



# Gaelic-American Club, Inc.

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## Membership Meeting Friday, July 16, 2021 at 8:00 pm in the Carolan Room

- 1) **Call to Order** Gerry Forde called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.
- 2) **GAC Prayer and Purpose** was read by Gerry Forde.
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Gerry Forde.
- 4) **Roll Call**

President	Gerry Forde	Present
Vice President	John Foley	Present
Secretary	Aaron Curtis	Absent
Treasurer	Tom Egan	Present
Financial Secretary	Thomas Langdon	Present
Director 1 year	Amy O'Shea	Present
Director 2 years	Gerry O'Donovan	Absent
Director 3 years	Sheila Tesei	Present
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tony Hogan	Absent

**Also Present:** Thomas Flaherty-GAC Manager, Christine Boccamazzo-Permittee, Jeff Devaney-Budget Committee

- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – *Jim Feeney motioned to approve the Minutes of June 11, 2021. Mary Ellen Lyons seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*
- 6) **Permittee's Report:**
  - Chris Boccamazzo said she is bringing back Monday night football and grilling.
  - The bar was down in June but picked up in July.
  - The backyard has been full, people using the tables/umbrellas and bands create a great draw. The outside bar is in place and used weather permitting.
  - New summer drinks, wine and beer selections have been added to the menu.
- 7) **Manager's Report:**
  - Tom Flaherty reported various events that were held; Father's Day had the dancers, bands and pipers. Joanie Madden concert drew a great crowd. The July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic had a good turnout.
  - The annual fire inspection went very well.
  - They are replacing the Carolan Room ceiling tiles and adding new stage lights.
  - The new sump pumps did their job after the heavy rains.
  - They weeded and mulched around the front car park and will do the back next.
  - Sunday morning games have resumed.
  - A bike rack has been put in place for the bike riders.

**8) Treasurer's Report:**

- Tom Langdon presented; cash flow in the pub and kitchen was down due to summer months and there being less member activity at the club.
- Pub cost of sales in line, kitchen cost of sales a little high. There was a decrease in payroll expenses due to a government subsidy. Tom Flaherty further explained kitchen expenses.
- Mary Ann Doonan suggested a kitchen audit. Gerry Forde advised that money has not been set aside to perform an outside audit this year but will look into it for next year. The in-house Audit Committee can evaluate first.

**9) Financial Secretary's Report:**

- \$385,553.18 Bankwell
- \$348,692.73 People's
- \$320,863.63 Mortgage
- Bank balances include the \$150,000 government loan which the GAC is scheduled to pay back in September.
- Tom Egan researched PPE loans but funds have been exhausted, the GAC are not able to apply at this time.

**11) Standing Committee Reports:**

**Good and Welfare:** Mary Alveres reported Sympathy cards were recently sent to: Phil and Bernadette Maguire on the passing of their granddaughter, Finley. Damien Connolly and family on the passing of Damien's father, Martin. A deceased member plaque is being engraved for William Lyons.

**Membership Committee:** Frances O'Neill reported 5,798 current memberships. The Membership Committee worked really hard and has been very successful reaching out to people they haven't heard from. No applications will be taken after September. They accepted 250 new members and there are 150 on the waitlist.

**Seniors Programs:** Kathleen Blackhall announced the Senior Lunch will be back September 23 at noon.

**Trad Sessions:** Mary Ellen Lyons said they have started sessions Wednesday night from 7-9 and on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month they will have a special leader. August 6 is Loretta Murphy.

**Scaela:** Maura said there will not be an August newsletter since not a lot is happening but will resume the September newsletter since the clubs are coming back. Submission deadline for events to get in the newsletter is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month.

**Feile:** Gerry Reidy said the GAC has not received their reimbursement from the Town yet; therefore cannot complete Maura O'Donnell's request. It will be settled when Jamie returns.

**Social:** Liz Feeney gave an update on the band schedule.

**Sports:** Jim Feeney said it's been a banner spring. 15 year olds won, 13 year olds finished 1<sup>st</sup> after the regular season, U9s & U11s age group is struggling and are looking for players and the Senior Team is 0-5. They didn't play at the NY Gaelic Park this year due to Covid. Paddy Coyle moved down south and five other key players moved back to Ireland. They will hold the camp next year for 5-8 year old beginners. Many New Yorkers who have relocated to the area have reached out to him and expressed interest in playing. Jimmy Feeney thanked Tom Flaherty and Chris

Boccamazzo for hosting Hartford GAA when they visited. St. Patrick's hosts their guests at the GAC after a recent game. It was a nice occasion for both teams.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade:** Mary Ann Doonan announced the halfway to St. Patrick's Day event in September. Gerry Reidy will be next year's Grand Marshal.

**Pipe Band:** Art Began said they practice all through Covid and continue to practice. He listed the numerous events the Pipers have participated in individually and as a group. He noted the Commodore Barry event on September 11<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Gerry Reidy for keeping them afloat during Covid.

**Bridgeport Parade Committee:** On behalf of John Brannelly, Art announced that Gerry Reidy will be the Grand Marshal for the 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**12) Old Business:**

- Gerry Forde summarized the presentation made to the Executive Committee by Gerry Reidy regarding the Faile/GAC tax issue. There is an 18k tax credit error that they are working on to resolve.

**13) New Business:**

- 14) Adjournment – *Mary Ann Doonan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Kathleen Blackhall seconded the motion which carried unanimously.***

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Sheila Tesei, Director 3 Years

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Gerry Forde, President