



Buffalo Fenians GAA
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 5, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

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

Others Present: Brian Connolly and Conor Hawkins (club trustee)

Officers Excused or Absent: None

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. **Discussion:** None
 - b. **Action taken:** Minutes approved on a motion from Paul, seconded by Bill.

2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. **Youth Funds: \$4,300.00**
 - b. **Women's Funds: \$2,955.00**
 - c. **Men's Funds: \$1,359.53**
 - d. **CYC Account: \$18,330.11**
 - e. **Action taken:** Treasurer's report approved on motion from Matt, seconded by Mike.

3. Correspondence
 - a. **Discussion:** Midwest Division sent out information regarding scheduling of games, hosting the Midwest Finals, and referee training. A very healthy discussion was held on about scheduling and it was agreed that we would like to continue playing in the NY Cup and then set-up matches with various clubs, as opposed to the proposed blitz format. The Midwest will have a call next week with club reps to discuss scheduling options.
 - b. **Cleveland 7s:** Cleveland will host a 7s tournament on May 16th at a cost of \$100 per team for football (women's & men's) & hurling. We will gauge player interest to determine if we will send any teams.
 - c. **Registration:** Matt spoke about the registration process for this year and informed us that the USGAA site is now open for players to register. We can also pay our club fees via the online site. We will be sure to register the men's & women's teams individually, so as to secure maximum representation at the divisional AGM & notational convention, as well as All-Ireland tickets.
 - d. **Meat Raffle:** Brian Connolly discussed his proposal to organize a meat raffle for the club (all 3 codes will be involved & benefit). After a lengthy discussion a motion was proposed by Mike & seconded by Bill to authorize Brian to establish



a committee for this event and provide funding in the amount of \$4,000 to secure a location, event manager, & purchase meat. More details will follow shortly once a date & location have been confirmed.

4. Youth Update

- a. **Report:** Paul reported that there will be a youth meeting on Sunday, February 9th at the Irish Center at 3:00 pm to organize the youth committee for the coming year. Indoor sessions will begin soon and there will be some sessions for adult & youth hurling/camogie in March. The youth program will be allocating 2 of their indoor session dates to the women's team (if not used, the men's team will pick these up).

5. Ladies Update

- a. **Report:** First indoor practice went very well and the team is now looking to design and purchase uniforms. Bill mentioned he is looking into setting-up a women's game in NCY to align with the men's game against NYPD in May.

6. Men's Update

- a. **Report:** Indoor training will begin Tuesday, February 18th.

7. Any Other Business

- a. **NYPD Game:** Mike received correspondence from Brian with NYPD and he will try to set-up a game for the first Saturday in May. NYPD have a match scheduled with the Gardai from Donegal set for that date, so we will try to get a match against their B team or possible FDNY. More information to follow shortly.
- b. **Permits for Field Use:** Mike & Paul will reach out to West Seneca to secure practice & playing fields at the West Seneca Soccer Complex.
- c. **Other:** Club trustee Conor Hawkins offered to help promote the club via his business connections in an effort to recruit more players for all of our teams. We will get Conor recruitment information and a digital copy of the club logo for this.

8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Bill, seconded by Mike.

Time: 8:20 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm.