

Washington D.C. Gaels

2023 Annual General Meeting

07 January 2023 / 10:00 AM / Arlington Public Library - Bluemont Room

ATTENDEES

Patrick McCabe	Ian Hutchinson	Eli Webster	Gary Dize	Priyanka Mc Keown
Donald Whitely	Shaun Saul	Eric Fawl	Ronan Kelly	Cathal Monaghan
Rory Coffey	William (Jay) Carter	Kat Walsh	Alex Durfee	Richie O'Rourke
Jillian Kelly	Christina Petrocelli	Katie Landes	Colm Everard	Emmet Mc Keown
Chase Glatz	Liam McCaffery	Rob Rayburn	Enda Nolan	Rebecca Levetzow

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Standing Orders
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
3. Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary
4. Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Treasurer
5. The Chairman's Address & Board Reports
6. Election of Officers, Members and Trustees of the Executive Committee
7. Notices of Motion
8. Other Business - Including: PRO and Youth Officer open on Mid-Atlantic Board. Open committee positions on CCC Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and Club Youth Committee.
9. Discussion / Q&A
10. Meeting Adjournment

NOTES

1. Adoption of Standing Orders:

- Ian Hutchinson: motion to adopt, Christina Petrocelli: second the motion
- 2. Minutes of previous AGM:
 - Don Whitely: motion to approve, Enda Nolan: second the motion
- 3. Consideration of the Annual Report submitted by the Secretary
 - Patrick McCabe read the Annual Report on behalf of Candice Stone
 - Ian Hutchinson: motion to adopt, Jillan Kelly: second the motion
- 4. Consideration of the Financial Statements including the Report of the Treasurer
 - Richard O'Rourke read the Consideration
 - i. MAGAA membership will cost the same in 2023 as it did in 2022 (\$1,800)
 - General Discussion:
 - i. Eric Fawl (Eric): Does O'Neills have a portal that we can use so everyone pays at the time of order, as opposed to having to track people down for money after-the-fact?
 - ii. Emmet Mc Keown (Emmet) / Ian Hutchinson (Ian): Yes; the second order in 2022 was the first time we had access to the portal, but it will make it simpler in 2023
 - iii. Patrick McCabe (Paddy): we aim to split the youth and adult bank accounts in 2023
 - iv. Paddy: \$1,820 is owed to Ladies' Football for separate fundraising efforts
 - v. Rory Coffey (Rory): Why did it take so long to get 2019 finals money?
 - vi. Paddy: Emmet met with the Strategic planning committee this year and will provide additional details
 - vii. Emmet: there was previously no set agreement
 - 1. The strategic planning committee had to agree on the disbursements (all clubs within the MA)
 - 2. Normally, the division holds on to the funds
 - 3. Funds were divided based on the size of the club, with the exception of COVAA and Richmond
 - a. COVAA and Richmond saw an increase in funds allocated to them to assist with development
 - viii. Eric: Is there any motion for future hosting of finals?
 - ix. Paddy: earliest opportunity to host will be 2029 or 2030
 - 1. \$30k is going to the MA to pay for future events
 - 2. Other clubs within the MA said they couldn't exist without the money
 - x. Rebecca Levetzow (Becca): Was the chair in 2019
 - 1. If we host again, we need to be more proactive and help the division
 - 2. Need to track volunteer hours so we can get everything we are owed
 - 3. We were one of the only clubs that met the \$5k fundraising requirement
 - xi. Eric: youth development could help with volunteers
 - xii. Paddy: DC could host separate from the MA
 - xiii. Becca: 150-200 volunteers would be needed

- xiv. Rory: Do we know what all the clubs are going to use the money received from finals for?
 - xv. Paddy: no; small pot exists for the strategic planning committee
 - xvi. Emmet: the pot is kept to help keep clubs from frivolously spending
 - xvii. Eric: MA should think about taking proposals to use the money to develop their clubs in specific ways (such as a youth program)
 - xviii. Rory: we have projects ready to go
 - xix. Emmet: clubs are saying that they lost sponsorship in 2020 and haven't regained sponsorship
 - xx. Rory: which is their own fault
 - xxi. Eric: we want to grow the MA; there should be a push for the clubs to submit an agreed upon framework or have a group purchasing aspect to hold clubs accountable
 - xxii. Colm Evert (Colm): MA should have a structure
 - xxiii. Rory: Know it is out of our clubs control, but we want to make sure that the funds are being used appropriately
 - xxiv. Paddy: fundraising isn't easy
 - 1. GG application is due tomorrow
 - 2. Part of it to bring a coach down and do coaching development
 - o Christina Petrocelli: motion to adopt, Jillian Kelly: second the motion
5. The Chairman's Address & Board Reports
- o Paddy McCabe read the Chairman's address
 - i. We need to find facilities
 - ii. Kingsview middle school was hardly available this year
 - iii. Montgomery county is cheaper for fields
 - o Don Whitely: motion to adopt, Rebecca Levetzow: second the motion
6. Election of Officers, Members and Trustees of the Executive Committee
- o Patrick McCabe: motion to suspend 2022; Jillian Kelly: second
 - o Election Committee: Chair: Rebecca Levetzow, Vice Chair: Robert Rayburn
 - o Election of Officers:
 - i. **Chair: Patrick McCabe** nominated, Patrick McCabe accepted the nomination, Rory Coffey seconded the nomination
 - ii. **Vice Chair: Emmet Mc Keown** nominated, Emmet Mc Keown accepted the nomination, Patrick McCabe seconded the nomination
 - iii. **Secretary: Christina Petrocelli** nominated, Christina Petrocelli accepted the nomination, Patrick McCabe seconded the nomination
 - iv. **Treasurer: Richard O'Rourke** nominated, Richard O'Rourke accepted the nomination, Christina Petrocelli seconded the nomination
 - v. **Registrar: Jillian Kelly** nominated, Jillian Kelly accepted the nomination, Priya Mc Keown seconded the nomination

- vi. **Public Relations Officer: Ian Hutchinson** nominated, Ian Hutchinson accepted the nomination, Patrick McCabe seconded the nomination
- vii. **Club Development Officer: Candice Stone, Ronan Kelly** and Eli Webster nominated; all accepted nominations
 - 1. Candice Stone not present to provide explanation of proposed nomination; Paddy presented on her behalf:
 - a. Served as the secretary in 2022
 - b. Volunteered at the embassy and Ireland on the Wharf
 - c. Is a youth coach
 - 2. Ronan Kelly:
 - a. Been with the Gaels <1 year, hurler
 - b. Wanted to get more involved with the club
 - c. Has worked on nonprofit boards in the past
 - d. Past/present servitude on Irish boards
 - e. Wants to develop the growth of the club and Division
 - f. Is a project manager by profession
 - g. Priorities:
 - i. Recruitment (adult and youth); need to grow reach
 - ii. Club awareness: parades and involvement in other organizations
 - iii. Build on club community: social aspect, feel part of a community, friendships
 - 3. Eli Webster:
 - a. Been with the Gaels for 5 years
 - b. Organizes the fundraisers for the ladies football team
 - c. Is part of Team DC (which the Gaels are as well)
 - d. Have connections with Team DC
 - e. Started the ride spreadsheet to develop club community
 - f. Has been a treasurer for her Rugby team
 - g. Organizer of a rugby tournament fundraiser
 - h. Runs a nonprofit based in DC: fundraising, communications
 - i. Experience writing by-laws
 - 4. Anonymous in-person vote for the Club Development Officer: Winner: Ronan Kelly; second the election: Eric Fawl
- viii. Election of Trustees:
 - 1. 1 year: Eric Fawl nominated by Patrick McCabe, Ian Hutchinson seconded the nomination, Eric accepted
 - 2. 2 year: Robert Rayburn nominated by Patrick McCabe, Ian Hutchinson seconded the nomination, Robert accepted
 - 3. 3 year: Rebecca Levetzow nominated by Patrick McCabe, Ian Hutchinson seconded the nomination, Rebecca accepted

7. Notices of Motion

- General Discussion:
 - i. Enda: proposed amendment to take out the dollar amount from the motion
 - ii. Eric: We need subcommittees
 - 1. Under the Treasurer and Development: Spending
 - 2. Under the Chair and potential other board member: by-laws, insurance, and waivers
 - a. In conjunction with USGAA and 501(c)(3) – need to make sure our 501(c)(3) status is maintained
 - iii. For recruiting, we need to target younger players: 18-25 y/o
 - 1. Alex Durfee offered to assist with recruiting from George Mason
 - iv. Committees to be set up by March 1st
 - 1. People can put together proposals
 - 2. Present to the board

- Motion submitted by Patrick McCabe withdrawn by Patrick McCabe

8. Other Business – Including: PRO and Youth Officer open on Mid-Atlantic Board. Open committee positions on CCC Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and Club Youth Committee.

- Youth Officer for the Gaels may serve as the Youth Officer for the MA
- The CCC Committee deals with scheduling, dates players are/are not available, heat advisories, fields, etc.
 - i. Paddy will not be serving on the CCC Committee
 - ii. Monthly meetings and prior to game days
- Emmet will continue to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee
- Hearings Committee: Seamus McCreesh – deals with red cards, etc.

9. Discussion / Q&A

- Need a player representative from each team:
 - i. Priya Mc Keown volunteered for ladies football
- Eric: USGAA grading system
 - i. Homegrown is not working for grading
- Rory: people are paying a lot to lose; the system is broken
- Eric: a hybrid approach to scheduling
 - i. Play in the mid-Atlantic, but also focus on tournaments
- Paddy: we should schedule around tournaments
 - i. September: Sullivan's brewery is planning on hosting a tournament in Nashville
 - ii. Encourage supplementing transportation costs
- Rory: we should host our own tournaments
 - i. Hardest hurdle: obtaining fields
- Ian: Culpepper has reached out with regards to fields to host a tournament
- Becca: we need commitment from players; if supplementing transportation costs, we should require players to put down a deposit
- Rory: need a schedule for the MA earlier in the year
- Eric: we could play the MA after nationals
- Ronan: we are trying to grow the American interest in GAA; not trying to fly in Irish for the purpose of winning

- Becca: self perpetuating issue
 - i. Proposal: on years it is more expensive to travel to Finals (on the west coast, etc.), we don't go to nationals and we focus on tournaments instead
- 10.Meeting Adjournment
- Patrick McCabe: motion to adjourn, Jillian Kelly: second the motion

ACTION ITEMS

1. Subcommittees to be established and meet by March 1st (All)
2. Ask for buy-in (All)
3. Plan from each Officer for the year (All)
4. Proposed schedule of games for the Gaels (All)