



Gaelic-American Club, Inc.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 16th, 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 12.08pm.
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	Absent
	Director Three Years	Sheila Tesei	Present
	Sergeant-of-Arms	Anthony Hogan	Absent
5. The minutes of the April membership meeting were approved.
6. Correspondence:
 - The Club received correspondence from The Clarity Foundation promoting Mother's Day Plant Sale. The attached flyer was shared with GAC members via email bulletin.
 - The Club received an invitation from the town of Fairfield to participate in the Memorial Day Parade.
7. Permittee Report:
 - Walk up service to the club bar has resumed and there has been a positive response from our members as this has cut down wait time for drinks. The staff will continue to offer table service for drinks for those members who are not comfortable waiting in line at the bar. On May 19th the COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted, the plexiglass will remain in place at the bar for now. Cashflow has improved in recent weeks with more member activity in the club. The club is waiting for equipment to be delivered for the outdoor bar for the summer months. With restrictions being lifted the Permittee would like to resume Trivia night in the

Carolán Room - Chrissy is contacting Club Member; Faith Maciver to see if there is interest to resume.

8. Manager's report:

- Mother's Day at the club was a success, there were two seating times for lunch with the Andy Cooney Band playing in the pub. The irrigation company conducted their annual checks at the GAC in May. There is a leak which needs to be repaired. The annual sprinkler system test was completed. The hydrostatic test needs to be completed for the Fire Department. As for maintenance, there is an issue with an exterior door which sets the alarm off, the mens toilet door in the hallway needs to be replaced. The manager is waiting on quotes to have this work completed. The subscription was renewed for GAAGO so the club will continue to have live GAA sports. The GAC will host the Red Cross this month for a blood Drive. There are 60 volunteers booked to donate blood.

9. Financials report:

- Pub revenue is \$26,428 for April 21 vs \$26,899 for March 21 a decrease of \$471.
- Kitchen revenue is \$40,581 for April 21 vs \$40,789 for March 21 a decrease of \$208
- Pub cost of sales is 40% of revenue - on target.
- Kitchen cost of sales is 47% of revenue - on the low side.
- The State of CT returned our license fee of \$2,000
- Pub Band expense is \$5,000 for the month.
- Property & Sewer taxes were paid in the amount of \$10,846.
- Maintenance & repairs is high for the month - \$7,295
- C&T group \$2,747, United sewer \$3,191
- All other expenses were in line.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

- Social Committee: Rose Close reported that Mother's Day was a success. Rose shared that planning is ongoing for Memorial Day and June activities at the GAC. There will be a band 12noon - 3pm on Memorial Day and a BBQ in the backyard. There will be kids movie nights in June & July at the club. Family fun nights on Fridays through August.
- GAC Scholarship Committee: The Gaelic American Club is pleased to offer two, \$2,000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors attending a four-year college in the fall. Recipients will be announced in early June of 2021. The Centenary Anniversary Committee, in memory of Pat Dyer, will offer an additional \$1,916 scholarship. Completed applications must be placed in the Club Manager's mailbox and the envelope must be labeled to the attention of the GAC Scholarship Committee.
- The Bridgeport Parade Committee is seeking a new Grand Marshall. MaryAnn Doonan is leading the search. Grand Marshal candidates must be of Irish descent, active and strong supporters of community organizations and events and reside in the Greater Bridgeport Area

11. Old Business:

- The April 10th meeting with Feile to discuss the on-going tax refund issue was postponed. The meeting will now take place on Tuesday May 25th at 7.30pm in person at the GAC.

12. New Business:

- Due to the change in COVID-19 restrictions, monthly Membership Meetings will return to in-person meetings hosted at the GAC. The next membership meeting will be Friday June 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 12.36pm by President Forde.

Recording Secretary
Aaron Curtis