



**INDIANAPOLIS GAA**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at Bier Brewery**  
**Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 10 AM**

**MINUTES**

**NOTE:** Chairman will control the agenda and the ensuing discussion. All questions/comments will be addressed through the “Chair”.

- 1. Meeting called to Order & Adoption of 2020 Fall AGM Minutes**
  - a. Members present: David Littlejohn, Kyle Keesling, Rachel Keesling, Brett Mahoney, Chris Burrows, Josh Lane, Susan Pierce, Tristan Chaplin, Adam Kruger, Danny Jorgensen, Hannah Deguch, David Deguch, Jessica Rhodes, Brien Shoemaker, Liam Bonner, Jill Beyke, Rudy Nehrling, Evan Foley, Mike Monaghan, Jeremy Pugh, Morgan Burkett, Paul Romer, Hunter Antwain, Austin Baker, Austin Headley
  - b. Opening Remarks - David Littlejohn
  - c. 2020 Fall AGM Minutes - Rachel Keesling, Danny Jorgensen Moved, Liam Bonner Seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.
  
- 2. Annual Report 2021 & Chair’s Address - Summary report to include on and off field activities - David Littlejohn**

Some people may have forgot that we started the year in a pandemic...But I feel like our two pub leagues were able to work. We had to work around budget, supply chain issues, jerseys, thankfully our club members were generous from last year. We plan to go to Nationals next year, plan to host our Invitational...just hoping to get back to normal. We will have the schedule out there early, as we have had for the past few years.
  
- 3. 2021 Committee Reports & 2022 Recommendations**

*Board members will be available for questions from the club. Club members expected to read available report ahead of time and prepare questions.*

  - a. Finance Report - Chris Burrows**
    - i. Club Financial Position
      1. Report submitted via Slack/email
      2. 2021 was a good year financially. \$22,000, expenditures about \$12,000, partially to save money, one field = costs less, didn’t have big spending - no invitational, \$17,000 in the bank as of last night, and that does not include this morning’s bagels... but we did have some left over from last year. Very much appreciated to be in good financial standing. 2019 was our last “normal” year, total income is less, we didn’t have as many events, membership in 2019 includes indoor - which we haven’t done in a while and we’ll talk about that later. About 30 fewer players that registered and we did have the COVID discount. Spent about 50% of our total income. 2019 we spent more than we

brought in, had outstanding field dues, USGAA membership dues, this year we had to hold back because of the pandemic.

3. Jeremy - slice of the pie for USGAA - is that double dipped? No, that's just the \$300 for our 3 clubs to be registered - camogie, hurling, and football.
4. Susan - total cost savings for t-shirts vs jerseys? About half the price, about \$5,000.
5. Tristan - any sponsors bitching about t-shirts vs . jerseys? Yes a little - Brett - it just took a little explaining and they were ok. But they really like their jerseys...

## **b. Committee Reports - Committee Chairs**

### **i. Sponsorship Chair - Brett Mahoney**

1. Report submitted via Slack/email
2. One sponsor wanted jerseys and I now have 5 designs for them. We did our best with the SOS events, we lost one sponsor, and honestly that worked out better - lost 9 Irish. But we didn't have 8 teams for the season, so it worked out. Looking for new sponsors, has 5 leads right now, will be making some changes, but nothing drastic. Will do sponsor packages, with hurley with metals. So if they win a championship we will give them a metal. Once we get an Event Chair, we can do more SOS events, looking forward to being able to do more things.
3. Paul Romer - when did 9 Irish pull out and why? Who is Jr. C hurling sponsor? Possibly for our one club mentality, Danny, do we have a breakdown that people can use, if anyone has any leads send them to Brett.
4. Tristan - SOS fantastic ideas, if you need help, let me know. Brett we will for the BTV - will definitely need help for that.
5. Susan - Do we have a plan if we have more sponsors than teams? Yes, a tiered system that i'm going to.
6. Jill - along with the tiered system - can we have someone sponsor busses or travels? With nationals being in Chicago, this is a great idea, also thinking of Cincinnati, Akron, etc.
7. Burrows - Thank you Adam for being here and Bier for letting us come in and use their facility.
8. Morgan - my company would be very interested in sponsoring travel.
9. Mike M. - what is this BTV? Brett and David talked about it. It's a streaming site that we would provide content for. More info to come on this.

### **ii. Membership Relations - Nick Wilson**

1. Report submitted via Slack/email
2. David spoke for Nick - he is pleading for volunteers, need volunteers for invitational, fields, streaming service potential. Danny said he might be interested, let's get a committee together. Tried to get back into recruitment, did the Hero Hut event, Global Fest, Irish Fest, can build on these for recruitment, every event in the world pushed to September... Had our pinball event - thank you Danny. Next event is Dec. 5. Nick most likely won't be able to play with us next year due to work changes, but will still help Louie with the

Invitational. David explained the Membership role - it is supposed to be the new recruits' contact person, someone to ask them how they're doing, guide them, connect them with people, etc.

**iii. Events Chair - Paul Jones**

1. Report not submitted
2. David spoke for Paul - He has moved to Portland. At the beginning of the year we couldn't host any events, around Sept. is when he got busy and when we started having things to do. Because he resigned, we thought it would be good to bring it up at the AGM. One year term - good intro into the position for someone new.

**iv. Coaching Chair - Andretta Erickson**

1. Report Submitted via Slack/email
2. David called Dretta out as being too hung over to be here today. Rachel read her report for her.
3. Burrows - Jill, Josh, Shoe, thank you to all those people who stepped up to coach this year.
4. Jeremy - do we have any official COVID restrictions for next year? David - not that I'm aware of. When we started the season, we had to submit our COVID plans to the Health Dept. It took them a while to review and approve our plan, it ended up if it was less than 50 people and outside, we didn't have to have one. By the time we got started with our season, people were able to be vaccinated, our pub leagues weren't at that level of attendees so it worked out.
5. David - I don't know how many people know this, but there was ZERO info from the CDC and WHO on how to host an adult contact sport. There was no info out there, so David spent all of his free time researching this. Last year we were level 3, and now we're at level 1.5. As long as things keep going the way they are, we should be good for next year.
6. Rachel says to get vaccinated. David says Rachel speaks for herself, not the board or the club...

**c. Secretary's Report, including Registration - Rachel Keesling**

- i. Report Submitted via Slack/email
- ii. Gave my report and David helped clarify some of the USGAA stuff.

**d. PRO Report - Kyle Keesling**

- i. Report Submitted via Slack/email
- ii. Had the longest report as pointed out by Mike Monaghan. In brief, we had heard concerns about our communication. Please give me feedback, we don't want people to think there is an issue. Worked with other board members to get messaging out, registering, helped with the draft - that went well overall. We need a brighter projector, there were some visibility issues (it's David's projector). Started to work the kinks out of the registering process. Premier Nights - I'm at a loss as to how to get the word out - Friday night vs. Sunday morning are more

- likely, but Woody can't turn 50 every year! Please let me know where we can post this info - how to get the word out. This does tie into the membership position, this year went about as well as it could, it went fast and was fun, enjoys working with all the board members - thank you.
- iii. David - Thanks to Woody and Tim Cabeen. Most of the graphics you see are Woody. Cabeen takes care of pictures - we are very lucky to have someone with the skill and equipment to take these photos. He is a big asset to our club.
  - iv. Mike Monaghan - the kids are into Tik Tok these days...David - we have an idea to have a Social Media Committee. Kyle tried to do stories on Instagram, would love help.

**e. Vice Chair - Josh Lane**

- i. Report submitted via Slack/email
- ii. 30 second recess [more like 5 minutes...] for the soccer game on tv - Tottenham v. Everton - the game is tied
- iii. David - Oye! Josh needs to talk for his report - Josh - no I don't. [laughter from the room] It's a wash, a lot of people didn't like having double headers, but a lot of people did like all in one day. It saved us a lot of money (but was also our only option). Indoor league is up in the air. Pub League went well, everyone got to play, everyone had a full season, crowned both hurling and football champions. Do we have any idea why Daredevil had attendance problems? Did they start out ok? Everything was well attended in the beginning, then trailed off...
- iv. Danny - I was on Daredevil - we had some people quit, 5 injuries in a row, I was out for a week because Romer's a Dick! He's on my team and he broke my finger!
- v. Josh - moving forward we want to have practice multiple days a week
- vi. Jill - football in the middle made it hard for combo players, might have been nice to have football at 10, so they wouldn't always have double headers. David - we're going to look into this, we made it work for this year given all the hurdles.
- vii. Jeremy Pugh - getting back to form? You mean split up the days again? Josh - we still need to decide. This year we just had to have it all on one day for availability.
- viii. Rudy - First of all - great job on the scheduling, all the covid stuff and sticking together as a board. Regarding indoor - Park Tudor lost their fields so all practices have been at Sports Zone. But the construction is almost done so maybe availability will be better. David - as of right now they have one field for us from 9-10 PM.
- ix. Austin - have we looked into other venues? David no. Josh - that's not true. I have reached out to several other venues. Many of them are not cheap. David - the club fronts the cost, but the people who play are paying for the rental. Not giving up on it, still looking into it.
- x. Burrows - Travis does the get together at Butler. David - We can't sponsor everything, but please get together on your own too.

4. **Election of Club Management Officers – For Decision by Members** Rachel Keesling
- a. **Executive Officers:** Events, Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Chair and Coaching are currently serving until December 31, 2022. This new slate will be elected for a 2 year term ending December 31, 2023.
  - b. **Current Slate/Call for nominations from the floor:**
    - i. **Secretary:** Rachel Keesling, *no other nominations*
    - ii. **Sponsorship:** Brett Mahoney, *no other nominations*
    - iii. **Member Relations:** Hannah Deguch - *She accepts her nomination, no other nominations*
    - iv. **PRO:** Kyle Keesling, *no other nominations*
    - v. **Events:** Jessica Rhodes, Danny Jorgensen, and Austin Baker. *Now Jessica has withdrawn. No other nominations.*
  - c. **Presentation of Platforms** - *All candidates will present a platform regardless of whether they are running opposed or not.*
    - i. **Danny Jorgensen** - made this decision recently...I've been running events for the club for the fun, would be nice to have access to stuff, money, etc. I want to have at least one event per month, we will have a Hope Plumbing night at one of the other sponsors (David - or at some random bathroom...). Danny - I'm sure Hope has a bunch of shit they hand out as swag - (and literally! laughs all around...) Events aren't really used as recruitment - but they should be. Austin and I are going to run trivia at Tappers. My qualifications? I run an improv group and do this for fun. I lives in Fountain Square. You have to think outside the box. Josh - let's have a bangers and mash eating contest. Danny - yes!!!
    - ii. **Austin Baker** - Well, I was going to say all the same things as Danny. One event a month. Golf outing. I've planned a golf event before. Was very active in my Fraternity and planned many events for them.
    - iii. **Questions for the Events nominees:**
      1. Susan - neither one of you mentioned the Invitational or the Sliottar (our annual banquet). Burrows threw out the idea to change the name of the Sliottar to "Over the Bar Ball". Both Danny and Austin said, yes, of course, we would do those events too.
      2. Liam - With the sponsors we have being drinking focused - is there any desire to do other type events?
      3. Danny - Yes, we can do family events that are not centered around drinking.
      4. Brett - Like maybe when it's Hope month or Skyline month...
    - iv. **Hannah Deguch** - Gave a very nice speech. Wants to do family involved events, for those sitting on the sidelines, wants to build a sense of community so all feel welcomed, wants to make cheering squad, wants a positive nature on and off the pitch, wants to be gender inclusive - promote a healthy environment for women to be included, be a non-biased listening ear, loves everyone and has the club's best interest at heart.
    - v. **Question for the Membership nominee:**

1. Brett - are you willing to coordinate a bus trip for those who are not playing?  
Hannah - yes.

- d. **Tabulation of results** and announcement to the membership of new board. Current board serves until Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - i. Hannah - show of hands vote for her - all in favor, no one opposed.
  - ii. Danny won the Events Chair position. 16 for Danny, 8 for Austin Baker, one abstention.

5. **Notices of Motions** - *none offered*.

6. **All Other Business (AOB)** Rachel Keesling

a. ***Proposal submitted by Liam Bonner for the football trophy to be named "The Roberts Trophy" after Nate Roberts who was instrumental in advancing Gaelic football in Indianapolis.***

- i. Paul Romer would like to speak to the current name of the football trophy. Football came about in 2015 by Ciaran Connery - he gathered some people and said we need to take off with it. Dylan, Paul, Jill, Danny, got the league going, we need a trophy. Thought of naming the trophy for the group that started it - the Founder's trophy, with 5 or 6 names on it. But they felt it wasn't right to single out so many people. So they called it the Players' Cup, for all the people. I would be personally opposed against Nate being named for it. Singling out one individual is not right.
- ii. Jill - she agrees with Paul about the history of it. So the reason this got brought up now is Paul Flynn, Jill and a few others were talking and the name didn't feel as accurate now. Football has grown and Jill deferred to Paul Flynn, who came up with the idea to name it the Roberts trophy.
- iii. Liam - I'm still new, but I didn't know that it is called The Players' Cup.
- iv. Paul - it wasn't a club decision - that was just those few people who decided.
- v. Rudy - has anyone talked to Nate about this? Knowing Nate's personality, he would not like this.
- vi. Susan - a long long ago, the Indy GAA was originally the Harps, which was a horrible name. This is not a voteable item, I recommend that the discussion continue.
- vii. Jill - would be willing to spearhead a survey about this.
- viii. Austin Headley - wants to motion to have a special meeting. Austin Baker seconds. Motion fails.

b. ***2021 Club Survey Review***

- i. We hope this becomes a regular thing. Good feedback since this wasn't a regular year. There is a Pub League Commissioner - people may not know that. Competition Commissioner - the Board would appoint someone. Be aware of all the games, work on travel, work with Secretary to say when we are going somewhere (because the Secretary has to report to Heartland Division where we are going and who is coming to Indy for games/tournaments). May do some mid season surveys. It's a good way for us to know what people are thinking.

- ii. Tristan - Fields committee, Josh is chief bottlewasher, Tristan wants the club credit card to buy stuff he needs.
- iii. Austin Baker - family friendly events - Thanksgiving or Friendsgiving.
- iv. Susan - in my opinion - the last two years have been the hardest years to run a club like ours. I ask the Club Person of the Year award goes to the entire board. They deserve it for the hard work and making educated difficult decisions for our club.

**7. Motion to adjourn - Pugh motions, Hunter seconds, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.**