

**Maryland/Tang Underage GAA
2021 Annual General Meeting
24 November 2021**





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1 Chairman's Address

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to this year's club AGM. 2021 was another challenging year for the GAA due to Covid-19 but I would like to thank all of our coaches, covid supervisors, sponsors, parents and committee members for their help, both on and off the pitch, during the year ensuring that all players remained safe.

I would like to thank our previous chairperson, Tom Keenan, on his contribution and service to Maryland/Tang not only as a chairperson but as a mentor and volunteer. It was a pleasure to work with Tom over the last number of years and I say that not only on behalf of myself but on behalf of all the committee members. We would like to wish Tom well in his future endeavours.

Well done to all our Maryland/Tang mentors and players, from nursery up to under 15 grades, on another successful year and ensure that Maryland/Tang were represented at each age group. One of the highlights of the year was our under 13 team winning the Division 3 shield on home ground, well done and congratulations all mentors and players involved.

We continued our under 17 amalgamation with Garrycastle as Western Gaels in 2021. I would like to thank everyone who made this amalgamation possible, particularly Ronan Farrell who co-ordinated the successful running of the amalgamation with Garrycastle GAA.

Best of luck to all our players who were in their last year of under 17 football in 2021, I look forward to seeing you represent your respective adult clubs in the future.

I would like to thank both Maryland GAA and Tang GAA for there continued support during 2021. I would like to thank both out-going committees of each club, with a special mention to Tom Conlon, Tang GAA chairperson and Ken Egan, Maryland GAA chairperson. Further, we wish both in-coming committees all the best in the year ahead.

I must give a special mention to the Tang Adult team and congratulate you on your recent intermediate success, it was great to see so many past Maryland/Tang players involved in your intermediate win and hopefully this win can be a springboard and goal for all our underage players to aspire to.



I will close off my chairperson's address by thanking all M/T committee members and mentors who contributed to the successful running of our club in 2021 and I look forward to seeing what next year and future years bring to this club of ours.

Finally, we would like to express our sympathy to the families in Drumraney and Tang who experienced bereavement during the year.

Trevor Farrell

Maryland/Tang GAA Chairperson



2 Secretary's Report/ Minutes of March 2021 AGM

Maryland/Tang Minor Club AGM was held on the 14 Mar 2021 via Microsoft teams. The meeting minutes from January 2020 AGM were proposed by Michael Bannon and seconded by Eoin Farrell. The following officers and coaches were elected:

Role	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Tom Keenan	Eoin Farrell	Ronan Farrell
Vice -Chairman	Trevor Farrell	Michael Bannon	Aidan Reynolds
Secretary	Irene Connell	Alan Higgins	Danny Connaughton
Assistant Secretary	Colm Geraghty	Danny Connaughton	Eoin Farrell
Treasurer	Eoin Farrell	Trevor Farrell	Michael Bannon
Assistant Treasurer	Johnny Rock	Trevor Farrell	Michael Bannon
PRO	Keith Malynn	Ronan Farrell	Danny Connaughton
Children's Officers	Irene and Michael	Eoin Farrell	Aidan Reynolds
Coaching Officers	Ronan/ Darren/ TBC Tang	Eoin Farrell	Danny Connaughton
Minor Board Delegates	Tom Keenan / Ronan Farrell/ Irene Connell	Danny Connaughton	Aidan Reynolds
Coaches			
Nursery	Nuala Reynolds	Ronan Farrell	Aidan Reynolds
	Paul Conway	Eoin Farrell	Danny Connaughton
	James Reynolds	Aidan Reynolds	Nuala Reynolds
U7	Aidan Reynolds	David Martin	Danny Connaughton
	Colin Rattray	Tom Conlon	Trevor Farrell
U9	Alan Higgins	Eoin Farrell	Padraig Reilly
	Damien Donoghue	Eoin Farrell	Padraig Reilly
	Damien Kelly	Padraig Reilly	Michael Bannon
U11	Padraig Connell	Eoin Farrell	Alan Higgins
	Paul Cantwell	Ronan Farrell	James Keenan
	David Murray	Eoin Farrell	Danny Connaughton
	David Walsh	Eoin Farrell	Danny Connaughton
U13	Danny Connaughton	Michael Bannon	Ronan Farrell
	Colm Geraghty	Michael Bannon	Ronan Farrell



	James Keenan	Michael Bannon	Ronan Farrell
	David Martin	Michael Bannon	Ronan Farrell
	Michael Bannon	Danny Connaughton	Padraig Reilly
U15	Ronan Farrell	Tom Keenan	Michael Bannon
	James Taplin	Tom Keenan	Michael Bannon
	Oisin Egan	Ronan Farrell	Trevor Farrell
	William Reynolds	Ronan Farrell	Trevor Farrell
U17 (Western Gaels)	Tom Keenan	Elected as part of Western Gaels meeting	

There was discussion in relation to Maryland Tang numbers at each of the age grades. There was a discussion that based on the numbers at U15 age grade and that in order for Maryland Tang to field in this age grade U13 players would be required to be played. It was agreed that the incoming committee would contact the parents of U13 players to check if parents are happy for their children to play at U15 level.

There was an action taken for the chairmen of both Maryland and Tang adult clubs to look to approaching Maryland and Tang players to potentially take on a coaching role at U15 level.

There was an action taken to contact the parents of the U17 players in relation to potentially forming an independent team.

Western Gaels

A meeting was held with representatives from Maryland, Tang, Maryland Tang and Garrycastle on the 17th April 2021 via Microsoft teams to discuss proposals for the U17's for the 2021 season. The proposal to form an independent team with Garrycastle, called Western Gaels, at U17 age grade was agreed. The formation of Western Gaels for the second consecutive year, at the U17 age grade ensured that players at these age grades were being given the opportunity to play football at their age grades. The formation of Western Gaels was a great success with the U17's reaching the Division 2 Shield semi- final and I would like



to say thank you to everyone who helped in the formation and success of Western Gaels again this year.

Maryland Tang Chairman

The committee would like to thank Tom Keenan for his contribution to Maryland Tang as chairman for the last number of years. Tom stepped down from the position of Maryland Tang chairperson earlier this year. Maryland Tang vice chairman Trevor Farrell put his name forward for the chairman position. David Coughlan, Tang GAA, put his name forward for the vice chairman role. David Coughlan and Trevor Farrell were ratified as Vice Chairman and Chairman respectively at a Maryland Tang committee meeting held on the 07 Jul 2021.

Maryland Tang Cul Camps

Maryland Tang Cul Camps were held in Maryland GAA from the 16th to 20th August. Again this was a great success for the club and hopefully we can continue to host many more Cul Camps in the coming years.

Fundraising

No fundraising activities were held in Maryland Tang this year due to ongoing Covid restrictions.

Return to Play

Thank you to coaches, covid supervisors, players and parents who ensured that Covid 19 return to play requirements were adhered to and therefore ensured that everyone remained safe.

U13's

Well done to Maryland Tang U13's who won the U13 Division 3 Shield Final beating Inny Shamrocks. Well done to the U15's on reaching the U15 Division 3 Shield Semi Final and also Western Gaels U17's on reaching the Division 2 Shield Semi final.

Well done to players and coaches for all of their hard work during the year.



Nursery -U11's

U9's and U11's participated in a number of Go Games Blitzes and tournaments during the year. Thanks to the coaches who organised and helped make these events very successful and for their hard work during the year.

Thanks also to JJ Leavy, George Nugent and Ken Egan for making the pitches available for the training and blitzes and having the pitches well maintained.

Maryland Tang Gear Orders

MarylandTang held two successful gear orders this year in June and more recently in October with orders for Maryland Tang jerseys, socks, shorts, training tops and more recently ½ zip tops being placed. Both have been a great success and it is great to see the players sporting the club colours. Thanks to Eoin Farrell for all the hard work in organising.

Sponsorship

The club would like to recognise the sponsorship received from Sponsors who gave money this year were:

- Pdraig Connell €500 sponsorship
- Athlone PVC €880 for U15 Jersie's

Thanks also to Pdraig Connell for sponsorship of food after the U13 Shield final.

Thanks also to both Maryland and Tang adult clubs for their continued support throughout the year both financially and with the availability of pitches when required.

In conclusion, I would like to thank anyone who helped out in anyway during the year particularly in a year that brought many challenges with Covid. Any requests for assistance



were always greeted with a positive response. Again thank you to coaches, covid supervisors, committee members and parents for their continued support particularly in relation to adherence to return to play guidelines. Thanks to JJ Leavy and Ken Egan for their assistance during the year marking out the pitches for matches and presenting the pitches in immaculate condition.

Hopefully 2022 will see a return to an increased level of normality for the GAA.



3 Coaches Reports

U-17

With Western Gaels having come into existence in 2020, we approached Garrycastle about a similar agreement in 2021, for both u-15 and u-17. Garrycastle did not wish to amalgamate at u-15 as they felt they were strong enough to operate on their own. After some negotiations and reflection, they decided to proceed with Western Gaels at u-17. The mentors were Niall Ward, Michael Fagan (both Garrycastle), Ronan Farrell and Tom Keenan (Maryland/Tang).

The team commenced training in May and played 3 challenge games against St. Dominics, Tubberclair and Ballymahon. Placed in the division 2 championship, the team suffered a heavy defeat to eventual finalists Caulry, drew with Millmore Gaels and lost narrowly to St. Josephs in the group stages. A quarter final with a strong Mullingar Shamrocks was next up, whereby the team gave a good account of themselves, pushing the eventual Championship winners for 50 minutes before fading at the end of the game. A shield semi-final away to The Downs followed a similar trajectory, where missed goal chances proved costly as the home team won out. In terms of players, there was one player who did not play with Western Gaels, due to other sporting commitments. At the time of writing, Maryland/Tang have planned to talk to the parents of the players, and also to Garrycastle, to see what approach to take with our u-17s for 2022.

U-15

Working off a small panel, the u-15s had a relatively successful year. The mentors were Darragh



McCormack, Eoin Farrell, Ronan Farrell and William Reynolds, with James Taplin, John Seery, Donal

Hogan and Keith Malynn also helping out at times. The team commenced training in May and were placed in the division 3 championship.

The group stage of the championship opened with two home wins over Inny Shamrocks and St.

Josephs. This was followed by an away defeat to Tyrellspass, before being rounded up with another

home win over Caulry's second team. Finishing second in the group, the team were drawn to play St. Michaels in the quarter final in Drumraney. In a ding-dong game, St. Michaels won out with late

goals putting a flattering slant on the final gap. This left Maryland/Tang in a shield semi final away to Tyrellspass. In a courageous display, Maryland/Tang were ahead at half time but ran out of steam in the second half, losing by 10 points in the end.

A big thank you to the parents of this group, as with the small numbers, having players available for every game was crucial. With the strong overlap of players with the u-13s, co-ordination between the mentors of both teams was crucial.



4 Coaching Officers Report

Player Numbers

Year	Maryland	Tang	Total (Playing)	Grade	Total for Grade (+final year in grade below)
2004	0 (-1)	2		Adult 2022	
2005	3	1	4	U-17 2022	6 (+ 7)
2006	2	0	2	U-17 2023	9 (+ 8)
2007	4	3	7	U-15 2022	15 (+ 9)
2008	8 (- 1)	0 (-1)	8	U-15 2023	17(+ 12)
2009	6	3	9	U-13 2022	21 (+ 7)
2010	6 (+ 2)	6	12	U-13 2023	19 (+ 7)
2011	5 (+ 1)	2	7	U-11 2022	14 (+ 7)
2012	4 (- 1)	3 (- 1)	7	U-11 2023	14 (+ 11)
2013	1 (-1)	6 (+ 2)	7	U-9 2022	18 (+ 8)
2014	7	4	11	U-9 2023	19
2015	3	5	8	U-7 2022	19*
2016			11*	U-7 2023	

Numbers in brackets are changes in numbers from last year.

Total for grade column: includes all players in that grade plus players in final year of grade below.

Example: U-13 2022 will have 21 players who are in the grade, plus 7 who will be in their final year of u-11.

***Some players have taken part in the nursery but are not yet registered**

Cul Camp

Held in August in Drumraney, there were 120 boys and girls in attendance. Similar to 2020, the camp was a sell out with maximum numbers attending. While not all were from Maryland/Tang, this was a success and the club should look to continue the camp next Summer.

Player Pathway

A club player pathway was an action point for the Coaching Officers (Maryland & Tang) last year and the club released a player pathway to all coaches in January. This pathway outlines the different aspects that each age group should be following, with the aim of giving every



player the opportunity to improve as a footballer, regardless of the team's overall ability. The next step to this pathway is to make it measurable in some way.

Further Action Points

1. Develop a coaching plan for the club, for example how we can upskill coaches. This would also involve getting current adult players involved in coaching once off with teams.
2. Establish stronger links with the Primary Schools, such as having coaches going in to lend a hand occasionally.
3. Change of mindset on definition of success in Maryland/Tang. Move away from judging success on trophies won to a more developmental attitude (e.g. progression of players through grades, skills obtained).
4. Act on getting qualified coaches who have gone through the grades involved in coaching again.
5. Look at setting schedules for age groups so a flyer/webpage can be produced to promote underage club.
6. Look at use of online cloud for developing coaching resources & also files.

5 Children's Officers Report

Throughout 2021, Maryland Tang continued to ensure all underage coaches were compliant to the requirements of the Children's First Act, in relation to Garda Vetting, attendance at Child Protection courses and coaching courses.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Garda Vetting Process, complete the child Safeguarding Temporary and Refresher Training and Foundation Level Coaching courses.

Maryland Tang were also required to submit a Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment this year which was submitted on 13th Jul 2021.



6 Treasurer's report

MARYLAND TANG GAA MINOR CLUB			
Accounts for Period Ending 24th Nov 2021			
TREASURERS REPORT			
INCOME			€
Tang			800
Maryland			800
Westmeath CoCo Grant			700
Sponsorship			1,380
Total Income			3,680
EXPENDITURE			
Affiliation			1,200
Sports Equip, Jerseys, Gear, etc			1,467
Food			100
Medical Exps & Kits			225
Referees			480
Tournaments			50
Sponsorship			250
Bank Charge			21
Total Expenditure			3,793
Income Exceeded Expenditure for the year by			(113)
Opening Cash in Bank			621
Closing Cash in Bank			508
Johnny Rock		Eoin Farrell	
Joint Treasurer		Joint Treasurer	

We would like to thank all our sponsors for their kind contributions during the year.