



Buffalo Fenians GAA
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 4, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Officers Present: Mike Reiser, Bill Coyle, Tim Flanagan, Tim Callahan, Matt Lomot, Gabrielle Wilson, & Damien Brady

Others Present: Kathleen DiPasquale

Officers Excused or Absent: Paul Mulcaire & Ellen Coyle (both excused)

1. Correspondence: Midwest raffle tickets
 - a. **Discussion:** Centered on whether we should have tickets for men, ladies, and youth. Looked into what we purchased last year.
 - b. **Action taken:** We will split 2 packets of tickets among the 3 codes (men's, ladies, & youth).

2. Banquet
 - a. **Discussion:** Damien spoke first: \$100 check for a deposit is needed. Spoke on the bands Ellen looked into and the DJ. Time is set for 6:00-10:00 pm. We are considering a band for the first hour and DJ for the remainder of the event. Ticket cost proposed at \$50. All will be welcome. Approx. 8 to a table.
 - b. *Ellen sent the following information in via e-mail:* I have been in contact with CJ Entertainment and got a price of four hours of music (and free lighting) for \$695. For some of you, he was the DJ playing at Matt's wedding - he was excellent. Played music for everyone and was very entertaining. If we want only three hours of music it would be \$100 less.
I have reached out to (1) Crikwater, (2) Poor Auld Goat, and (3) Gerry Dixon to get prices on an hour or so of music. I will advise once I hear from them. I have heard from Poor Auld Goat and they are getting me information, etc.
Thought process was for an hour (cocktail hour if you want to call it), have live entertainment with an Irish feel, seated for dinner and do awards during that time, and one awards are over, dance the night away!
 - c. **Action taken:** Tickets set at \$50 each—can buy a table of 8. We will wait on the costs Ellen receives from bands to make a final decision about music.



3. Youth Update

- a. **Report:** Submitted via e-mail-- We are starting indoor January and going until April. We will be meeting soon to plan promotional ideas to help recruitment. **Hurling/Camogie:** With the Indoor booked we will introduce Hurling and Camogie for Adult and Youth to some of the sessions. The ladies' team has also asked to take some of our dates.

4. Ladies Update

- a. **Report:** Currently recruiting more players and will begin indoor practices in January, going once a month on Saturday's for an hour.
- b. **Discussion:** Damien may have a player or two for the ladies also. Kathleen discussed trying to get the players together once a month for social events and include the men's team as well.

5. Men's Update

- a. **Report:** Damien: possibility of renting the Bills fieldhouse for 3 hours (youth, ladies, & men). \$750 plus a \$100 deposit (\$850). Tim F. discussed indoor for men starting in January/February, running once a week for 10 weeks.
- b. **Discussion:** Mike feels the club should absolutely look into renting the Bills fieldhouse. Bill proposed doing this near St. Patrick's Day to promote it as a cultural event.
- c. **Motion:** Mike proposed renting the Bills fieldhouse for a date in late February/early March, so long as the total cost falls within the numbers presented by Damien. This was seconded by Matt, and all voted in favor. Damien will follow-up with the Bills and report back to the board.

6. Any Other Business

- a. Establishing subcommittees: Tim F. reviewed the club constitution and what is states about subcommittees. Mike discussed reviewing committees and seeking input from those previously involved. He discussed establishing the following committees, which the board will revisit before putting to the membership for volunteers—committees proposed: field, fundraising, raffle, game day, recruitment, inter-club, & golf.
- b. Mike talked about promoting better cooperation between the men's and ladies' teams. This can be done through social events, inter-club league, etc.
- c. Bill talked about promoting social member recruitment.



- d. Bill also discussed the need to take account of all goal posts, etc. & get these put away for the winter ASAP.
- e. Checks to cover the cost for the Midwest AGM will be on their way soon (Matt).
- f. General discussion on registration event(s)—this can be done at both the Bills fieldhouse event and possibly another open house event a week later similar to the event at the Irishman last year.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill and seconded by Damien at 7:57 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm.