



## Gaelic-American Club, Inc.

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

### ZOOM MEETING

THE MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM AND MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

1. Meeting was called to order by President Forde at 12noon.
2. The prayer of the club was read by President Forde.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the President Forde.
4. Roll Call:

	President	Gerry Forde	Present
	Vice President	John Foley	Present
	Recording Secretary	Aaron Curtis	Present
	Treasurer	Tom Egan	Present
	Financial Secretary	Thomas Langdon	Present
	Director one Year	Amy O'Shea	Absent
	Director Two Years	Gerry O'Donovan	Present
	Director Three Years	Sheila Tesei	Present
	Sergeant-of-Arms	Anthony Hogan	Present
5. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.
6. President Forde welcomed the new board and thanked Maura Kallaway for hosting the meeting via Zoom.
7. Correspondence:
  - Email received from Maura O'Donnell; President of Feile regarding town tax refund. Former GAC President Gerry Reidy is actively working to resolve the matter.
  - Email received from Club Member Irwin Coombs asking why is he still being charged for building assessment in his membership fee. Club President Gerry Forde will respond to Mr .Coombs email.
  - Email received from Carolyn Gill from Great Book Summer Program who are launching James Joyce "The Dubliners" promotion. GAC AVP; John Foley contacted Carolyn. The \$50 registration fee will be waived for GAC members who wish to participate. The board agreed that we will promote this program as new business on Sunday Feb 14th at the Membership meeting.

8. Permittee Report: The Club has been busy over the last couple of weekends as members use their remaining script. The State has dictated that restaurants are table service only, due to this the bar service is very slow. Bar inventory is less than half of what it was pre-pandemic. State rules will dictate whether the bar is open on St. Patrick's Day. Recognised staff for reconciling Credit cards and credit to wait staff and bartenders.
9. Manager's report: Club Manager Tommy Flaherty advised that the snow removal bill is going to be high for the month of February due to the recent storms. The bar has been showing 6 Nations Rugby games and there is good attendance. The club is busy due to members using their remaining script balance. Take-out food is very busy. Kitchen is back to regular hours. The Club's Head Chief's father passed away at 94 years of age. The management will acknowledge his passing. St. Patrick's Day will be for members only at the GAC due to COVID-19. Raising of the flags at 11am. There will be music in both rooms and a full restaurant menu. There will be a strict count on the number of people in each room. The backyard will be open if the weather is favorable.
10. Financials report: (New Committee member: Thomas Langdon) has received the financials and has reviewed everything. Budget Committee member: Jeff Devaney gave the following report on January
  - Pub revenue was \$19,800 which is up from \$12,900 in December
  - Kitchen revenue \$51,900 up from \$15,793 in December
  - Totaling \$72,000 in pub & kitchen revenue for the month of January.
  - The pub's cost of sales was 50%
  - The restaurant's cost of sales 36% (which is low in comparison to other months)
  - All other revenue/expenses came in in line with forecast
  - Jeff Devaney paid previous taxes on unused script for 2019.
  - There remains \$250K of unused script by members for 2020.
  - Balance sheet \$540K cash, \$76K higher than this time in 2020.
  - The 1099 report was run and nobody hit the threshold to require a document.
11. Standing Committee Reports:
  - Memberships Committee's Frances O'Neill stated that the club has a steady stream of members renewing. The club has a healthy wait list should existing members not renew. Question from Kathy Blackwell: "Due to financial/health related struggles associated with COVID-19 what is being done to help members?" There is a hardship pass - one year off. The club has waived \$100 reinstatement fee for members to maintain their membership. Contact the membership committee for more details. There have been reported issues with member's 2020 script that is not loading to the card - this is being worked out, contact Francis O'Neill.
  - Good & Welfare: Good & well fair; Mary Alvarez - Sympathy card - sent to J.McInerney
  - Bar Committee - N/A
  - Newsletter: Maura Kallaway - Newsletter for feb went out during the week. Members who are not online were able to receive updates of what's happening at the club. We have started to send a one-pager. We will do this quarterly. Several people signed up this week.

- House Committee - N/A
- Facilities: Gerry all the work has been completed, light that went out in the generator was fixed. The stucco on the building needs to be checked for cracks. We are up to date. Gerry will look at the budget to assess what areas should be attacked next for 2021.
- Failte: N/A

The meeting adjourned at 1pm by President Forde.

Recording Secretary  
Aaron Curtis