

St Abban's AC

11th January 2017

2016 a Resounding Success

25 people turned out to review the past year and to make plans for 2017. In general 2016 was an outstanding year for the club with serious performances at club, county, regional, national and International level the highlight being the achievements of Paul Byrne and Barry Pender qualifying for the European T & F championships in Amsterdam and the fine numbers from the club that travelled to support them. The ladies magnificent performance in finishing 2nd in the National league was another highlight while all those that wore International singlets did us proud. The Chairman thanked everyone who had supported the club in any way from parents travelling with their children, coaches dedicating so many hours on a voluntary basis to all the athletes for giving 100%, Our sponsors for ensuring we had a solid report from the treasurer that showed finances were in a healthy state. The media for the excellent coverage afforded to the club. The secretary congratulated on a job well done for his first year. He had special mention of the local schools who had supported the many events hosted by the club from table quiz to student games and the Scats summer camp. The registrar showed that 319 members were registered which was a record number for the club.

Officers elected included:- PRESIDENT – Fr. Murphy, VICE-DO – Fr. Jimmy O'Reilly, Fr. Eamonn Purcell, Rev. Peter Tarleton, John O'Sullivan, Eddie Baldwin, Mildred Neale, Willie Wallace, George Nolan, John Brophy, Gillie Walsh/Kemmis, Anthony Pender, Noeleen Condron, John Burke and John Behan. TRUSTEES – Mr. Brendan Reilly, Mr. Paddy Brennan and Mr. Bernard Graham. CHAIRMAN – Bernard Graham, VICE-DO – Eamon Kelly,

SECRETARY – James Nolan, ASST. SEC. – Carmel Ryan, TREASURER – Breda Daly, REGISTRAR – Michael Daly, P.R.O. & WEBSITE – Barry Pender, CHILD OFFICERS – Colin Graham, Ciaran Kelly, Breda Daly & Gillian Buggy. COMMITTEE – Jimmy Whelan, Pat Whelan, Joe Brennan, Patrick Kelly, Mary Whelan, Noeleen Condron, Michael Kelly, Patsy Baldwin and Carmel Hughes. CLUB CAPTAINS – Eoghan Buggy, Stephen Lawlor, Barry Pender, Colette English, Emma Daly & Saragh Buggy. FIT4LIFE – Ben Brennan, Noeleen Condron and Bernard Graham.

Club Table Quiz Courtesy of Marie and John Behan our annual table quiz will be held this Thursday 19th January @ 8.30 in Behan's. Teams of 4 and your support would be much appreciated. Also the Leinster star awards will be held in the Seven Oaks, Carlow on Saturday 21st January. Anyone

interested in attending please get your ticket a.s.a.p. Membership forms for 2017 are available in the clubhouse, please look into the matter a.s.a.p.

Ruby National Star The all-Ireland juvenile star award winners have just been announced and the Laois recipient is none other than our own Ruby Millet. Ruby had a fantastic 2016 and hopefully she will have a wonder full evening of celebration. The Leinster indoor championships for 2017 are fixed for 11th & 12th February with Athlone International Stadium the venue, with the 2nd weekend being the 25th & 26th February with the Grand New National Stadium in Abbottstown, Dublin the venue. Those interested in competing are asked to fill in entry forms in the clubhouse a.s.a.p.