



## Gaelic-American Club, Inc.

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MARCH 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 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	Present
	Director Two Years	Gerry O'Donovan	Present
	Director Three Years	Sheila Tesei	Present
	Sergeant-of-Arms	Anthony Hogan	Present
5. The minutes of the February meeting were approved.
6. President Forde welcomed the new board and thanked Maura Kallaway for hosting the meeting via Zoom.
7. Correspondence:
  - Email from Club Member Jerry Cunningham referencing an incident in the Bar/Restaurant.
  - Email from Club Member Jay Hull enquiring how tips are divided between kitchen & wait staff in the bar/restaurant.
  - Email from Club Members Cora & Paul O'Meara. Issue with membership renewal.
  - Email from Club Member Bill Levene inquiring if the club has interest in setting up a 'Gift Store' on the club site where members could order apparel from on-line.
  - Email from Club Member Patrick Mahar. Issue with membership renewal. Error message on membership renewal page on website.
  - Email from Club Member Laura Norton requesting replacement script & card.
  - Email from Club Member Ellen Redgate. Issue with script & card.

- Email from Julian Loida; Boston-based percussionist/producer who shared a short documentary clip and enquired whether the board would be interested in sharing the content with our members.
  - Email from Club Members Jamie Poff & Pat Mahar representing GAC Soccer Club. Sponsorship enquiry.
8. Permittee Report: Thanks to all of our staff who went above and beyond. February was a busy month due to the end of the script. Staff are preparing for St. Patrick's day. Expecting a full house. Reminder to members that there is no script in March.
9. Manager's report: The club experienced a busy February. Take-out food was a huge factor in that. The Manager is ordering new outdoor tables for the back yard area and getting new umbrella bases made by a local vendor with an expected uptick in member activity in Spring. The club hosted a funeral reception in February, this was the first event in 2021 due to pandemic restrictions on social gatherings. St. Patrick's day is expected to be busy. The GAC will be open to Members only on St. Patrick's Day. There will be live music - no singing, only instruments. The kitchen will be open until 9pm on St. Patrick's Day. The club is exploring buying/renting a tent for the spring/summer months. Club Manager; Tommy, advised that if we buy it will be stored in the basement when not being used.
10. Financials report:
- Pub Revenue is \$28,866 for February vs \$19,818 for January, a 46% increase.
  - Kitchen revenue is \$84,555 vs \$51,955 for January, a 63% increase.
  - \$77,000 of script was used in February.
  - Pub cost of sales was 45% - in line.
  - Kitchen cost of sales is 33% - very low, which is a positive thing.
  - The GAC received a \$15,000 grant from the state of Connecticut which was recognised on the income statement in account 5502 miscellaneous income on the bottom of the account statement.
  - All other expenses were in line. Cash at month end is \$861,000 vs \$716,000 (february 2020) a variance of \$145,000. (We have a \$150,000 government loan that was acquired in FY 2020).
  - The mortgage balance is \$331,294
11. Standing Committee Reports:
- Memberships Committee's Frances O'Neill 755 memberships are still outstanding. The committee will start the process of inviting new members by the end of April. Membership will be close to 6000 members after renewal of membership and new members join. There are 500 people on the GAC waiting list, 200 have not yet filled out the heritage forms.
12. Old Business:
- Tax Refund Feile - Former GAC President Gerry Reidy is actively working with President of Feile; Maura O'Donnell to resolve tax issues.
13. New Business:
- Club members voted in favor of awarding sponsorship funds to the Gaelic American Club's Soccer Team. Motion to award sponsorship - John Foley, 2nd - Gerry O'Donovan.

- Question from Member Mary Condon regarding senior lunches and the possibility of having them outside. Board advised that Connecticut state pandemic restrictions are changing on March 19th. Follow up with Club Manager Tom Flaherty once new guidelines are announced.

The meeting adjourned at 12.59pm by President Forde.

Recording Secretary  
Aaron Curtis