



Buffalo Fenians GAA
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Officers Present: Mike Reiser, Bill Coyle, Tim Flanagan, Tim Callahan, Matt Lomot, Ellen Coyle, Paul Mulcaire (left meeting at 7:40), Gabrielle Wilson, & Damien Brady

Others Present: Brian Speers (member)

Officers Excused or Absent: Matt Lomot & Damien Brady (both excused)

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. **Discussion: None**
 - b. **Action taken: motion to approve made by Bill; seconded by Gabe**

2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. **Youth Funds: \$1991.80**
 - b. **Women's Funds: \$2123**
 - c. **Men's Funds: \$4487.80**
 - d. **CYC Account: \$18283.06**
 - e. **Action taken: motion to approve made by Bill; seconded by Gabe**

3. Correspondence
 - a. USGAA Youth Committee: The youth subcommittee members want their own 501-C3 and this is supported by the national youth committee. There was a heated discussion on this with varying opinions shared for and against this topic; speakers included Paul, Mike, Gabe, Ellen, and Bill. Bill had an issue with the name used in the legal filing as it is a different name from the Fenians youth program and indicates that this is an entirely new club being set-up with no connection to the Buffalo Fenians. Mike is going to reach out to the attorney for Youth Committee to discuss their correspondence further. Paul demanded a vote on transferring the money in the youth account over to the newly established 501-c3. Further heated discussion took place and after denigrating the board and in particular the club chairman, Paul left the meeting. Further discussion took place on this matter and the belief that this is going to be a break away club set-up with no connection to the Fenians. The question of why we would transfer money to another club was debated and discussed further. Tim F. spoke on this and said that while it is acknowledged that this group will most likely set-up their own club, there is no point in fighting with them. The Buffalo Fenians will continue our youth program moving forward as a single club model. The following motion was made by Tim F. & seconded by Gabe: Motion to transfer \$1,991.80 to the newly established 501c-3 as a donation.



Vote passed by a 4-2 margin of those present and voting. Mike nay—Gabe yea—Bill nay—Ellen yea—Tim F yea—Tim C yea.

- b. CYC Committee: Only a youth program can host the CYC tournament; this cannot be done by an adult club/program nor benefit an adult club.
- c. AGL Sponsorship—email from Paul M.—Mike spoke about this and discussed how the sponsorship hasn't really worked out as well as all hoped. We need to look at other sponsorship options, however, those options seem limited. Should we discuss a renewal with AGL, along with certain stipulations from our end? Paul also spoke on this, as he would like to see the AGL to help the youth, however, it has to work for all parties involved. It shouldn't cost the club money to get a sponsor was the general feeling from all. Mike suggested that we look at an amalgamation of sponsors for the club/teams, as opposed to one large sponsorship deal. Gabe suggested emailing the membership about potential opportunities as opposed to setting up a committee. Ellen also felt there was no need to set up another committee to do this—we can reach out from the board. Ellen suggested putting together a sponsorship package, as well.

4. Any Other Business

- a. Freed-Maxick update: Mike spoke with a rep there and she said we can do one of two things: write a letter and refile or let it go and let the statutes of limitations expire. We agreed via motion from Tim C. and seconded by Bill to let this go.
- b. Ellen Coyle announced her resignation from the board effective immediately and would put this in writing to the club secretary. Ellen turned the club credit card over to the secretary and this was handed over to the club chairman.

5. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Bill; seconded by Tim C.

Time: 8:04 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 pm.