**Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Club Notes 28/1/19**

**Awards Ceremony was a huge success!**

The club held its annual medals presentation in St Mary’s Hall, Rossmore on Saturday night. Chairman Connie Murphy welcomed everyone in his opening address. The special guest for the camogie/juvenile medals presentation was Moira Barrett (Cork All-Ireland minor camogie captain). Moira presented medals to the U6, U8, U10 and U12 hurling and football panels. She presented medals to the U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16 camogie panels. Moira had great words of advice for all of the boys and girls. Moira is a great role model to all of our players and we were delighted to have her as our special guest.

Ger Collins introduced the U6 and U8 teams. Noel Young spoke about a successful year for the U10 panel. Gavin Twohig introduced the U12 “double” hurling and football panel. Kilbree camogie secretary Deirdre O’Leary, outlined the successful exploits of the camogie club, starting with fielding a junior team for the first time in 2018. Maura Keohane and Brendan Coakley gave the U8 camogie panel great praise. The U10 and U12 panels were introduced by Margaret McCarthy. Anna O’Neill applauded the efforts of the U14 Carbery Champions. Aidan O’Shea paid tribute to each one of the U16 camogie panel as they received their awards. A special presentation was made to the seven girls on Cork camogie panels in the past year. The highlight of the night was the announcement of the “team of the year”. There were great scenes of excitement when the U8 camogie girls received this accolade.

This camogie/juvenile awards ceremony celebration was a fitting way to celebrate a tremendously successful past year. The Carbery Junior A hurling title and the Junior A county league title were won. The second hurling team won the Carbery championship and league titles. The U14 camogie team won the U14(A) Carbery title and reached semi-finals in Feile, county championship and county league, playing at the highest grade in the county. The U16 camogie girls reached the U16 county final. The U12 boys completed the double, winning hurling and football titles. Club members won Sciath na Scol hurling and football titles with Kilmeen National School. The club has been proudly represented on various West Cork and Cork squads in the past year.

There were many highlights this year, the appointment of Kevin O’Donovan as Cork County Board Secretary/CEO was one. Dylan Coffey received the West Cork Sports Star Award (in association with the Celtic Ross Hotel, the Southern Star and C103). Kevin O’Donovan won the Carbery GAA Award for January while Kilbree hurlers won the same award in November.

Thanks to everyone involved in the organisation of this night. Thanks to Moira Barrett for presenting all of the medals. Camogie chairperson Rosarie Murphy made a special presentation to Moira Barrett. Thanks to the junior players who attended on the night, supporting and celebrating with the young people of our club. Thanks to all the players, parents and supporters who attended, making this a most memorable night.