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THE IRISH COUNTIES CLUB LTD.

MINUTE

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IRISH COUNTIES CLUB LIMITED

1. There must be present 7 members of the Irish Counties Club limited 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.

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5. A resolution to close the Club and dispose of the assets should be moved. So long as this is dispersed to a similar organisation or charity the provisions of Clause 7 of the Articles are fully carried out.

6. The Secretary should be instructed to write to The Register of Companies and ask for the Club to be erased from his list.

4. A statement should be given for the Club's financial priorities.

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The Irish Counties Club Ltd

Minutes of Meeting of Directors held in the Lord High Admiral, 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1 on Wednesday 22nd February 1961 at 7 p.m.

Chairman: Mr James Fox was in the Chair and the following Directors were present: Mr Thomas Noonan, Mr Brian Mullen, 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 we'll 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 Mrs Noonan, seconded by Mr James McCoy and passed as stated.

The necessary forms were signed for

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transmission to the bank.

Headed Paper The Secretary reported that he had been in touch with Mr Gilson the printer. Mr Gilson said he would endeavour to obtain a block of the Four Provinces and would do a nice note paper 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 Accountants and Bankers.

Solicitor There was a discussion on this matter. Some felt Irish solicitors should be asked 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 AGM It was decided that every effort should be made to reach if possible the sum of £1,000 in shares gifts or Promises 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 details 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 Director’s Board It was decided to seek guidance from Mr 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

28 Feb 1961. Chairman

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The Irish Counties Club Ltd

Minutes of Meeting of Directors, held on 28th February 1961 in 145 Vauxhall Bridge, SE1, at 7 p.m.

Members Present The following members were present, Mr James Fox (in the Chair) Mr J Noonan, Mr P Byrne, Mr James McCoy, Mr Brian Mullen, Mr R Bailey. Mrs Bridie Mullen and Miss E O'Farrell, Secretary and Treasurer of the Council of Irish County Associations 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 have Mr Carter's views on some points in connection with the appointment of Directors.

Mr Carters Presentation 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 for 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 changed 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.

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

Relation of Club to Council The meeting emphasised 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 Irish Club, and he would make an appeal for further subscriptions.

The meeting adjourned sine die*.*

James Fox

3rd May 1961 Chairman

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The Irish Counties Club Ltd

Minutes of Meeting of Directors held on 3rd May 1961 in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road SW1 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Chair: Mr James Fox was in the Chair.

2. Attendance The following Directors were present: Mr James McCoy, Mr Brian Mullen, Mr P Byrne 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 McCoy and Mr Michael Daly as Directors.

5. Chairman's Report The Chairman in his report made the following points -

That we should try now to get in money as fast as possible. Premises come on the market and are sold very quickly. The Bank Manager indicated 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 suggested that our money should be invested in Defined 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.

 ~~Xxxxcccvx~~ Plus = 119. 0. 0.

Total in cash 316. 12. 0.

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Promises amounted to £786. 12. 0.

 Cash 316. 12. 0.

 Total: £1,103. 0. 0.

Mr McCoy expressed 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 the 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.

Prominent firm sponsors such as Guinness and Mooney’s to be contacted 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 make use of it.

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

It would be available for others for Dinners 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 has been made.

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

 Signed James Fox

Chairman

 5th June 1961

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The Irish Counties Club

Minutes of meeting of the Irish Counties Club, held in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1 on 5th June 1961, at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance The following Directors were present: Mr James Fox in the Chair, Mr T Noonan, Mr Brian Mullen, 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 treasures that this item was inaccurate! In fact the figures should 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 his eminence the Cardinal should be deleted, . PB

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

Official Letterhead There was a discussion on the delay play of obtaining printed Notepaper from the Printer. The Chairman and Secretary spoke of promises by the printer which were not fulfilled. It was decided that unless a supply was forthcoming imminently to cancel the order.

Publicity The meeting considered how best the Club work cover 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. Ms B Mullen to give the report to the next meeting following, and Mr P Bailey

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to report to the meeting thereafter. It was agreed that every effort should be made to obtain publicity in the Irish National and Provincial Press, and in the English press, as far as possible. This would be attempted by giving events organised by the Association 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

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The Irish Counties Club

Minutes of meeting of the 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 P Byrne, Mr James McCoy, Mr Brian Mullen, 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 England. 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 on to.

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

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

The Secretary reported that he had contacted County Association asking them to honour the undertaking given at Council meeting to hold one fundraiser during the year for the Fund and to let him have details so that publicity could be arranged.

New Directors The question of new Directors was again discussed. It was agreed that no new director should be appointed in haste and that consideration should be given to the question 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 in to as 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 and procedures should be examined at a later date.

Next Meeting The meeting adjourned until 21st August 1961.

Signed James Fox

Chairman

21st August 1961

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The Irish Counties Club

Minutes of meeting of the Irish Counties Club, held at 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1 on Monday 18th September 1961, at 6:30 p.m.

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 a 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 McCoy 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 to be made to Messrs A Guinness and an appointment would be made to interview these representatives at a convenient date and time.

Takeover Bids The hazard of a number of interested people continuing 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 then placed on the Agenda for a later meeting.

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Irish Counties Club Ltd

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

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| Income | Expenditure |
| Purchase of Debentures 471. 0. 0.Subscriptions 64. 12. 0.Purchase of Memoranda 1. 4. 0.Interest on Deposit A/C 20. 10. 8. £557. 6. 8.Cash in Bank (Deposit A/C) 541. 10. 8.Cash in Bank (Current A/C) 7. 2. 0.Cash in Hand (Petty Cash) 1. 10. 0 £550. 2. 8.Nett Credit Balance £465. 7. 8. | Cheque Book 10. 0. Treasurer's Exps. (Stationery, Postage) 2. 5. 6.Secretary's Exps. (Postage) 4. 8. 6Balance 550. 2. 8  £557. 6. 8.Outstanding Accounts to be paid 84. 15. 0.Balance (Nett Assets) 465. 7. 8. £550. 2. 8. |
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Statements to the Press. Mr Mullen raised the matter of statements made to the Press. He felt that the Committee should send these notices and whilst the Chairman and Secretary must be given a certain amount of freedom on the matter, questions of policy or amounts of cash held should not be divulged without reference to the Directors. This was agreed in principle by the meeting.

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

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

The meeting adjourned until October 2nd.

Signed James Fox

Chairman

Date 2/10/'61.

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The Irish Counties Club

Minutes of meeting held in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1 on Monday 8th October 1961 at 6:30 p.m.

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 payments 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) everything must be in perfect order for the Annual General Meeting due to be held in November.

(ii) the accounts will be submitted to auditors and their report should be available.

(iii) new share forms should be available - the wording should be changed and a tear off portion added which could be retained by the subscriber. 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 is not forthcoming from County Associations, the appeal would have to be made outside.

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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 possibility arising whereby a number of interested persons holding £1 shares could outvote 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 cause of the Club.

Breach of Confidence It was decided that all matters discussed at meetings or arising in the course 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 persons that the greatest discretion was necessary and all proceedings were in confidence.

The meeting adjourned until Monday 16th Oct’

Signed

James Fox

 Chairman

16th October 1961

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The Irish Counties Club Ltd

Meeting held on 16th October 1961 at 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1 at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Mr James Fox was in the Chair.

Attendance In addition to the Chairman the following were present, Mr James McCoy, Mr Brian Mullen, Mr P Byrne.

Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Mr Noonan, Mr Michael and the Treasurer, Mr R 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 Treasurer's 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 or January. The meeting felt that date, 22nd January would be a 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 towards 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 voting qualifications should be limited to a vote only to those holding a minimum of £10 to £100 in shares. Over £100 two votes. The meeting **[pg. 21]** considered that Directors have the power to make alternatives 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 misdemeanors. A suggestion that the appointment of Directors by Rota 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 be their mouthpiece. They would have control over him.

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

Mr Brian Mullen reported that the 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 was decided that 500 letterheads should be printed.

The meeting adjourned until 6th November.

Signed

James Fox

13th November 1961 Chairman

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Irish Counties Club

Minutes of meeting held on 13th November 1961 in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road SE1 at 6:30 p.m.

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 amendments agreed to below, were signed by the Chairman.

Amendments to Minutes

(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 this 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 investing in the Club. He also read draft of receipt form for issue to subscribers. It was agreed that for 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 to stress need for financial report at meetings.

Aims and Objects Circular The meeting agreed that a letter should be sent to all the Associations outlining briefly aims and objectives of the Club, in view of misunderstandings which appear to exist in some quarters. The meeting discussed at some length the functions **[pg. 23]** of the Club and of the Council. It was felt that in brief the Club which was sponsored by the Council was responsible for assets, finance, sponsorship 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 Articles 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 should be used solely by the County Associations affiliated to the 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 in demand 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 Articles of Association. The following motion was tabled by Mr B Mullen:

"The first Directors ~~shall be~~ are James Fox, Patrick Byrne, Brendan Francis Mullen, James McCoy, 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 **[pg. 24]**  decided to place the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Board which was fixed for 27th November at 6:30pm.

Signed

James Fox

Date of meeting: 20/12/1961. 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 scale.

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Irish Counties Club Ltd

Meeting held on 20th December 1961 in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1 at 6:30 p.m.

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 Mullen, Mr J McCoy and the Secretary.

Correspondence A letter was read from Mr T 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 asked for a record of attendances 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 amongst the County Association was almost extinct. Other Irish interests appeared anxious to ~~make~~ a takeover bid and appeals for funds for other Irish sources appeared to be in opposition to the Club’s appeal. It was decided to ask the Council of Irish County Associations to call a special delegate meeting to discuss ~~the~~ its future policy to the Club.

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed James Fox

Chairman

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Irish Counties Club Limited

Meeting held on 7th February 1962 in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1

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 were, the Chairman, Secretary and Mr B Mullen.

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

No defined financial report would be given and a figure of less than £1,000 would be mentioned as money held by the Club. The report principally covered the progress made the non-response from County Associations and the further 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

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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 Vic e Chairman, Mr P Byrne. Mr Fox took the Chair during the meeting with the Council's Sub-Committee.

Attendance Mr T Noonan, Mr B Mullen, Mr P Byrne & Mr J Fox.

Minutes 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 3:30pm. in the Irish Centre, Camden 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 enable such members and those already debenture, or shareholders, eligible to attend all meetings of the club including the Annual General Meeting.

2. The deletion of Article 7, 10 and amend 12 to delete reference to the Council.

3. Delete or amend Article 29.

4. Article 20 to stand as at present.

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5. Article 34 to be amended to read that Its first Chairman and Vice-Chairman be Mr 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 of 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 or how they would be elected.

NB The point was made that the only persons at present entitled to ~~elect~~ attend the 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 when decisions would be announced. He thanked them for their most useful suggestions and for coming.

Signed

 Chairman

Date of meeting

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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 Irish 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 be entitled to attend meetings of the club and have powers of voting. If this £1 membership clause was agreed, although 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 Article 34, it was agreed that membership of the Board of Directors would be on a rota basis. The Chairman & Vice Chairman holding office for 4 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 meet 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 Director's however must remain. There was no objection to the election of Chairman & Vice Chairman but the Annual General Meeting, which would also elect the other officers and now

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Directors.

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

Article 29 to be deleted, or suitably amended.

Article 20 to stand as at present

The Chairman agreed to consult Mr Carter regarding the proposal 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 in the main would be acted upon.

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Irish Counties Club

Minutes of meeting held on 11th April 1962 in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road SW1.

Chair: Mr James Fox

The following Directors were present: Mr J Noonan, Mr J McCoy, Mr P Byrne, Mr B Mullen attended at the time appointed for the meeting. This did not commence until talk on how late but as it was uncertain whether the meeting would be held, Mr Mullen 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

Irish Counties Club Ltd

Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 16th April held in the Irish Centre, Camden Square, NW1 at 7:30 pm

Mr James Fox was in the Chair and the following Directors were present: Mr J Noonan, Mr B Mullen, 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 amendments

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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, in January 1962 and informed of the amount of Interest standing to their credit.

 Signed

Chairman

2nd May 1962.

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

1 Attendees The following Directors were present: -

Mr James Fox (in the Chair), Mr P Byrne, Mr B Mullen, 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 nett credit balance of £533. 10. 6. The account due to Messrs Carte Greenwood for the sum of approximately £94 was not yet paid. Mr Mullen asked if a list of all those who had shares and could be made available for the next meeting and the Treasurer agreed to this.

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

5 New Directors It was agreed to increase the Board of Directors **[pg. 33]** by two new members, three if Mr Daly were not prepared to stand again. The nominations were to be 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

For 3-year period - Mr B Mullen and Mr T Noonan

For 2-year period - Mr J McCoy and Mr Daley

For 1-year period - Two new directors to be appointed.

Annual General Meeting It was agreed to have the Annual General Meeting in Ward’s Irish House, Westminster on 1st June 1962.

 Signed

James Fox

14th May 1962 Chairman

Minutes of meeting held on 14th May 1962 in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road SW1

­­Mr James Fox was in the Chair.

The Directors present were Mr B Mullen, Mr T Noonan, Mr J McCoy and Mr P Byrne.

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

The meeting then discussed the proposed amendments to the articles of Association and the final draft, attached as an appendix was approved.

The Secretary reported that he had booked Ward’s Irish House Westminster for Annual General Meeting on June 1st. However, as he had not yet received a list of those who had invested in the Company instructions could not be sent out and **[pg. 34]** a further date would have to be arranged.

Signed .............

 21st May 1962

Irish Counties Club Ltd

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Ward’s Irish 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 Mullen, Mr James McCoy, Mr P Byrne, and Mr R Bailey, Treasurer, Mr T Beckett, Miss J Nolan, A Fennell, Michael O'Callaghan, Mr T Feehan, Mr J Lehane, Mr B McCoy, Mr J McNamara.

Minutes The Minutes of the inaugural meeting held in the Irish Club were taken as read.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer reported a net credit balance of £465.7.8 The income for the Club during the year amounted to £557 68. The largest outstanding account amounted to £84. 15. 0. in respect of our Bill to ~~our~~ Messrs Gresham Carter & Co. There remained a printing bill which has 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).

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 Associations to enable him to give a satisfactory report. Also a lot of Committee time had been used **[pg. 35]** in dealing with amendments to the Articles of ~~association of~~ Agreement; and during this time no money, or very little had been coming in. The Council had set up a Sub-Committee to make recommendations to the Board of Directors, and their recommendations would now be placed before the AGM to decide on their incorporation or not. He felt that the response was so discouraging that the AGM must decide on whether it is possible to continue.

Chairman’s Report The Chairman said that while the response 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 a mortgage. It seemed a shame 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 on it. He felt that a further period of trial should be tried.

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

Resolved: That the Board of Directors continue to raise money for the establishment of the Irish County Club and to report progress in 12 months’ time when the future of the Club will be again reviewed.

Amendment of Articles of Agreement The amendments as indicated in the attached appendix were carried (Appendix B).

Election of Directors The following new Directors were elected:

Mr Tom Beckett and Mr Michael O’Callaghan.

The meeting then adjourned.

 Signed

 Chairman

Appendix A

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IRISH COUNTIES CLUB LTD

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Income |  | Expenditure |  |
| Purchase of Debentures | 471. 0. 0. | Cheque Book | 10. 0. |
| Subscriptions | 64. 12. 0.  | Treasurers Exps. (Stationery, Postage) | 2. 5. 6.  |
| Purchase of Memoranda | 1. 4. 0. | Secretary’s Exps. (Postage) | 4. 8. 6. |
| Interest on Deposit A/C | 20. 10. 8. | Balance | 550. 2. 8.  |
|  | £557. 6. 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.  |  |  |
| Cash in Hand (Petty Cash) | 1. 10. 0 | Balance (Nett Assets) | 465. 7. 8. |
|  | £550. 2. 8. |  | £550. 2. 8. |
|   |  |  |  |
| Nett Credit Balance | £465.7.8. |  |  |

**[pg. 37]** Appendix B

THE IRISH COUNTIES CLUB LTD

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

1. That Article 7 be deleted entirely.
2. Article 10 - The first sentence be deleted. The Article to commence "Any member may resign ...."
3. Article 12 - The word “Council” in the third line to be amended to read “Board of Directors.”
4. Article 29 - The word “County” in seventh line be deleted and the word “Company” substituted.
5. 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.”
6. Article 35 - Delete entirely and substitute:
7. The number of Directors shall not exceed twelve.
8. No person can be a Director unless he has been for at least two years a member of the Company.
9. 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.
10. 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.

Signed …………… Chairman

21st May 1962.

Signed …….…….. Secretary

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Irish Counties Club

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

There were three Directors present: Mr J Fox, Mr B Mullen and Mr P Byrne. An apology for absence was received from Mr J Beckett and Mr O'Callaghan had not been notified of the meeting due to a misunderstanding. The other Director Mr 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 convene 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 of the next meeting being left to the Chairman and Secretary to decide according to availability of members.

Signed

James Fox

26th October 1962. Chairman

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Irish Counties Club

Minutes of meeting held on 26th October 1962 in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1 1AT 8 pm.

Chair Mr James Fox was in the Chair.

Attendance The following directors were present: Mr B Mullen, Mr J Beckett, Mr M O'Callaghan and Mr J 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 £451. 0. 0.

Policy There was a lengthy discussion in 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 **[pg. 40]**

the loans made by shareholders to 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

Irish Counties Club Ltd.

Minutes of meeting held on 11th January 1963, 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road

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 endeavour to obtain dances in some well known halls and in the Irish Centre.

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

Signed

1 March 1963. Chairman

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Irish Counties Club:-

Minutes of meeting held on 1st March 1963 in 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road.

The following Directors were present:

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 1963 were read and signed.

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

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

Signed James Fox

Chairman

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4th July 1967

THE IRISH COUNTIES CLUB LTD

According to the Financial Statement as at 20th June, 1962, £471.0.0d 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. 00241 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 JB 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 have 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. 10 d is recorded on the cheque stubs, but an examination of the Cash Book and the Bank Statement would be necessary to confirm payment.

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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:-

1961

28th July Balance in hand 471. 0. 0.

17th Oct. 25. 0. 0.

30th Dec. 5. 0. 0.

1962

4th May 20. 0. 0. 50. 0. 0.

 £521. 0. 0.

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.

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APPENDIX ‘A’

THE IRISH COUNTIES CLUB LTD.

DETAILS OF CHEQUES PRESUMABLY PAID TO DEBENTURE HOLDERS

1963 £. 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 Caufield 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.

 Sep. 9th G. Nolan 1. 0. 0.

1. 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.

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1961 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May | 6 | Petty Cash | 5 | 0 | 0 | **✓** |  |
| 1962 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug | 18 | Accountancy Fees | 84 | 15 | 0 | **✓** |  |
| Oct | 26 | Cavan Association (? Twice over) | 2 | 10 | 0 | **✓** |  |
| 1963 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| April | 17 | Mrs May Mulligan | 50 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 17 | Mrs Mary E Nugent | 10 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 17 | Gerald McGuire | 10 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 17 | Lady Feehan | 20 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  |  | Cancelled sec. 2436 x |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 17 | Thomas A. Beckett | 15 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 17 | E. D. Bankiss | 10 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 17 | Miss Grace Crossan | 5 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 17 | Cavan Association in London | 50 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 17 | James Fox | 20 | 0 | 0 | Cavan Association (interest) | 2 10 0 |
|  | 17 | M.T. and B.F. Mullen | 100 | 0 | 0 | Petty Cash | 5 0 0 |
|  | 17 | Michael Caufield | 5 | 0 | 0 | Accountancy Fees | 84 15 0 |
|  | 17 | Mel M. Gaver | 5 | 0 | 0 | J Fox ? | 6 12 10 |
|  | 17 | Esther Farrell | 5 | 0 | 0 |  | 98 17 10 |
|  | 17 | Helen J. O’Reilly | 5 | 0 | 0 | Remainder | 448 0 0 |
|  | 17 | Michael O’Callaghan | 100 | 0 | 0 |  | 546 17 10 |
| May | 9 | Thomas L. McGowan | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 9 | Radraig O’Connor | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| ? April | 9 | Patrick Cohen | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| May | 9 | Michael Martin  | 2 | 0 | 0 | Total Deductions | 471 0 0 |
|  | 9 | Gerry McGuire | 2 | 0 | 0 |  | 448 0 0 |
|  | 9 | James Mulligan | 2 | 0 | 0 | Still Outstanding | £23 0 0  |
|  | 9 | John Lennon | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 9 | Patrick Byrne | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 9 | Rosemary O’Harte | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| Sept. | 9 | G. Nolan | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 9 | A.F. Hennell | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 9 | James Dingle | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 9 | F. Lehane | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 9 | M. Feldman | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  | 9 | J. Ferris | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| 1964 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jan | 20 | Bernard McCoy  | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| Feb | 3 | Miss K. Murphy *x* | 10 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| May |  | J.B. Carter to J. Fox final a/c  | 6 | 12 | 10 | **✓** |  |
| June |  | Eamon McKee Debenture | 2 | 0 | 0 |  |  |
|  |  |  | **£546** | **17** | **10** |  |  |

**[pg. 46]** 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), . ~~Michael Ryan~~

(~~Galway~~), James Griffin (Waterford),

Sean Allan (Louth), N,

N, 17: Miss E. 0’Farrel (Longford),

COUNTY: CHAIRMAN’S NAME & ADDRESS. SECRETARY' S NAME & ADDRRESS

ARMAGH Michael O’Callaghan, Mrs M. O’Callaghan,

 Same Address.

CAVAN: Rev. S. Hetherton, Miss Maureen Keating,

 (FFOR, 9736)

CORK: Tadhg Feehan Mr. T Horward,

 (E.C.)

CLARE: Joseph Hanrahan Joseph McCarthy,

DUBLIN: Rev. PRm O’Toole, O.M.I., Patrick Byrne (E.C.)

FERMANAGH Hugh Cruddan Miss Jennie Cleary.

GALWAY: ~~Michael Ryan (President)~~ ~~Miss Kathleen O’Hara~~,

 (E.C.)

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LOUTH: Rev. Ambrose Woods, Sean Allen (E.C.)

KILLKENNY: Patrick Mackay Maurice O’Shea,

LEITRIM: James Fox (E. C.) Joseph Bland, Montrose,

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LONGFORD: Patrick J Keegan, Miss E, 01 Farrell (E.C.)

MEATH: Rev . D. Donegal, J, D'Arcy,

MONAGHAN: M, Martin. G, Maguire,

TIPPERARY: R, Butler, R, Carew,

TYRONE: G, McBride, Miss E, Mullan,

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WEXFORD: Thomas Quirke, Patrick Kiary,

WICKLOW: Acting/Hon. Secretary:

Thanas McGaulay,

CONSTITUTION

COUNCIL OF IRISH COUNTY ASSOCCIATIONS (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:

1. 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,

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3.

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 it’s delegates at three consecutive meetings of the Council, the Association will be asked to appoint new de legates, failing which the Association 1s 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 de legated 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.

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4.

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 there of 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 calendar 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 f or 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.

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