

Suncroft GFC Annual General Meeting 2012

Agenda

- Opening Address
- Minutes of Last years AGM
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Chairman's Address
- Election of Officers & Executive Committee
- Election of Team Managers/Selectors
- Ratify under age and Ladies Committee's AGM
- Community & Culture, PR and Communications
- Finance & Fundraising
- Coaching & Games
- Development & Facilities
- AOB

**Secretary's Report for year 2011
Presented by Club Secretary Shane Kavanagh**

Team reports

Teams - Senior

The senior manager this year was Mick Stynes. Mick had 3 Selectors who included Paul Sinnott, Ollie Brannock and Val Dillon.

Seniors - Aldridge Cup

The Aldridge Cup was our first official competition and while we did not progress beyond the group stage, We did managed to record our first Aldridge Cup win since the club returned Senior.

Senior League Division 2

The seniors had a excellent league campaign and were very close to promotion. We retained our status in Division 2 and next year the first target of the Senior team will be to win Division 2.

Championship

The Senior Championship was restructured this year and this new system will be in place for the next 3 years. We were drawn against Celbridge in the first round and to be fair Celbridge were happy to get away with a win as Suncroft were well prepared and put in a excellent performance in fact one that the Suncroft supporters were proud of on the day

Due to the Kildare Senior team progress in the All Ireland qualifiers the club championship was put on hold. The second round was against Confey and this game was played in Naas on a Friday evening unlike the Celbridge match Suncroft didn't seem to be as sharp on the day and in the end it turned out to be a bad day at the office and the loss meant Suncroft would not have to play in the regulation semi final.

Suncroft had to play in the regulation playoff and the draw gave us Round Towers. Suncroft beat the Towers and secured senior status for the club. Towers were sent to the Regulation Final and while the Croft Supporters went home delighted with the result.

The Club would like to take this opportunity to thank the team manager Mick Stynes, Team trainer Killian Brennan, team selectors Ollie Brannock, Paul Sinnott, and the infamous Eamon Ryan for their dedication and commitment during the year.

Senior B League and Championship.

The management used this league and championship to help guide younger players and prepare them for Senior Football. This initiative worked very well and we had some great league wins and narrowly missed playoff position. The Championship seen this team get to the Quarter Final stage and it was Niall Quinn Eadstown who beat us on the night. It was a pity the Minors had a challenge game the night before the quarter final as it wasn't fair on the players to have to play 2 games in two nights. I would recommend that it future this would not happen again. I

would personally like to thank the players, Dessie Brannock & John Moore for their help, work and commitment during the year.

Minors

After a successful season in 2010 this team put in a immense performance and paid off reaching the league semi finals. They also reached the Championship quarter finals after an impressive 3 wins in the Group Stages. Sadly the quarter final seen St Laurence's get the better of us after a excellent comeback and it the end it was heartbreaking for the lads to loose on the night. Thanks again to the players Denis King, Leo Foy, John Brown and Dean Slattery for their work and commitment.

Under 21's

A very professional approach was taken this year with the under 21's. Suncroft has a very young under 21 side and indeed only one player will be overage for next years championship. Alan Middleton was manager and John Brown worked with Alan and an immense effort was put into this young side. Their first match was against Rathangan and Suncroft recorded a great victory and headed to the Quarterfinals to play Na Fianna Suncroft were level at Half time but in the end Na Fianna was to strong for our young side who were also missing a few players due to work and injuries. The club wishes to thank Management and players for the effort and commitment they gave to this competition.

County Players.

Once again we had a number of County Players, senior, Junior, Under 21's, Minor and indeed underage who have represented the Club at County Level. These players have represented our club with great pride. The Club on behalf of the community wish to take this opportunity to formally thank these players.

Underage

2012 was another busy year on the playing fields, with the year commencing in February and running right through to the end of November. Our coaches continue to work hard and maintain solid coaching and training programmes for all teams. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank the Under age committee under the stewardship of Mark Prendergast and John Brown for their work and commitment during the year.

Ladies

At last years AGM Suncroft GFC welcomed the Ladies Club and 2012 seen a busy year for the ladies. Congratulation to the Senior Ladies on winning the Junior Championship after beating Athgarvan in Hawfield in a excellent game of football. The Under 15' and under 13's also won league titles and once again congratulations goes to all the girls who participated with both these teams. I would also like to thank all team managers for the work, time and effort that has been given to these ladies teams. I would also like to thank the Ladies committee under the stewardship of Alan Phelan, Kevin Murphy, Charlene Kane, and Claire Durkan for their work and commitment during the year.

Merchandise

A big thank you to Marie Knight who did a excellent job looking after the Club Merchandise for the Club this year.

Club Memberships

This year we saw a slight increase in Membership but I do believe its a area that needs radical improvement. Its disappoints me to note that there are still players and mentors who didn't pay their membership and while I am not going to embarrass any individuals, I hope this won't be an issue next year.

Fundraising and Sponsorship

The Club ran a number of fundraisers including field day, Golf day, Table Quiz's, Suncroft Festival and the Dog Night

There was many people who contributed to the fundraising efforts in the Club during the year. Thank you to the volunteers who gave so generously of their time.

Special thanks to the following people in particular who contributed so generously:

1. Principal sponsors of Dog night, John Moore of Moore's Well, Sean Murphy, Tony Howard, Alan & John Troy of Troy Electrical and Billy Flood, Centra Suncroft, Alan Middleton, Pat Sutton, James Keane, John Vaughan and Ark Finance.
2. all who paid to take part in the golf classic and sponsored tee boxes
3. all who bought items at the auction and spent money at the field day
4. all who purchase weekly lotto tickets, pay online lotto or paid upfront lotto contributions
5. Marie Knight and Siobhan Lawless for contribution from Michael Lawless Memorial Day
6. Senior players who contributed and arranged the very successful players Quiz night
7. Murphy family in Suncroft and UK for the Suncroft festival contribution
8. Val Dillon and Colm Keane for renting the land from the club
9. anyone else who put their hand in their pocket for the benefit of the Club in 2011

Finally I ask that you please support our sponsors

Lotto

The Lotto has been a our main source of income over the past few years however sales have declined in more recent years and this year we set about a new initiative incorporating the club membership and lotto online. This initiative gives our members two ways to pay one being €250 up front payment for year and the second being a €25 standing order for the year. Last year we had some good success with this initiative and this year the club will aim to build on this success and double the uptake. A a recent fundraising meeting it was agree to increase the sales agents and go door to door each week to drive sales.

The Lotto requires a lot of work, commitment and dedication and its disappointing to say that only for Mary Val Dillon and Dessie Brannock who consistently give their time to helping with the draw we would be in trouble. Before I go any further I would like to acknowledge Johnny Moore, James Keane, Val Dillon and Ollie Brannock who from time to time have chipped in during the year. The Club has spoken previously of doing the draw in different locations and drawing up a lotto roster. I would go further and suggest we have dedicated lotto co-ordinator who will take responsibility for ensuring tickets are collected for agents and making sure the draw is completed each week. This area needs attention and this is your club and I am asking you to get involved and help out please. Once again I would like to thank Mary Val Dillon for her Trojan work again this year. I would also like to thank Padar Kane, Eamon Ryan, Betty Bradley (Bush Pub), John Dowling, Paddy Behan, Sandra Johnson, John Stack and Kevin Murphy for help with ticket sales. Finally thanks to John Moore for use of his facilities during the year.

GAA ASAP

As you may know the GAA's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) programme has been running successfully for some years. Under the GAA's Strategic Vision and Action Plan, 2009-2015, every club in the country has been charged with having an active ASAP officer in place, and with adopting a club Drug and Alcohol Policy. The Club would like to thank Anne Marie King for her work on both the ASAP and Children's Officer for the club.

Gate Collection's

Once again Alan Tobin and Padar Kane have done a fantastic and I might add at times thankless job looking after match gate collections. Both men have never let the club down and their work and commitment is fully appreciated by the Club.

Conclusion

2011 was a busy year for the club with teams competing at all levels. The Senior ladies won the championship and our senior Men secured senior status this gives us a taste of the year's highlights.

To all team managers, coaches, selectors and players who gave up their time and hard work to ensure that we always be a very competitive club, we say thanks to all. I would like to thank my fellow Club Officers, and committee for their hard work, help and support throughout the year and to all who help out with day to day running of the club, including those who have obliged in doing umpire and linesmen at home and away matches and also when called on by the County Board. A big thank you to all of our families and the wider community for all your support and commitment throughout the year.

I would like to thank the Chairman Dessie Brannock for his leadership and support during the year. Dessie has always put the Club first when matters of importance have arose and I would also pay tribute to Susan for her support, understanding and patience throughout the year.

I also want to thank Treasure Pat Sutton for his help, support and commitment throughout the year. Managing the finances of this club can be at times testing and Pat has done a tremendous Job and always kept the ship afloat.

In January 2012, The club will look forward to getting the show on the road again and hopefully we will win some silver way along the way. We hope to have your continued support as we continue to build and develop this fantastic football club that we are all so proud to be part of.

Mise le Meas,

Sean Caomhanach