

Social Club Report

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

8 February 1994

Physical Report

Camden Square Residents Association attended. Spoke of increase of activities at the Irish Centre - especially on 23rd January. It was explained to them that this was due to a number of counties holding their A.G.M.. The problem of taxis parked on the street was discussed. Camden Square Residents Association has spoken to Camden Council about this matter. The Chairman thanked the Residents Association for attending. Tenants Association sent apologies.

Present: D. Egan, M. Sills, T. McAssey, B. Shaw, T. Reilly, Fr. Denis, U. Cooper, F. Burke, J. Coote, M. Allen, F. Phelan, F. Collins.

Apologies: A. Finan, Mgr. Stack.

In Attendance: Brendan Allen. Chairman welcomed him to the meeting.

Matters Arising

1. Insurance - MTC - Fr. Denis will get it clarified.
2. 25 Card Drive - This matter to be discussed with Malcolm and Frank Screene.
3. Telephone - Installation of answerphone in process.
4. Paintings - Mary Allen will draw up a list, as these were not included in the Inventory.

Welfare Report

Co-ordinator unable to attend the meeting, and her report was presented by Fr. Denis.

The Welfare Department has been extremely busy and the staff have been under a lot of pressure. Many difficult and complex cases on hand. Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the staff in Welfare. The next meeting of the Welfare Advisory Committee will be on 16th February.

Social Club Report

Chairman J. J. O'Brien sent apologies as he was in hospital. T. McAssey reported on the Social Club Committee meeting. The main item on the agenda was St. Patrick's night Social Club Dance - admission £4.50 for members, and £5.00 for non-members. Ceili committee will be holding a ceili in the McNamara Hall on St. Patrick's night. Social Club intend starting "Take Your Pick" on the first Saturday in March. There was an increase this year in the number taking membership.

Financial Report

Brendan Allen, accountant, presented the accounts. Due to problems he was experiencing with the accounts, he presented a brief resume. He remarked that dances were generally not profitable. While we may feel we have a social obligation of providing dances, we have a moral obligation to aim at profitability. We must aim at self-sufficiency.

It was requested that accounts are presented in an acceptable manner to the Committee.

Chairman thanked Brendan for attending.

It was also remarked that we need to draw up new budgets for the coming year.

Fundraising

T. Reilly reported that the Fundraising Sub-committee hold a meeting to discuss the best way forward. They decided to recommend to the Administrative Committee to join in the Rathcairn Draw.

Tony introduced Tim Slattery to the Admin. meeting. Tim gave a brief history of Rathcairn, and named various clubs and parishes that had taken part in previous draws. He then clarified various points raised by committee members. The Chairman thanked Tim for attending.

After Tim left the meeting, the Draw was further discussed, and the Chairman put it to a vote. The motion proposing that we enter the Draw was proposed by Tony Reilly and seconded by Una Cooper. A majority voted in favour of entering the Draw on condition that a bank reference be sought, and clarification on the legality of it. There was a strong commitment from most members to sell tickets, and Bridie Shaw will encourage the counties to support it. It was decided that we purchase 500 tickets - total income from sale of 500 tickets at £60.00 each will be £30,000. To purchase 500 tickets from Rathcairn will cost £7,000, which is payable in instalments - £2,000 on delivery

and the remainder on a monthly basis throughout the duration of the Draw. The Draw will begin on 27th May and then on the last Friday of each month through to October.

The matter of having a local monthly Draw for tickets sold through the Irish Centre was discussed. It was decided that we should have prizemoney of £500.00 for fully paid up members in May, and also £200.00 for all members each month, and in the final month, £500.00. This motion was proposed by Fergal Collins, and seconded by Mary Allen. The £500.00 will be shared as follows:

£250.00 - 1st Prize

£150.00 - 2nd Prize

£100.00 - 3rd Prize.

The launch of the Draw was discussed, and it was decided that this should be done in conjunction with Saxon Inns Promotion night for the C.I.C.A..

Saxon Inns

Fr. Denis reported that Saxon Inns were up to date with payments as arranged. The Chairman reported that the Offaly Annual Dinner had gone off very successfully. Offaly had written to the manager prior to the dinner demanding proper standards, and if these were not met, they would be going elsewhere next year. Obviously these standards were met, which proved to Saxon Inns, and to the Irish Centre, that it can be done. Bridie Shaw complimented Saxon Inns on the meal. It was suggested that the Admin. Committee should write to Saxon Inns complimenting them.

Hostels Report

Fr. Carolan was invited to the meeting. However, he was not in attendance.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8 March 1994 at 8pm.

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