Indy GAA: 2026 Annual General Meeting

10am November 1st, 2026
Bier Brewery – 5133 E 65th Street
Indianapolis, IN

Agenda

1. **Meeting called to Order & Adoption of 2025 AGM Minutes**

    a. Opening Remarks – Jeremy Pugh
    b. 2025 Fall AGM Minutes – Rose Black

2. **Chair's Address –** *Jeremy Pugh*

3. **2026 Committee Reports**
   Board members will be available for questions from the club. Club members expected to read available reports ahead of time and prepare questions.

    a. **Finance Report** - John Garlock
        i. Club Financial Position

    b. **Officer Reports**
        i. Coaching – Matt Schwertfeger
        ii. Sponsorship – Monica Asher
        iii. Events – Aoife Jacob
        iv. PRO – Leigh Andrzejewski
        v. Travel – Ben Hewett
        vi. Secretary – Rose Black

    c. **Vice Chair Report** – Charlie Harper

4. **Election of Club Officers – For Decision by Members**

    a. Executive Officers:
        i. Secretary, Sponsorship, Travel, and PRO are currently serving until December 31, 2027.
        ii. This new slate will be elected for a 2 year term ending December 31, 2028.

        iii. <u>CURRENT SLATE</u>
            1. **Chair:** Brien Shoemaker, Charlie Harper
            2. **Vice Chair:** Brett Mahoney-Kiebach, Hannah Bays, Kevin Hadden
            3. **Treasurer:** Sarah Nixon, Elaine Power, John Garlock
            4. **Recruiting:** Elaine Power, Hannah Bays, Jessica Black, Johnnie Mickle
            5. **Special Projects:** Andretta Erickson, Jeremy Pugh

    b. Call for nominations from floor

    c. Presentation of Platforms
       All candidates will present a platform regardless of whether they are running opposed or not.

d. Tabulation of results and announcement to the membership of new board. Current board serves until Dec 31st.

5. **Notices of Motions**
    a. Open floor for motions
    b. Open floor for discussion
        i. Discussion items from feedback/Board
        ii. Discussion items from floor

6. **All Other Business**
    a. 2026 Club Survey Review

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

Chair Report – Jeremy Pugh

As I come to the beginning of the end of a two-year term as Chair of the Indy GAA, it is time to look back on what has been attempted, what has been accomplished, and what is in our great club's bright future. It has been a whirlwind of activity in the two years I've had the pleasure of serving, and I am coming away with a better understanding of the many different motivations from which the passion for our club and Gaelic sports can grow. I believe this year has been a successful one for the club, and we are gifted with the opportunity to enrich it further through the efforts of the board and the club's membership.

It has been a great run for the club on the National stage in the past 2 years with 3 National Championships. Four members also represented the Indy GAA in the first ever Divisional Championship; helping the Heartland Division take home the first trophy ever given out. Our teams are, in my opinion, the strongest they've been and it really is a testament to what can be accomplished when the work is put in.

Our club Ireland trip is a go! With the help of our friends at Havacation Travel Advisors, our 2027 club trip to Ireland has the green light. This is a rare opportunity to journey through Ireland and see the passion and dedication in every town by traveling with Gaelic sports in mind. We will have the ability to train with the locals and see what the daily life is like when the games are part of your very being. We hope to add to the existing roster of members attending this experience, as the more sport-centered travelers we have going will make this trip even more rewarding.

While we continue to see new faces joining our club with 23 first-time members in 2026, many are passing through and may only be with us a short while. We always have continued growth in mind, but we maintained roughly the same membership at ~140 players from last year. With the advent of a new board position focused on gaining membership, we hope to turn this into a positive number and see our club grow.

As John will outline in his report, the club remains financially stable with the exceptional work of the volunteers that help generate support for the club through our fundraising, and responsible budgeting for our costs throughout the year.

Our biggest change to the operation of the board and the club will be the institution of two new board positions: Recruitment and Special Projects. These will be replacing the Events and Coaching officer roles.

Because we are committed to grow the club to uplift our community and promote Irish culture through Gaelic sports, a Recruitment Officer has been added to the roster of board members for a two-year term. This focused position will maintain a clear directive of gaining new membership and reaching out to various communities, schools, and other entities that align with the spirit of what our club represents.

As the Indianapolis GAA turns 22 going into 2027, our club has proven its staying power. As it grows in age, so do its goals and vision grow in wisdom. The creation of the Special Projects Officer is a testament to that vision. This position will focus on our future, and act as spearhead toward the betterment of the club on a much larger scale.

I would like to thank all who are involved with this club; the beating heart of an institution that changes lives. Without its members, the club ceases to function. Thank you to all the volunteers that generously gave their time throughout the various events on and off the field. Thank you to all our referees, whose commitment goes beyond donating just time, but knowing the ever-evolving rules of our sports. Thank you for it all.

And lastly, I would like to thank our board members for their tireless efforts throughout the entire year. Just as on the field, things begin to fall apart without the entire team working together. I have been

honored to work with both our second-year and first-year members to see new ideas pour in and good discussion had with the Indy GAA always at the front of each members' concern. **Leigh, Ben, Monica,** and **Rose** all immediately took to action in their new roles and to make sure that there were no gaps in the duties of their predecessors, while **Charlie, John, Aoife,** and **Matt** continued their roles. I'd like to share my experience working with each of them:

Leigh – An absolute powerhouse communicator and designer serving as PRO of our club. We all know her messages well as she stayed on top of our social media and site and outreach. She is the definition of high-output and has made great strides in upgrading communication to the club and functionality of the site. I could always count on Leigh to get it done (often before the meeting was even over!)
Ben – From the beginning he had a plan and laid out a year's worth of possible travel opportunities to attend, and our travel communication has never been stronger. Right out of the gate, he immediately established attainable goals to increase both our travel opportunities and number of members who travel. He is one of the most organized people I have ever worked with, and his methods are effective and insightful, while also bringing a lighthearted charm to every meeting.
Monica – One of the most passionate members on the team, Monica is not afraid to bring big ideas to the sponsorship table and hold herself accountable to them. At several meetings, she had new ideas to bring involving her role and she has excellent instincts, demonstrating sound judgement and thoughtful responses.
Rose – From new member to board member in no time at all! Rose was part of the Indy GAA family from the very beginning. Attending almost every event her first year, Rose is the definition of service. Serving as Secretary Chair is one of the most difficult undertakings, and Rose rose to the challenge. I could always count on her to be available to work through whatever needs the club might have in store.

And to the board members whom I've had the pleasure of serving with the past two years:

Aoife – Aoife lifted the table just a little bit higher over the course of her term and raised the bar on accountability. She can see the true value in every item pertaining to the club and prioritize what is important and what might be holding it back. Over the past two years, she's offered dependable, conscientious ideas that have sculpted the yearly operations of her position and the critical procedures of the board in order to keep things well organized and practical. It has been a joy working with her to uplift the club over the last two years.
John – The longest sitting board member coming to close on his fourth year as Treasurer of the club, John brings trust and confidence. Without a second thought, John's acumen for the very specific rules and laws surrounding our club's finances would tell me that things were in good hands. His strong opinions were matched by his ability to listen and thoughtfully respond, and his determination is second to few in this club. His optimistic concern will always be a rare gem that I have seen in few others, and I am grateful to have the years on the board with him.
Matt – With Matt, comes raw knowledge and experience. He brought a storied career with him when he joined the Indy GAA, and when he joined the board, brought fresh ideas on re-invigorating the style and level of training. He has also put a lot of effort into our youth program as we saw an increase in younger players. Having the opportunity to travel the globe with Matt, I know that he will always have a teammates' back and his friendship and loyalty to both the club and club members is second to none. I have been fortunate to work alongside both on and off the field.
Charlie – He is the embodiment of "the club is every day." If I were to look back on the last two years of communication, there would be only a handful of days when Charlie wasn't volunteering his time in some way for the club. Along with his commitment, Charlie brought efficiency to the table. When things might seem to get complicated, he was always able to find the path-of-least-resistance without sacrificing effectiveness. Intelligent, proactive, and enthusiastic, I was proud and honored to serve the club alongside Charlie for two years.

Income Statement (Profit and Loss)

Indianapolis GAA Club

For the year ended December 31, 2026

Account	2026	2025
Income		
Airline Ticket Raffle	0.00	6,235.88
Banquet	0.00	1,050.00
Baseball Tickets	0.00	279.00
Chernish Donations	0.00	1,218.00
Corporate Donations	0.00	63.19
Euchre Tournament Entry	0.00	1,057.71
Golf Outing	15,836.38	12,516.70
Grants	0.00	2,501.00
Indoor / Winter League	355.00	2,421.00
Invitational Fees	5,926.63	5,362.90
Membership Dues - Returning Member	25,967.50	14,625.00
Mug Club Sales	0.00	763.85
New Member Dues	165.00	2,115.00
Pub Crawl	0.00	460.00
Pub League Sponsor	8,602.50	7,000.00
Social Member Dues	75.00	125.00
Student Member Dues	795.00	705.00
Super Bowl Squares / March Madness	1,160.00	0.00
Travel Jersey - Repayments	0.00	60.00
Travel Sponsor	0.00	3,000.00
Youth Member	140.00	0.00
Total Income	**59,023.01**	**61,559.23**
Gross Profit	**59,023.01**	**61,559.23**
Operating Expenses		
Advertising	400.00	0.00
Bank Service Charges	82.00	60.00
Banquet Cost	0.00	3,192.04
Board outreach	0.00	294.66
Broad Ripple Park Rental	0.00	675.00
Camogie Travel	0.00	200.00
Club Picnic	412.47	407.37
D+O Insurance	431.24	575.00
Equipment Rental	0.00	2,711.05
Euchre Tournament Expenses	0.00	600.00
Football Travel	1,834.00	200.00
Golf Outing Rental and Meal	8,495.00	8,155.00
Heartland Dues	316.50	400.00
Indoor Expenses	3,500.00	2,750.00
Invitational Supplies Reimbursement	5,240.76	3,790.86
Jerseys	6,678.00	9,801.64
Member Assistance	0.00	279.90
Other miscellaneous supplies	101.75	128.34
PayPal Fees	943.28	832.89
Postage & Delivery	0.00	14.60
Premier Night Field Rental	0.00	722.25
Pub Crawl Expenses	0.00	918.75
Pub League Equipment	140.89	1,675.52
Pub League Field Supplies	445.00	463.03
Raffle Supplies	321.00	218.50
St. Patricks Day Parade	200.00	100.00
Travel Jerseys	997.50	5,243.23
USGAA Travel	0.00	1,167.61
Website Costs	1,129.69	991.50
World Sports Park Rental	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Operating Expenses	**34,169.08**	**49,068.74**
Operating Income	**24,853.93**	**12,490.49**
Other Income / (Expense)		
Member Dues Offset	(8,765.75)	0.00
Total Other Income / (Expense)	**(8,765.75)**	**0.00**
Net Income	**16,088.18**	**12,490.49**

Sponsorship - Monica Asher

This past Pub League season taught me a great deal about how the club operates and reinforced that it truly takes a village to make IndyGAA the outstanding club it is today. A big thank you to Andretta Erickson, Charlie Harper, and everyone else who helped secure sponsors and maintain consistent communication with them. The time and effort contributed by so many members are essential to the club's success.

Sponsorship Overview

We kicked off the year at Centerpoint, which generously hosted our Draft Night.

Pub League Sponsorships
This season, we had six hurling team sponsors and four Gaelic football team sponsors.

- Hurling: We welcomed back five returning sponsors: SNUG, Upland, OrthoSport Performance Therapy, Dugan Wyatt & Czernik LLC, and FSP. We also welcomed one new sponsor, The Pursuit of Performance (PoP).
- Gaelic Football: We welcomed back two returning sponsors, Bier Brewery and Hope Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling. We also added two new sponsors, The Criminal Defense Team and the Albers Family.

Mug Club Sponsorships
Ash & Elm joined Mug Club as a new sponsor, contributing cider. We also had returning sponsors, Upland and Bier Brewery.

Indy Invitational Sponsorships and Vendors
The Indy Invitational featured support from several sponsors, vendors, and community partners:

- Bier Brewery sold beer.
- Ash & Elm sold cider.
- The AOH sold food items.
- Circle City Irish Fest hosted a booth.
- Good Earth and Louis sponsored the tents.
- The Sports Bra hosted a pop-up by the field the ladies were playing on.

Travel Team Sponsorships
This was the second year of Merchants Bank's commitment to sponsoring the men's travel teams. At the time of writing, we do not have a confirmed sponsor for the women's travel teams, and we have not yet secured a sponsorship commitment for the men's travel teams for next year.

Goals and Areas for Improvement

One of my goals this year was to strengthen the relationship between IndyGAA and our sponsors by encouraging more engagement from both sides. While I made progress in understanding what this process requires, I do not feel I accomplished this goal to the extent I had hoped. Strengthening these relationships will remain a priority next year.
One idea I would like to implement is a “Sponsor Spotlight of the Week,” which would highlight a sponsor and invite them to attend a Pub League game. This would give our sponsors more visibility while helping them feel more connected to the club and its members.
Another area for improvement is sponsor communication. At times, communication was inconsistent or responses were difficult to obtain, requiring other club members to reach out to sponsors on my behalf. Next year, I would like to establish a more reliable communication process, with clearer points of contact and expectations for both the club and its sponsors.

Sponsorship Commitments for Next Year

Another goal is to secure sponsorship commitments by the time of the annual banquet. As of this writing, emails are being drafted to reach out to current sponsors about renewing their commitments, and I plan to contact several additional potential sponsors.
I have also updated the sponsorship tier list originally created by Rudy and will include it in the upcoming email communications. This updated list will help clearly communicate the available sponsorship opportunities and the benefits associated with each level.
One new initiative we plan to introduce is a sponsorship agreement signed by both IndyGAA and each sponsor. The purpose of this agreement is to establish clear expectations for both parties, outline their respective commitments, and help ensure accountability throughout the sponsorship period.

Outstanding Payments

As of this writing, there is only one sponsor with an outstanding payment. Following up on this payment will be part of the ongoing sponsorship management process.

Looking Ahead

Overall, this season reinforced how much work goes into building and maintaining successful sponsorship relationships and how important collaboration is to the club’s success. I am grateful to everyone who contributed their time and effort this year. Moving forward, my focus will be on improving communication, increasing sponsor engagement, securing commitments earlier, and establishing clearer expectations to help build stronger, long-lasting partnerships for IndyGAA.

Events - Aoife Jacob

As always, the success of all events this year is outside the impact of this position so a huge thanks to all who volunteered in any capacity to bring them to life.

Recap on official events for 2026;

Draft Night
Thank you to Centrepoint for the use of the space for our captains to draft and club members to hang out. Overall a good event with good turnout to kick off the year. Speed was much faster than years previously - given Centrepoint are no longer an active sponsor, we should look to work with active sponsors for future drafts..

St. Patrick's Day Parade
Big thank you to Jason Eisberg and Brian Mathes for the lend of the truck & trailer for our St. Patrick's Day float. Overall, the best event in terms of volunteering with 20+ club members and supporters taking part at a really great event in terms of engagement and club spirit.

Indy Invitational
Endless thanks to event extraordinaire Andretta Erickson for taking on and owning the end-to-end organization and running of this year's invitational. Overall a successful event, with the usual host of hiccups that come when dealing with an event of this size but all dealt with fantastically. A big thank you to all sponsors, special callout to Louis Landman for his video work and sponsoring of the tent set up. A really great day of sport across all codes.
Suggestion would be to continue to look at pricing in relation to other tournaments and examine ways of working to try reduce last minute work by those who give their volunteer time - last minute schedule changes, late registration, teams registering individually were all overcome masterfully by our volunteers but should generally not be put in a position to work full time on this the week of the event.

Big thanks to all our volunteers from refs to scheduling to team sign ups, field marshalls, painting the fields, putting up flags, manning jersey sales. Tim Riley, Rose Black, Chris Burrows,Ciaran Connery and too many other names to call out but highlighting again that the invitational is the perfect representation of our club coming together.

Club Picnic
Big thank you to our grill masters and providers of meats, Nate, Travis Ryan, Paul Flynn and Johnny Mickle for coordinating the burgers and hot dogs along with the bouncy castle. Feedback was good as always with the bouncy castle always a popular add-on.The addition of more tables & chairs and the usual spread in terms of food from teams is always a successful event, adding to the usual pub league fun. Costs are relatively minor to the club and a great way

to include an event into our usual club running. The addition of the World Cup final helped maintain interest throughout the day.

One minor suggestion would potentially to go further specific on food being brought, there is some waste which we should try cut down and a lot of it coming from duplicates.

Irish Night at the Indians
Big thanks to all of volunteers for Indy GAA's participation in this event. Overall feedback was good, with good engagement on the night from attendees and club members, at this point a staple in the Indy GAA calendar

Indy GAA Golf Classic
Huge thank you to all volunteers but in particular, Ciaran Connery for running this very successful fundraising event. General sentiment was that it was an overall success - pacing improved from last year, sponsorship buy-in was strong. Raffle worked better this year with grouped gifts and less overall. Financially, a gain of roughly $XXX (see Treasurer's report for more info) which is huge for the ongoing covering of costs for the club and a great way to engage non-club members in events. As per previous notes, it would be good to tie into a specific initiative, potentially with the Special Project Chair position for next year so the fundraising is tied to something. Also suggested by a handful which I am in agreeance is to add an additional charity element to it (ie 20% to a local charity) would be a great way to further involve the local community.

Circle City Irish Fest
Again, huge thank you to our volunteers - Jeremy and Rose for leading the charge and also to Paul Flynn, the organizing of the tug of war team boosted numbers and was a fun way to show club spirit. This year was much more successful in terms of turnout and volunteers than last year, however the board has come to the belief that pending the ongoing running of the event, we should not commit with strong interest in volunteering from our club members.

Still to come;
Banquet - Sun King Carmel, December 12th, more info to come soon!
Spooky 7's (at time of writing)

Overall notes;
As per my notes from last year, we consolidated down events based on turnout and general interest which worked better for all involved.

I believe the ladies model would be one that could be successful across the club. The captain set up the first monthly event and then set up a schedule with club members for hosting or organizing an event. This have been generally well attended, brought a real social sense to the club. With the absence of an events chair going forward, it would be great to see this rolled out with the mens hurling and football teams with a handful of total group events.

In that vein, I would urge the incoming board to make sure there is adequate resourcing to make sure our core events continue to happen as attendance did improve this year and are important in the maintaining and growing of club numbers outside of the sports themselves.

Indianapolis GAA

PRO Report- 2026

Leigh Andrzejewski

Accomplishments

This year, I worked hard to create graphics to keep the club informed of events, help with recruitment, and expanded our outreach through streaming video.

Social Media

- Created a consistent branding look to recruit people that play other sports to join the Indy GAA. They got attention and helped new members find our club.
- Created schedules about events in the club for both internal and external communications.
- Continued Player of The Week posts highlighting players in the club
- Created Posts with results from pub league to help keep players abreast of team stats.
- Created updated posts with scores for the Indianapolis Invitational
- Created posts with scores for all the teams during Nationals

Video

This year the Indy GAA Expanded video capabilities

- Louis highlight clips were a rousing success during the invitational and at Nationals. I have assisted him with editing and learning about his software.
- Live-steaming the games was very popular with our fans at home and around the country. Other clubs also watched our lived steamed games on youtube
    - We've had over 2000 views total of all the games streamed during nationals weekend

Website

- Able to build and edit pages quickly on the website - especially for the Invitational
- Built out the calendar for practices
- Added the WP forms for the website for easier form collection
- Worked with jeremy to create a staging environment for the website

Email

- Sent out emails to the club through mailchimp
- Added text messaging to our email accounts so we can contact members that way now.

Key Learnings

- Need a tripod and probably a better camera for livestreaming events, but even our last minute equipment worked out well
- Need to gain more phone numbers from club members for text messaging
- Having others help with social media helps expand our club reach and nurtures relationships with other clubs
- Need to get word out to other clubs about the invitational early in the year
- Having pre-made graphics for the invitational and nationals was a big time saver and helped us post updates faster
- Not everyone is in the slack channel and being able to reach members through other forms of media is key
- Drink more water during nationals
- Yes, I know I am annoying, but you just all have to deal with it. ♥ My annoying messages have brought out good turnout to practices, games, and other events (like irish fest and sign ups for the ireland trip)

Goals For 2027

Website

- In the off-season I will begin work on giving the Indygaa website a facelift. Now that we have a staging environment we can get started.
- I want to improve the registration process by making a form that is easier to collect answers from. May need to revise in memberpress
- Want to make registration process more clear on the website

Video

- Showcase Louis' videos on our website and at the invitational
- Get better equipment to do a better Live stream at nationals
- Live stream for the invitational?

Social Media

- Use social media to promote our new website

- Keep doing player of the week & stats
- Showcase more of Louis' videos on social media
- Gain control of who has access to social media accounts

Indy GAA 2026 Travel Chair Report

Annual Meeting | Prepared by Ben Hewett, Travel Chair | October 2026

Overview

Our 2026 travel goal was for each of our four codes (men's football, ladies' football, hurling and camogie) to send a full team to two away events beyond USGAA Nationals. Each code chose its own events. My role was to surface enough options for them to choose from and to handle logistics such as hotels and van rentals.

We fully met that goal in one code out of four. The year still delivered a lot: five full teams at Nationals, a Junior C hurling national championship, and about 145 player-trips across five events. We also raised $1,160 for travel.

Progress toward the goal

Men's football met the goal. Hurling got halfway. Ladies' football and camogie did not field a full team at any away event outside Nationals. The ladies' codes had no clear pathway to send a full team anywhere except Nationals. Closing that gap is the biggest opportunity for next year.

Code	Two away events beyond Nationals	What happened	At Nationals
Men's football	Met	Detroit and Nashville. A third trip to Madison was rained out.	Yes
Hurling	Partly met (1 of 2)	St. Louis play-in with Junior C and Junior D teams. A planned Nashville trip fell through.	Junior C and Junior D
Ladies' football	Not met	A few players traveled individually and played on other clubs' teams.	Yes
Camogie	Not met	A few players traveled individually and played on other clubs' teams.	Yes

Where we traveled

Indy GAA made five trips in 2026, with about 145 player-trips in total.

Date	Event and location	Teams	Travelers	Recap
April 11	Tournament, Detroit	Men's football	~15	Our first away trip of the year, but not a full day of games.
May	Tournament, Nashville	Men's football	16–17	Completed men's football's two-event goal, again with limited games.
June 6	Play-in tournament, St. Louis	Men's hurling Junior C and Junior D	~29 (13 + ~16)	Both hurling teams traveled and played.
August 13–17	USGAA Nationals, Boston area	Five full teams	~80	Junior C hurling won the national championship.
October 10–11	USGAA Divisional Select Championship, Nashville	Heartland Division panel	5 (4 men, 1 woman)	Six Indy players were selected to represent the Heartland Division.

Nationals was the highlight of the year. We sent five full teams: men's football, ladies' football, camogie, and two men's hurling teams (Junior C and Junior D). All five played, with varying results, and Junior C brought home the national title. Off the field, we held a club-wide social at a single bar with 60+ members, a strong night for club camaraderie. We named Hyatt Place Boston/Braintree as the official club hotel, so members stayed together for the weekend.

Two planned trips did not happen. Men's football's Madison trip was rained out. A hurling trip to Nashville fell through because no other teams could travel there.

Fundraising

We raised $1,160 for travel in 2026 from two fundraisers: Super Squares and March Madness. All of it was earmarked for travel. Most of it paid for van rentals to away tournaments, and the remainder stays available to the travel teams.

Key learnings

The biggest lesson: which events we target matters more than how many we plan.

- **Established tournaments beat one-off events.** Arranging one-off matches with nearby clubs caused confusion and was harder to pull off than joining existing tournaments.
- **A trip has to offer enough games.** Detroit and Nashville often fell short of a full day of games, which made the time and cost hard to justify.
- **The wrong events cost us goals.** The Nashville hurling trip fell through because no other teams could travel there.
- **Reciprocity matters.** Many clubs travel to our Indianapolis tournament and expect us to return the favor. When we don't, those relationships get harder to manage.
- **Coordinate the hotel, not the flights.** For Nationals, the board found group airfare wasn't worth the effort. A single club hotel kept the club together at far less cost to organize.

Ideas for 2027

In 2027 we should build the travel calendar around larger, established tournaments, and ask the travel teams to lead their own fundraising.

- **Target well-run, multi-team tournaments.** Madison is the model: many teams attend, so we get enough games to justify the time and expense.
- **Get club input on the schedule.** Members should be able to travel and still play in our Indianapolis pub league.
- **Ask what would get more people traveling.** If we keep showing up at other clubs' events, we need to know what makes members commit.
- **Grow travel fundraising, led by the travel teams.** The teams that benefit should own and staff it. The Travel Chair will help coordinate, but can't run volunteer efforts that no one shows up for.
- **Find a volunteer champion.** Volunteering has been a long-standing struggle for the club. We need someone to rally members behind fundraising and events.

Annual Secretary Report – 2026

Prepared by: Rosemary Black, Club Secretary

Date: November 1, 2026

1. Executive Summary

What a year for Indy GAA! From the high-stakes matches at Nationals and our host-heroics at the Annual Invitational down to the fierce weekly rivalries of Pub League, the work put in on the pitch was unmatched. But let's be honest: our off-pitch endurance was just as impressive. Whether we were marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, making noise at Irish Night with the Indians, hanging out at Circle City Irish Fest, soaking up the sun at the Club Picnic, catching Premier Nights, hacking up the fairways at the Golf Outing, or conducting vital "team bonding" over pints at Fort Ben Pub after practice, we showed up in full force.

Hats off to everyone who gave their all on and off the field this year. You made 2026 another one for the books!

2. Administrative & Governance Summary

- **Board Meetings:** We have held a total of 10 board meetings so far this year
- While there were not many "changes" made throughout the year, there were several motions brought to vote over the last 10 months. Motions included:
    - Approval of van rentals
    - Increasing team price for Invitational Registration to $350 - Approved
    - O'neils credit used to purchase new balls (both Sliotars and GFs) - Approved
    - $500 sponsorship donation to Circle City Irish Fest - Approved
    - Not participating fully in CCIF for 2027 - Approved
    - Turning the two At Large board seats into a Recruitment Chair and a Special Projects Chair (previously Coaching and Events) - Approved
    - Purchase of a moveable goal ($500) - Approved

3. Competition Highlights

- **Team & Individual Achievements:**
    - **Junior C Hurlers:** Won the National Championship in Boston, MA! They also joined forces with players across the Heartland Division to secure victory at the Divisional Tournament in Nashville, TN (October).
    - Huge congratulations to our Ladies Camogie team on a stellar season, finishing as runners-up in their very first year competing at the Intermediate level! Transitioning to a higher level of competition is no easy feat, and the team proved they belong right at the top through their heart, grit, and skill in every match.
    - Huge congratulations to our **Pub League Champions** on taking home the hardware this season! A big shoutout to **PoP** for claiming the Hurling title and to **Bier** for winning it all in Football. Thank you to all of our Pub League players for bringing such incredible energy, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit to the field every week!
    - Shoutout to all of our **new players** this year! Stepping onto the pitch for the first time can be scary, but you brought fearlessness, endless enthusiasm, and fresh energy to the club every single weekend. We are so proud of how quickly you embraced the sport, fought

for your teams, and grew into formidable players. The future of our club is bright with you on board!

- **Key Events & Tournaments Hosted:**
    - **Indy GAA Invitational:** We successfully hosted teams from across the nation for our annual flagship tournament, thanks to the incredible effort and Midwest hospitality shown by everyone who volunteered.
    - **Golf Outing:** The annual outing was another huge hit, offering great friendly competition on the fairways while raising vital funds for club growth, equipment, and travel.

4. Facilities & Equipment Management

- Huge thanks to the volunteers who regularly line the fields and organize the Burns shed. While we had no major facility upgrades this year, equipment purchases focused primarily on new balls, a moveable goal for Spooky 7s, and Pub League jerseys.

5. Key Operational Challenges & Next Year Objectives

- One of this year's biggest operational challenges has been volunteers for various events.
- Next year's objective: I'd like to see at least a 50% increase in volunteer sign-ups for various events.

6. Acknowledgments

A heartfelt thank you to our Executive Board for their unwavering leadership and dedication throughout the season. We extend a special note of gratitude to our exiting board members—**Jeremy, Charlie, John, Aoife, and Matt**—for the immense time, effort, and hard work they have poured into the club during their service.

We also want to give a huge shoutout to **Dretta** for her incredible leadership in chairing our annual Invitational Tournament, as well as to every volunteer who dedicated countless hours behind the scenes to ensure the event ran smoothly and successfully.

Thank you to every single player, friend, family member, and spectator whose passion and energy made this season another one for the books. Finally, we are deeply grateful to our sponsors for supporting our teams and sharing our love for Gaelic sports—with a special thank you to **Bier Brewery** for their continued partnership and for hosting us again today!

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Black

Secretary, Indianapolis GAA

Vice Chair Report - Charlie Harper

League:
Our Indoor League as always was a rousing success with good attendance despite changing times. Thank you as always to Ciaran and Travis for managing that. Our numbers have stayed about the same this year, with 96 Footballers (91 last year) and 116 Hurlers (120 last year), across 4 and 6 teams respectively. I think this can continue to grow even more as we maintain momentum across both sports. We had several new captains step up this year and even more, particularly on the football side, that wanted to but we didn't have a team for them! This is great news as captaining is a critical part of our league and keeping new players.

Experiments:
We tried out a new schedule this year that took an extended break in August around the National Final before picking up again in September. I feel that this schedule was beneficial as to my eye we saw a lot less major injuries, and in cases where people did suffer a minor injury they had the time to heal up rather than rush back. We also moved to a playoff format where no team had to play two games in one day. This seemed to be generally liked and prevented injury and extreme exhaustion. As these were both changes from the norm I would love to hear feedback on the changes as we open the floor.

Opportunities
Our Football program is almost 100 strong. This is amazing, but with only 4 teams, it starts to get difficult to find playing time for everyone across an almost 25 person roster. We need to consider different ways of remedying this with either additional teams or alternate rulesets. Organizing referees can be difficult, this is made even more so when some teams have more refs than others or a team has almost none at all. We should consider different avenues for mitigating this difficulty for the next person that has to schedule reffing duties.

Gratitude
Because I thanked them all last year I won't name everyone, but my continued appreciation to the invitational committee and everyone who volunteered their time to make sure that event was a success, as well as all those that have volunteered their time in the mornings to set up for our pub league.
Thank you to all our referees. Without them we cannot have our league, and it is a thankless job. Paul Flynn, Jeremy Pugh, Burrows, Tim Riley, Dylan Clarke, Mathes, Brett, Jacob Wilkes, Loren, Joe Witkowski, Tristan, Josh Lane, Jill, Tuohy, Nate, Littlejohn, Schwartfeger, and Ray all stepped up to ref this year and ensured our games could happen. Please buy them a drink at our banquet.
Thank you to everyone that stepped up to captain this year. As I said earlier this is a critical job that can make or break someone's first impression of our pub league. I especially want to shout out new (to me) captains Jill, Al, Julia, Monica, Ciaran, David, Mark, Yerkes, Hannah, Dylan Clarke, and particularly Burrows and Addison who stepped up at the last second to captain Upland. Our club and pub league teams are in good hands going forward, and all the people I just named have done a fantastic job welcoming and coaching all the new players we've added over the years.
Thanks,

2026 Motions

Submitted By (Email)	Motion / Proposal
Rose Black	I would like to reverse last years combining of Pub League dues with USGAA dues. I feel like it caused a lot of extra work, and everyone still had to go in on their own and complete the process anyway. It would cause less confusion to keep them separate.
Elizabeth Hadden	I move to start pub league games at 9am instead of 10am on Sundays. Helps with peak heat in the summer to be done earlier in the day and makes it more family-friendly.
Brittney-Elizabeth Jackson	I would like to propose a ban in the use of of generative AI tools is prohibited for the following purposes: a) Drafting, editing, or generating any content intended for external publication or distribution, including grant applications, reports to funders, newsletters, social media posts, press releases, client-facing communications, and advocacy materials. b) Creating, summarizing, or analyzing documents that contain personally identifiable information (PII), protected health information (PHI), financial records, or any confidential data. c) Generating images, graphics, or multimedia content for use in organizational materials. d) Producing or assisting in the production of legal documents, formal agreements, or policy documents. e) Representing the organization's voice, positions, or expertise in any public-facing capacity. f) Any task where the output will be presented to a funder, partner, client, or the public without full, original human authorship.

Serving on the Indy GAA Board

Role descriptions for the upcoming board elections

The constitution gives each board position a short, formal description. This guide fills in the rest: what the work actually looks like day to day, with examples, so you can picture yourself doing it. Many people assume a board role is bigger, more technical, or more demanding than it is. Most of these roles are about showing up consistently, asking good questions, and getting help from fellow members.

What every board member is expected to do

- **Attend the monthly board meeting.** Read what is sent ahead of time, take part in the discussion, and vote on decisions.
- **Serve a two-year term.** Seats are staggered, so any position not up for election this year will be next year.
- **Represent the whole club.** You act in the interest of all members: players and non-players, new and long-time, hometown and travel. There is no playing requirement for any seat.
- **Plan on roughly 5 to 10 hours a month.** That covers the meeting plus your own role. Some seasons are busier for some roles than others, and the load shifts with events, volunteers, and time of year.
- **Stay reachable.** Day to day, the board communicates by email and Slack, in person at events and practices, and by phone or text when something is urgent. A timely reply, even if it is just "I will look into it", goes a long way.
- **Follow through on what you take on.** If you say you will get a quote, send a reminder, or make a call, do it by the next meeting, or say early that you need help.
- **Delegate and ask for help.** No one is expected to do their role alone. Recruiting volunteers and handing off tasks is part of the job.
- **Support board decisions once they are made.** Debate is welcome in the meeting; the board speaks with one voice afterward.
- **Treat member matters with care.** Personal information, payment difficulties, and disputes stay within the board.

What you do not need

You do not need prior board experience, a background in GAA sports, or professional expertise in finance, marketing, or project management. Willingness to learn, to communicate, and to do what you say you will do matters more. Outgoing and continuing board members will help you get started.

Chair

Keeps the board organized and the club pointed in one direction.

Official description: *Convenes and presides over regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings.*

What you would actually do

- **Run the monthly board meeting.** Build the agenda with the other officers, keep the conversation on track, make sure every director is heard, and confirm decisions are recorded. A meeting might move from a field update to a sponsor report to a vote on an expense.
- **Guide the club's direction.** Over your two-year term, help the board decide what matters most (for example growing membership, securing better facilities, or strengthening finances) and check in on progress along the way.
- **Build relationships across the city.** Keep up and grow ties with other organizations, such as other sports clubs, cultural groups, community partners, and local businesses. That might mean an introduction, showing up at their event, or a thank-you note after they help us.
- **Be a point of contact for the club.** Partners, sponsors, and members often need to know who to talk to. You are that first call, and you route questions to the right officer.
- **Support the other officers.** Check in, notice when someone is stuck or overloaded, and help line up volunteers.

What a typical month might include

- Draft and send the agenda, then chair the monthly board meeting
- Follow up on action items from the last meeting
- One or two conversations or events with partner organizations or sponsors

You do not need to already know

You do not need to be a polished public speaker, know formal meeting procedure, or have every answer. Your job is to ask good questions, keep things moving, and make sure decisions get made.

Time commitment

Within the 5 to 10 hour monthly range for most of the year. The load rises around strategy planning, major club events, and partner meetings.

Vice-Chair

Runs the hometown side of the club: the pub league, the practice fields, and the competition committee.

Official description: *Presides at club meetings when the Chair cannot attend; oversees committees on special subjects designated by the Board; is responsible for the pub league and all its components; chairs the competition committee.*

What you would actually do

- **Run the pub league.** Handle the logistics that make league nights happen: schedules, team and player sign-ups, communication with captains and participants, partner venues, and sorting out issues as they come up.
- **Secure practice fields.** Work with the Parks department to request, confirm, and adjust field time for practices. This includes permit paperwork and rescheduling when weather or conflicts get in the way.
- **Chair the competition committee.** Lead a small group that helps shape how competition works for our home club: league structure, scheduling, and rules questions. Tournament entries and travel are handled elsewhere and are not part of this role.
- **Oversee special-subject committees.** When the board creates a committee on a specific topic, you may be asked to oversee it and keep the board updated.
- **Step in for the Chair.** If the Chair cannot attend a meeting, you run it. This is occasional and the agenda is prepared in advance.

What a typical month might include

- Confirm upcoming field bookings and fix any conflicts with the Parks department
- Check in with pub league captains and answer questions
- Run or join a competition committee meeting; give a short update at the board meeting

You do not need to already know

You do not need to be a league organizer by trade or know every rule of every GAA sport. Committee members and returning volunteers know the details, and your role is to coordinate, communicate, and keep things on schedule.

Time commitment

Within the 5 to 10 hour monthly range. It is heaviest before and during the pub league season, and when field permits are being requested.

Treasurer

Keeps the club's money organized, visible, and on track.

Official description: *Reports at each board meeting; chairs the finance committee; assists in preparing the budget; helps develop fundraising plans; makes financial information available to the board and the public.*

What you would actually do

- **Report at every board meeting.** A short, plain-language update: what is in the account, what came in, what went out, and what bills are coming. For example, "dues are mostly collected and the field permit payment is due next month."
- **Track and pay the bills.** Most money moves digitally, so this is mainly online payments and transfers, such as field fees, insurance, equipment, and reimbursements to members who have spent on the club's behalf.
- **Follow up on money owed.** Send friendly reminders on unpaid sponsorship payments. Work out payment plans, with board guidance, for members who cannot pay their full membership fee at once.
- **Help build the budget and fundraising plans.** Work with the board each year to estimate income and expenses, and help plan fundraisers to fill gaps or fund projects.
- **Chair the finance committee.** Lead a small group that reviews finances and offers ideas.
- **Keep the books open.** Make financial information available to directors and the public, so everyone can see how the club is doing.

What a typical month might include

- Reconcile the account, pay approved bills, and process reimbursements
- Send one or two reminders on outstanding sponsorship or membership payments
- Prepare the financial report for the board meeting

You do not need to already know

You do not need to be an accountant. If you can keep a clear spreadsheet or use simple bookkeeping software, and are careful and consistent, you can do this role. Be aware that you will be the main keeper of the books, so expect a thorough handoff of accounts and records when you start, and use the finance committee and the board for review and ideas.

Time commitment

Within the 5 to 10 hour monthly range most months. It rises around budget preparation, membership and dues season, and fundraising events.

Recruiting Officer

Grows the club by bringing in athletes and people curious about Irish sport, and helps them stay.

Official description: *Develops efforts to grow the Club's membership; identifies and pursues opportunities to recruit new members; works with the Board and members to develop recruiting initiatives, outreach efforts, and programs that introduce new participants to the Club.*

What you would actually do

- **Build a recruiting plan.** Decide who we most want to reach (athletes and people interested in Irish sport) and where they are. Past efforts at the local Irish festival brought some interest, but many younger people are elsewhere now, so part of the job is testing new places. Ideas include college and rec-league communities, other sport clubs, and social media.
- **Create easy first steps.** Plan introductory events such as "try it" sessions or open practices where newcomers can pick up a stick or ball with no pressure.
- **Help new people stay.** Recruiting only works if people come back. Work with coaches and members on a structured, welcoming first few weeks: beginner-friendly coaching, a buddy for each newcomer, and a follow-up after their first practice.
- **Keep simple records.** Track who showed interest, who came out, and who stayed, so the club can see what works and what to drop.
- **Work with members.** Ask current members to invite friends, share events, and help run activities. You do not do this alone.

What a typical month might include

- Plan or help run one outreach effort or intro event
- Follow up with new contacts and check how recent newcomers are doing
- Update the board with what is working and what to try next

You do not need to already know

You do not need a marketing or sales background or a big personal network. Start with one or two ideas, try them, and learn from the results. Enthusiasm for the club and a willingness to invite people matter most.

Time commitment

Within the 5 to 10 hour monthly range. Expect more time in the weeks before a season starts and around outreach events.

Special Projects Officer

Takes a big club goal and turns it into a plan, a team, and steady progress.

Official description: *Oversees large-scale or long-term projects identified by the membership or the Board; coordinates planning and execution, including establishing objectives and necessary resources; works with the Board, members, and outside parties to monitor progress and keep projects aligned with the Club's goals.*

What you would actually do

- **Own the project, not every task.** Your role is to keep a project moving, break it into steps, and find the people to do them. The board or members propose projects; you help turn them into a plan.
- **Define the goal.** Write down what we are trying to achieve, why, and what "done" looks like.
- **Research and budget.** Gather options, quotes, and permissions, and build a simple timeline and budget with the Treasurer, including fundraising if needed.
- **Work with outside parties.** Talk to the Parks department, landowners, contractors, donors, or other clubs as the project requires.
- **Report and ask for decisions.** Give the board a short monthly update and bring decisions that need a vote.

What a typical month might include

- Check in with the project team and update the plan or timeline
- Request a quote, permission, or information from an outside party
- Update the board and flag anything that needs a decision

You do not need to already know

You do not need construction or formal project management experience. Ideas that have come up include club-owned nets behind the goals at our current fields, a club-owned pitch, and a storage shed or locker rooms. Take nets as an example: get quotes, check field rules with the Parks department, propose a budget, get a board vote, and organize an install day. Projects are not yet defined, so the first task for this role is helping the board choose and shape them.

Time commitment

Within the 5 to 10 hour monthly range. It varies with the project: lighter while ideas are being discussed, heavier during planning, fundraising, or building.

Indianapolis GAA Annual General Meeting 2025 – Official Minutes

Date: [Insert date if known]

Location: [Insert location if known]

Meeting Start Time: 10:07 AM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by CH to approve the 2024 AGM minutes. Seconded by Burrows. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Chairperson's Report

Chair opened the meeting, focusing on recruitment and player retention.
Reported 34 new players joined this year — approximately one quarter of total membership.
Expressed gratitude to all who recruited new members.
Discussed AOH sponsorship, intent to collaborate more with other organizations, and possibly reciprocate through volunteer work or financial support.
Event highlights: Indy Irish Fest and Indians Night (special thanks to Rudy). Continued relationship expected with both.
2026 Goals: Collaborations with Indy Eleven (contact pending) and Colts/Pacers collaboration led by Jeremy Pugh.
Recognized Aoife for organizing numerous events and mentioned the 2027 Ireland Trip.
Addressed inequities in the coed league and outlined next steps to improve balance.
Announced board structure changes, making four positions flexible to adapt to evolving club needs (e.g., Travel Coordinator).
Reported strong financial health, crediting Niamh's fundraising success (Super Bowl squares, etc.).
Discussed future fund allocation (e.g., backdrop nets, reimbursements for national costs) and emphasized financial transparency.
Closing remarks: appreciation for the year and lessons learned.

4. Vice Chair Report

Great growth for both sports, with efforts at continuous improvement and general gratitudes for all those that contributed.

5. Secretary Report

Reported on fundraising infrastructure improvements and gear acquisition (thanks to Elaine).
Recognized Shoe for his work supporting the ladies' teams and building club connections.

6. Treasurer Report

Implemented new accounting software (thanks to Aoife).
Club exceeded $50,000 threshold, triggering new reporting requirements.
Strong fundraising results created substantial cash flow.
$12,000 noted as committed funds; $27,000 cash on hand reported (acknowledging pending year-end expenses).
Discussion on sustainability of fundraising success — importance of maintaining momentum.
Proposal to continue ticket fundraisers, even if tickets need to be purchased upfront.

7. Public Relations Officer (PRO) Report

Weather positive for activities.
Social media: Club has 2nd largest Instagram following of any U.S. club.

Facebook engagement also strong.
Website: Thanks to Leigh and Jeremy for updates and maintenance.
Discussed new calendar tools and initiatives.

8. Coaching Report

Noted strong enthusiasm and momentum among women's teams.
Youth league restarted, with plans for greater structure next year.
Pub league had a promising start but declined mid-season; plans to improve.
Recommended non-playing managers for better team management.
Increased buy-in and competitiveness across men's teams and pub league.
Encouraged all teams to travel—vital for club growth.
Next Sunday marks the start of the new season with morning sessions (approved by members).

9. Events Report

Expressed gratitude to all members for teamwork and support.
Special thanks to Dretta for behind-the-scenes work.
Celebrated the return of the Pub Crawl as a major achievement.
Discussed goal of hosting more events at sponsor venues.
Highlighted Draft Night, Euchre Night, Parade, and other successful events.
Shoutouts to Rose and Jess for consistent volunteerism.
Emphasized that the club should focus on events members truly want—avoid forcing

participation.
Jill requested a karaoke event.

10. Membership Chair Report

Reintroduced the Give Back program and Player of the Week initiative.
Noted that while the Member Chair role is being retired, its responsibilities will be distributed across the board.
Captains will help monitor team morale, supported by the board.

11. Sponsorship Report

Recognized Camogie as the "shining jewel" of the club.
Encouraged increased member outreach and engagement.
Reported growth in sponsorships and thanked Matt for kit donations.
Urged members to support sponsors (e.g., like and engage on social media).
Confirmed Glanbia sponsorship increase.
Applauded Niamh for the Aer Lingus fundraiser, which outperformed all other sponsorships combined.
Thanked Krueger for beer sponsorship and Dugan for offering his office space.

12. Break

Five-minute break taken. Meeting reconvened at 11:05 AM.

13. Elections

Secretary: Niamh declined. Rose nominated and elected unopposed.
PRO: Leigh elected unopposed. Ray declined.
Sponsorship Chair: Rudy declined. Monica Asher nominated and elected unopposed.
At-Large (Travel Coordinator): Ben Hewett elected unopposed. Board may adjust this role as needed.

14. Motions

Motion 1 – Travel Reimbursement: Proposed reimbursement for travel entry/gate fees. Motion failed after discussion.
Motion 2 – USGAA Membership Fees: Approved motion to cover USGAA membership fees through increased dues. 16 for, 6 abstained.

15. Additional Business

Chris Burrows motion to adjourn withdrawn.
Brett motion to increase quorum from 10% to 30% failed (no second).
Discussed scheduling changes to remove August events; general support noted.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 PM.

Prepared by: Charlie Harper

Approved by: Jeremy Pugh

Date Approved: 11/09/25