



Buffalo Fenians GAA
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 18, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Officers present: Mike Reiser, Bill Coyle, Tim Flanagan, Matt Lomot, Ellen Coyle, and Damien Brady.

Officers absent/excused: Tim Callahan, Paul Mulcaire, & Gabe Wilson

Others present: None

Meeting commenced at 7:10 pm

Agenda

1. Correspondence from Midwest Division

The club received the following correspondence from the Midwest Division:

According to a notification from the Philadelphia GAA, members of the Delaware County Gaels Men's football team have tested positive for COVID-19. Please make the members of the Buffalo Hurling club and any additional members that have traveled with the club aware of the current situation. I would recommend that each person quarantine themselves for 14 days and have themselves tested for Covid at their earliest convenience. Please inform the Midwest board if you need further assistance.

*Sincerely,
David Walker
Secretary, Midwest Division*

Mike began discussion on the topic of the correspondence we received as it relates to the games played in Pittsburgh over the weekend. Discussion centered on whether or not this should be reported to Erie County Dept. of Health, as there was concern this would come back to the club and violation of New York State Return to Play guidelines from the NYS Dept. of Health and the Governor's Office which prohibits travel for competitions; specifically, "Competitive tournaments of multiple games, meets, matches, or scrimmages requiring travel."

It was noted that the team which traveled to Pittsburgh played under the name of Buffalo GAA and was not affiliated with us according to email communication received from Paul Mulcaire. The text of that email states:



"I get that Tim but it never was the Buffalo Fenians requesting it. As far as we were concerned it was a group of young guys going to play a friendly against Pittsburgh second team. They have no plans to wear any Fenian jerseys. Delco jumped in when they heard we were coming. For the game we are calling it Buffalo GAA nothing else. All players are insured with USGAA under the Hurling Banner. I talked with Bernie and Paul Keane about it. That email sounds more like one that should have went to USGAA because Philly is coming outside their division. Which was already approved by USGAA."

After further discussion on what should be done in the best interest of the club and public safety, a motion to call Erie County Department of Health on the morning of Wednesday, August 19th was made by Damien and seconded by Matt. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike will take responsibility for calling ECDOH.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill and seconded by Damien at 7:55 pm.