last minute. It was a very successful day. Many thanks to all involved especially the girls juvenile committee who looked after the catering for the day. Feedback from other clubs in the county was very favourable.

Due to the lack of a suitable under 15 league, at under 16 this year we had a very large squad of 28 girls. This meant that the management team of Siobhan Kiernan, Stephen McGovern and Joe Cole had a difficult time trying to ensure that all the girls got a fair chance of playing. They managed this very well although as one might imagine it took some planning. The team finished up mid league and congratulations to all involved.

The adult team's year started out on a high when they beat St Patrick's Dromahair's Ladies Football Team in the opening match on the Celebrity Bainisteoir Day. They then won the shield final in the pre season Marianne Costello Tournament. Although the squad on paper was 27 great difficulty

was found in fielding teams due to the large number of girls sitting examinations both college and state. As a result the team struggled during their league and championship campaigns. The mentors, Georgina McGovern and Elizabeth Gregan would like to take this opportunity to publically thank Mike Bernie for his dedicated help and support on the coaching front. We feel that Mike's expertise and dedication to the girls was of great benefit and are confident that we will see the fruits of this in next seasons' results. Thank you Mike.

As mentioned in last years report, Cuala is one of a number of Dublin clubs who introduced the Gaelic for Mothers programme. This is a fun programme for Ladies to introduced them to the rules and skills of Gaelic Football through a light exercise session. This session takes place every Wednesday at 9pm in the Cuala Hall. All are welcome. This had brought a new level of activity into the club for a previously un-catered for membership group. So now not only fathers and sons can play Gaelic games but also mothers and daughters.

Finally thanks to all the members of the Ladies Committee for all the hard work during the year.

Many Thanks

Elizabeth Gregan
Cuala Ladies Football Chairman