Monaleen GAA Secretary’s Report Season 2019.

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Another year has passed so quickly and this is my 12th report as Club Secretary . Although the McCarthy did not return to Limerick this year we must not forget that our county team won the NHL and Munster titles . Congratulations to Andrew , Paul and Brian who were involved again this year . During the year D G O Donovan came on board as club sponsor and we wish to thank Muiris Gavin for this generous support . Club membership increased again this year although some members joined a little late : the online system certainly helps and is easy for members to access. It was also a memorable year for Ronan Lyons who won a Munster minor hurling medal and was selected on the Electric Ireland team of the year .

On the field pride of place goes to our Junior football team and manager Ross O Neill who won the County A title ( 1969 was the last time the club won this honour ). Consequently we will have an Intermediate team in 2020 . Our Senior football team did not make the same impact as in 2018 and I wish to thank Andy, Joe and their selectors . The MF team reached the ¼ final of the Premier competition and our U21 team ( that lost the 2018 final ) have qualified for County Semi-final later this month and we wish them all the best.

Our SH team missed out on narrowly again this year on promotion to Division 1A and acquitted themselves well in County League Division One . Hopefully they will gain promotion in 2020 : thanks to Damien, Liam , Tony and their selectors . The minor hurlers under the care of Noel and John won the County B title and this certainly bodes well for the future . The U21 and Junior hurlers made no headway during the year despite the efforts of the management teams. My thanks to Tom Murphy for his assistance in organising fixtures during the year –not an easy task.

Bord na nÓg continue to make an immense contribution to the club ; hundreds of boys and girls are catered for every week . The officers, coaches and mentors continue to promote the club on and off the field ; U13 H and U14 h county titles , U16 camogie county winners : numerous blitzes, Summer Camp and the George Fitzpatrick Cup ( U14 girls football ) which was revived this year . The Bord organised a Table Quiz, Bag Packing , Duck Race and a Golf Classic well done to all involved .

The Club Lotto continues to be our main source of income . Alan Kitson led another successful campaign ( 920 members ) and will continue for one more year in this role . Our Lotto is now 10 years old and we should not become complacent ; all members are asked to help with this venture in the New Year . Alan , John Ryan and I look after the draw every week and we would appreciate help even on an occasional basis . Pat Tiernan Motors continue as a valuable sponsor of the Lotto

The Clubhouse continues to cater for the Active Retirement and ICA on Mondays . The 45 Card players are here on Thursday and Sunday but the bar did not have a good year ( open only 2 nights) in the week . As I said last year it is like the rural Post Office .

Finally I would like to thank our chairman Caroline, Treasurer Tony and my Assistant Secretary Kieran, committee members and team managers for their help during the year and I look forward to working with them in 2020 The club wish to sympathise with members bereaved during the year especially the families of club members Hugh Mulcahy, Bernard Hanly and Eddie Cormican .

A Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year to all. Go mbeirimid beo ag an am seo arís .

Liam de Búrca Runaí December 1st 2019