



LOUTH LADIES GAA



Secretary's Report To Annual Convention 2019.

Introduction:

Hi good evening and welcome to our 2019 Annual Convention.

I have just completed my first year as secretary and it was busy,fulfilling and enjoyable.

It has been challenging at times,but that is part and parcel of what we do and it hasn't put me off making myself available for another year.

Sub Committees:

Sub committees worked very well and I thank each and everyone of them for their work over the year..As regards our Fixtures Committee Led by Chairman Bob Doheny I feel it worked very well.

While some unpopular decisions were made,they were never personalised,and everything was done in good faith and in keeping within LGFA rules..

Fixtures is something that has to be reviewed annually as every year throws up something new.

We do have various reasons for fixture changes,(ie)Bereavements/Bad Weather/Pitch unavailability for a number of reasons.

Competitions:

Competitions ran reasonably well during the year,but we could do with getting an earlier start to the season weather permitting of course.

All our competitions were well contested with The Subsidiary League being a new competition provided football for those who had no adult inter county involvement,and the Minor C'Ship starting earlier.Minor is a difficult one to monitor as there are players who play very little football outside that age group,while there are others who play across different levels.

I must thank Veronica Traynor for looking after the underage Blitzes and Orlaith Nugent for organising the u12 and u13 Tournaments.

Co Teams:

I congratulate all our Co Teams and management on their great work throughout the year,and of course our Leinster and All Ireland Adult winning team,and likewise our u16's.

It was great to see these titles coming into our county.

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Referees:

Referees are in short supply, and recruitment is required urgently.

I thank all referees who officiated at our games and indeed at some at short notice.

We currently have two referees operating at Leinster, and one at national level, namely David Loughran and Paul Burke.

Venues:

I wish to thank all clubs who provided venues for our various finals throughout the year, some who currently are not involved in The LGFA.

Discipline:

Generally indiscipline is not a major concern with players, we've had issues between clubs and within clubs which is not healthy, and clubs must realise that they can deal with problems from within and do so in time so as not let situations get out of hand.

I hope that 2020 will see less, in fact see none of this raising it's head at all.

Sponsors:

I wish to thank all our sponsors including our Main Sponsor Blackstone Motors, our C'Ship Sponsors, Halpenny Coaches/Hollywood Developments/Watters Of Collon/Wee County Trophies/Tom Duffy Trophies/Dundalk Credit Union, Lenra Construction & Christoff Custom Built Rooms, and anyone who contributed along the way.

Website & Social Media:

Social media is a great way to promote our games.

The Results and Tables are instantly available after games.

We eventually found a way to getting all Amalgamated teams listed on the Servasport System.

A special thanks again must go to **Anthony O'Connor** for his work on maintaining the Website and posting notices on demand!!.

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General:

Overall it was a great year for Louth LGFA, with two Leinster and All Ireland Titles coming our way.

At this stage I wish to thank all my fellow officers for all their hard work over the year.

I also wish to thank all the Co Management Teams who put so much time and effort into the preparation of their various squads.

Bereavements:

We should all remember those loved ones and club members who have passed on since our last Convention.

Conclusion:

Looking forward to 2020, we need to hit the ground running, in that we again need a strong executive who will get things moving **ASAP** in early January, and have Sub Committees in place.

I also wish all management teams well in the year ahead, and let's hope that we can bring some more silverware home to compliment the work of all.

In the meantime I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Happy and Successful 2020.

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