



THE IRISH COUNTIES CLUB LTD.

M I N U T E

B O O K.

IRISH COUNTIES CLUB LTD).

1. There must be present 7 members of the Irish Counties Club Ltd so that a proper quorum is available.
 2. Failing this the meeting should be adjourned for another week at a stated time when if after a lapse of 30 minutes 7 members to make up a quorum are not available the meeting can proceed with those present.
 3. If there is no secretary the first business should be to appoint a new one so that the minutes can be properly recorded.
- X
4. A resolution to close the club and dispose of the assets should be moved. So long as this is disbursed to a similar organization or charity the provisions of clause 7 of the articles are fully carried out.
 5. The Secretary should be instructed to write to the Register of Companies and ask for the club to be erased from his list.
 6. A statement should be given of the clubs financial position.

The Irish Counties Club Ltd

Minutes of Meeting of Directors
held in The Lord High Admiral,
145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1.
on Wednesday, 22nd February 1961
at 7 pm

Chairman: Mr James Fox was in the Chair and the following Directors were present: Mr Thomas Noonan, Mr Brian Muller, Mr James McCoy and the Secretary, Mr P. Byrne

The Chairman reported that following a meeting with Mr Carter a number of points had been cleared up. For the present at any rate Mr Byrne must continue as Vice Chairman, but he could also act as secretary.

Mr Carter will attend the next meeting and will deal with members queries.

Treasurer

It is in order to appoint a Treasurer who need not be a member of the Board of Directors, but there would be nothing to stop his co-option as a Director if desired.

Mr R J Bailey, who attended was unanimously elected Treasurer.

Bankers.

The following Resolution was passed unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the Bankers of the Irish Counties Club Ltd shall be The National Bank, Belgravia Branch.

Proposed by Mr Noonan, seconded by Mr James McCoy and passed as stated

The necessary forms were signed for

Transmission to the Bank

Headed
Paper.

The Secretary reported that he had been in touch with Mr Gilsemer the Printer. Mr Gilser said he would endeavour to obtain a block of the Four Provinces and would do a nice notepaper in two colours reasonably. It was decided to leave the details over until after the Annual General Meeting of the Council on March 5th, but the paper would certainly carry the name of our Solicitors and Accountant and Barristers.

Solicitors.

There was a discussion on this matter. Some felt our solicitors should be asked to act for us, but another point of view was that an English firm might be preferable. It was decided to defer this matter for the moment.

Council's
A.G.M.

It was decided that every effort should be made to reach if possible the sum of £1,000 in shares given or promised by the Annual General Meeting. The meeting should also be used to make a further appeal for donations.

The Club was under no obligation to give detailed statements to the Council, but an approximate sum would be named at the Council's AGM. The Club is not answerable to the Council and must not allow itself to become a target for criticism by members of the Council.

Shareholders

AGM

The Club is answerable only to the Shareholders. The Shareholders annual general meeting will be held in November each year.

Constitution
(membership)
of Directors
Board.

It was decided to seek guidance from the Carter on a number of points regarding membership of Board of Directors, and especially the position in regard to permanent Directors.

The meeting then adjourned sine die

Signed James Fox
Chairman.

The Fish Counties Club Ltd.

Minutes of Meeting of Directors, held
on 28th February 1961 in 145 Vauxhall
Bridge, S.E. 1, at 7 pm

Members
Present

The following members were present. Mr James Fox (in the Chair), Mr J Noonan, Mr Byron, Mr James McCoy, Mr Brian Muller, Mr R Bailey. Mrs Bobbie Muller and Miss E G Arnell, Secretary and Treasurer of the Council of Fish County Association were also present. Mr W Carter also very kindly attended, in accordance with decision of last meeting.

Minutes
The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February were approved and signed.

The Chairman pointed out that the principal reason for the meeting was to hear Mr Carter's views on some points in connection with the appointment of Directors.

Mr Carter's
Remarks

Mr Carter then made the following points:-

1. There is no limit to the number of directors who may be appointed, but at least 7 names are required. It is desirable that 2 of these directors should be "permanent" directors for the sake of continuity. These permanent directors have no rights other than their fellow directors.
2. At the Annual General Meeting all the Directors are eligible for re-election, except the two permanent directors who are returned without election.
3. Neither of the permanent directors need be Chairman or Vice Chairman, but it desirable that at least one of them should be.
4. Permanent directors can be chosen if there is a substantial number of shareholders who desire this, and is approved at Annual General Meeting.
5. Directors should be members of a County Association and shareholders in the Club.

Payment of
Accounts

The meeting also agreed that all payment of accounts should be by cheques, approved by the meeting of directors.

Relation of
Club to
Council

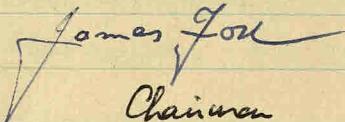
The meeting emphasized that the Club & the Council are two distinct bodies, and the Club is answerable only to the shareholders. The financial state of the Club is the concern only of the Club and statements to the Council will be given at the discretion of the Directors.

Report to
Council AGM

It was decided that the Chairman of the Board of Directors would report on the present state of the Club at the Annual General Meeting on 6th March 1961 in the Club, and he would make the appeal for further subscriptions.

The meeting adjourned sine die.

3rd May 1961


James Fox
Chairman

The Irish Counties Club Ltd.

Minutes of meeting of Directors held on
3rd May 1961 in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road
S.W.1. at 6.30 pm

- 1 Chair: Mr James Fox was in the Chair.
- 2 Attendance. The following Directors were present: Mr. James McCay, Mr Brian Muller, Mr P Byrnes, and the Treasurer. Mr Ray Bailey was also present.
- 3 Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 1961 were read and signed.
- 4 Correspondence Letter from the National Bank Ltd asking for a copy of Resolution appointing Mr. James McCay and Mr Michael Daly as Directors.

Chairman's Report.

The Chairman in his report made the following points -

That we should try now to get a money as fast as possible. Premises come on the market and are sold very quickly. The Bank Manager indicates that he will keep us informed of the situation and will let us know when suitable premises become available.

We are paying to the Bank 5% interest after £500, and he suggests that our money should be invested in Defence Bonds at 5%. In the event of wanting money fast, the Bank will allow us use of the cash standing to our credit - at 24 hours' notice.

Treasurer's Report.

It was reported that our financial position was as follows:

Cash in Bank = £ 197. 12. 0.
Borrowers Plus = 119. 0. 0
Total in Cash 316. 12. 0

Promises amounted to £786. 12. 0

Cash

316. 12. 0

Total:

£ 1103. 0. 0

Mr McCoy expresses the view that an effort should now be made to get in money promised as soon as possible. It was agreed to issue a letter to those who had promised sums of money and ask them to supply cash as soon as possible. This letter would require careful & tactful phrasing. Agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Treasurer and Secretary.

Interest on debentures would be payable from the first of the next month after money is received.

7 Appeal.

It was agreed to issue the appeal as soon as possible. It was proposed to send an appeal to selected persons nominated by County Associations and the Association to be asked to submit names of likely donors.

Promises from persons such as Guinness, and Mooney's the contractor and also the Cardinal, and business men such as John Byrne and others.

8 Support
for Club
if obtained

The question of support for the Club if obtained was raised, and whether there would be adequate financial support to keep it going.

It was hoped and necessary that the Club would be central and that the Association would be

The brewery will furnish it and perhaps supply initial credit for stock.

It would be available for others for dinner, socials and dances.

A good manager would be appointed and by using careful control, the Club should show a profit.

9. Reports to
Council.

The meeting agreed that a different Director would report to each meeting of the Council of the progress that had been made.

Next
Meeting

It was decided to hold the next meeting on 24th May 1961

Signed
James Fox
Chairman

5th June 1961.

The Irish Counties Club

Minutes of Meeting of the Irish Counties Club, held in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW. 1, on 5th June 1961, at 6.30 pm

Attendance

The following Directors were present:
Mr James Fox in the Chair, Mr J. Noonan.
Mr Brian Muller, Mr P. Byrne, Mr R. Bailey.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 1961 were read and confirmed, the following amendments having been made:

Amendments to Minutes.

Under item 6, Treasurer's Report, it was pointed out by the Treasurer that this item was inaccurate: in fact the figures showed read cash balance £460, and promises making a total of £931. 12. 0.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

Under item 7, it was agreed that the name of Mr Eamonn the Cardinal should be deleted,

~~as above~~.

The Secretary stated that due to a misunderstanding Mr James Noonan had not been informed of the last meeting. The Secretary apologises for this oversight.

Official Letterheads

There was a discussion on the delay in obtaining printed Notepaper from the Printer. The Chairman & Secretary spoke of promises by the printer which were not fulfilled. It was decided that unless a supply was forthcoming it would be unwise to cancel the order.

Publicity

The meeting considers how best the Club work can be propagated. It was felt that the benefits the Club would bring were not being stressed enough. As a means of giving publicity to our work it was agreed that one of the Directors would give a progress report to each Council Meeting. Mr Muller to give the report to the next meeting following, and Mr Bailey

to report back meeting after that. It was agreed that every effort should be made to obtain publicity in the dist national and Provincial Press, and in the English press, as far as possible. This would be attempted by giving events organised by the Associations for the Fund the utmost publicity.

Increase
in Directors

The meeting discussed a suggestion that the number of Directors should be increased, & it was decided to take no action at this stage.

Next
Meeting.

The meeting felt that the Directors should meet more often, if possible on 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month. It was agreed to meet again on 22nd June.

Signed: James Fox
Chairman

14/7/61

The Irish Counties Club

Minutes of meeting of Irish Counties Club
held at 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1,
on 14th July 1961 at 6.30 p.m.

Chair. Mr. James Fox was in the Chair.

Attendance: The following Directors were present in addition to the Chairman: Mr. Byrne, Mr. James McCay, Mr. P. O'Farrell, Mr. Muller, The Treasurer Mr. Ray Bailey also was present.

Apology: An apology for absence was received from Mr. T. Noonan.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th June 1961 were approved and signed.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer reported that whilst some small sums of money had been received since the last meeting, the amount standing to the Club's credit in the Bank had not yet reached £500. It was hoped that this sum would soon be realised. He reported that all those who gave promises to pay certain amounts at the Inaugural Meeting had now been written to and asked to redeem their promise.

Publicity The meeting discussed ways and means of getting publicity for the Club. It was felt that one means could be to try to get space in local newspapers in London and in Ireland. A start might be made with the "South London Press", "Kentish Mercury", or the "Lewisham Journal".

The Secretary said that if an event, or item of news could be supplied, he would submit a report to the Paper concerned. He asked Directors to keep him informed and let him have some biographical details to hang a story onto.

It was felt the photograph of the Director should be taken and used in the Cork Examiner, or a National Paper, probably the best time for this would be in September.

Raising Funds.

The meeting discussed ways & means of raising money. Mr Muller said that personal contacts must be placed well to the front in these efforts. He hoped personal contacts to raise funds and hoped that the directors would do the same.

^{County} The Secretary reported that he had an enclosure Association asking them to honour the undertaking given at Council Meeting to hold one fund-raising during the year for the Fund and to let him have details so that publicity could be arranged.

New Director

The question of new directors was again discussed. It was agreed that no new director should be appointed at least another consideration should be given to the question at a later meeting.

Rights of Shareholders

The meeting discussed the responsibility of shareholders in electing Directors at Annual General Meeting. It was felt that this matter should be carefully looked into as to the possibility of a "take-over" bid by interested parties could not be overlooked. It was agreed that the whole question of shareholders' voting rights & procedures should be examined at a later date.

Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned until 21st August 1961.

Signed James Fox
Chairman

21st August 1961

The Dist. Counties Club

Minutes of meeting held in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road SW, on Monday 18th September 1961 at 6.30 pm

Chair: Mr James Fox was in the Chair.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 1961 were read and signed.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising not covered by items in the Agenda to follow.

Present: All Directors were present except Councillor Daly. The Treasurer was also absent.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of the Treasurer, no financial report was before the meeting.

Plans for Raising Funds: The meeting then discussed ways and means of raising funds. It was felt that personal approach to sympathisers, by personal visit or by correspondence offered the best means of raising funds. A number of names were put forward for visiting and the Chairman and Mr. McKey undertook to see them. The Secretary was instructed to write to some London firms and the national newspapers appealing for support. An approach was also made to Messrs A Gurrin and an appointment was made to interview the representative at a convenient date and time.

Date over Bids: The hazard of a number of interested people coming to buy shares and attempt to take over the Company was discussed. The question was asked could not 20 people holding 20, £1 shares not swamp the Directors at the Annual General Meeting? The question was not satisfactorily answered and the matter was placed on the Agenda for a later meeting.

IRISH COUNTIES CLUB LTD.

Financial Statement for the period November 20th 1960 to June 20th 1962

Income

Purchases of Debentures

471. 0. 0.

Subscriptions

64. 12. 0.

Purchases of Memoranda

1. 4. 0.

Interest on Deposit A/C

20. 10. 8.

£557. 6. 8.

Expenditure

Cheque Book

10. 0.

Treasurers Exps.

(Stationery, Postage)

2. 5. 6.

Secretary's Exps. (Postage)

4. 8. 6.

Balance

550. 2. 8.

£557. 6. 8.

Cash in Bank (Deposit A/C)

541. 10. 8.

Outstanding Accounts

84. 15. 0.

Cash in Bank (Current A/C)

7. 2. 0.

to be paid.

7. 2. 0.

Cash in Hand (Petty Cash)

1. 10. 0.

Balance (Nett Assets)

465. 7. 8.

£550. 2. 8.

£550. 2. 8.

Nett Credit Balance

£45. 7. 8.

Statements to
the Press.

Mr Muller raised the matter of statements made to the press. He felt that the Committee should see these notices and whilst the Chairman and Secretary must be given a certain amount of freedom in the matter, question of policy or amount of cash held should not be divulged without reference to the other Director. This was agreed in principle by the meeting.

Mr Muller reported that he had hopes of getting some publicity material into 3 South London papers. He felt that this form of publicity should not be overlooked.

Absent-
Director

The meeting felt that absent Directors should be kept informed of what was happening and what took place at meetings. It was agreed that Councillor Daley especially should be informed of events. The Secretary undertook to inform Directors accordingly.

The meeting adjourned until October 2nd.

Signed James Gee
Chairman

Date - 2/10/61

The Fish Counties Club.

Minutes of meeting held in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1 on Monday 25th October 1961.
at 6.30 pm

Chair.

Mr James Fox was in the Chair.

Attendance

All the Directors were present except Mr Noonan who sent apologies for absence.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 1961 were read and signed.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that Funds to the sum of £490. 1. 0 were now in hand. The Treasurer reported that the response to the appeal to those who had promised to make payment was most disappointing. It was decided to recirculate these members of Association and ask them to make good their promises. The total amount promised amounted to approximately £150.

There was a general discussion on the report and the following points were made:-

- (i) Every year must be a paper order for the Annual General Meeting due to be held in November. (ii) the account will be submitted to auditors and their report shown be available. (iii) new share forms should be available - the working should be changed and a tear off portion added which could be retained by the absents. This would also apply for persons making donations.

It was agreed that this should be put in hand as soon as possible.

Raising of Funds.

The meeting considered that an appeal should be made for small amounts as donations. It was felt that if help was not forthcoming for County Association, the appeal would have to be made outside.

Mr McCoy reported that he had made useful contacts and he hoped shortly to have reached the £100 figure.

It was felt that the Press should be used for publicity, starting with say, the Irish Press. The Directors should try to obtain publicity in its columns.

Voting
at AGM

The meeting again discussed the position arising whereby a number of interested persons holding £1 shares came outside the Directors. It was suggested that only a person holding £10 in shares should be entitled to vote, with a ceiling of £100. It was decided before taking any further action to obtain legal advice.

It was decided to leave further discussion on any proposed changes until the next meeting, and members were asked to come with suggestions on ways and means of furthering the work of the Club.

Brad of
Confidential

It was decided that all matter discussed at meetings or arising of the work of the Club was strictly confidential and should not be discussed outside of Committee or to any one not a Director or directly concerned. It was agreed by all present that the greatest discretion was necessary and all proceedings will be confidential.

The meeting adjourned until Monday 16th Oct.

Signed

James Fox
Chairman

16th October 1962

Insh Counties Club Ltd.

Meeting held on 16th October 1961 at
145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1 at
6.30 pm

Chair.

Mr James Fox was in the Chair.

Attendance

In addition to the Chairman the following were present,
Mr James McCoy, Mr Brian Muller, Mr Byrne

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr Don Noonan, Mr Michael
and the Treasurer, Mr D Bailey.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 1961
were read and signed.

Matters Arising

The only matter arising from the Minutes was a
correction to the Minute under Treasurers Report that
the General Meeting was due to be held in November. It
was pointed out in fact that the meeting should be held in
December of January. The meeting fell 1st - and all,
22nd January would suitable date. However a
final decision was left to the next meeting.

Annual General Meeting

The meeting went on to discuss the arrangements
for the Annual General meeting and the following points
were made:

(a) a tentative date toward end of January

(b) 21 days notice of meeting must be given to
all shareholders.

(c) Shareholders should be asked as soon as possible
whether they wished their account to be credited by
the amount due to them in respect of dividends
due.

The meeting also discussed whether voters qualifications
should limited to a vote only to those holding a minimum
of £10 to £100 in shares. Over £100 two votes. The meeting

considered that Directors have the power to make alterations in the rule governing voting rights.

No decision was taken on this matter.

Directors

There was a long and inconclusive discussion on the composition of the Board of Directors, especially the Clause (34) relating to Permanent Directors. Under this clause a Permanent Director remained in office and until he resigned, or was forced to resign, died. The question was asked who had the power to remove Permanent Directors? And the answer appeared to be nobody, except perhaps the shareholders for serious mismanagement. A suggestion that the appointment of Directors by Rotas was also considered but no decision arrived at.

The meeting also considered a suggestion that a County Association who pays £100 should be entitled to a Directorship, who would then mouthpiece. They would have control over him.

Finance.

In the absence of the Treasurer, no reports were available. The Treasurer reported however that our balance now stood at £516. 1. 0., an impossible £15 more. The Armagh Association is shortly running a dance in Dublin and it is hoped to realise a profit of £20. Mr McCay and the Chairman reported that they had made personal contact with some sympathisers and expect to be able shortly to report progress.

H Brian Miller reported that he had contacted a number of newspapers in Ulster with a view to publicity and in the hope of raising money. It was too soon to see the result.

It is decided that 500 letterheads should be reprinted.

The meeting adjourned until 6th November

Signed.

James Fox
Chairman

Irish Counties Club

Minutes of meeting held on 13rd November 1961
in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road SE1 at 6.30pm

Chair. Mr. James Fox was in the Chair.

Attendance: All the Directors were present except Mr. J. Noonan and Mr Michael Daly. The Treasurer, Mr R. Bailey was also absent.

Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 1961 were read, and after amendment agreed to below, were signed by the Chairman.

Amendments (1) The meeting agreed that the reference to a Director being appointed to represent any County giving £100 was erroneous. This to be deleted.

(2) Under Directors - it was agreed that the reference was to Permanent Chairman and Vice Chairman, and not to Permanent Directors.

Matters Arising from Minutes The Secretary read draft letter for issue to shareholders notifying them that the interest now due and inviting them to consider re-investing in the Club. He also read draft of receipt form for issue to subscribers. It was agreed that this should be printed and issued to all subscribers as a temporary receipt at the time of making contribution.

Finance In the absence of the Treasurer no financial report was available. The Secretary was asked to contact the Treasurer regarding the issue of notification to shareholders of interest due and this need for financial report at meetings.

Aims & Objects Circulars The meeting agreed that a letter should be sent to all Association outlining brief aims and objects of the Club, in view of misunderstanding which appears to exist in some quarters. The meeting discussed at some length the functions

of the Club and of the Council. It was felt that in view the Club which was sponsored by the Council was responsible for assets, finance, safeguarding interests of shareholders, and the election of officers to the Board of Directors. The Directors however are appointed by the Council except in the case of two Directors who are permanently in office under the terms of the Article of Agreement. The Council shall however control the Club when it has been established, except that its assets + financial control remain in the hands of the Club.

Use of the Club

It was agreed that the Club shall be used solely by the County Association affiliated with Council. A Management Committee would clearly be necessary to run the Club and they could at their discretion let to outside organisation if a room was not demanded by an Association. The question was asked "Who would constitute + appoint this "Management Committee?" The matter was not discussed further.

Article 34.

There was a lengthy discussion on Article 34 of the Memorandum and Article of Association. The following Motion was tabled by Mr B Muller:

"The first Directors shall be James Fox, Patrice Byrne, Bernard Francis Muller, James McCay, Thomas Joseph Noonan and Michael Daly. At the first meeting after each Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors shall elect a Chairman who shall preside at all meetings of the Board or of the Company at which he is present and also shall elect a Vice Chairman who in the absence of the Chairman shall take his place. The Chairman and Vice Chairman must be members of the Board of Governors."

As the hour was late, it was

decided to place the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Board which was fixed for 27th November at 6.30 p.m.

Signed
James Fox

Date of meeting : 20/12/61.

Chairman

Note re meeting to have been held on 27 November

Due to late arrival of Secretary, because of railway strike - go slow - and as one of the Directors had to leave early - this meeting was not held.

There was an informal discussion on the Club's present state.

Dish Counties Club Ltd.

Meeting held on 20th December 1961
in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road SW1
at 6.30 pm.

Chair. Mr James Fox was in the Chair.

Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 1961 were read and signed.

Present Mr B Muller, Mr J McCoy and Mr Seccombe

Correspondence. A letter was read from Mr J Beckett sending £5 and asking for a meeting with the Committee to discuss certain matters connected with the Club. It was decided to discuss this matter at the next meeting.

Appointment
of extra
Directors The meeting discussed the enlargement of the Board of Directors by appointing new members. Some names were mentioned. It was decided to defer this matter to the Annual General Meeting of the Club. The meeting accepts a record attendance by Directors during the year.

Future of
Club. There was a discussion on the present position of the Club. The view was expressed that enthusiasm among most County Associations was almost extinct. Other local interests appeared anxious to make a take over bid. One appeal for funds for the club's appeal appeared to be in opposition to the club's appeal. It was decided to ask the Council of Distr County Associations to call a special delegate meeting to discuss the future policy to the Club.

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed James Fox

Chairman

7/2/62.

Dish Counties Club Ltd.

Meeting held on 7th February 1962
in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW. 1.

Chair

Mr James Fox was in the Chair.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 1961 were read and signed.

Finance

The Chairman reported that he had obtained a statement from the Bank showing that £501 stood to our credit there, and £7 was in the current account.

Members

Present

Members present at the meeting was The Chairman, Secretary and Mr B Wheller.

Council

Meeting

The meeting discussed a some detail draft report by the Secretary to present to the Special Meeting of the Council of Dish County Associations to be held on 11th February 1962 in the Dish Club.

This report was amended and finally approved.

No definite financial report would be given and a figure of less than £1000 would be mentioned as money held by the Club. The report principally covered the progress made, the response from County Association and the future attitude of the Council to the Club. It also raised the question of the need for more Directors.

The Agenda for the meeting was prepared.

The meeting adjourned sine die.

Signed

13th March 1962.

Chairman

Irish Counties Club Ltd.

Minutes of meeting held on
13th March 1962 in 145 Vauxhall
Bridge Road, SW1. at 7 pm

Chair

In the absence of the Chairman for the earlier part of the meeting the Chair was taken by the Vice Chairman, Mr P. Byrn. Mr Fox took the Chair during the meeting with the Council's Sub-Committee.

Attendance:

Minutes

Mr T. Noonan, Mr Muller, Mr Byrn & Mr J. Fox.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 1962 were read and approved, but not signed.

Arrangements for Annual General Meeting

After discussion it was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting on 6th May 1962, at 3.30 pm in The Irish Centre, Camber Town. Resolutions (motions) for the meeting to be received not later than Friday 20th April. Shareholders must receive 21 days notice of the AGM.

Meeting with Sub Committee

The Sub Committee appointed by the Irish Council of County Associations was then received and the following items were discussed

1. The question of a registered membership at £1. each. This would entitle such members, and those already denture, or shareholders eligible to attend all meetings of the Club including the Annual General Meeting.
2. The deletion of Article 7, 10, and amend Article 12 to delete reference to the Council.
3. Delete or amend Article 29.
4. Article 20 to stand as at present.

5. Article 34 to be amended to read (as)
the first Chairman and Vice-Chairman to
be James Fox and Mr P Byrne, and thereafter
the Directors shall elect their own Chairman and
Vice-Chairman. The Directors shall be
elected by the Shareholders.

There appeared to be general agreement on
this proposal.

The Sub Committee also raised the question
of whether the Chairman of the Council should also
be a Director ex officio. It was felt that he
should not. It was felt the number of Directors
should be increased to 12 - it was not clear who
would nominate them & how they would be elected.

It was pointed out that the only persons at
present entitled to be present at AGM are the
Shareholders.

The question of appointing a Solicitor to the
Club was deferred.

Conclusion

The Chairman said that the Sub Committee's
recommendations would be studied sympathetically
and there would be a further meeting with them
on 23rd March after decisions would be announced.
He thanked them for their most useful
suggestions and for coming.

Signed.

Chairman

Date of meeting

Notes Re Meetings on
23rd March and 16th March 1962

The meeting on 16th March considered the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee of the Joint Council to go into the Memorandum and Articles of Agreement.

It was generally agreed to support the main recommendations, namely, that on payment of a £1 membership a member of the Club would entitle to attend meetings of the Club and have powers of voting. Of this £1 membership clause was agreed, all those already holding shares of £1 or more, and those who had donated sums of £1 or more would also be entitled to full membership.

With regard to Articles 34, it was agreed that membership of the Board of Directors would be on a rota basis. The Chairman & Vice Chairman being there for four years, and the other members for years, and - years

It was agreed that the Chairman & Vice Chairman would be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

The Directors met the members of the Sub Committee again on 23rd March and there was a long discussion, principally on the £1. membership proposal and the office of Permanent Directors and the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman annually.

The Chairman said that Mr. Carter had been consulted and that the membership proposal was reasonable and could be acted upon. The two permanent Directors however must remain. There was no objection to the election of Chairman & Vice Chairman by the Annual General Meeting, which would also elect the other officers and now

Directors

It was agreed that Article 7 and 10 should be deleted and Article 12 amended to delete reference to the Council.

Article 29 also to be deleted, or similarly amended.

Article 20 to stand as at present.

The Chairman agreed to consult the Committee regarding the proposed amendments and report to a further meeting of the Club's Directors.

The Chairman thanked the members of the Sub Committee for their most useful suggestions which will mainly be acted upon.

Dish Counties Club

Minutes of Meeting held on
11th April 1962 at 145 Vauxhall
Bridge Road SW1.

Chair: Mr James Fox

The following Directors were present: Mr J. Noonan, Mr J. Coyne, Mr P. Boyce. Mr B. Mullin attended at the time appointed to the meeting. This did not commence until they are how late but as it was uncertain whether the meeting would be held, Mr Mullin was obliged to leave to keep another engagement.

Amendments to Articles of Agreement.

The Articles of Agreement were amended as per attached Appendix.

Signed

Chairman

Dish Counties Club Ltd

Minutes of Meeting, Wednesday 16th April
held in The Dish Arms, Camber Square, NW1,
at 7.30 pm.

Mr James Fox was in the Chair and the following Directors were present: Mr J. Noonan, Mr B. Mullin, the Secretary, and Mr R. Bailey, Treasurer.

The minutes were read. The question of the legality of the meeting held on 11th April was raised and after discussion it was agreed that the record of this meeting would be erased from the minute book and the findings of the meeting null and void.

The meeting agreed to discuss the proposed amendment

at a full meeting of the Directors to be held on 26th April 1962

The Treasurer reported that the entire assets of the company amounted to £513. 10. 6., of which £501. 0. 0 was deposited with our Bankers. The amount of approximately £80 to £90 was outstanding to our Accountants. The Treasurer also reported that all Shareholders had been written to, and informed of the amount of credit standing after credit.

NB

Signed

Chairman.

2nd May 1962.

Minutes of Meeting held on
2nd May 1962 in 145
Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.

Attendance.

The following Directors were present:-

Mr James Fox (in the Chair), Mr P Byrne, Mr S Miller,
Mr J Noonan, and Mr R Bailey. Treasurer was also present.

2. Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 16th April were read and signed.

3. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer reported a net credit balance of £533. 10. 6. The account due to Messrs Carter Greenway in the sum of approximately £94 was not yet paid. Mr Miller asked if a list of all those who had subscribers could be made available for the next meeting and the Treasurer agreed to do so.

4. Amendments to Articles of Association. After lengthy discussion the amendments listed in the Appendix were agreed.

5. New Directors It was agreed to increase the Board of Directors

by two new members, three in the Party were not prepared
to stand again. The nomination was accepted at the
Annual General Meeting to be held on June 1st 1962.

Rota of Directors. It was agreed that the first Rota
would be as follows.

For 4 year period - Mr J Fox and Mr Byrne
= 3 - - - Mr B Muller & Mr T Noonan
= 2 - - - Mr J McCoy & Mr Dally
= 1 - - - Two new directors to be appointed.

Annual General Meeting It was agreed to hold
Annual General Meeting in Ward 2nd House Westminster on
1st June 1962

Signed
James Fox

Chairman

14th May 1962

Minutes of Meeting held on
14th May 1962 in
145 Vauxhall Bridge Rd SW1

Mr James Fox was in the Chair.

The Directors present were: Mr B Muller, Mr T Noonan, Mr J McCoy
and Mr Byrne

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May were read & signed

The meeting then discussed the proposed amendment to
the Articles of Association and the final draft, attached as
an Appendix was approved

The Secretary reported that he had booked Ward
2nd House Westminster for Annual General Meeting on June 1st.
However as he had not yet received list of those who have
invention with Company in writings covered not be sent out and

a further date would have to be arranged

Signed

21st May 1962.

Dish Counties Club Ltd

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held in Wards Dish House, Westminster, SW1
on 22nd June 1962.

Chair:

Mr. James Fox was in the Chair.

Attendance:

The following shareholders and directors were present: Mr. James Fox, Mr. B. Mullin, Mr. James McCoy, Mr. P. Byrne, and Mr. R. Bailey, Treasurer, Mr. J. Beckett, Messrs. J. Nolan, A. Fennell, Michael O'Callaghan, Mr. T. Feenan, Mr. J. Deane, Mr. B. McCoy, Mr. J. McNamee.

Minutes:

The minutes of the inaugural meeting held in the D.C. Club were taken as read.

Treasurers

Report:

The Treasurer reported a net credit balance of £ 465.7.8. The income for the Club during the year amounted to £ 557.6.8. The largest outstanding account amounted to £ 84.15.0 in respect of our bill to our Messrs. Greenlaw Carter Ltd. There remained a printer's bill which had not yet been met. The Treasurer undertook to go into this. After some discussion the Account as presented by the Treasurer, attached hereto, was received (Appendix A.)

Secretary Report:

The Secretary dealt with the history of the formation of the Club and its aims and objects. He said that the necessary support had not been forthcoming from the Association to enable him to give a satisfactory report. Also a lot of Committee time had been used

in dealing with amendment to Article Memorandum of Agreement; and during this time no money, or very little had been coming in. The Council has set up a sub Committee to make recommendations to the Board of Directors, and these recommendations would now be placed before the AGM to decide on them to incorporate or not. He felt that the response was so discouraging that the Club must decide whether it is possible to continue.

Chairman

Report

The Chairman said that while the report was not as good as it should - some progress had been made, and an organisation built up to receive money, and act in a legal way to acquire suitable premises should they appear - either on lease or on a mortgage. It would cost to destroy the organisation after such a short time of working. To destroy the Club now would cost in the region of £300 and members might lose badly in it. He felt that a further period of time should be given.

Discussion

After a lengthy discussion, it was, on the motion of the James McCay, seconded by Mr T. Beckett, carried by 11 votes to 2 that

Resolved: That the Board of Directors continues to raise money for the establishment of the first County Club and to report progress in 12 month time when the future of the Club will be again reviewed.

Amendments

to Article of Agreement

The Amendments as indicated on the attached Appendix were carried. (Appendix B)

Election of Directors.

The following new Directors were elected:
Mr Donal Ó Beckett and Mr Michael O'Callaghan.

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed

Chairman

IRISH COUNTIES CLUB LTD.

Financial Statement for the period November 20th 1960 to June 20th 1962

Income

Purchases of Debentures

471. 0. 0.

Subscriptions

64. 12. 0.

Purchases of Memoranda

1. 4. 0.

Interest on Deposit A/C

20. 10. 8.

£557. 6. 8.Expenditure

Cheque Book

10. 0.

Treasurers Exps.

(Stationery, Postage)

2. 5. 6.

Secretary's Exps. (Postage)

4. 8. 6.

Balance

550. 2. 8.

£557. 6. 8.

Cash in Bank (Deposit A/C)

541. 10. 8.

Outstanding Accounts
to be paid.

84. 15. 0.

Cash in Bank (Current A/C)

7. 2. 0.

Balance (Nett Assets)

465. 7. 8.

Cash in Hand (Petty Cash)

1. 10. 0.

£550. 2. 8.£550. 2. 8.

Nett Credit Balance

£465. 7. 8.

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION - AMENDMENTS NOT REQUIRING ALTERATION TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

1. That the Directors forthwith invite applications for membership of the Company and that such suitable applications as may be received be registered as soon as possible on payment of a subscription of £1 which shall not be interest bearing. On acquisition of premises this £1 shall become a subscription to the Club valid for one year only.
2. That Debenture Holders for sums of £5 or more be registered as members, subject to their agreement, without their having to pay a membership fee.

AMENDMENTS REQUIRING ALTERATION TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

- (a) That Article 7 be deleted entirely.
- (b) Article 10 - The first sentence be deleted. The Article to commence "Any member may resign..."
- (c) Article 12 - The word "Council" in the third line to be amended to read "Board of Directors."
- (d) Article 29 - The word "County" in seventh line be deleted and the word "Company" substituted.
- (e) Article 34 - Delete all that follows the name of "Thomas Joseph Noonan..." Insert: "The said James Fox shall be first Chairman of the Board of Directors and the said Patrick Byrne shall be first Vice-Chairman."
- (f) Article 35 - Delete entirely, and substitute:
 - (i) The number of Directors shall not exceed twelve.
 - (ii) No person can be a Director unless he has been for at least two years a member of the Company.
 - (iii) Of the full Board of Directors, 3 shall be made Directors for a four-year period, 3 for a three-year period, 3 for a two-year period, and 3 for one year, retiring on rotation and eligible for re-election.
- (g) Article 47 - (iv) Delete, and substitute the following:
"The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, must be members of the Board of Directors and shall be elected by the Board of Directors at their first meeting following the Annual General Meeting each year. The Chairman must have served at least one year on the Board to be eligible for election."
- (h) Article 40 - The word "Council" in penultimate line be amended to read "Board of Directors." It may be that one or more of the above alterations contravene the terms of some other Article or Articles. If such is the case then the Article affected should be amended or deleted to suit the terms of the amendment.

21st May 1962.

Signed Chairman

Signed Secretar

Dart Committee Club.

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th October 1962
in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1. at 8pm

There were three Directors present: Mr J Fox, Mr B Muller and Mr P Byrne. An apology for absence was received from Mr T Beckitt and Mr O'Callaghan had not been notified of the meeting due to misunderstanding. The other Director McCoy was reported to have returned to Ireland.

The Secretary reported that although he had written to the Treasurer on three occasions, the books and documents in his possession, had not been returned. Consequently, a financial statement could not be made.

There was a discussion on the lack of progress made and it was agreed that a further meeting of Directors be called and a decision made whether to recommend the Shareholders to vote on a winding up of the Company, or to continue for a further trial period.

The meeting then adjourned, the date for the next meeting being 26th October Chairman and Secretary to decide according to availability of members.

Signed
James Fox
Chairman

26th October 1962.

Dish Counties Club.

Minutes of Meeting held on
26th October 1962 in 145 Vauxhall
Bridge Road, SW1 at 8 pm.

Chair:

Mr. James Fox was in the Chair

Attendance

The following Directors were present:
Mr B Muller, Mr J Beckett, Mr. M O'Callaghan
and Mr Byrne.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 1962
were read and signed.

Correspondence

The Secretary reported that Messrs Greenhill
Carter & Company's account had been settled in the
sum of £84. 15. 0d.

It was agreed to make payment of the interest
due to the Cavan Association with an apology
for the delay in forwarding.

The Chairman reported that the financial
position was as follows:

Current account at Bank, £77 13. 0
Deposit account £541. 0 0, less
£84. 15. 0 paid to Messrs Greenhill
Carter & Company, leaving a balance of
£457. 0. 0.

Policy.

There was a lengthy discussion on future policy
of the Club and the following Resolution was
passed:

RESOLVED: That the financial affairs of
the Company be terminated, and all
loans returned to shareholders, but that
the Registration of the Company be retained.

The meeting agreed that every effort should
be made to raise sufficient money to enable

the loans made by Shareholders be paid in full, and members undertook to explore the possibility of holding Dances in some of the larger halls.

(Signed)

Chairman

11th January 1963.

Dishantie Club Ltd.

Minutes of meeting held on

11th January 1963, in 145 Vauxhall Bridge, E.C.

Mr James Fox was in the Chair, and all the Directors were present.

The meeting agreed that every effort would be made to pay back to Shareholders the full amount of their investment. It was agreed that members would endeavor to obtain dances in some well known halls and in the Dish Antie.

The Chairman and Secretary undertook to examine the books and report on the position to the next meeting.

Signed

1. March 1963

Chairman

Distr. Counties Club :-

Minutes of meeting held on
12th March 1963 in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Rd.

The following directors were present:

Mr James Fox in the Chair, Mr Brian Muller,
Mr M O'Callaghan and the Secretary, Mr P Byrne.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 1963
were read and signed.

The Secretary reported that arrangements
had been made to hold a dance on Saturday
9th March at the Dart Centre. Tickets
had been circulated to all Distr County Associations
and others likely to help.

The Secretary & Committee reported that they
had examined the books which appeared to be
in order. Mr Brian Muller undertook to
go over the accounts and report to the next meeting.

Signed James Fox.
Chairman

27. 3. 63.

4 July 1967.

THE IRISH COUNTIES CLUB LTD.

According to the Financial Statement as at 20th June, 1962, £471. 0. Od. represented the income from the purchase of Debentures. There are no details available of who the purchasers were.

At a meeting held on 11th January, 1963, "The meeting agreed that every effort would be made to pay back to the shareholders the full amount of their investment". From an examination of the cheque book this would appear to have been done by cheques dated 17th April, 9th May, 9th September, 1963, and other dates in 1964. This, however, can only be supposition without being in possession of the list of debenture holders. In all these cheques total £448 which would leave £23 still outstanding to make up the total debenture of £471.

Details of these payments are shown on Appendix 'A'. An examination of the Bank Statement would be necessary to confirm that the cheques had been presented and payment made. The cheque stub itself gives no true indication that payment has been effected.

Other than this there are only four other cheque stubs as follows:-

6th May, 1961.	002401	Petty Cash	£ 5. 0. 0.
18th Aug. 1962.	002402	Greenhill Carter & Co. Accountancy fees.	84. 15. 0.
26th Oct. 1962.	002403	Cavan Association	2. 10. 0.
May 1964.	002437	J.B. Carter to J. Fox - Final Account.	6. 12. 10.
			£98. 17. 10.

The first two items are self-explanatory. Greenhill Carter's account is in the minute book. The third item follows up a minute of a meeting held on 26th October, 1962, when "It was agreed to make payment of the interest due to the Cavan Association with an apology for delay in forwarding".

There are two references to interest due on the debentures. On the 13th Nov. 1961 the minute reads:-

"The Secretary read draft letter for issue to shareholders notifying them that the interest now due and inviting them to consider re-investing in the Club."

Again, on the 16th April, 1962, the minute reads:-

"The Treasurer also reported that all Shareholders had been written to, 9th January, 1962, and informed of the amount of interest standing to their credit."

There would, therefore, appear to be a legal obligation to pay such interest, but whether funds are available would obviously decide this issue.

The final item in May 1964 J.B. Carter to J. Fox final account £6.12.10. for want of more detail could represent anything.

The Club's cash book and list of debenture holders would solve all issues.

All told, £546. 17. 10d. is recorded on the cheque stubs, but an examination of the Cash Book and the Bank Statement would be necessary to confirm payment.

cont'd.....

The Deposit Account with the National Bank Ltd., Belgravia Branch, shows the sum of £471 as at 28th July, 1961.

The following lodgements were then made:-

<u>1961</u>		
28th July	Balance in hand	471. 0. 0.
17th Oct.	25. 0. 0.	
30th Dec.	5. 0. 0.	
<u>1962</u>		
4th May	20. 0. 0.	50. 0. 0.
		<u>£521. 0. 0.</u>

Whether these last three lodgements are debentures or subscriptions from County Associations it is difficult to determine. Within the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October, 1961, is the following:-

"The Armagh Association is shortly running a Dance at Fulham and it is hoped to realise a profit of £20."

It might well be that the £20 lodged on 4th May, 1962, could be the profit from this dance, but for the moment, and lacking further information, this is pure supposition.

DETAILS OF CHEQUES PRESUMABLY PAID TO DEBENTURE HOLDERS1963

		£. s. d.	£. s. d.
April 17th	Mrs. May Mulligan	50. 0. 0.	
	Mrs. Mary E. Nugent	10. 0. 0.	
	Gerald Maguire	10. 0. 0.	
	Lady Feehan	20. 0. 0.	
	Thomas A. Beckett	15. 0. 0.	
	E.D. Bankiss	10. 0. 0.	
	Miss Grace Crossan	5. 0. 0.	
	Cavan Assn. in London	50. 0. 0.	
	James Fox	20. 0. 0.	
	M.T. and B.F. Mullen	100. 0. 0.	
	Michael Caulfield	5. 0. 0.	
	Mel. M. Gaver	5. 0. 0.	
	Esther Farrell	5. 0. 0.	
	Helen J. O'Reilly	5. 0. 0.	
	Michael O'Callaghan	100. 0. 0.	410. 0. 0.
May 9th	Thomas L. McGowan	2. 0. 0.	
	Radraig O'Connor	2. 0. 0.	
	Patrick Cohen	2. 0. 0.	
	Michael Martin	2. 0. 0.	
	Gerry McGuire	2. 0. 0.	
	James Mulligan	2. 0. 0.	
	John Lennon	2. 0. 0.	
	Patrick Byrne	2. 0. 0.	
	Rosemary O'Harte	2. 0. 0.	18. 0. 0.
Sept. 9th	G. Nolan	1. 0. 0.	
	A.F. Hennell	1. 0. 0.	
	James Dingle	1. 0. 0.	
	F. Lehane	1. 0. 0.	
	M. Feldman	1. 0. 0.	
	J. Ferris	1. 0. 0.	6. 0. 0.

1964

Jan. 20th	Bernard McCoy	2. 0. 0.	
Feb. 3rd	Miss K. Murphy	10. 0. 0.	
June	Eamon McKee	2. 0. 0.	14. 0. 0.
			448. 0. 0.
	Query still outstanding		23. 0. 0.

TOTAL DEBENTURE AS BALANCE SHEET
DATED 20TH JUNE, 1962.

£471. 0. 0.

<u>1961.</u>					
MAY	6.	Petty Cash.	5 0 0	✓	
<u>1962.</u>					
APR	18	Accommodation fees.	84 15 0	✓	
JUN	26	Linen Association (?) hire over	2 10 0	✓	
<u>1963</u>					
APRIL	17	Msgr. M. Mulligan.	50 0 0		
	17	Msgr. Mary E. Nugent.	10 0 0		
	17	Gerald Maguire.	10 0 0		
	17	Rudy Fahey.	20 0 0		
		Cancelled. Dec 24/36.	x		
	17	Thomas L. Beckett.	15 0 0		
	17	E.S. Bankiss.	10 0 0		
	17	Miss Grace Brosnan	5 0 0		
	17	Linen Association in London.	50 0 0		
	17	James Fox	20 0 0		Linen Association (Giant) 2 10 0
	17	M.T. & B.F. Muller.	100 0 0		Petty Cash 5 0 0
	17	Michael Caulfield.	5 0 0		Accommodation fees. 84 15 0
	17	Adl. M. Gavins	5 0 0		S. Fox. ? 6 12 10
	17	Esther Farrell.	5 0 0		
	17	Helen J.O. Reilly	5 0 0		
	17	Michael O'Ballaghan.	100 0 0		
MAY	9	Thomas L. McGowan.	2 0 0		
	9	Padraig O'Connor.	2 0 0		
? APRIL	9	Patrick Bohan.	2 0 0		
MAY	9	Michael Martin	2 0 0		REMAINDER
	9	George Maguire.	2 0 0		448 0 0
	9	James Mulligan.	2 0 0		
	9	John Lennon	2 0 0		546 17 10
	9	Patrick Byrne	2 0 0		
	9	Rosemary O'Halloran	2 0 0		
	9	B. Nolan.	1 0 0		
	9	A.F. HENNELL	1 0 0		
	9	James Dingley.	1 0 0		
	9	F. Lehane.	1 0 0		
	9	M. Seldman.	1 0 0		
	9	S. Lewis	1 0 0		
<u>1964</u>					
JAN	20	Bernard McCloskey	2 0 0		
Feb	3	Mrs. R. Murphy.	10 0 0		
MAY	1	J. Blatter to S. Fox Lincol Co.	6 12 10	✓	
JUNE		Karen McLee D. Bentin	2 0 0		
			546 17 10.		

THE COUNCIL OF IRISH COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS
LONDON.

Officers of the Council.

Chairman: Tadhg Feehan, B.A. (Cork)

Vice-Chairman: James Fox, (Leitrim)

Hon. Secretary: Patrick Byrne (Dublin)

Hon. Treasurer: W. J. Gleeson, B.A.,
(Limerick)

Asst. Secretary: Bernard McCarron, (Fermanagh)

Executive Committee:

Seamus Keogh (Kildare),
(Galway),

Michael Ryan

James Griffin (Waterford),

Sean Allen (Louth),
N. 17; Miss E. O'Farrell (Longford),

COUNTY:

CHAIRMAN'S NAME & ADDRESS.

SECRETARY'S NAME & ADDRESS

ARMAGH

Michael O'Callaghan,

Mrs. M. O'Callaghan,
Same address,

CAVAN:

Rev. S. Hetherton,

Miss Maureen Keating,

CORK:

Tadhg Feehan
(E.C.)

(FOR, 9736)
Mr. T. Horward,

CLARE:

Joseph Hanrahan,

Joseph McCarthy,

DUBLIN:

Rev. P.M. O'Toole, O.M.I.,

Patrick Byrne (E.C.)

FERMANAGH:

Hugh Cruddan.

Miss Jennie Cleary.

GALWAY:

Michael Ryan
Michael Ryan (President)
(E.C.)

Thomas Mahon
Miss Kathleen O'Hara,

KERRY:

Rev. J. P. Cremin, P.P.,

Mr. J. Moriarity,

KILDARE:

Seamus Keogh (E.C.)

Mrs. R. Davis,

LIMERICK:

Thomas Noonan,

W. J. Gleeson, (E.C.)

LOUTH:

Rev. Ambrose Woods,

Sean Allen (E.C.)

KILKENNY:

Patrick Mackey,

Maurice O'Shea,

LEITRIM:

James Fox (E.C.)

Joseph Bland,
Montrose,

<u>LONGFORD:</u>	Patrick J. Keegan.	Miss E. O'Farrell (E.C.)
<u>MEATH:</u>	Rev. D. Donegan,	J. D'Arcy,
<u>MONAGHAN:</u>	M. Martin.	G. Maguire,
<u>TIPPERARY:</u>	R. Butler,	R. Carew,
<u>TYRONE:</u>	G. McBride,	Miss E. Mullan,
<u>WATERFORD</u>	E. W. Flynn,	James Griffin (E.C.)
<u>WEXFORD:</u>	Thomas Quirke.	Patrick Kiernan.
<u>WICKLOW:</u>	--	Acting/Hon. Secretary: Thomas McGuay.

CONSTITUTION

COUNCIL OF IRISH COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS (LONDON)

- Article 1 TITLE: The Council of Irish County Associations (London).
- " 2. COLOURS AND EMBLEM: The Colours of the Council shall be the National Colours, and its emblem The Arms of the Four Provinces.
- " 3. AIMS AND OBJECTS:
- (a) To co-ordinate the activities of County Associations by the exchange of information about the activities of individual Associations.
 - (b) To promote and support concerted and united County activities such as
 - (1) The Inter-County Quiz Competition, (2) St. Patrick's Day Parade,
 - (3) United Counties' Dance (4) Annual Dinner,
 - (c) To foster the spirit of Irish nationality by maintaining contact with Ireland, and with one another, and to encourage members of the Associations to take an active part in the civic life of the communities in which they live.
 - (d) The Council shall support such organisations as may be set up, or exist, to assist the welfare of Irish people.
 - (e) The Council shall, in particular circumstances, speak and act on behalf of the County Associations.
 - (f) To help in organising, and reorganising County Associations.
 - (g) As a long term objective to endeavour to start a journal.
 - (h) As a long term objective to endeavour to obtain its own headquarters,

MEMBERSHIP.

- (a) The Council is a non-political and non-sectarian organisation.
- (b) Representation on the Council is open to all County Associations which accept this Constitution.
- (c) Before a new County Association is accepted to membership of the Council it must have at least 20 paid up members and properly elected officers. An Officer of the Executive Committee of the Council shall attend the inaugural meetings of all new County Associations as an observer.
- (d) All affiliated County Associations shall pay £2. 2. 0. per annum affiliation fee which shall be payable on 1st April each year.

ADMINISTRATION:

- (a) The Council shall consist of two delegates (three delegates in the case of the County Association which provides the Council's Chairman) from all the affiliated County Associations and shall meet monthly or when necessary. One of the County Association's delegates must be a member of the Association's Executive Committee.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting of the Council shall be held each year in February, and shall decide policy, elect an Executive Committee, and make amendments where necessary to the Constitution.
- (c) To make for effective working, affiliated County Associations shall hold their Annual General Meetings before the Council's Annual General Meeting, preferably in January, but not earlier than November.
- (d) If an Association is not represented by at least one of its delegates at three consecutive meetings of the Council, the Association will be asked to appoint new delegates, failing which the Association's membership of the Council will automatically cease.
- (e) Meetings of the Council may not be held unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of not less than seven Associations (one delegate at least from not less than seven County Associations).
- (f) The Chairman shall only have the right of a Casting Vote at Council meetings.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, and five members all of whom shall be elected from the Council.
- (b) The Council may nominate a President, and 4 Vice-Presidents, who shall be ex-officio officers of the Council.
- (c) The Executive Committee shall remain in office for one year, and casual vacancies therein shall be filled by the Council at the meeting next following that at which notice of such vacancies have been given.
- (d) All voting for the election of officers shall be by secret ballot.
- (e) When the Council is not in session, it delegates its authority to the Executive Committee, which can take action within the terms of the Constitution. When dealing with delegated matters the Executive Committee quorum shall consist of at least six members of which at least two must be officers of the Council.
- (f) All decisions of the Executive Committee are subject to ratification by the next following meeting of the Council.

EXECUTIVE POWERS:

- (a) The Executive Committee is empowered to examine the Minutes and Treasurer's books of any affiliated Association which has ceased to function, or if requested to do so by one-tenth of the paid up membership of that Association, provided the Committee thereof has failed to examine and report to the Council on the position.
- (B) In the event of a dispute over recognition this Council shall be the arbiter. The Council may authorise the Executive Committee to issue statements to the National and Provincial press on their decision on the matter in question.

FINANCE.

- (a) An annual financial statement for each calender year, duly audited, shall be circulated to each Association at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting of the Council to which it is to be presented.
- (b) The funds of the Council shall be kept in a bank approved by the Council, and no financial liability shall be incurred or payment made without the approval of the Executive Committee.
- (c) The Treasurer shall receive all monies on behalf of the Council and shall issue official receipts.
- (d) Three Trustees and two Auditors shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by resolution of the Council subject to 21 days notice, or if not less than five County Associations call for it. Requests for such a meeting must be sent to the Secretary of the Council in writing at least 25 days before the date upon which the meeting is to be held whereupon the Secretary shall forthwith convene such meeting.

EXPULSION: In the event of any Association bringing the Council into disrepute by its activities, the Council has power to recommend expulsion through a two-thirds majority, and in accordance with democratic procedure,

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Any Article or Articles of this Constitution may be amended only at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose, of which at least a month's notice must be given to the County Associations. An amendment must be carried by a two-thirds majority vote of those members of the Council present and voting.