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THE KILKENNY ASOCIATATION

OF

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THE KILKENNYMEN’S ASSOCIATION – LONDON.

Minutes of meeting held in THE IRISH CLUB, 82, EATON SQUARE, LONDON. S.W.I. on 1st. December 1954.

At a meeting called by Mr. T.B. Shelley held in The Irish Club, 82, Eaton Square, London, S.W.I. on the 1st December 1954 for the purpose of inaugurating The Kilkennymen’s Association the following persons attended:- Messrs. T.B. Shelley, T.A. Ronan, M.J. Hogan, J. Hogan, James Hogan, T. Reddy, J. Masher, J. Hale, M. O’Doherty, T. Fitzgerald, N. Heffernan, D.J. Shelley, T. Costello, Revd. Fr. Lynch, Miss E.M. Shelley, Miss M. Byrne, and Miss Finan.

The Kilkennymen’s Association was unanimously inaugurated.

After some discussion Mr. T.B. Shelley was elected Chairman and Mr. T. Costello Secretary, both in a temporary capacity until the next meeting which it was decided to hold on the24th January 1955, when the election of a Committee for the year commencing 1st January 1955 would be proceeded with.

The adoption of a Constitution, the compiling and passing of the necessary Standing Orders, the levying of a membership subscriptions, and discussion concerning the incorporation of a Coast of Arms on the Association’s letter paper were adjourned to the meeting to be held on the 24th January.

The meeting then adjourned.

 SIGNED T.B. Shelley

Dated 24th January 1955. CHAIRMAN

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THE KILKENNYMEN’S ASSOCIATION - LONDON.

Minutes of first Annual General Meeting held in THE IRISH CLUB, 82, EATON SQUARE, LONDON, S.W.I. on 24th January 1955.

Election of Committee for year ending 31st December 1955.

On the proposition of Revd. Fr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Holden, Mr. T.B. Shelley was unanimously elected Chairman.

Mr. Brophy proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded that Mr. D. Purcell be elected Vice-Chairman. This resolution was passed unanimously.

Three members were nominated for Hon. Secretary – Messrs. T. Reddy, T. Fitzgerald, and T. Costello. Messrs. Fitzgerald and Reddy declined and T. Costello was declared elected on the proposition of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Ronan.

On a motion by Fr. Lynch seconded by Miss Shelley, Mr. T. Fitzgerald was nominated as Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Brophy proposed and Mr. M. Delaney seconded that Mr. P. Delaney be appointed. On a division Mr. T. Fitzgerald was declared elected by 20 votes to 6.

The following members were elected to the Committee:- Messrs. J. Cummins, N. Heffernan, P. Delaney, T. Reddy, T.A. Ronan, and Miss E.M. Shelley.

Mr. P. McGough was appointed Press Officer to the Association. This office not to carry a vote on the Committee.

It was unanimously decided to ask Most Revd. Dr. Collier, Bishop of Ossory, and Most Revd. Dr. McGrath, Arch-Bishop of Cardiff to be Patrons of the Association.

Mr. Reddy proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded that Revd. P. Ronan be appointed President, subject to his acceptance, in recognition of his work for the Catholic Faith in Communist China, and the sufferings he underwent during his imprisonment in that Country. This resolution was passed unanimously.

The appointment of two representatives to the Council of Irish Counties Association was adjourned to the next meeting.

Re the Association’s adoption of an Emblem, the Press Officer was instructed to write to the appropriate Authorities in Ireland concerning this matter.

Aminimum annual subscription of 10/-d. for men and 5/-d. for ladies was agreed to.

A Vote of Sympathy with the Chairman and Miss E.M. Shelley on the death of their brother was passed in silence, all present standing.

The meeting then adjourned.

 Signed T.B. Shelley

 Presiding Chairman.

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The Kilkenny News Association London

Minutes of Committee meeting of the above Association held in the Irish Club, 82, Eaton Square, London on 4. February 1955.

The Chairman Mr T B Shelley, president, also present. Mr D Purcell, V Chairman, Messrs T. Reddy, N Heffernan, T.A. Ronan, P Delaney, J Cummins, Miss E.M. Shelly, & Mr T. Costello, Hon. Secretary.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & signed.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the editor of “The Kilkenny journal” Ltd with the object procuring from him a copy of the arms or emblem of the County Kilkenny.

The question of membership cards was adjourned to the next meeting before which it was hoped to receive replies from Archbishop McGrath of Cardiff most Rev Dr Collier, Bishop of Ossory, & Revd P Ronan, Maynooth mission to China.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he has, as temporary Chairman, at the time, & the temporary Secretary attended a meeting of the Grand Council of Irish County Associations and the question of appointing Two (2) representatives to this body now arose.

The Secretary proposed & the Chairman seconded that Mr D Purcell Vice- Chairman he appointed, & Mr Purcell proposed & Mr Ronan seconded that Mr Reddy be nominated the other representatives. These resolutions were passed unanimously & it was agreed that the annual subscription of £2.20 for membership of this body be paid.

It was explained to the meeting by the Chairman that the Grand Council of Irish County Associations was not a superior body, but a co-ordinating body to help & co-ordinate the efforts & interests of the County Associations as a **[pg. 5]** whole. After some discussion it was agreed that should any question of policy affecting the interests of the Association, arise at the meetings of this Council, the Association representatives refer such proposals back to their Committee - the Secretary being instructed that a special meeting of the Committee be called if necessary.
 The question of holding dances to augment the funds of the Association was discussed, & it was decided that Messrs Ronan, Reddy & Purcell, approached the proprietors of some of the Irish Commercial Dance Clubs with this object in view. Discussions concerning the holding of a raffle ~~xxxx~~ for the same purposes was adjourned.

The Committee agreed that a bank account be opened & this matter was referred to the treasurer.

 Discussion took place regarding the offering of membership of the Association to prominent people with connections & ties with the County Kilkenny. The members ruled that membership of the Association be offered only on the prior sanctions of the Committee & the Secretary was instructed to refrain from writing to any of these people until such time as the nominated Patrons & President accept these positions offered them. Further discussion on this matter to take place at the next meeting which it was decided to hold on the 21st of February 1955, at the Irish club, at 8:30 pm.

T B. Shelley

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The Kilkennymen's Association of London,

Minutes of Committee meeting of the above Association held in the Irish club, 82 Easton Square, London SW1 on Monday 21st February 1955.

The Chairman Mr T.B. Shelley presided, also present Messrs D Purcell, V. Chairman, T Fitzgerald Hon Treasurer. T Reddy, P Delaney, N Heffernan, T.A Ronan, Miss E.M Shelley, & Mr T Costello, Hon Secretary.

The President of the Association, Rev P Ronan, Maynooth mission to China, also attended & was welcomed by the Chairman on behalf of the Association.

The following letter was received from Fr Ronan & read at the meeting:-

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12 February 1955

Dear Tom,

Please accept my sincerest apologies for my delay in acknowledgement of your communication of February 27.  Though my delay was due to partial negligence, yet I must say that it was for the most part unavoidable, and I hope that nobody will regard it as an indication of ingratitude.

My sincerest thanks to you and to all the members of the Kilkenny men's Association for the honour you have conferred on me.  On the understanding that it be only an honorary position, with no obligations for active participation other than whatever little that may be possible during the remainder of a short holiday, I am not only free, but esteem it a privilege to accept the position. But if these considerations make my appointment either impractical or inadvisable, please **[pg. 7]** have no hesitation in electing A more suitable person.  I assure you I will still follow your activities with brotherly interest, and appreciate your kind gesture for what it really is - - not merely an honour to me personally, but to Irish Missionaries all over the world, an expression of Irish faith, warmed by all-embracing charity, inviting all new in one big family in the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of Jesus, and the motherhood of Mary.

With renewed thanks and apologies, and praying the Jesus, through Mary, may bless you & your work,

Very sincerely yours,

Patrick Ronan.

The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge Fr Ronan’s letter & thank him on behalf of the Association for accepting the Presidency.

A letter was received from Mr P McGough Press Officer to the Association, tendering his resignation for health reasons. In his letter Mr McGough wished the Association every success, & said he looked forward to the time, when he may be able to take a more active part in its affairs. Mr McGough's resignation was accepted.

Miss Bridie Kennedy, housekeeper to the Very Rev. E Farrell P.P. St. Cormac's Parochial House, Finglas, Dublin wrote informing the Association of the P.P’s struggle to raise £100,000 for the building of church & schools in his Parish, & appealing to the Association to help solve some of the P.P’S problems, by giving part of the proceeds of dancers, Raffles etc. held by the Association.

The Secretary was requested to reply to this letter, pointing out that the Association was only in it’s infancy, & the Committee were making every endeavour to raise funds for its own aims & objects. The Association was unable to help financially at this moment. Letter to be read again at the next General Meeting, so as to give any member who wishes to do so, an opportunity to contribute to this cause.
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The Irish Embassy wrote stating that a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Mr John W Dulanty former Irish Ambassador in London, was to be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral on the 17th February -  the Chairman informed the meeting that he had attended on behalf of the Association.

The Secretary of the Tipperary men's Association forwarded 5/- annual subscription on behalf of Miss Margaret Mr Whelan 1 Hollywood Road, SW10.

A communication in reply to the Association’s letter asking him to be a patron was received from Most Revd. Dr McGrath Archbishop of Cardiff. His grace wished the Association every success & Expressed the hope that it would be the means of keeping the Kilkenny people in London together.

The Secretary informed the meeting that, as yet, he hasn't received a reply from the editor of The Kilkenny Journal Ltd concerning The Arms or emblems of the County Kilkenny. It was decided that if a reply has not been received by the next meeting, the Association would proceed with the printing of membership cards etc.

Mr Purcell apologised for being unable to attend the meeting of the Grand Council of Irish County Associations.
Mr Reddy reported that he had attended this meeting, & it was concerned primarily with receiving a donation from the Gaelic League, & other bodies on the question of holding a parade on the Sunday before St Patrick's Day, to Westminster Cathedral where Solemn Benediction would be imparted.  It was agreed that the Association was not in a position to participate this year, but hope to be able to do so next year.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that he had written to the Bishop of Jesus & to the Protestant Dean of Ossory offering them the patronage of Association, Mr Ronan pointed out that the Chairman should have consulted the **[pg. 9]** Association before doing this.  The Chairman apologised saying that he had acted in all good faith & in the interests of the Association.  Mr Purcell proposed & Mr Fitzgerald seconded that Mr Shelly's action be endorsed. This resolution was passed.

The Hon. Treasury reported that he had received £23 in annual subscription, & that at present there were 17 paid members of the Association. It was decided to open a bank account at the Belgrave Square branch of the National Bank, & the Chairman & Hon. Treasurer were appointed trustees of this account.

Messrs Ronan, Reddy & Purcell, informed the meeting that they had approached the management of the Garryowen Club, Hammersmith in connection with the holding of a Dance in aid of the Association.  The management asked that the Secretary of the Association make formal application in writing to the Secretary of the club. Formal application already made before meeting.

It was decided to hold a Raffle in conjunction with the proposed dance, the prizes to be £10, £5, and £3. Tickets 6d each, this matter was left in Mr Delaney’s hands.

The formation of a Social Committee was adjourned to the next meeting for further discussion.

It was decided to write to all the Parish Priests -  the County Kilkenny informing them of the inauguration of the Association & drawing their attention to the constitution with particular reference to the Associations willingness to advise & assist people from the County in rehabilitating themselves in desirable surroundings in London.

The next meeting to be held in the Irish Club on Friday March 4. 1955 at 8:30 P.M.

 T B Shelley

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The Kilkennymen's Association of London.

Minutes of Committee meeting of above Association held in the Irish Club, 82, Eaton Square, London, SW1, on Friday March 4th 1955.

The Chairman Mr TB Shelley, presided, also present Messrs T Fitzgerald, Hon. Treasurer, Messrs N Heffernan, TA Ronan, T Reddy, P Delaney, T Costello, Hon. Secretary, & Miss EM Shelly.
The President Rev P Ronan also attended the meeting.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he was still awaiting a reply from the management of the Garryowen Club, concerning the Associations application to hold a Dance in aid of the Associations funds.  The Chairman agreed to approach Mr Muldoon personally, of the Garryowen Club, also to approach the management of Galteemore Club,  Cricklewood, with the object of holding a dance in that club.

A letter was received from the Most Revd Dr Collier Bishop of Ossory,  signifying his attention, of accepting the patronage of the Association, and asking the Associations permission to publish the Chairman's letter in the local press. It was decided that the Chairman reply to Dr Collier’s letter, & outlining more fully the aims of the Association, and asking him to have the Association publicised in the County as much as possible.

A letter was received from the United Gaelic Societies, stating that the exchange to each Association carrying a banner in the St Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday March 13th would be £3.3.0 & that a fee of 3/6 must be sent with each application for permission to carry banner.  As the Association had already decided not to take part in the Parade this year, the letter was marked noted.

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The Chairman read a letter he had received from the management of the Irish Club, the letter asked that the Association procure as many of its members as possible, as members of the club.  It was decided that ~~as~~ ~~many~~ the ~~most~~ letter be read at the next General meeting & that a reply be sent to the management thanking them for the use of the club for meetings.

Membership cards - The Secretary was instructed to have these printed immediately. The cards to be of the double brochure type, with Amber coloured cover. Lettering to be in Black, with "membership card of" in block letters & "The Kilkennymen's Association of London" in SCRIPT.  The year “1955” also to be in block letters. The inside to be white in colour with the names of the officers on one side, & the aims of the Association on the other. 250 - 300 to be printed.

Standing orders - This matter was adjourned to the next meeting.

The writing of letters to prominent people in Co. Kilkenny was ~~also~~ postponed until such time as the Patron Most Rev Dr Collier had communicated with the Press in the County outlining the aims & objects of the Association.

TB Shelley

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A General meeting of the Association was held in the “Coronet Bar”, Soho Street on Monday April 21st 1955 .

Revd Fr Ronan Hon President attended.

Mr TB Shelley presided, ~~also presided here~~ & 29 members were present.
The minutes of the General Meeting on held on 24th January 1955 were read by the Secretary.

A letter was received from Mr R Purcell, 226 Middle Park Avenue Eltham, SE9, congratulating the members on the formation of the Association. The letter stated that a move was made to form a Kilkenny Association 35 or 40 years ago but fell through owing to the fact that he was nearly 80 years & a cripple. Mr Purcell stated that he was unable to participate in the Association.
Mr Reddy proposed & Mr Crossey seconded that Mr Purcell be made an honorary member of the Association. No action was taken on this proposal.

For the information of members Most Revd Dr Colliers letter accepting the patronage of the Association was read to the meeting.

The Hon Treasurer, Mr Fitzgerald reported to the meeting that ~~there were~~ 40 members had paid their subscriptions & the total membership on the register was 100. Bank balance £15.

After various proposal & suggestions were made, concerning ways & means of procuring members and funds for the association, Mr Reddy proposed that for the present the efforts and energies of the Association be concentrated on the Dance and Raffle to be held on May  17.

After the Chairman had pointed out the difficulty of procuring accommodation for General Meetings owing to the **[pg.13]** Irish Club not being available, Mr M Bennett (manager of the Duke of Sussex) offered his staff-room to the Association for this purpose,  & it was decided that the Chairman, Secretary & the Treasure call on Mr Bennet to decide if this accommodation was suitable. A vote of thanks to Mr Bennet was passed.

Mr Reddy proposed & the resolution was seconded by a member that a Social Sub-Committee be formed to organise Socials etc, in aid of the funds of the Association.

The President addressed the meeting & thanked the members for making him president of the Association.  Fr Ronan stressed that the members must be prepared to keep the ideals of Association always before them, & that regular attendance at the meetings was vital to keep the Association on a strong & healthy footing.

Mr Holden proposed that a Mass be offered for the repose of the Soul of Revd Fr Delahunty, a Kilkenny priest who died in America.

TB Shelley

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Kilkenny men's Association of London.

Minutes of Committee Meeting of above Association held in the Irish Club, 82, Eaton Square, London SW1 on Monday, 9th 1955 at 8:30 p.m.

Mr TB Shelley Chairman, presided, also present Messrs T Costello Hon Secretary, T Fitzgerald, Hon Treasurer, T Reddy, N Heffernan, T Ronan, & Miss EM Shelley.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & signed.

The question of holding meetings in premises other than the Irish Club, was discussed, & Mr Ronan referred to Mr Bennet’s offer of accommodation for these meetings. Mr Heffernan proposed that the next meeting of the Committee be held in the Duke of Sussex, Portobello Road, London W10 & this was agreed.

It was decided that the Treasurer, Fitzgerald be asked to submit a report at least once every month.

The question of inviting Mr R Purcell, 226 Middle Park Avenue, Eltham, SE9 to become an honorary member of the Association was disgust & Mr Reddy pointed out that his proposal had been passed unanimously at the General Meeting held on April 21st 1955.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received a letter from Dr Canning, Chairman of the Donegal men's Association, in which he stated that he was writing a number of articles for an Irish Newspaper on the history of the Irish County Associations in London. Dr Canning requested a pen picture of the Association & a short biography of each member of the Committee. It was agreed that this information be furnished to Dr Canning.

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It was decided that results sheets ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Raffle~~ of the Derby Draw be issued to all members who had sold tickets.

It was decided to provide refreshments for the Smyths Troop of Dancers, the staff & band of the Garryowen Club at the Associations Dance on May 19th, & it was also agreed that the members of the Committee be at the Garryowen at 7:30 p.m.

The duties of the Chairman & Secretary in regards to the Associations correspondence was a again discussed & Mr Reddy proposed that all correspondence be dealt with by the Secretary, Mr Ronan seconded of this proposition. Mr Fitzgerald proposed & Miss Shelley seconded that the Chairman deal with all important correspondence & that a copy of this correspondence be forwarded to the Secretary for his guidance. A vote resulted in Messer Costello, Reddy & Ronan for Mr Reddy's resolution & Messer Fitzgerald, Heffernan, the Chairman & Miss Shelley for the amendment. Mr Fitzgerald's motion was declared carried.

A proposed circular to all members concerning the holding of General Meetings etc., was read by the Secretary & it was agreed that this circular be forwarded to all members.

 TB Shelley

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The Kilkennymen's Association of London

Minutes of Committee Meeting of above Association held in the Duke of Sussex, Portobello Road, London, W10. on Friday 20th May 1955.

The following members were present Messer T Fitzgerald (Treas.) Paul Delaney, T Ronan, N Heffernan, J Cummins, T Reddy & T Costello Hon. Secretary.

In the absence of the Chairman & Vice Chairman, Mr Ronan pusided on the proposition of Mr Delaney, seconded by Mr Reddy.

Associations Correspondence - This matter was again discussed & the Secretary informed the meeting that - in his opinion, all correspondence should be dealt with by the Secretary & pointed out that this is one of the duties a Secretary is appointed for. The regarded the vote taken at the meeting of 9th May, as a vote of "no confidence" in him as Secretary and this left him no other option but to resign from the Committee. He asked that a General Meeting be called as soon as possible, so that as he was appointed Secretary at a General Meeting he could resign at the General Meeting & state his reasons for doing so.

~~Re~~ The furnishing of particulars to Dr Canning Chairman of the Donegal men's Association, for a number of articles to appear in an Irish newspaper was raised.

The presiding Chairman suggested that as both these matters arose from the minutes of the preceding meeting they be adjourned until the next Committee meeting, when it was hoped Mr Shelley would be present. This was agreed to.

A letter was read from Alderman O'Dwyer, Chairman of **[pg. 17]** the Limerick men's Association thanking the Association for the invitation to the Dance. Alderman O'Dwyer apologised for being unable to attend, and express the hope that the Dance would be a success.

The Treasurer reported that a profit of approximately £21.10.0 was made on the draw on the Derby & £40.10.0 on Dance.

Balance in bank was now £108.8.3. Prize money in connection with the draw £18 leaving a nett balance of approximately £90. He also reported that 501 people ~~attended~~ paid at the door, & 168 tickets admitting holders were handed in this made the total attendance 669.

The Committee expressed dissatisfaction at the amount of tickets sold by members of the Association & it was agreed that the ~~sale~~ importance of sale of tickets for future functions be stressed at the next General Meeting.

~~Th~~ Lots of thanks to the management of the Garryowen Club to the ladies who sold the tickets during the Dance, to be passed.

It was unanimously decided to invite Mr T McGuiness to become a member of the Associations Committee & to express the Associations gratitude to him for procuring the services of the Smiths International Troupe of Dancers.

The Secretary proposed & the Treasurer of seconded that Mr M Bennett also be invited to become a member of the Committee. This resolution was passed unanimously.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Purcell V. Chairman drawing his attention to the fact that he had not attended the last five Committee Meetings of the Association, & stating that while the Committee was most anxious that he continues as V. Chairman the members realise that his other commitments may be preventing him from attending as often as he likes, & for this reason his observations in the matter would be appreciated.

Mr Ronan pointed out that now that the Association was **[pg. 18]** showing a credit bank balance the members of the Committee should consider for what purpose these funds should be used. He asked that members think this matter over & make known their views at the next meeting.

Mr Reddy propose & Mr Delaney seconded that Mr JJ Nolan of 220, Abingdon Road, Camden Town NW1 be asked to attend the next meeting of the Committee. Mr Nolan had made application for assistance to the Association & Mr Reddy express the opinion that this man should be given a chance to outline his case, & the Association give their decision after interviewing him. This resolution was passed unanimously.

So that members of the Committee can recruit new members for the Association it was decided that each member be issued with 12 membership cards.

The rules of the Association were adjourned to next meeting which it was decided to hold

in the Duke of Sussex on Friday June 3rd 1955 at 9 p.m.

 TB Shelly

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Kilkennymen's Association of London

Minutes of Committee Meeting of the above Association held in the “Duke of Sussex”, Portobello Road, Ladbroke Grove, London W10 on Friday 3rd of June 1955 at 9 p.m.

Mr TB Shelley Chairman provided also present Messrs T Fitzgerald, Hon. Treasurer, T Reddy, T Ronan, J Cummins, N Heffernan, P Delaney, T McGuiness, Mr Bennet, Miss EM Shelley & T Costello Hon Secretary.

The minutes of the two preceding meetings were read, & the Committee discussed further the duties of the Chairman and Secretary concerning the Associations correspondence & Mr Reddy proposed that his resolution of the 9th May be upheld & the amendment deleted from the minutes.

Mr Reddy's resolution was to the effect that all correspondence connected with the Association be dealt with by the Secretary. Mr Ronan seconded the proposition & it was passed unanimously.

Dr Canning’s application for a short history of the Association was again discussed & the Secretary was instructed to reply to Dr Canning giving a short history of the Association when it was inaugurated a list of the founder members present, the names of the officers & Committee & starting the part of the Co. Kilkenny they were natives of also the names of the ~~president~~ Patron & President, & the aims or Constitution of the Association.

A letter, thanking the Association for the vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Rev PH Delahunty was received from Mr Bernard Delahunty of Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

The Secretary informed the meeting that the Mass for the reposed Fr Delahunty’s soul would be celebrated in St Augustine's Church, Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith, W6 on Sunday 19th of June 1955 at 12 o'clock noon. The members decided that £1 donation be made to P Parish Hammersmith.

A letter was read for the editor of The Kilkenny People Ltd, concerning **[pg. 20]** the publication of photographs in connection with the farewell dinner to the President Fr Ronan. Mr Kean stated that in the interest of all concerned, he thought that it was a little early to publish these photographs after the group photograph of the first Annual General Meeting. He pointed out that any item of interest to Kilkenny people would always be welcome.

Treasurer's report. M Fitzgerald reported that the balance of the bank prior to the Dance & draw was £14-0-9. A profit of £47-10-0 was made on the draw & £50.12.6 on the Dance. This additional revenue made the bank balance £113.13.4, but he pointed out that £18.0.0 prize money & £2.10.0 expenses incurred by the Chairman had still to be paid. Leaving a nett balance of £93.3.4. Payment of prize money left in the hands of the Treasurer.

The question of procuring premises as club rooms for the Association was discussed, & the Committee were unanimous in adopting this proposal. It was agreed that all members make enquiries & obtained details of any premises they think suitable for this purpose.

It was decided to hold a General Meeting in the very near future.

A suggestion but a Hurling team comprising Kilkenny nun living in London be organised to play the Kilkenny Hurling team in the Nowlan Park Kilkenny in aid of the friends of the Association was put to the meeting, but as the Association have not the necessary funds to carry out this project it was decided to adjourn this matter to a later date with the intention of discussing it further.

A proposal that a concert in aid of the friends was discussed & this matter was left to Mr McGuinness who would report there on at the next Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 13th June 1955 at 8:30 p.m. in a Duke of Sussex.

 B Shelley 13. 6.55

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Minutes of Committee meeting of Kilkennymen's Association held in the Duke of Sussex Portobello Road, Ladbroke Grove, London, W10 on 13th June 1955.

Mr TB Shelly, Chairman, presided, also present Messrs. T Fitzgerald, Hon. Treasurer, T Reddy, N Heffernan, J Cummins, M Bennet, T McGuiness and T Costello, Hon. Secretary.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & signed.

A letter was read from Miss Shelley apologising for being unable to attend the meeting.

A letter in reply to the Association's Circular inviting the members views on matters connected with the Association's activities was received from Mr J Dwyer of Merton Park, SW20. Mr Dwyer stated that he had attended the first Annual General Meeting & that his impressions from that meeting have hindered him from taking any further part in the Association's activities.

Letters from T Holden & J Shea of Star Street W2, were also received. Mr Holden & Mr O'Shea complained that they were not made welcome at the General Meeting, & had been left sitting from 8 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. without a word been spoken to them.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to these letters stating that a General Meeting of the Association was being held in the very near future, & that this was the place & time to air grievances, & have a general discussion on the subject. It was also agreed to point out to them that at the first General Meeting people who attended were unknown to each other.

A communication from Mr E Holden suggesting that Sean Hartley & Mick Mullins be ~~xxxxxx~~ remembered in the Mass for the repose of the Soul of Fr Delahunty & that Mr T K Lee Secretary of the old IRA Association - London be invited to attend.

It was decided to point out to Mr Holden that as **[pg. 22]** it was decided to have this Mass celebrated at a General Meeting, the Committee did not feel empowered to alter the resolution ~~more people~~ , worthy as the cause might be, but as a result of the comments in his letter, it was agreed to have an Annual Mass celebrated for the deceased members, their relatives and friends, on the Sunday preceding the Feast of St. Eunice, Patron Saint of the Diocese.

Letters were also read from Miss Byrne Royal Free Hospital, Mr M Delaney, **[**redacted**]** & Mr M O Doherty, **[**redacted**]** in reply to the Association's Circular.

Mr R Purcell wrote expressing his gratitude to the members for admitting him as an honorary member of the Association.

Treasurer's Report. Receipts for the month £1.10.0 , expenditure, postage stationery etc £1.11.8. balance in bank £93.1.8.

Rules of the Association: the following rules were unanimously adopted.

**1.** The Association shall be called "The Kilkenny Association" and shall abide by the aims set in its constitution. These aims are as follows:

(a) To develop a close and friendly relationship between all Kilkenny men & women in the London area, and if possible elsewhere in Great Britain. (b) To uphold the traditions of the county of Kilkenny in all its cultural & social aspects. (c) To advise and assist fellow county men & women in rehabilitating themselves in desirable surroundings. (d) To assist in maintaining and advancing the prestige of the Irish community in London as a whole. (e) To maintain lovely & friendly ties with Ireland. (f) The aims of the Association are non-denominational and non-political.

**2.** The Association shall elect a Committee consisting of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, & not more than nine other members annually.

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**3.** Election of officers shall be by ballot, and nominations must be sent to the Secretary three(3) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nominations must be supported by two members at least. Election of the Committee shall be made at the General Meeting.

**4.** A president & Vice-President shall be appointed by the Committee.

**5.** Honorary members may be elected by the Association and shall consist of those who have close ties with the County, but who are unable to take an active part in the Association. Such members shall not be entitled to hold office or carry a vote.

**6.** The Committee must meet at least once monthly, and anyone failing to attend three(3) consecutive meetings without reasonable explanation, shall be replaced at the discretion of the Committee.

**7.** Seven(7) members of the Committee shall be deemed a Quorum.

**8.** The Annual General Meeting must be held before ~~xxxx~~ the 31st January each year.

**9.** The Secretary shall issue an Annual Report to each member prior to the Annual General Meeting.

**10.** Annual subscriptions shall consist of 10/- per male & 5/- per female member.

**11**. All funds donated to the Association shall be credited to the Association's bank account, and a report submitted once annually by the Treasure to all members. The Association's accounts shall at all times be available for inspection by the Committee.

**12.** Any member wishing to resign from the Association must give notice in writing to the Secretary.

**13.** The Committee hold the right to refuse or withdraw membership from anyone whose conduct is detrimental to the interests and prestige of the Association.

**14.** An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened at any time by decision of the Committee.

**15.** The Secretary must keep minutes of all proceedings at each meeting and record the names of those present.

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**16.** Alterations or additions to the rules may be considered at any time provided the motion is proposed and seconded by to Committee members.

It was decided to hold the next Committee Meeting in the 'Old Crown' Highgate Hill N6 on Friday June 24th 1955 at 8:30 p.m.

TB. Shelley

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in **[**redacted**]** Highgate, London, N6 on Friday, 24th June 1955 at 8:30 p.m.

Mr TB Shelley, Chairman presided, also present, Messrs D Purcell, Vice-Chairman, T Fitzgerald,

Hon Treasurer, T Ronan, T Reddy & N Heffernan, Miss Shelley & T Costello, Hon Sec.

Mr Burnett, Mr Cummins & Mr McGuinness, apologised for being unable to attend the meeting.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed.

Mr Purcell Vice-Chairman, intimated his intention of resigning from the Committee owing to the fact that he is unable to attend meetings regularly. Mr Purcell pointed out that as the Association was still in its infancy, he felt that regular attendance at meetings was essential, & as his other Commitments connected with GAA activities, prevented him from doing this he was of the opinion that in the Associations interests he should resign.

On behalf of the other Committee members, the Chairman expressed regret at the step Mr Purcell was contemplating

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The Secretary reported that he had issued 107 circulars concerning the holding of General Meetings & the Associations activities. So far he had received 8 replies.

Dissatisfaction was expressed at the poor attendance of members at the Mass for the repose of the soul of Rev P H Delahunty.

*×* It was decided to hold a Dance in the Galteemore Club Cricklewood in aid of the funds of the

 Association during the month of September. Permission to hold this Dance had already been

*×* obtained by the Chairman from the proprietors of the Galteemore Club. *×*

It was unanimously agreed to hold a General Meeting of the Association in ‘the interval Club’ 23 Dean Street, W1. on Friday 8th July 1955, at 8:30 p.m. The charge for the use of these premises being of per hour, the Committee decided to hire the premises for 3 hours at a fee of 15/-. It was also agreed to provide light refreshments to members attending the meeting.

The agenda for this meeting to be:- 1. Roll call, 2. Opening address by Chairman 3. Minutes of last General Meeting. 4. Matters arising from the minutes 5. Correspondence. 6. Treasurer's report & open discussion.

Standing orders - The following standing orders to apply to *×* all General Meetings was passed. The

 mover of a resolution would be allowed sufficient time to propose & clearly express his point of

 view & would also be granted a final hearing. Members not to be allowed to speak more than once

*×* on any subject & then to be confined to a maximum of 2 minutes.

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The Secretary was instructed to issue a copy of the Rules of the Association to all members.

It was decided to hold a Dance in aid of funds in the Galtee More Dance Hall, Cricklewood, NW2 during September. The Chairman inform the meeting that the inclusive charge by the management would be £30.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that the Association charter a plane for the All Ireland Hurling final in Dublin on Sunday 4th September if Kilkenny reach the final. The return fare to members to be settled later.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of the Secretary, seconded by Mr Ronan. That the sum of £5 be paid to Mr J Cummins, as a token of the Association's sympathy with Mr Cummins because of his children's illness.

The next Committee Meeting of the Association to be held in the “Swan Tavern”, 215 Clapham Road, Stockwell, SW9 on Friday 22nd July 1955 at 8:30 pm.

Standing orders to apply to General Meetings. It was agreed that the mover of a resolution would be allowed sufficient time to propose, & clearly expressed his point of view, & also be allowed a final hearing. Members not to be allowed to speak more than once on any subject, & then to be confined to a maximum of 2 minutes.

 TB Shelley

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The Kilkenny Association

Minutes of General Meeting held in the Interval Club, 28 Dean St. London, W1 on Friday 8th July 1955 at 8:30 p.m.

Mr TB Shelly, Chairman presided, also present Messrs D Purcell, V-Chairman, T Costello, Hon Secretary, T Fitzgerald, Hon Treasurer, N Heffernan, T Reddy, P Delaney, T Ronan, J Cummins, T McGuiness, D Fogarty, P Neary, Jas Hogan, John Hogan, A Hogan, B Hoban, J Comerford, Moylan, M O’Doherty, T Walsh, T Corcoran, W Duggan, D Delaney, P McGough, J Ryan, J Ryan, T Power, T Woods, P Stapleton, P Leahy, J Leahy, M Brownrigg, John Ryan, Miss EM Shelley, Ms TB Shelley, Miss Fitzgerald, Miss Whelan, Miss Downey, Nurse Purcell, Nurse Loughlin, Sister O'Sullivan, & Mrs Woods.

The Chairman addressed the meeting & reported the progress made since the last General Meeting.

The minutes of the preceding General Meeting were read & signed.

A letter from “the Irish Leader” was read. The letter pointed out that very little support was received from the Co Associations, & despite the fact that these Associations have received a good deal of publicity from the Irish leader, several Associations have done a considerable amount of smearing of the paper. The letter appealed to the Association for support, & help in ~~getting~~ procuring firms to advertising in the paper.

Letter from J ~~Purcell~~ Cummins thanking the Association for the sympathy extended to him & his wife, & for the £5 cheque which he gratefully acknowledged.

Letter from our Mr R Smith of Hooleys Co. Tipperary, recommending his book "A lifetime of Hurling" to the members of the Association was received.

 The following balance sheet was presented by the Treasurer.

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 Balance Sheet

Debit

5/2/55 Application fee to cancel

 of Associations (Rev Mr T Reddy) 1.1.0

18/2/55 Refund of postage to Secretary

 & cost of minute book 1.12.6

28/3/55 Printing of headed paper, compliment

 slips & membership cards 7.5.0

29/3/55 Postage on 24 letters @ 2'6d

 enclosing membership cards 5.0

17/4/55 Postage on 100 letters re

 notification of 2d G. meeting 1.0.10

24/4/55 Postage on 14 letters enclosing

 membership cards 2.11

20/5/55 To balance due for Dinner for

 Fr Ronan 3.15.0

30/5/55 Refund to Secretary for postage,

 envelopes & stationery 3.2.0

8/6/55 To donation for Mass 1.0.0

13/6/55 Refund to Secretary for postage

 & envelopes 1.11.8

25/6/55 Medical aid donation 5.0.0

Total Expenditure 25.15.11

Credit

Received from Dr Collier 1.1.0

50 paid-up members 37.15.0

Proceeds from raffle 25.15.0

Proceeds from dance 49.11.6

Total Receipts 114.2.6

To credit in bank £88.6.7

The members signified their agreement with the change of title of the Association.

Points raised by members concerned, the possible advertising of the Association in Catholic Newspapers & other newspapers widely read by Irish people in London. The organising of more Raffles & Dances in aid of the funds of the Association, the possibility of having a badge stuck to be issued to members, the chartering of aircraft for the All-Ireland Hurling Final (provided Kilkenny reached the final), the formation of a Sub-Committee to organise a Dance in Kilkenny once a year, the **[pg. 29]** possibility of a Flag Day in Co. Kilkenny once a year. The contacting of local Government Authorities in Kilkenny with the object of procuring support for the Association, the appointing of honorary members & so assisting the funds the insertion of advertisements in the local press in Kilkenny with the object of having immigrants contacting the Association. Various views were expressed on the subject & the meeting and was informed that the suggestions would have the consideration of the Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

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The Kilkenny Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in ‘The Swan’ Hotel Stockwell, London SW9 on 22nd July 1955.

Mr T B Shelley, Chairman, provided also present Messrs T Fitzgerald, Hon Treasurer, T Reddy, N Heffernan, P Delaney, T Costello, Hon Secretary, & Miss EM Shelley.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & signed.

A letter was received from the Kilkenny Archaeological Society. The letter stated that the Society had compiled a book, price 2/6, in which the names of the various townlands in the Co. Kilkenny are given. It was decided that 12 books be ordered for members of the Committee, & the letter be read out at the next General Meeting.

In connection with the chartering of aircraft for the All-Ireland Hurling Final, the Chairman informed the meeting that a plane was available at a charge of £250 for 36 passengers or £7 each. It was decided that the fact that all members travelling were paying their own fair he emphasised, so that the impression that the funds of the Association were being used was not given.

Arrangements for the Dance in aid of the funds of the Association were made to be held on Wednesday September 7th in the Galtemore Club, Cricklewood were discussed & this date was agreed to.

It was decided to hold a raffle also in aid of funds. The prizes to be: - 1st prize £10, second prize £5, 3rd prize £2.10.0. Tickets 6d each. The draw to be held in conjunction with a General Meeting & Social in "The Swan" Stockwell on October 4th at 8:30 p.m. **[pg. 31]** Thursday 1st December the anniversary of the inauguration of the Association was tentatively selected for the holding of the first Annual Dinner of the Association, & it was unanimously decided to invite the Patron & President to this Dinner.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held - "The Swan" Stockwell. SW9 on Friday 12th August 1955.

The following members attended TB Shelly, Chairman, P Delaney, T Ronan & T Costello, Hon Secretary.

Owing to the absence of a quorum the meeting was adjourned to 29th August 1955.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in “The Swan” Stockwell SW9 on Monday 29th August 1955

The following members attended – Messrs TB Shelley, Chairman, T Fitzgerald, Hon Treasurer, N Heffernan, T McGuinness, T Costello, Hon Secretary, & Miss EM Shelley.

Owing to the absence of a quorum the meeting was adjourned to Friday September 9th 1955.

 TB Shelley

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The Kilkenny Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting of above Association held "The Duke of Sussex" Portobello Road, Ladbroke Grove W10 on Friday 9th September 1955 at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman, Mr T B Shelley, presided also present Messrs T Fitzgerald, Hon Treasurer, T Reddy, T Ronan, N Heffernan, P Delaney, T McGuinness, M Bennett & T Costello H. Sec.

The President Rev Fr P Ronan, attended the meeting & was welcomed by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed.

It was explained to the meeting that owing to the proprietor of the Galtymore Club Cricklewood, looking to Benefit Dances for September 7th the Association Dance had to be postponed to Wednesday September 14th.

This date was agreed to.

It was decided that the raffle tickets for the raffle to be held in “The Swan” Stockwell be distributed to members of the Association at the Dance the Galtymore on 14th September.

First Annual Dinner. - The Secretary was instructed to invite the management of the “Knights of St. Columbus” & the management of the “Irish Club” to submit menus & the estimated cost per head for this function. These to be considered at the next Committee Meeting.

Invitation to patrons: It was decided that all expenses in connection with Dr Colliers visit be defrayed by the Association.

It was decided to provide refreshments for the Staff of the Galtymore, etc & Mr Reddy ~~had xxxx xxxx~~ agreed **[pg. 33]** to be responsible for the purchase & issuing of these refreshments.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the London Dubliners asking for permission to sell tickets at any functions organised by the Association. It was pointed out that this was a matter for the proprietors of the premises concerned & not the responsibility of the Committee.

TB Shelley

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The Kilkenny Association

Minutes of Committee meeting held in ~~Duke of Sussex~~ The Swan Stockwell SW9 on 26th September 1955.

The Chairman, Mr Shelley presided also present Messrs N Heffernan, T Ronan, T Reddy, P Delaney, T McGuiness, T Fitzgerald, Hon Treasurer, T Costello, Hon Secretary, Miss Shelley.

 The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed.

Notification of the holding of meeting on 4th October at the Irish Club was received from the Secretary of the Grand Council of Irish County Associations. It was pointed out that this date clash with the Associations Social & Dance. Mr Ronan suggested that the Association's Representatives make a point of attending this meeting & proposing that the different Associations be asked to notify the Grand Council of all functions they were holding, so that the dates of these functions do not clash. This suggestion was agreed to.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr D Purcell informing him that as he had now failed to attend four consecutive meetings he automatically ceased to be a member of the Committee & V. Chairman.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Ronan be appointed representative with Mr Reddy to the Council of Irish County Associations.

Mr P Delaney proposed & T Fitzgerald seconded that Mr Ronan be appointed Vice-Chairman. This resolution was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Mr Fitzgerald reported that the profit made **[pg. 35]** on the Dance at the Galtymore Club, Cricklewood was £43.9.0. balance in bank £135.9.7. he informed the meeting that of the 750 tickets issued only 101 were handed in at the door. Six new members were obtained at this Dance. It was decided to draw the attention of members attending the social in the Swan, that ~~the~~ despite the fact that ~~att~~ their attention was drawn to this matter previously, the sale of Dance tickets for dancers organised by the Association remained very poor.

Annual Dinner - These estimates were received for the Annual Dinner. These being from Fortes, Irish Club, and 'Knights of St. Columba' The Irish Club's estimate at 17/6 per head was accepted.

Mr Ronan drew the members attention to the fact that he considered 17/ 6 per head too expensive for the members of the Association, & he proposed that the members be charged 12/6 per head ~~this sum to~~ the balance of 5/- to be paid from the Association's funds. This resolution was seconded by Mr Fitzgerald.

Mr Delaney proposed & Miss Shelley seconded that the price of the Dinner stand at 17/6 per head. On a vote being taken Messrs Ronan, Reddy, Fitzgerald, Costello & the Chairman voted for Mr Ronan's resolution, & Messrs Heffernan, Delaney, McGuinness & Miss Shelley for Mr Delaney's resolution.

Mr Ronan's resolution was declared carried.

Arrangements for Social - The Chairman agreed to act as M.C. for Social and Dance & the arrangements concerning artists etc were left in the hands of Mr McGuinness.

The following charges for bands & use of premises were submitted by Mr T Walsh manager of the Swan & agreed to use of premises £4.14.6 Band fee £6.6.0.

TB Shelley

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The Kilkenny Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting of the above Association held in the 'Duke of Sussex', Portobello Road, W10.

The President of the Association Rev P Ronan attended the meeting.

The Chairman, Mr Shelley, presided, also present Messrs. T Ronan, V Chairman, T Fitzgerald, Hon Treasurer, T Reddy, T McGuiness, N Heffernan, M Bennett & T Costello, Hon Sec.

Mr Ronan & Mr Reddy explained to the meeting that they were unable to attend the meeting on October 4th of the Council of County Associations.

Letter from the London-Dublin Association concerning a concert this Association was promoting to assist the new Irish Centre recently opened & ~~the Secretary was instructed~~ requesting that members be circulated & the concert brought to their notice. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Secretary of the London-Dublin Association & procure the necessary circulars for distribution.

A letter was received by the Treasurer from Mr M. Moynes and member of the Association. Mr Moynes complained that being a seller of tickets for the recent raffle, he had not received a results sheet. It was agreed but it was most essential that results sheets should be circulated to all sellers, and the Treasure agreed to undertake this task.

Mr Ronan referred to the recent opening of the Irish Centre & asked if the Association had received an invitation to this function.

Mr Shelley, Chairman reported that he had received **[pg. 37]** an invitation & had represented the Association on that occasion.

Raffle Sale of Tickets £28.14.0 Social Expenses

Printing £3.10.0 Hire of premises 11.0.6

Prize Money £17.10.0 Entertainment 3.0.0

Profit £6.14.0 £14.0.6

Balance in Bank £121.7.0

Annual Dinner - The Secretary was requested to issue an invitation to the Irish Ambassador & Mrs Boland for the first Annual Dinner.

It was also decided to invite the Chairman of the Donegal Association.

The Committee agreed that a circular be forwarded to all members & potential members of the Association notifying them of the Dinner & Dance & asking those wishing to attend to make application as soon as possible for tickets, but not later than 24th November. Invitation Cards - this matter to be left in the hands of the Secretary.

A bill for £11.0.6 was received from the manager of 'The Swan' Stockwell, SW9. This amount was passed for payment by the Treasurer.

TB Shelley.

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The Kilkenny Association

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Duke of Sussex, Ladbroke Grove, W10 on Monday 7th November 1955.

The Chairman, Mr T B Shelley presided, also present Messrs T Fitzgerald, Hon Treasurer, N Heffernan, M Bennett, T Ronan, T Reddy, Miss E M Shelly & Mr T Costello, Hon Secretary.

A letter was received from Most Rev Dr Collier Bishop of Ossory & patron of the Association expressing regret that he was unable to attend the first Annual Dinner, owing to ill - health. The Secretary was instructed to reply expressing the Association's hopes & prayers for his Lordship's speedy recovery.

A letter was read from Mr P McKenna a native of County Kilkenny asking the Association's assistance in finding work. Mr Bennet stated that he would be willing to help Mr McKenna in this matter.

It was unanimously decided to invite the following people to the first Annual Dinner and Dance of the Association. 1. The Mayor of Kilkenny, 2. The President of the Association, 3. Fr Moore P.P. Hackney, 4. The Chairman of the Donegal Association & wife or guest, 6. Mr J Byrne, proprietor of the Galtymore Club, 7. Mr J Muldoon & wife, proprietors of the Garryowen Club. 9. Mr Kilgannon, Manager of Garryowen Club & wife, 11. The Chairman of the Irish club and wife, 13. Mr J Nicholls, Irish Independent Representative, 14. Mr D Fisher, 'Irish Press' representative, 15. Fr Lynch, 16. Fr McNamara, 17. Bryan Marshall & wife, 19. The Chairman London Co Board GAA & wife.

It was also decided to invite Dr T Tangeny, Chairman of the Council of Irish County Associations. Mr Reddy dissented from this proposal.

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The provision of wine. The Committee decided that the cost of providing wine at the Dinner be met out of the Association's funds.

It was decided that should there be an excess of bookings for the Dinner, the manager of the Irish Club be asked to accommodate the overflow in another room if possible.

TB Shelley

Minutes of the Committee meeting held in the Duke of Sussex on Friday November 25th 1955.

The Chairman, Mr T B Shelly presided, also present Messrs T A Ronan, V Chairman, T Fitzgerald, Hon Treasurer, P Delaney, N Heffernan, M Bennett, T Costello Hon Secretary.

The President Rev Fr Ronan also attended.

The Treasury reported that he had received 15 applications for tickets for Dinner & Dance, but stated that ~~it~~ he hoped 50 to 60 people would attend.

It was decided to invite the representative of the Cork Examiner.

Letter from Miss C Walsh, ~~The Swan~~ Shepherd's Bush, Stockwell, stating that she was the holder of the ticket for 2nd Prize of the recent raffle. Mrs Walsh stated that she had retained the ticket in her possession for 2 weeks, then destroyed it. Investigation of this matter was left to the Treasurer.

A formal message of greeting was received from the Mayor & Corporation of Kilkenny on the occasion of the Association's Annual Dinner.

TB Shelley

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, London, SW1 on Wednesday 30th November 1955.

The Chairman, Mr T B Shelley presided, also present Mr TA Ronan, V-Chairman, T Fitzgerald, N Heffernan, P Delaney, Miss EM Shelley, & T Costello Hon Secretary.

Matters concerning seating at the Dinner & Dance we're discussed & it was decided ~~that Mr Ronan & Mr Fitzgerald~~ to leave the seating in the hands of Mr Ronan & M Fitzgerald.

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Irish Club on 6th January 1956.

Mr T B Shelley Chairman presided, also present Messrs TA Ronan, V-Chairman, T Fitzgerald, Hon Treasurer, P Delaney, T Reddy, T McGuinness, N Heffernan, & T Costello, Hon Sec.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed.

A letter was read from Mr P Cahill, a member of Kilkenny Association Dublin, asking the Association to recommend him for a position with the English - Scottish Society.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to Mr Cahill's letter informing him, that, whilst the Association would be only to pleased to assist him, the Committee must point out that as he is not a member of the Association, & known to any of the Committee personally, the members of the Committee therefore could not recommend him.

A letter was received from the Trustees of the Tommy Leahy **[pg. 41]** appeals Committee asking for subscriptions for their fund established to assist their former All-Ireland number.

It was decided to support this appeal & have the letter read at the Annual General Meeting.

Annual Dinner:- The Hon Treasurer reported that the total expense incurred for this function was £83.18.3. Receipts amounted to £81.8.3. Deficit £2.10.0.

Annual General Meeting. It was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting the of the Association in the Red Lion 34, High Road, Kilburn, on Sunday January 29th @ 3pm & it was agreed that all Kilkenny people & those with ties with the County, attending this meeting be allowed to participate, but only paid up members be allowed to vote in the election of officers & Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

T Ronan.

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~~Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the “Duke of Sussex” 272 Portbello Road, Ladbroke Grove, W10 on~~

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the “Red Lion” Hotel, Kilburn High Road, NW6 on Sunday 29th January *1956 at 3pm*.

The President of the Association, Rev P Ronan attended the meeting.

The Chairman, Mr T B Shelley presided, also present Messrs TA Ronan, V-Chairman, T Fitzgerald Hon Treasurer & T Costello Hon Secretary.

The minutes of the General Meeting held on 24th January 1955 were read and adopted.

The Chairman addressed the meeting & ~~outlined~~ reviewed the activities of the Association during 1955.

The Secretary's Report was read & adopted.

Treasurer's Report: The Hon Treasurer informed the meeting that the total income for 1955 was £179.14.6 and total expenditure £105.3.7 - Credit Balance £74.10.11.

The following were nominated for Chairman. Messrs TB Shelly (outgoing), TA Ronan, T Reddy & V Rev T Lynch.

Mr Shelley & Mr Reddy withdrew & on a vote being taken between Mr Ronan & TR Lynch. Mr Ronan was elected Chairman for 1956.

Vice-Chairman the following were nominated for Vice-Chairman Messrs N Heffernan, T Reddy, TA Ronan, D Purcell, P McGough & P Delaney.

Messrs Heffernan, Reddy, TA Ronan & D Purcell withdrew their nominations & after a vote being taken between Messrs McGough & Delaney, Mr McGough was declared elected.

Hon Secretary: - Nominated Messrs P Stapleton, P McGough, T Costello, T Fitzgerald & J Kinsella. Messrs Stapleton, McGough, Fitzgerald & Kinsella withdrawing. Mr Costello was declared elected **[pg. 43]** unopposed.

Hon Treasurer: Nominated Messrs. T Reddy, T Fitzgerald, N Heffernan, T Woods & P Delaney. Messrs Fitzgerald, Woods & Heffernan withdrew & Mr Reddy was declared elected after a vote.

The following were elected to the Committee Messrs. J Kinsella, T McGuiness, D A Brennan, J Duggan, J Leahy, J Hale.

It was unanimously decided to hold a monthly social during 1956 & the Committee were instructed to proceed with the organising of this social without delay.

It was also decided to organise an outing to Brighton during the summer months.

The meeting then concluded.

T Shelly ( Pres)

C Kelly (Sec)

T A Ronan Chairman

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, London SW1 on Tuesday February 14th 1956.

The Chairman, Mr T A Ronan presided, also present Messrs T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, J Duggan, DA Brennan, ~~T Reddy~~ T McGuiness, T Costello, Hon Secretary.

Rev P Ronan, President also attended the meeting.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & signed.

A letter was read from Mr B Herricks suggesting that a Question-Time competition be organised amongst the different County Associations in London, & that the final of this competition would be broadcast by Radio Eireann. It was decided to adopt this suggestion in principle & the delegates to the Council of Irish County Associations be instructed accordingly.

Treasurer's Report: Mr Reddy and reported that since the General Meeting held on 29th January, he had received £14.15.0 in membership fees. Balance in Bank £89.5.0.

The Association now had approximately 36 paid-up members as against 90 on 31st December 1955.

It was agreed that circulars incorporating membership application forms be distributed to all known Kilkenny people in the London area & that a supply of these forms be made available to Committee Members.

The Treasurer also reported that £8.5.0 had been subscribed by members of the Association to the Tommy Leahy appeal 2nd. The Committee decided to have this sum increased to £15/ - the balance of £6.15.0 to be paid from Association's funds.

The question of holding the proposed monthly Social in other than licensed premises was discussed & ~~the Knights~~ it was decided that the first Social be held in **[pg. 45]** Knights of St. Columba, London Bureau, 11 Lansdowne Road, W11.

The President, Fr Ronan & Secretary agreed to visit the Bureau with the object of procuring these premises. It was also agreed to devote about 1/4 of an hour at this Social to the discussion of Association business. This discussion to take place about 9:30 p.m.

Mr McGuinness agreed to provide a band etc. for the Social.

It was decided to approach the Manager, Garryowen Club, Brook Green Road, Hammersmith, W6 with the object of procuring a Dance at their Club in aid of the funds of its the Association. Mr Reddy & the Secretary were appointed to visit ~~make~~ the Garryowen & make the application.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: The Secretary was instructed to procure the banner for the Parade. The banner to be amber-coloured with black lettering & incorporating the arms of Kilkenny.

Rev Fr Ronan was unanimously re. appointed President & the Chairman, on behalf of the Association, paid tribute to Fr Ronan's work for the Association during the past 12 months. The appointment of V-President was adjourned.

Mr Brennan was appointed delegate with Mr Reddy to the Council of Irish County Associations, on the proposition of Mr McGuinness, seconded by the Chairman.

The next Committee Meeting of the Association to be held in the Duke of Sussex, Portobello Road, London W10 on Monday February 27th at 8:30pm.

T A Ronan

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in the ‘Duke of Sussex’ 272, Portobello Rd, London, Ladbroke Grove, W10 on Monday, 27th February 1956.

The Chairman, Mr T A Ronan, presided, also present Messrs ~~T Reddy~~, P McGough, V Chairman, T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, J Hale, J Leahy, D A Brennan, J Kinsella, T McGuinness, & T Costello, Hon Secretary.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & signed on the proposition of Mr McGough, seconded by Mr Brennan.

Proposed Social at Knights of St. Columba - The Secretary reported that he had visited these premises in company with Fr Ronan, President & had made arrangements with the manager to hold the Association's social there on Tuesday March 6th from 8:00 to 11:00pm at a fee of £4.4.0.

Mr McGough was appointed MC for this Social & the Committee argued that the dancing arrangements would follow the pattern of the Irish Commercial Halls in London.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee that it was the duty of every member to endeavour to make this social as success & to do their utmost to procure new members during the Social evening.

Consideration of the venue for the next social was deferred to the next meeting.

St. Patrick's Day Parade - the delegates of the Council of Irish County Associations Mr Reddy & Mr Brennan reported that this Parade would commence at Horse Guards Parade, & march to Westminster Cathedral, & that the Secretary would be notified of the exact arrangements in due course.

Tony Leahy Appeal Fund - it was decided that pending the transfer of the Association's account from the Belgravia branch of the National Bank to the Notting Hill Gate branch, the Association subscription of £15 to this fund be paid for from cash **[pg. 47]** in hand.

The Secretary & Treasurer reported that they had made personal applications to the manager of the Garryowen Club, Hammersmith for permission to hold a Benefit Dance in aid of the Association at this club. Permission was received & the manager agreed to communicate the date of this Dance to the Secretary.

It was decided to hold the next Committee meeting in the Duke of Sussex, on Monday 12th of March 1956.

The meeting then adjourned.

TA Ronan

Minutes of the Committee meeting held in the Duke of Sussex, 272 Portobello Road, W10 on Monday 19th of March 1956.

The following members attended Messrs T A Ronan, Chairman, T Reddy, Hon Treasurer & T Costello, Hon Secretary.

Owing to the absence of a Quorum the meeting was not held & those present decided that the next meeting be held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, SW1 on Friday March 23rd at 8:30pm.

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, SW1 on Friday March 23rd 1956.

The Chairman, Mr T A Ronan, presided, also present Messrs P McGough, V Chairman, T Reddy Ho Treasurer, D Brennan, T McGuiness, T Costello, Hon Secretary.

M Brennan proposed & T Reddy seconded that the minutes be signed.

The Secretary drew attention to the fact that Miss M M Whelan had not attended the last three Committee meetings of the Association & had not furnished a reasonable explanation of absence. The Committee agreed that rule 6 of the rules of the Association applied in this case and that therefore Miss Whelan ceases ~~auto~~ automatically to be a member of the Committee.

The question of attendance at Committee meetings was discussed & after various suggestions had been made it was decided that the date & time of the next Committee meeting be fixed at the previous meeting.

Mr McGough expressed dissatisfaction concerning the organisation of the St Patrick's Day Parade. Mr Reddy stated that this Parade was controlled by the United Gaelic Societies & these bodies did not take kindly to criticism of County Associations. The Chairman pointed out that this was a matter on the Council of Irish County Associations & it was agreed that the Associations' representatives to this body ~~keep this matter in mind when~~ make known the Association's views when this matter was being discussed.

The Chairman congratulated the members of the Association for their good attendance at this parade.

Mr Reddy reported that there are 52 paid members in the Association & that the following expenses were incurred at the recent **[pg. 49]** Social held in the K.S.G. Club £2 to musicians, two dancers £1 each, 5/ to singer, tea & sandwiches 9/.

Arrangements were made to hold the next Social & Dance at the Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn High Road, NW6 on Friday April 6th from 8 to 11 pm. The Committee agreed that a 3/- entrance fee be charged for this Social. This fee to include for refreshments which would cost 1/6 per head.

T Reddy (prop)

J Leahy Sec.

 T Ronan (Chairman)

 16-4-56

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, London SW11, Monday 26th March 1956.

The Chairman Mr Ronan presided, also present Messrs T Reddy, D Brennan, J Leahy & T Costello.

The Following members of the Association attended, Miss Whelan, Mrs Ryan, Miss Curtis, Mrs Comerford, Miss Ryan & Miss Carroll.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of forming a Lady's Social Committee & for making arrangements for the Social to be held in the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday 6th April.

It was decided that the Ladies Committee consist of 7 members & have representation on the General Committee.

**[pg. 50]**

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, London SW1 on Monday 16th April 1956.

The Chairman Mr Ronan presided, also present Messrs T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, J Hale, J Leahy & T Costello Hon Secretary. The following members of the Ladies Committee (Social) attended the meeting:- Mrs Camelford, Mrs Ryan, Miss Curtis, Miss Whelan, Miss Ryan and Miss Carol.

The President of the Association Rev P Ronan also was present.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & signed on the proposition of Mr T Reddy seconded by Mr Leahy.

The question of co-opting to members of the Ladies Social Committee on the General Committee was discussed & Mrs Camelford proposed that Miss Whelan be co-opted. This resolution was seconded by Miss Carroll & passed. On a motion by Miss Ryan, seconded by Miss Hale, Miss Curtis was co-opted.

A letter was read from Mr T McGuiness tendering his resignation from the Committee for personal reasons. Mr T McGuinness's resignation was accepted.

Mr D A Brennan also wrote tendering his resignation from the Committee due to the fact, that he found himself with so many duties in connection with various organisations, he would have to cut down his activities. Mr Brennan's resignation was also accepted.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hale for his work as M.C. at the recent Social, also the members of the Ladies Committee for their assistance & Mr M Brownrigg & Mr P Ronan, members of the Association for helping to provide music.

The Chairman reported that, accompanied by the Treasurer & Secretary, he had approached the manager of the KSC Club, concerning **[pg. 51]** the May Social & the manager quoted the following charges:- Hire of premises £4.4.0 Tea & Sandwiches 3/6 per head. The Chairman pointed out that ~~cost~~ the cost of providing music etc would have to be added to these charges. The ~~and~~ Committee decided that these charges were prohibitive & agreed to hold the next Social in the Red Lion Hotel, 34 Kilburn High Road, NW6. The provision of music for this Social was left in the hands of the Chairman.

Treasurer's report: Mr Reddy reported that the Association now consisted of 61 members. Receipts since the Annual General Meeting were £43.11.0 Expenditure £31.9.0 Balance in hand £86.12.11.

On the proposition of Mr Hale, seconded by Ms Whelan the Treasurer's report was adopted.

Dance at Garryowen:- Arrangements were made for the distribution of Hand Bills in connection with this Dance, outside the churches & Fr Ronan agreed to ~~meet~~ approach the local P.P.s concerned for permission.

It was decided to hold a Raffle at this Dance, the prizes to be 1 bottle of whiskey (donated by the Chairman) for 1st prize & 50 cigarettes for 2nd prize. Tickets 6d each or 3 for 1/-.

Refreshments for band & staff of Garryowen: ~~provision of refreshment~~ the Committee decided to provide refreshments, these refreshments to be purchased by the Committee on night of Dance.

The Secretary reported that he had made arrangements for two members to attend the Garryowen, for the purpose of selling tickets on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday afternoon and Sunday night.

Arrangements were made that two members be available each night for this purpose

J Hale (prop)

J Leahy (Sec)

T Ronan (Chairman)

30-4-56

**[Pg. 52]** The Kilkenny Association

Minutes of Committee meeting of the above Association held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, London, SW11 on Monday 30th April 1956.

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided, also present in Messrs T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, J Leahy, J Hale, Miss Curtis & Miss Whelan & T Costello, Hon Secretary.

The following members of the ladies Social Committee were also present Mrs J Comerford, Miss K ~~Whelan~~ Ryan, Miss Ryan & Miss Carol.

Rev P Ronan president attended the meeting.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & signed on the proposition of Mr J Hale, seconded by Mr J Leahy.

The Secretary read a letter received from Mr Edward Maher Secretary of the Tommy Leahy Appeal Committee. This letter acknowledged with thanks the Association's contribution of £15 to this benefit fund & also conveyed the good wishes and & practical greetings of the Kilkennymen's Association in Dublin. In his letter Mr Maher on behalf of his Association wished the newly formed Kilkenny Association of London every success in its activities towards keeping Kilkenny’s name & fame to the forefront in London.

Treasurer's Report: Mr Reddy reported that a profit of £40 12 11 had been made on the Dance held in the Garryowen Club on April 25th 1956. A total of 325 people paid at the door the amount collected being £40 12 6. Members Returned £30.7.6. for 243 tickets sold. Donation from management of Carolyn £5 & proceeds from Raffle £7.10.0. Gross proceeds £83 10 0. expenses incurred with hire of Hall, all band and staff- £30. Printing £5.7.6 refreshments 6 times singer £1 cigarettes 9/7.

The Committee expressed this satisfaction at the success of this function & instructed the Secretary to communicate with the management of the **[pg. 53]** Garryowen Club expressing the banks of the Association for the use of the premises & for the generous donation of £5 to the Association's funds.

The Chairman commended the Treasurer & the members of the Committee & the Ladies Social Committee for their work in making this Dance the success it was.

May Social. It was decided to hold the next Social & Dance at the Red Lion Hotel 34 High Road, Kilburn, NW6 on Friday 11th May 1956 from 8 to 11:30, the admission fee to be Again 3/- (inclusive of the tea & sandwiches). The Chairman ~~rep~~ reported that he had secured the services of some very good musicians for this occasion. Mr Hale agreed to act as MC for this function & the cloakroom arrangements were left in the hands of the Ladies Social Committee.

Raffle: It was unanimously decided to hold a Raffle in aid of the funds of the Association, the draw to take place in the Red Lion Hotel at the Social & Dance to be held there on Wednesday 15th August 1956. After various suggestions had been made it was decided that the prizes for this Raffle would be 1st prize £10 2nd prize £5, 3rd prize £2.10.0. The Secretary was instructed to have 10,000 tickets printed for this draw.

The question of Mr Kinsella's attendance at Committee meetings was discussed & the Secretary reported that Mr Kinsella had not attended the last 4 meetings. The Committee decided that as Mr Kinsella had not given any reasonable explanation of his non. attendance he automatically ceased to be a member of the Committee.

The Secretary informed the meeting that Mr McGough had telephoned him & said that due to the fact he had been transferred to Manchester on business connected with his employment, he would not be able to attend any Committee meetings until after mid - June. It was agreed to write to Mr McGough expressing the **[pg. 54]** the members' concern, that as Vice-Chairman he was unable to attend meetings more regularly & that in the Chairman absence, he would not be available to preside at meetings.

Mr McGough to be asked to state his own views on this matter.

General Meeting: the question of holding a General Meeting was adjourned to the next committee meeting.

A suggestion by the president Fr Ronan, that the Association make arrangements to meet the Irish Boat Trains with the object of assisting & advising immigrants from Kilkenny was also adjourned to the next Committee Meeting.

It was decided to hold the next Committee Meeting in the Duke of Sussex, 272 Portobello Road W10 on Friday 18th May 1956 at 8:30 p.m.

J Leahy (Prop)

J Hale (Sec)

T Ronan Chairman

18-5-56

**[pg. 55]**

Minutes of the Committee meeting in the Duke of Sussex, 272 Portobello Road W10 on Friday May 18th 1956 at 8:30 p.m.

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided, also present Messrs T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, J Hale, J Leahy, Miss K Ryan, Miss M Curtis, Miss M Whelan Mrs Ryan, & T Costello, Hon Secretary.

The president Rev P Ronan attended the meeting.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & signed on the proposition of Mr Leahy, seconded by Mr Hale.

The Committee complimented the Chairman for the musicians procured by him for the May Social.

It was decided that only people who have paid the entrance fee, will be admitted to Socials in future.

The Treasurer reported that the ~~balance bank~~ Association's bank balance amounted to £119 16.10. Membership of the Association now totalled 82 members as against 50 members at the same time last year.

Fr Ronan president suggested that the Association make arrangements for the purpose of meeting emigrants from Kilkenny at Paddington & Euston stations, & affording them advice & assistance in ~~pressing~~ settling in London.

The Committee decided that although agreeing with the suggestion in general, they did not think it was practical ~~at this stage~~.

It was decided to hold the next Social at the Red Lion on Wednesday June 20th

On the proposition of Mr hail the Committee agreed to hold a General Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn High Rd, on Wednesday ~~July~~ June 20th at 8 p.m..

J Leahy (Prop), T Reddy (Sec), T Ronan Chairman

 6-7-55

**[pg. 56]**

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square London SW11 on Friday 6th July 1956.

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided, also present Messrs T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, J Leahy, J Hale, Miss M Curtis, Miss Whelan, Miss K Ryan, Mrs Ryan & T Costello, Hon Sec.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed on the proposition of M Leahy, seconded by Mr M Reddy.

Letter read from Mr Sean Kenny proprietor of Sean Kenny & his band. Mr Kenny offered the services of his band for Socials, Dances, etc. Letter marked 'read'.

The Hon Treasurer reported that the Association now had 91 paid up members. Receipts from membership fees being £37. The Committee expressed the opinion that this membership was very small compared with the number of Kilkenny people in London.

It was decided that the closing date for applications for seats on coaches booked for fighting to Brighton the 14th July 1956. The fare was fixed at 12/- adults & half fare for children between 5 & 14 years. Coaches to depart from Marble Arch at 9 AM & Shepherd's Bush 9:30 AM.

The Secretary was instructed to ask all members to attend next Committee ~~as the business~~ matters connected with the Raffle, Annual Dinner etc will be discussed.

The next Committee meeting to be held in the Duke of Sussex 272 Portobello Road W10 on Monday July 16th 1956.

 J Hale (Prop)

 P McGough (Sec)

 TA Ronan Chairman

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Duke of Sussex, 272 Portobello Road, London, W10 on Monday July 16th 1956.

The following members attended, Messrs J Hale, J Leahy, Mrs K M Ryan, Miss K Ryan, Miss M Curtis & Miss M Whelan.

Owing to the absence of a Quorum the meeting was not held.

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Duke of Sussex 272 Portobello Road London W10 on Friday August 10th 1956.

The following Committee members were in attendance Messrs P McGough Vice-Chairman, T Reddy Hon Treasurer, Miss M Curtis & T Costello Hon Secretary.

Owing to the absence of a Quorum the meeting was not held.

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Irish Club 82 Eaton Square, London, SW1 on Monday September 3rd 1956.

The following members attended, Messrs P McGough V-Chairman, T Reddy Hon Treasurer, Miss M Curtis & T Costello Hon Secretary.

Owing to the absence of a Quorum the meeting was not held.

Next meeting to be called for Monday September 10th 1956 at the Irish Club.

**[pg. 58]**

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Irish Club 82 Eaton Square, London SW11 on Monday 10th September 1956

The Chairman Mr T A Ronan presided, also present Messrs P McGough V-Chairman, T Reddy Hon Treasurer, J Hale, Mrs K M Ryan, Miss M Whelan & Miss M Curtis, T Costello Hon Sec.

Arising out of the minutes. The question of the hiring of coaches for outings organised by the Association was discussed, & the Chairman proposed and Mr Hale seconded that the Association refrain from hiring coaches in future until full subscriptions have been paid. This resolution was passed.

A discussion took place concerning members of the Committee’s attendance at Committee meetings & all members agreed to do their utmost to attend Committees regularly in future.

A letter apologising for not being able to attend the meeting was read from the Hon Secretary.

It was decided to hold the Annual Dinner & Dance in the Irish Club on Thursday November 29th 1956, & to write to the patron Most Rev Dr Collier Bishop of Ossory. The president Fr Ronan, the Mayor of Kilkenny, & the Irish Ambassador. The Secretary was directed to procure a list of menus from the manager of the Irish Club.

It was decided to approach the management of the Garryowen Club with the intention of making application for a Benefit Dance in aid of Association.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr J Hale in silent prayer, all present standing on the death of his sister.

A vote of sympathy was also passed with the relatives of his Eminence, Cardinal Griffin.

 J Hale (Prop)

 Mrs Ryan Sec.

 T Ronan Chairman

 27/9/56

**[pg. 59]**

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn NW6 on Thursday 27th September 1956.

The Chairman Mr T A Ronan presided, also present Messrs T Reddy Hon Treasurer, J Hale, Miss M Curtis, Miss M Whelan & the Hon Secretary T Costello.

The meeting was called for the purpose of making arrangements to hold a reception for the officials & players of the Kilkenny Junior Hurling team during their visit to London, to play London in the All-Ireland Junior Hurling Championship.

The Committee decided to hold a reception at the Red Lion Hotel on Sunday Sept 30th & to also invite the officials of the London Co Board GAA. Each member of the Committee to invite one friend.

It was estimated that the cost of this reception would be £27.12.0 & the Chairman signified his intention of donating £20 towards this expense. Mr P Mackey, manager of the Red Lion Hotel, expressed his intention of donating the balance. The Committee expressed its sincere thanks to Mr Ronan & Mr Mackey for this gesture.

On the proposition of Mr Reddy seconded by Mr Hale it was decided that the Chairman & Secretary attend Dinner at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham given in Honour of the visit of the Kilkenny team to London by the London Co Board GAA.

It was decided to hold the next Social in the Red Lion Hotel on Friday October 19th.

The Secretary on behalf of Mr McGough apologised to the meeting due to he being unable to attend because of a prior engagement.

 Miss Phelan (Prop)

 Miss Curtis (Sec)

 TA Ronan Chairman

 5/10/56

**[pg. 60]** The Kilkenny Association

A Committee meeting of the above Association ~~ltd~~ was called at the Irish Club, 82, Eaton Square London SW1 for Friday 5th Oct, 1956.

The following members were present, Messrs T Reddy Hon Treasurer, J Hale, T Costello Hon Secretary, Miss M Whelan, & Miss M Curtis.

Owing to the absence of a Quorum the meeting was mot held.

The Secretary apologised on behalf of the Chairman who was in Ireland & Mr P McGough who had a prior engagement.

 T Reddy (Prop)

 P McGough (Sec)

 T A Ronan (Chairman)

 15.10.56

**[pg. 61]**

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the London Spa Hotel, 70 Exmouth Market, London EC1 on 15th October 1956.

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided, also present Messrs P McGough, Vice-Chairman, T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, J Hale, J Leahy, Miss M Curtis, Miss M Whelan, & T Costello Hon Secretary.

The Bill was received from the Manager Red Lion Hotel, Kelburn NW6 for £35.10.0, made up as follows £6 for supply of tea & Sandwiches for two monthly Socials £1.10.0 for hire of premises (two monthly Socials) £24.5.0 for refreshments & £3.15.0 for refreshments & Sandwiches for reception to All-Ireland Hurling Team (Kilkenny Juniors) on September 30th. The Sum of £4, received anonymously, was deducted for this bill.

The ~~Associate~~ Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the facilities granted to the Association by the management of the Red Lion Hotel, for this reception & it was proposed, seconded & passed that a meeting he held in the Red Lion Hotel on Friday October 19th at 7.30 PM & the manager of the Hotel be asked to attend so that his account can be cleared.

It was decided to write a strongly worded letter to the London Co. Board GAA concerning the insult accorded to the Association when the official of the Board invited two officers to the Dinner to the Kilkenny Junior Hurling Team but failed to implement the invitation when the officer attended.

Mr Reddy proposed & Mr Hale seconded, that no officer or official of the London Co. Board GAA be invited to Annual Dinner of Association this resolution was passed unanimously.

The Chairman expressed his satisfaction that the coaches hired for All Ireland Junior Hurling final at New Eltham had lean made full use of by members of Association.

Treasurers report – The Hon Treasure Mr Reddy presented ~~to~~ following report. Balance carried forward from previous report. £98.17.1.

Receipts:- August Social £6.15.0, September Social £7.7.0, Proceeds from Raffle £28.2.0, Membership fees 10/-, Brighton outing £ 13.10.0, Fares paid **[pg. 62]** for coaches to New Eltham 13.10.0, Total £170.1.1

Expenses:- Band for August & September Socials. £8 Raffle prize money £17.10.0, Total 25.10.0, Balance £144.11.1. The Treasure pointed out that several accounts, including payment for coaches had still to be paid.

The question of affiliating a Hurling team by the Association was discussed & it was decided & have this matter placed on the agenda for the next General Meeting. This General Meeting to be held early in November.

Mr Leahy agreed to act as M.C. for the Social on 19th October 1956.

It was unanimously decided to invite the following people to the second Annual Dinner of the Associations to be held on 29th November as the Irish Club:-

Mr P Grace, Secretary, Kilkenny Co. Board GAA, Rev Frs. McGrath, Casey & Reilly, Maynooth mission to China, Editors of the Kilkenny people & Journal, The Manager of the Irish Club & Mrs Hanlon, Representations of Kilkenny Association of Dublin, Mr Muldoon, Owner, & Mr Killoyne, Manager, Garryowen Club, Hammersmith, Fr T Lynch, Rev Fr Cremin, Chairman, Council of Irish County Associations.

The meeting then adjoined.

 J Hale (Prop)

 T Reddy (Sec)

 T Ronan

 Chairman

 2.11.56

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Sq. on Monday 29/10/56. 1956 at 8.30pm.

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided, also present Messrs T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, J Hale, Miss M Curtis, Miss M Whelan, & T Costello Hon Secretary.

The minutes of the preceding meeting was read & signed on the proposition of Mr J Hale, seconded by Mr T Reddy.

A letter was received from His Worship, the Mayor of Kilkenny accepting invitation to Dinner on 29th November.

A bill for £35.10.0 was received from the manager of the Red Lion Hotel. The bill was made up as follows:- Refreshments & sandwiches at reception to Kilkenny Junior All-Ireland Hurling Team £28.0.0

Hire of premises, tea & sandwiches for August & September Socials 7.10.0.

Mr Mackey deducted £4 from the total amount as his contribution to the reception to the Kilkenny team.

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the meeting held on27th September & pointed out that Mr Mackey agreed to donate any amount over £20 that the reception would cost.

After some dissension it was decided that ~~hold~~ the Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer call on Mr Mackey with the object of having this matter settled.

The Chairman reported that he & the Secretary had visited the Garryowen Club & had been promised a Dance in February 1957 in aid of the funds of the Association.

It was decided, the Chairman assenting, that Mr Ronan approach Mr Conway proprietor of the New Emerald Club, Hammersmith, for a Dance to help defray the expenses of the Annual Dinner.

It was unanimously decided to call a General Meeting of the Association to be held in the Red Lion Hotel on 13th November with the Object of procuring the full co-operation of the members for

**[pg. 64]**  the Annual Dinner.

Inter – County Quiz Competition – The Secretary reported that Kilkenny were drawn against Cavan in the 1st round of this competition, & as Kilkenny were the “Home” team the onus of arranging a date & place for the match.

It was decided to hold the match at the Red Lion. Arrangements to be left to the Secretary.

Menus for Annual Dinner – Menus were received for the Irish Club & the Committee agreed to accept the Menu priced at 15/-.

 T Reddy (Prop)

 J Hale (Sec)

 T Ronan Chairman

 24-11-56

**[pg. 65]** General Meeting

Minuets of ~~Annual~~ General meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel, 34 High Road, Kilburn NW6 on Tuesday 1st November 1956.

Mr TA Ronan, Chairman, presided, & the Hon Secretary Mr T Costello, & the Hon Treasurer, Mr T Reddy were in attendance.

The meeting was called for the purpose of procuring the full co-operation of the member for the second Annual Dinner & Dance to be held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square SW1 o Thursday, 29th November 1956.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Dinner would cost 18/- per head including wine, but the Committee had decided to subsidise members subscriptions to the extent of 3/- per head. The seating capacity of the Irish Club was 95 & he strongly advised early application for tickets. Subscriptions for non-members of the Association would be 18/-.

A letter was read from Most Revd Dr Collier, Bishop of Ossory & Patron of the Association, thanking the Association for the invitation to the Second Annual Dinner. This Lordship expressed his sincere regret that he could not attend due to ill health, but suggested that Very Revd Dr Birch BA.,D.Pn., B.D., Professor of Education, St Patricks College. Maynooth represent him at the Dinner. His Lordship suggested also that, at this stage, the Association may wish to procure a younger & mote energetic Patron & stated that he was willing to resign if the Association so wished. The informed the Association that he would offer Holy Mass on the 29yh November for the Association.

Mr D Purcell proposed & Mr J Hale, Seconded that the Association inform this Lordship that as the members wished to retain him as patron, his resignation would not be accepted under any circumstances & that the Association agree to his suggestion that Dr Birch represent the Patron, at the Annual Dinner. This resolution was passed unanimously.

Letters accepting invitations were read from his excellency. The Irish **[pg. 66]** Ambassador & Mrs Cremin, Very Rev Fr Cremin PP. Chairman of Council of Irish County Associations, & Fr Aida McGrath, Maynooth mission to China on behalf of himself, Fr Casey & Fr OReilly.

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported that expenditures amounted to ~~£106.7~~ £28 for the entertainment of the Kilkenny Junior All-Ireland team on their recent visit to London. Mr Ronan, Chairman, made donation of £20 towards this sum & the balance of £8 was donated by Mr Mackey, Manager of the Red Lion Hotel, & also a member of the Association.

Mr C Kelly on behalf of Association, thanked Mr Ronan & Mr Mackey for this gesture, & commented that their action would always be remembered by the members.

The Question of affiliating a Kilkenny team by the Association was dismissed, & it was decided on the preposition of Mr Purcell, seconded by Mr Reddy, to form a sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Mr Purcell, Mr Hale, Mr M Brownrigg & Mr M OGrady, with the object of investigating this matter further. In the meantime, the feelings of the other County Associations on this subject be sought ~~with~~ on this subject.

The following team was selected to meet Cavan in the first round of the Inter-County Quiz Competition to be held in the Red Lion Hotel after the meeting. Messrs P Mackey, P McGough, Mr Coyle, Miss M Curtis & ~~Miss M Whelan~~, Mrs K M Ryan

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel on Saturday 24th November 1956.

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided, also present Messrs T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, J Hale, Miss M Curtis, Miss M Whelan, Mrs KM Ryan, & the Secretary, Mr T Costello.

The minutes of the preceding Committee meeting were read & adopted on the proposition of Mr Reddy, seconded by Mr Hale.

The following letter was read from His Lordship Most Rev Dr Collier, Bishop of Ossory & Patron of the Association:-

 Sion House,

 Kilkenny,

 19 November 1956

Dear Mr Costello,

 I am deeply grateful for your very kind letter which has touched me deeply. At the request of the Kilkenny Association of London I am happy & honoured that my name as Bishop of the Homeland should remain still as Patron of your Association. It will be a link between us of spiritual & social kinship which will be helpful to both of us. We have the deepest love, admiration, & true kinship for our brave and noble Kilkenny men & women abroad. Successful in business steadfast & faithful to the faith of the Catholic Church through Saints Patrick & Brigid : indeed we feel you are our best and truest Ambassadors in the land of your adoption. In you, Ireland is respected and honoured. May God bless & keep you all.

 I have already communicated with Very Rev Dr Birch at Maynooth & asked him to represent the Bishop at the meeting – London later this month. He has written to accept, saying he will be very happy & honoured to represent the Bishop on the occasion. He may not have much time, but he will do all the essentials for you. You can now write direct to Dr Birch at Maynooth & send him your programme and agenda for the occasion. He will address the Association when you wish. I will be with you in prayerful union & you will all have my Mass on that date. It is the most and the least I can do. I do.

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Please accept the enclosed small cheque for the general expenses of the Association as a small token of my affectionate support & interest.

With every good wish & blessing repeated, I remain,

sincerely in Christ, Our Lady & St Patrick & Kieran.

& Patrick Collier,, Bishop of Ossory in Ireland.. and in London

& Patrick Collier.

Mr T Costello, Hon Sec.

Kilkenny Association of London.

The Committee gratefully acknowledged receipt of £5.5.0 from Dr Collier.

The following agenda was compiled for the Annual Dinner:-

1. The Chairman Mr Ronan propose the toast of “Ireland”

“ “ “ “ His Excellency the Irish ambassador

* Worship the Mayor of Kilkenny

Very Rev Dr Birch B.A. D.Ph. B.D. representing

the Patron Most Rev Dr Collier Bishop of Ossory

1. Reply to Chairman aby the Ambassador, the Mayor & Dr Birch
2. V Rev P Cremin of Chairman of Council of Associations ~~The Secretary proposed~~ the toast the Kilkenny Association.
3. Reply by the ~~Treasurer~~ Chairman
4. ~~Fr Cremin proposes the xxxx.~~
5. ~~The Chairman replies~~

Toast-Master – Mr M Coyle.

It was decided to hold a further meeting at the Irish Club on Tuesday 27th November 1956 at 8.30 pm.

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, SW1 on Tuesday 27th November 1956.

The following attended: Messrs TA Ronan, Chairman, T Reddy Hon Treasurer, Miss M Curtis, Miss M Whelan, T Costello Hon Secretary, Mrs KW Ryan.

Seating arrangements in connection with the Second Annual Dinner were made.

 T Reddy (Prop)

 Miss M Curtis Sec

 T A Ronan (Chairman)

 7-1-57

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel, Kelburn NW6 on 7th January 1957.

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided also present Messrs T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, J Hale, T Costello, Hon Secretary, Mrs KM Ryan, Miss M Curtis and Miss M Whelan.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & adopted on the proposition of Mr Reddy Seconded by Miss Curtis.

The Committee on behalf of the members of the Association, gratefully acknowledged receipt of donation of £75.10.0 from the Chairman Mr TA Ronan, to the funds of the Association.

It was unanimously decided that only paid up members be allowed to vote in the election of Officers at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 27th January 1957 at Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn at 3.00 P.M.

The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the possibility of affiliating a Kilkenny Hurling team recommended Mr Purcell disagreeing with one ~~xxxxx~~ that a team be affiliated. This matter to be considered at the Annual General Meeting. P Mackey (Prop), 8/2/57

 N Heffernan Sec, TA Ronan Chairman

**[pg. 70]**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held – the Red Lion Hotel, 34, Kilburn High Road, NW6 on Sunday 29th January 1957.

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided & the following people attended.

~~The minutes of the annual General Meeting held on 25~~~~th~~ ~~January 1956 were read and adopted~~

Mr P McGough Vice-Chairman, T Costello Hon Secretary, T Reddy Hon Treasurer, Miss A Dooley, Mr P Mackey, Mrs TA Ronan, Mr M Moynes, Mr & Mrs P Delaney, Mr J Cummins, Miss M Curtis, Miss M Whelan, Mrs KM Ryan, Mr J Brownrigg, Mr P Brownrigg, Mr J Ryan, Mrs R Foley, Mr Mrs Woods, Mr D Purcell, Mr C Kelly, Mr B Malone, Mr N Heffernan, Mr T Fitzgerald, Mr M OGrady, Mr TP Brennan, Mr P Murphy, Mr M Coyle, Mr W Duggan, Mr M Brownrigg, Mr P Ronan, Mr J Leahy, Mr J Hale, Mr P OGrady, Mr TB Shelley.

The minutes of the last Annual General meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr TB Shelley seconded by Mr C Kelly.

The Secretary’s report was read and adopted.

The Treasurers report for the year was adopted o propositions of Mr C Kelly seconded by Mr P Mackey. This report showed a Credit Balance of £106-10-3. for the year. Total income £498.12.1 expenditure £392-1-10.

Mr Shelley expressed the opinion that the cost of printing, stationary & postage, it was excessive & ~~proxxxx~~ proposed that a sub-Committee be formed to consider the matter. This proposition was seconded by Mr J Hale.

Mr Reddy pointed out that by far the largest portion of this sum of £53-11-0 was expended on ~~notifying~~ the issuing of notification for Socials etc. during the year. The majority of people notified were not member of the Association. It was agreed that, in future, only paid up members be notified of any functions, Socials, outing etc. organized by the Association, & that membership forms be issued to all known **[pg. 71]** Kilkenny people living in the London Area. This resolution was proposed by Mr D Purcell & seconded by Mr N Heffernan.

Mr Shelley withdrawing his proposition.

Monthly Socials: Mr Purcell proposed & Miss Curtis seconded that the charge of 3/- be retained for these Socials & that he left to Committee to organize these Socials in a way to attract more members to the Association. This resolution was passed Mr Reddy drew attention to the cost of hiring a band for these Socials, & suggested that in future, the band be recruited from the members. This suggestion was adopted.

Annual Dinner: The Annual Dinner held on 29th November 1956 was an outstanding success. Mr Purcell drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that but for the generosity of the Chairman this function would have been financial failure. It was decided that the Committee insure that all functions be organized so that the Association does not suffer financially.

Affiliation of Hurling Team: The Secretary in his report stated that the Sub-Committee formed to consider this matter had agreed, with one abstention, to recommend that a Team be affiliated for 1957. Mr Purcell pointed out that he had not abstained from voting, but had in fact voted against the affiliation of a team in the London Championship. On a vote been taken the meeting decided not to affiliates a team this year.

Election of Officers: The outgoing Chairman Mr TA Ronan was unanimously re-elected Chairman for the coming year. These members, Messrs P McGough (outgoing), P Mackey & J Hale accepted nomination for Vice-Chairman. On a vote been taken Mr Mackey was declared elected. The outgoing Honorary Secretary Mr T Costello & the outgoing Honorary Treasurer, Mr T Reddy, were unanimously re-elected for 1957.

The following members were elected to the Committee: Messrs **[pg. 72]** P McGough, J Hale, D Purcell, M Brownrigg, Miss M Curtis & Miss M Whelan.

Messrs TB Shelley, N Heffernan, & B Malone acted as Tellers during the election of officers.

The Chairman appealed to all Kilkenny people resident in the London Area to become members & stressed that the chief aim was to procure premises.

 D Purcell (Prop)

 M PO Brownrigg (Sec)

 TA Ronan

 Chairman

 26-1-58

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Minutes of Committee meeting of above Association held in the Red Lion Hotel on Friday 8th February 1957.

The Chairman M TA Ronan presided also present Messrs P Mackey Vice-Chairman, T Reddy Hon Treasurer, M Brownrigg, J Hale, N Heffernan, D Purcell, Miss M Curtis, Miss M Whelan, & the Hon Secretary T Costello.

The Minutes of the preceding Committee meeting were read and signed on the proposition of Mr Mackey seconded by Mr Heffernan.

Treasurer’s Report. Balance in bank £106-10-3 - Membership fees £17-15-0 - Balance as at 8/2/57 - £124-5-3.

Appointment of President. It was the unanimous decision of the Committee that Fr Ronan continue as President & the Secretary was requested to notify Fr Ronan accordingly.

Vice-President. Mr R Purcell was unanimously elected Vice-President on the proposition of Mr J Hale, seconded by M Brownrigg.

Delegates to Council of Irish County Associations. Mr Purcell proposed & the Chairman seconded & Hon Treasurer be appointed delegates to this Council. Passed unanimously.

Social. It was decided to hold the next Social at the Red Lion Hotel Kilburn NW6 on Friday 1st March 1957. Two films entitled “Caribbean Carousel” & “Holiday in Ireland” to be shown at this Social.

Notification was received from the Secretary of the Council of Irish County Associations that the Annual General Meeting of the Council would take place at the Irish Club, on Tuesday 12 February. The delegates to the Council were instructed on the view’s of the Association concerning motions standing in the names of Kerry Cork, Dublin & Fermanagh.

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~~It was decided to hold the next Committee Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday 8~~~~th~~ ~~March 1957 at 8.30 pm.~~

The possibility of procuring films of All-Ireland Hurling Final to be shown at a future Social was discussed & it was decided that Mr Purcell make inquiries if the film could be made available to the Association.

 M Brownrigg (Prop)

 T Reddy Sec

 T Ronan (Chairman)

 22-3-57

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn NW6 on Friday 8th March 1957.

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided also present Messrs T Reddy Hon Treasurer, D Purcell, N Heffernan, M Brownrigg, P McGough, Miss M Whelan & Miss M Curtis, Mr P Mackey.

In the absence of the Secretary Mr McGough acted as Secretary.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read but not signed as they appeared incomplete. This matter was deferred to next meeting.

Monthly Socials. It was decided to continue the showing of two short films at each ~~show~~ Social & it was also decided to provide the music for dancing with a radiogram. The Committee noted that Social was badly attended.

The Treasurer reported that himself & the Secretary attended the Annual General Meeting of the Council of Irish County Associations. At this meeting a Sub-Committee had been formed to study proposal to take more active part in political issues & report back to the next meeting of the Council. The word “Historical” was substituted for “Political” in the Fermanagh motion.

It was proposed by Mr Purcell seconded by Mr Brownrigg that the Association remain affiliated to the council & that the affiliation fee of £2-2-0 be paid. This resolution was passed on a vote being taken - ~~some for on against~~ Messrs Purcell, Brownrigg, McGough, Heffernan, Miss M Curtis & Miss Whelan & the Chairman voting for the resolution & Mr T Reddy voting against.

Treasurers Report. Balance Bt. toward. 106.10.3

 Membership fees 21.0.0

 March Social 5.14.0

 Total balance in bank £133.4.3

The acting Secretary Mr McGough proposed & Mr Heffernan seconded **[pg. 76]** that the Treasurer’s reports be adopted. This proposition was passed.

It was decided to hold the next Social in the Red Lion Hotel subject to manager’s permission.

St Patrick’s Day Parade. The Committee members present **stated** that they would be present at this parade.

Dances. The Chairman reported that the proprietors of the Galtymore Club, Cricklewood had promised a Dance in aid of the funds of the Association but no date for this Dance had yet been fixed. The proprietors of New Emerald Club in Hammersmith had also promised a Dance on 27th June.

It was decided to hold the next Committee meeting in the Red Lion Hotel on Friday 22nd March 1957 at 8.30 PM,

 N Heffernan (Prop)

 P Mackey (Sec)

 T Ronan (Chairman)

 22-3-57

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel, 34 Kilburn High Road, NW6 on Friday 22nd March 1957.

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided also present Messrs P Mackey Vice-Chairman, T Reddy Hon Treasurer, J Hale, N Heffernan, M Brownrigg, Miss M Curtis, Miss M Whelan, & the Secretary Mr T Costello.

The minutes of the two preceding meetings were read and adopted.

The Chairman congratulated the Committee & members of the Association on this good attendance for the St Patrick’s Day Parade.

An appeal for financial help was received from the Matron of St. Andrews Hospital, Dollis Mill, London N.W.2. The Hospital is conducted by the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary (the Blue Nuns).

The Chairman proposed & Mr Mackey seconded that a subscription of £1 be forwarded to the hospital & that the Secretary inform the Matron that the Association regretted the amount was not more. But we were endeavouring to procure funds ourselves to carry out the Association aims & objects.

Letters applying for membership of the Association were received from Mr D Whelan & Mr J A Byrne.

A circular was received for department of Education (Eire) concerning a special course for the ~~xxx~~ training of teachers of Woodwork & Building work. The Dept stated that they proposed to conduct special courses in these subjects during the month of July & August to make available suitably qualified teachers for employment under schemes of vocational education.

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On the proposition of Mr Hale seconded by Mr Reddy it was decided to subscribe £5 to Mr Brownrigg towards the cost of an accordion. The accordion costing £15 was made available for Socials etc held by the Association.

Mr Brownrigg thanks the Association for this subscription.

Council of Irish County Associations – Mr Reddy reported that himself & the Secretary attended a meeting of this Council and that the motion in the name of Fermanagh was discussed. The motion which had been referred to a specially appointed Sub-Committee had now been considered & reported on by this Sub-Committee. The findings of the Committee were being circulated to the Co. Associations for their consideration. Mr Reddy stated that a suggestion had been made that Co. Associations in bad financial circumstances should be admitted to the Council for £1. It was decided that the Kilkenny Association feel that no sliding scale of charges should be introduced & that all Associations pay the recognised affiliation fee of £2-2-0

The question of making a presentation to the Vice-Chairman Mr Mackey on the eve of his forthcoming marriage was adjourned to next Committee meeting.

The Secretary was requested to contact Mr Purcell concerning the films of the All-Ireland Hurling Final for the next Social & to extent the Association’s commiseration in his recent illness. The Chairman & all the members associated themselves with these remarks.

The next meeting to be held on receipt of papers from Council of Irish County Associations.

 N Heffernan (Prop)

 P Mackey (Sec)

 T Ronan (Chairman)

 5-4-57

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Red Lion on Friday 6th April 1957

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided also present were P Mackay, Thomas Reddy Hon Treasurer, T Costello Hon Sec, J Hale, N Heffernan & M Brownrigg.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted.

~~It was~~ Two films of the 1956 Hurling & Football finals ~~were~~ are to be shown at the Social to be held in the Red Lion 34 Kilburn High Rd on Friday 12th of April. Music to be rendered by M Brownrigg & Mr Mackey agreed to supply a record – player.

A letter was received from Our Lady of Sorrows. Prayers concerning the forthcoming Paddington Feis. The letter requested the Association to donate a prize for competition at the Feis. It was decided to adjourns consideration of this matter pending any decision made by the Council of Irish County Associations at its meeting on 29th April.

A circular was received from the Secretary of the Council of Irish County Associations concerning the agenda for the coming meeting of the Council to be held on 29th April. The Agenda was as follows:- 1. The Fermanagh motions. 2. Next year’s St Patricks Day Parade. 3. Nominations for president & Vice-Presidents of the Council. 4. Proposals to start a bi-monthly magazine. 5. Delegates will be asked to report on the activities of their Association during past month.

The ~~dele~~ meeting decided that to Fermanagh motion was “out of order” & should not be considered by the Council. The motion could be put forward again by Fermanagh at the next Annual General meeting of the Council if they so desired.

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in Red Lion Hotel, 34 Kilburn High Road, NW6 on Monday 6th May 1957.

The Chairman Mr TA. Ronan presided, also present Messrs P Mackey, V-Chairman, T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, J Hale, M Brownrigg, Miss M Whelan, Miss M Curtis & the Secretary T Costello.

The Secretary apologised on behalf of Mr McGough & Mr Purcell for their inability to attend. The minutes of the preceding meeting were adopted.

Visit of Kilkenny Hurling team. It was decided to hold a reception for the Kilkenny Senior Hurling team at The Swan, Stockwell. Mr Walsh, manager of the Swan quoted the sum of 15/ 6 per head for Dinner & stated he would grant the use of his premises for the Dance free. Mr Walsh also informed the meeting that the number he was capable of sitting down to Dinner was 140, + the number(maximum) of people to attend the Dance afterwards would be 350. Unanimously decided to charge for Dinner be 15/6 and on Social 5/-.

Mr Reddy reported that he had a conversation with the Secretary of the Tipperarymen's Association who suggested that both Associations should unite to entertain the visiting teams.

Mr Hale proposed and Mr Brownrigg seconded that the Kilkenny Association cater only for the Kilkenny team. ~~Mr~~ The Secretary proposed that the Tipperary suggestion be adopted & that 70 tickets (Dinner) be allotted to both Associations. This proposition was not seconded & Mr Hale's resolution was passed.

The secretary was instructed to contact the chairman of the Co. Board concerning this matter of entertaining the team.

The Chairman informed the meeting that a Dance in aid of the funds of the Association would be held in the New Emerald Club Hammersmith by Kind permission **[pg. 81]** of Mr J Conway.

 J Hale Prop.

M Brownrigg Sec.

T A Ronan Chairman

6-5-57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Red Lion Hotel, l34 Kilburn High Road NW6 on Friday 24th May 1957.

The Vice-Chairman Mr P Mackey presided also present, Messrs M Brownrigg, N Heffernan, J Hale, D Purcell, Miss M Whelan, & The Secretary T Costello.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr J Hale, seconded by Mr M Brownrigg.

It was decided that the following charges be made for the reception & Social evening for the Kilkenny Hurling team.

Members -15/6 for Dinner & Social evening - non-members, 21/- for Dinner and Social evening. - Social evening only5/-.

Mr Purcell reported that he had booked a coach for Whit Monday. ~~Charge for that~~ Cost of coach would be £7-7-0. It was agreed to charge 5/- each to all using this coach on Whit-Monday.

Letter from Secretary London Co. Board granting permission to Association for the entertainment of team. The letter thanks the Association for the invitation to the ~~rec~~ affairs of the Co. Board to the Reception at the Swan Stockwell.

The Secretary reported that the Council of Irish County Associations would be electing President & Vice-Presidents at the next meeting, - the Association could nominate any person for these positions. It was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the delegates.

**[pg. 82]** It was agreed that Committee members do their utmost in advertising the forthcoming reception & collecting names of people who would be interested in attending.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on 5th of June 1957.

D Purcell( Prop) P Mackey

M Brownrigg(Sec) Vice-Chairman 24- 5- 57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, London SW1 on 13th June 1957.

The Chairman Mr Ronan presided also present Messrs T Reddy Hon Treasurer, D Purcell, M Brownrigg, N Heffernan, J Hale and the Secretary T Costello.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted.

The meeting was called for the purpose of making final arrangements for the reception of the visiting Kilkenny team on Whit Monday.

The Secretary informed the meeting that all known Kilkenny people in the London area had been circularised in connection with the reception. So far he had received personally 3 applications for Dinner tickets & it was necessary to notify Mr Walsh of the Swan the number of people to be catered for by Friday morning. Latest date for receipt of applications was Wednesday 11th June.

The Chairman expressed the view that the support for the dinner from members, not to say non-members was very discouraging to the Committee.

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Mr Reddy deplored the fact that more arrangements had not been made to consider late applicants for Dinner & people who, through no fault of their own, could not apply within the stipulated time.

On the proposition of Mr Purcell it was agreed to inform Mr Walsh that approximately 85 people would attend the Dinner.

Mr Reddy proposed that Fr Aidan McGrath, Fr Casey, Fr Riley & all of the clergy be guests ~~at the~~ of the Association at this reception. This was unanimously agreed to.

N Heffernan (Prop)

P Mackey Sec.

T A Ronan Chairman

22-6-57

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel, 34 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 on Saturday 22nd June 1957.

The Chairman Mr TA Ronan presided also present Messrs P Mackey, V-Chairman, T Reddy Hon Treasurer, N Heffernan, P McGough, & the Secretary Mr T Costello.

Minutes of Committee meeting held on 13th June 1957 were read & adopted on the proposition of Mr N Heffernan, seconded by Mr Mackey.

Letter acknowledging donation of £1 was read from the Matron Dollis Hill Hospital NW.

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Letter received from the Kevin Barry Memorial Committee stating that it was their intention of erecting a memorial, at an approximate cost of £1,000 to Kevin Barry. The letter appealed for a subscription to this worthy cause.

~~This~~ It was unanimously decided to subscribe ~~to the~~ towards the erection of this memorial but it was agreed that the amount of the subscription remain unstated until after the General Meeting to be held in conjunction with a Social Evening at the Swan Stockwell on Friday July 12th.

Treasurer's report:- Balance in Bank £150.6.4. Committee authorised payment of £98 + £5 gratuity to staff for reception at Swan Stockwell to Kilkenny Hurling team.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr Byrne Proprietor of the Galtymore Club, Cricklewood had promised him a Dance in aid of the funds of the Association in September or October.

The Chairman congratulated the members of the Committee for this assistance & help in organising the reception at the Swan.

It was decided to hold the next Committee Meeting in the Red Lion on Friday 5th July 1957.

Resolutions of sympathy were passed with Mr J Shalloe on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by the Treasure and with Mrs N Hoffman on the proposition of the Secretary seconded by Mr McGough.

Prop Mr Heffernan

Secretary P McGough

P Mackie (V Chairman)

5/7/57

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel 34 High Road Kilburn NW6 on 5th July 1957.

Mr P Mackey Vice-Chairman presided, also present Messrs T Reddy Hon Treasurer, P McGough, N Heffernan, M Brownrigg, D Purcell, Miss M Curtis & the Secretary T Costello.

The Secretary apologised on behalf of the Chairman Mr Ronan for his inability to attend.

The minutes of the preceding meeting with read & adopted on the proposition of Mr Heffernan seconded by Mr McGough.

A letter was received from Mr Seamus O'Brien Secretary of the John Locke Hurling Club Callum thanking the Association for their kindness to him during his visit to London for the Kilkenny V Tipperary match at Woolwich on Whit Monday.

Mr O'Brien enclosed a £1 subscription to the funds of the Association. The Committee returned the Association thanks to Mr O'Brien for his generosity.

The Treasurer Mr Reddy reported that the credit balances in the bank amounted to £70-7-4 & his report was adopted on the proposition of Mr Heffernan seconded by Mr Brownrigg.

Letter acknowledging Association's sympathy was received from Mrs N Heffernan.

The delegates to the Council of Irish County Associations reported that a special meeting of this Council had been held with the object of investigating the possibility of procuring premises. Two motions were put to the Council. 1. That the Council make arrangements to procure premises. 2. That the matter be referred back to the County Associations for their consideration.

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On a vote been taken it was decided to go ahead with this project. Kilkenny delegates abstained from voting due to the fact that some of the strongest Associations signified their intention of procuring their own premises.

Mr D Purcell proposed & Mr M Brownrigg seconded that the Association support the proposition of the Council in their efforts to procure these premises.

The Secretary was instructed to approach the manager of the Swan Stockwell in connection with the possibility of the Association holding the Annual Dinner there at the end of November or early in December.

The question of the large number of delegates from Co. Board GAA to the reception of the Kilkenny Team was adjourned to next meeting.

Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of Mr P Quirke & the relatives of Mr John Clifford.

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in Red Lion Hotel on ~~Monday 15~~~~th~~ ~~July 1957~~ Friday 23rd August 1957.

The Chairman, Mr Ronan presided also present Messrs P Mackey V-Chairman T Reddy Hon Treasurer P McGough, N Heffernan & the Sectry. T Costello.

The minutes of the preceding Committee meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr McGough, seconded by Mr Heffernan.

A letter was read from Mr J Hale tendering his resignation from the Committee Mr Hales resignation was accepted with regret.

It was unanimously decided to hold the third Annual Dinner at the Swan Tavern, Stockwell SW9, on Thursday December 5th 1957 and to invite the following guests:-

The Patron Most Rev Dr Collier, Bishop of Ossory, the President Rev P Ronan, ~~his worship the Mayor of Kilkenny~~ the Vice-President Mr R Purcell, his worship the Mayor of Kilkenny, the Irish Ambassador & Mrs Cremin, the Chairman Kilkenny Co. Council, Senator P Tuhan, the Chairman Council of Irish Co. Associations and Mrs Conway, Rev T McNamara, Chairman London Co. Board G.A.A., Rev Frs, Moore, Lynch, Casey, McGrath & O'Reilly. Representatives of the Irish Independent, Irish Press, Kilkenny People, Kilkenny Journal, and the Cork Weekly Examiner. The Secretary was instructed to procure sample menus for this Dinner from the Swan.

The Secretary proposed & the Chairman seconded that £10 be subscribed to the Kevin Barry Memorial Fund. This was passed.

The Chairman & Vice-Chairman were appointed to attend next meeting of Council of Irish County Associations.

The question of chartering an aircraft with the convenience of members who wish to attend the All-Ireland final between **[pg. 88]** Kilkenny & Waterford was discussed. Mr McGough submitted the following quotations which he had received:-

32 seater £320, 36 seater £500, 57 seater £600. It was pointed out that Aer Lingus were running an extra dawn flight and the return fare on this flight would be £11. For parties of 15 or more a reduction of 10% would be granted.

Due to the extreme cost of charging the Committee decided not to hire but to recommend the dawn flight to any members making the journey.

Minutes of Committee meeting held in Red Lion Hotel on 4th October 1957.

The following members were present Messrs TA Ronan, Chairman, P Mackey, Vice-Chairman, T Reddy, Hon Treasurer & the Secretary T Costello.

Owing to the absence of a quorum the meeting was not held and the members present decided to carry out the ordinary business of the Association.

A letter was received from the Anti-Partition League of Ireland asking the Association to take part in the Annual Commemoration for Terence McSweeney. It was decided that the Association could not take part because of the Constitution of the Association expressly states that the Association is non-political.

Sample menus were received from the manager of The Swan in connection with the Annual Dinner & the menu prices at 18/-. was accepted subject to approval by the Committee. This sum was inclusive of wine.

It was also agreed subject to the approval how to make a charge of 21/- per member & 25/- per non-member.

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The Secretary was instructed to distribute the tickets for the Dance in Galtymore as soon as possible.

D Purcell (Prop)

M Brownrigg (Sec)

T A Ronan (Chairman)

8-11-57

Minutes of Committee meeting held in Red Lion Hotel, 34 High Rd, Kilburn NW6 on Friday 8th November 1957.

The Chairman Mr Ronan presided also present Messrs P Mackey, V Chairman, N Heffernan, T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, M Brownrigg, D Purcell, Miss M Curtis and the Hon Secretary, T Costello.

The business carried out at the meeting on 4th October was read to the meeting. As a quorum had not attended this meeting the Committee were asked to sanction all decisions made by those present. Mr Purcell proposed & Mr M Brownrigg seconded that these minutes be adopted. This resolution was adopted.

A letter was received from the Patron Most Revd Dr Collier Bishop of Ossory regretting his inability to attend the Annual Dinner. His Lordship stated that as he was now getting on in years he thought the Association should have a younger & more energetic man as Patron. He therefore tendered his resignation.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Bishop that, as the Association wished to retain him as Patron his resignation could not be accepted under any circumstances. The Association would agree to his Lordship sending a representative as last year.

A suggestion that a separate charge to the dance after the dinner should be made was not agreed to.

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It was agreed that Sian Kennedy's band play during the actual meal.

Letters were read from the President Fr Ronan, the Mayor of Kilkenny, the Chairman of Kilkenny Co Council accepting invitations.

Fr Ronan promised to offer Holy Mass for the Association on the morning of 5th December.

It was decided to issue 10 tickets to each Committee member of Association.

It was brought to the Committee's notice that Michael Moynes a member of Association had recently underwent a major surgical operation. The Committee unanimously decided to make a grant of £5 to Mr Moynes.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Balance C/F 86.15.4

Social 11.14.0

Galtymore Dance 16.10.0

Dinner 1.10.0

 £116.0.4

Expenditure

Kevin Barry 10.0.0

Printing 3.3.9

Secretary Postage 13.11.0

Fee (Quiz) 10.0.0

Band 5.0.0.

£32.10.7

Credit Balance £83.9.9

This report was adopted on the proposition of Mr Purcell seconded by Mr Mackey.

It was decided to write to Kilkenny County Board GAA concerning Hurling Tournament to be held at Wembley Stadium on Whit-Monday 1958 pointing out that Kilkenny people residing in England looked forward eagerly to Kilkenny taking part & hoped that the Co Board would play the best team available to the County in this tournament.

The next meeting to be held in the Red Lion Hotel on Tuesday 3rd December 1957.

N Heffernan (Prop)

P Mackey (Sec) T A Ronan Chairman 10- 1-58

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn NW6 on 10th January 1958.

The Chairman Mr Ronan presided also present Messrs, P Mackey, Vice-Chairman, T Reddy, Hon Treasurer, N Heffernan, M Brownrigg & the Secretary T Costello.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and the doctored on the proposition of Mr Heffernan seconded by Mr Mackey.

The Committee acknowledged receipt of Christmas cards for the Department of External Affairs, Dublin & the Limerick Association London.

Treasurer's report Balance bt. forward £83-9-9, Receipts £68-15-0, Expenditure £18-14-0, Balance (credit) £133 10 9.

Mr Brownrigg and Mr Mackey seconded the adoption of this report.

A bill totalling £119-4-0 was received from The Swan, Stockwell for the Annual Dinner. A bill was also received from the Irish Club for the accommodation of guests from Ireland for the Annual Dinner. This bill amounted to £13-10-9. These bills were passed for payment.

The air fares for the three guests from Ireland amounted to £38-14-0. This amount to be refunded to the Chairman.

It was decided to hold the third Annual General Meeting of the Association in the Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn NW6 on Sunday 26th January 1958 at 3-00 p.m.

On the proposition of Mr N Heffernan seconded by Mr Mackey a vote of sympathy was passed with Mr D Power a member of the Association on the death of his brother. This resolution was passed in silent prayers, all present standing.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held: the Red Lion 34 Kilburn High Road on Sunday 26th Jan 1958.

The Chairman Mr T A Ronan presided and amongst the attendance present were: Mr P Mackey, Vice-Chairman, Mr T Costello Sec, Mr T Reddy, Treasurer, Mr M Purcell, Mr N Heffernan, Mr M Brownrigg, Miss M Curtis, Mrs Woods, Mrs Reddy, Mrs Ronan, etc.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Dan Purcell and seconded by Michael Brownrigg.

The Secretary's Report was read and adopted.

The Treasurer's Report for the year was adopted on the proposition of Mr P Mackey seconded by Mr Cummins. This report showed a credit balance of £1-2-1 as compared with £106-10-3 the previous year. Total income was £394-14-3, expenditure £393-12-2.

Chief items of expenditure

( a) Dinner to Kilkenny team £103-0-0

(b) Annual Dinner; Accommodation for guests, and all foods & Toast Master £175-12-9.

( c) Printing £62-8-5

The Chairman, Mr T A Ronan, on behalf of the Committee thanked all the members for their loyal support during the year. The Committee without whose loyal support the Association could not carry on, were, he considered second to none. The Annual Dinner was socially an outstanding success. He appealed to Kilkenny people in London to support their Association with more loyalty during the coming year. He much regretted that he would not be able to go forward as Chairman during the coming year, due to exigencies of time, etc., but nevertheless, he would **[pg. 93]** as of yore, do all in his power to help the in-coming Committee. Tributes were then paid to Chairman by Mr T Reddy and Mr P Mackey. Mr Joe Cummins proposed the possible formation of a band among the Kilkenny People and the Association as he felt that by so doing a more 'Irish Flavour' and homely atmosphere would be forthcoming in the Monthly Socials. It was decided to leave this matter to be discussed by the in-coming Committee.

Mr Coyle felt that £4-4-0 was a rather exorbitant figure to have to pay a Toast-master for the Annual Dinner. But Mr Ronan pointed out that the Committee failed to find a one among the Association willing to undertake the task. The meeting decided that ~~they~~ everything possible should be done during the year to find a willing personality for next year's Annual Dinner.

St. Patrick's Day Parade:-

It was decided to take part as in previous years in this parade.

Socials:-

As in the past the meeting favoured the sending of two tickets to each member.

Kilkenny People and Munster Express:

On the proposition of Maurice O'Shea it was decided to send a full and glowing report of the Annual General Meeting to these papers and also to send reports of various functions to said papers for, he felt that by so doing they would help advertise our functions and socials among our exiles and there-by show we were something very much active.

Challenge Game:-

On the proposition of Mr Michael Brownrigg it was decided that the Sec. write to Paddy Grace asking him if it were possible to have a challenge game played to help boost the financial resources **[pg. 94]** of the Association, which were, to all and sundry, very embarrassingly presently.

Council of Irish Associations:-

The Secretary then read in full a letter from above outlining the ~~bus~~ main business of this Association, after lengthy discussion on above it was decided to send to delegates to their Annual General Meeting; have them report back it's finding; and then left the incoming Committee decide if we should still remain a member of this Association.

Election of officers:-

The following outgoing officers did not seek re-election: Mr T A Ronan Chairman; Mr T Costello Secretary; Mr T Reddy Treasure and Mr Dan Purcell a member of the Committee.

Mr P Mackey and Mr M O'Shea were proposed for Chairman. Mr O'Shea withdrew in favour of the former who, though reluctant to do so was morally forced into the exalted position and his election was greeted with too-long applause.

Mr Michael Brownrigg was elected Vice-Chairman.

Mr Maurice O'Shea, Secretary.

Mr Nicolas Heffernan, Treasurer.

Committee: Miss Moira Curtis

Mr P Boyle, 50 Warverley

Walk, Paddington

Mr M Moynes, 49 Willow Vale, W12

Mr Billy Malone 125 Great Titchfield Street W1

 Mr Danny Power

 Mr Joe Cummings, 81 St. Stephen's Avenue

Mrs Woods, 3 Ashchurch Terrace, W12

It was decided to hold the First monthly meeting at the Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn, on Friday, January 31st at 8:30 p.m.

Prop J Cummings

Sec N Heffernan

Proposer by J Cummings, Patrick Mackey

Sec Nick Heffernan 31-1-58.

M Brownrigg (Chairman) 15--2-59.

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn on Friday. Jan 31st at 8:30 p.m..

The Chairman Mr P Mackey presided; also present were: Mr N Heffernan, Treasurer Messrs Moyne, Malone, Dan Purcell, Joe Cummings, Mrs Wood and Mrs Curtis and the Hon Secretary Maurice O'Shea.

Mr Michael Brownrigg, Vice-Chairman was absent owing to illness.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting were read and signed on the proposition of Joe Cummins, seconded by Nicholas Heffernan.

Appointment of President:

It was unanimously decided that Fr Ronan continue as president and that the Secretary write to him & notify him accordingly.

Delegates to Council of Irish Co Associations:

It was unanimously decided that the Secretary Mr M O’Shea and Mr Joe Cummins be appointed delegates to Council and attend the Annual General Meeting of same in Red Lion Hotel on Sunday February 4th.

Social:-

The first Social for 1958 to be held in Red Lion Hotel on Friday Feb 14th. Music by Sean Kenny's band, raffle for cigarettes, the Sec notified all members by circular and also enclosed 2 tickets. The Sec said they had a possible 300 addresses and would do so.

Kilkenny Team:-

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Kilkenny Team would be in London on Friday evening, May 23rd. The London Co ~~Boad~~ Board would entertain them on Saturday evening 24th and that they were returning on Sunday 25th. He then pointed out that he would back permission from the London Co Board if the Association would be committed to entertain them on Friday evening in the Red Lion. Admission would be 5/-.

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Challenge Games:-

The Chairman, P Mackey, also informed the meeting that he had been in consultation with the members of the Wexford men's Association and they were all in favour of two challenge games, one in Wexford and one in Kilkenny, to help raise funds for both Associations. The Wexford delegates actually informed him that they had written to the Wexford Co. Board and the latter had gladly consented. All was now needed was the consent of the Kilkenny Co. Board. The Chairman ~~that~~ thought it best to leave the matter next until he could actually get in touch with the members of the Kilkenny Co. Board on the occasion of their visit to London. This was agreed to.

Extension for Social:- It was agreed that the Secretary write to the proper channels for extension for Social to 11:30 p.m..

Secretary's Report on General Meeting of Council of Irish Co. Associations:-

The two appointed delegates to above attended the General Meeting held in Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn on Tuesday, Feb 4th. 18 Counties were represented. The Treasurer's report showed a profit of £5.5.8 on the years working; cash now at Bank; £23-12-2. Income from same £143-17-3; expenditure £150-10-0;

The following officers were elected:

(a) Chairman: Tadh Feehan; (b) Vice-do: James Fox

(c) Secretary: Patrick Byrne; (d) Treasurer: Mr J Gleeson.

Constitution:-

The constitution was not adopted. On a proposition it was decided that the members be selected from the meeting discussed it fully a report be then sent to each Co. Secretary who in turn should report some to the Committee and then if they deemed it wise, send in their amendments to the General Council who would again discuss the matter in full.

Co. Clare:- Co. Clare Association was chartering a plane from London to Shannon from 1st of August return fare £12

It was decided to hold the next Committee Meeting on Friday Feb. 21st

 Prop J Cummins P Mackey 21/ 2/ 58

 Sec. W Malone

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn on Friday, February 21st at 8:30

The Chairman Mr P Mackey presided, also present were Mr Nicholas Heffernan, Treasurer, Mr Michael Brownrigg, Vice Chairman, Messrs D Power, B Malone, Joe Cummings, Mrs Woods, Miss Curtis and the Sec., Maurice O'Shea.

Mr Moyne was absent owing to illness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and on the proposition of Joe Cummings and seconded by W Malone where adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Social:- It was decided to hold the next Social at the Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn on Friday March 21st; music by Sean Kenny and his band, raffle for cigarettes; the Sec. to notify all members and non-members. on the proposition of the Chairman, it was decided to send two tickets plus circular to members, and one ticket circular and membership form to non-members. It was also agreed that the Secretary apply for extension for Social to 11:30 p.m..

Dance:- The Chairman informed the meeting that he had booked the New Emerald Club for a Dance in aid of above funds for ~~April~~ Thursday April 17th. The Secretary was asked to have 500 tickets printed and later sent out to members. It was also decided to hold a raffle for a bottle of whiskey at the Dance. The Chairman expressed a wish that all would do their utmost to sell as many tickets as possible and thereby ensure that our Dance be an absolute success.

The Chairman also informed the meeting that he was doing his utmost to procure the Blarney Club, Tottenham Court Road, for our second Dance.

St. Patrick's Day Parade:- It was unanimously agreed ~~that~~ to take part in the St Patrick's Day Parade and that our **[pg. 98]** banner bearers be: Mr Danny Power and Mr Michael Brownrigg. The Chairman and Secretary regretted their inability to attend owing to pressure of business.

Treasurer's report:- Cash on hands;

1. Per membership

(b) " Social

Sweep on Derby:- Mr Brownrigg propose that a “sweep” on the Derby be held. After a lengthy discussion the matter was deferred.

Council of County associations:- The Secretary Mr M O'Shea and Mr Joe Cummins, on the advice of the Committee, attended the first meeting of above, held in the “Ford High Admiral”, 145 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SE1 on Tuesday 4th of March.

Minutes arising out of above:-

(a) It was decided unanimously that each County Association contribute to £2-2-0 ~~th~~ to the Killybegs Disaster Fund.

(b) The Chairman Mr Tadh Feehan, informed the meeting of the “birth” of a new Association, nee County Meath and welcome them to the Council of Associations.

(c) Each Secretary was asked to give a verbal report of the activities of his Association etc.

(d) The Chairman requested that each Association supply a “Marshall” for the St Patrick's Day Parade. Mr Joe Cummins name was submitted by the Sec of our Association and was duly accepted.

(e) Mr Feehan again appeal to all Co. Associations to submit their membership fee as soon as possible.

Correspondence:- The Secretary then read all correspondence which was summarily dealt with.

Prop M Brownrigg

Sec N Heffernan

28th March 1958

P Mackey

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn, on Friday, 28th March, at 8:30pm.

The Chairman Mr P Mackey presided also present were Mr Michael Brownrigg, Vice Chairman, Michael Nicholas Heffernan, Treasurer, Danny Power, Joe Cummins, Mrs Woods, Miss Moira Curtis, Mr P Coyle, Mr Maurice O'Shea, Hon Secretary.

Mrs Moyne was absent owing to his having received notification too late which was due to a postal error.

Social:-

The Social held on March 21st was a big success; 75 people being present. The raffle was also a financial success. On the proposition of the Chairman it was unanimously decided to ~~engg~~ engage Pat Mc Maree's Band for next Social and thereby ensure a more Irish atmosphere in our Socials. Cost of band - £4-10-0 as V £5-10-0 for Mr Sean Kennedy's Band. It was also decided that the Secretary act as MC at future Socials and Mr M Brownrigg signified his intention of assisting the Treasurer, Mr Heffernan at the "door".

Dance:-

The full arrangements were made in connection with Dance.

Box office: Mr Heffernan and Brownrigg

Door: the Secretary assisted by Mr Joe Cummins, Mr Moynes, Mr Coyle and the Chairman.

Treasurer's ~~xxxx~~ report:-

Receipt from Social on March 21

a) Per ticket: £10- 13- 0

b) Raffle: £3.14.1

Expenses:-

a) 50 cigarettes for raffle: 9/10

b) Band £5-10-0

Other expenses:-

Paid to Joan Flynn's for printing: £4-1-6

 Balance on hand £39-18-3 & £1-5-0 mem. fees’

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Visit of Kilkenny Team:

It was decided that the Secretary write to Mr P Grace Hon Sec, Kilkenny Co Board, requesting him to furnish all details re. arrival and departure of Kilkenny team in connection with their visit to Wembley on Saturday, May 24th. Also to make enquiries re. challenge games - one home and one away- with Wexford. Receipts for both games to be divided equally between both Associations.

County of Co Associations:

It was decided that the Sec Maurice O'Shea and Joe Cummins attend the next meeting of Council of Associations to be held in the Irish Club in Eaton Square, and should they find anything objectionable in the constitution to a voice their protest on behalf of the Association.

Mr Danny Power proposed that we cease to be members of the Council of above owing to the high cost of membership fee. This was defeated on a Show of Hands.

It was also unanimously decided to support the Killybegs Disaster Fund.

The meeting concluded at 10:30 p.m.

P.S.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and on the proposition of Michael Brownrigg, seconded by Nicholas Heffernan were adopted and signed by the Chairman, Mr Mackey.

 Prop M Brownrigg

 Sec J Cummins

 P Mackey 25/4/58

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn, on Friday, April 25th.

The Chairman Mr P Mackey presided; also present were Mr Michael Brownrigg, Vice Chairman, N Heffernan, Treasurer, Joe Cummins, P Coyle, Mrs Woods, Miss Moira Curtis and the Secretary, Maurice O'Shea.

The Chairman regretted his inability to be present at the Dance in Emerald on 17/4/58, due to his being indisposed. The Secretary reported that a total of 98 tickets were sold for the Dance, which was regarded as a success. Thanks was expressed to Mr Jim Conway proprietor of the New Emerald for his singular kindness to the Committee Social:-

It was decided to hold the next Social in the Victory Rooms, Red Lion Hotel, on Friday May 17th; music to be supplied by Pat Mc Maree's Band. The usual procedure to be adopted by the Secretary re. sending out of circulars etc.

Dance:-

It was unanimously decided that the Secretary visit the manager of the Garryowen and make arrangements if possible - for the holding of ~~dan~~ Benefit Dance there in late September.

Kilkenny Team:-

Due to the cloud of uncertainty re visit of Kilkenny Team the Committee felt there was nothing concrete they could do re arrangements of reception to them etc. It was then decided that the Association join with the London Co Board in affording a reception to the Kilkenny team if they did visit London.

The meeting concluded at 10:15.

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn, London, on June 20th 1958, at 8:30 p.m.

The Chairman, Mr P Mackey presided; also present were M/s Nicholas Heffernan, Treasurer; P Coyle, W Malone, Miss Curtis and the Secretary Mr Maurice O'Shea.

Apologies from Mr Michael Brownrigg, Vice Chairman and Mr Joe Cummins regretting their inability to attend, were received.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were marked read.

On the proposition of the Chairman it was decided not to hold any Socials until the termination of the bus strike. After further discussion it was unanimously decided to defer holding of Socials till after the summer recess as it was felt that, due to people going on holiday etc, this was the most flexible approach.

Mr Mackey proposed and was passed unanimously - that a presentation be made to the Vice-Chairman, Mr Michael Brownrigg. The Secretary and Miss Moira Curtis were then instructed to purchase a suitable gift and present it personally to Mr Brownrigg and his fiancée Miss Kit Walsh, also a member of the Association.

It was also decided that payment of £2-2-0 be made to the Secretary of the Irish Council of Co Associations as our contribution to the Donegal Disaster Fund.

Mr W Malone surrendered the names - Mr & Mrs Bennet and Mr and Mrs Hogan - plus 30/- membership fees - for this year, 1958.

The meeting concluded at 10:30.

Proposed by Nicholas Heffernan

Sec - Mr Moynes

 M Brownrigg (Vice-Chairman)

 1-8-58

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn on Friday, August 1st '58.

In the absence of the Chairman, P Mackey, who was on holidays, Mr Michael Brownrigg, Vice-Chairman presided. Also present were Mr Nicolas Heffernan, Treasurer, Mr Moyne, Mr P Coyle, Mrs Woods, Miss Moira Curtis and the Secretary Mr Maurice O'Shea.

The minutes of the preceding meeting where read and adopted.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had been in touch with the manager of the Garryowen ~~and~~ Dance Club, Hammersmith. The possibility of holding a Dance therefore funds of above were discussed. The Secretary was informed that the Hall would be available at some future date but no definite date could presently be submitted. The meeting decided that to make the Dance as popular as possible, a contest for "Miss Kilkenny '58" should be held during the evening, for it was felt that some such attraction was necessary to make the Dance the success they all hoped it would be. The Secretary was then advised to get in touch again with the manager of the Garryowen, as soon as possible; otherwise it would be necessary to seek a hall elsewhere.

This was unanimously agreed to.

It was decided to hold the next Social in the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, Sept 19th, if the Victory Rooms would be available.

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £44-11-5.

 The minutes of ~~me~~ the preceding meeting were read and ~~afo~~ adopted on the proposition of the Treasurer, Mr Nicholas Heffernan, and seconded by Mr Moyne and signed by the Vice-Chairman, Mr Michael Brownrigg.

Prop N Heffernan

Sec M Moynes

 P Mackey 26/ 9/ 58

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn, on Friday, Sep 26th '58.

The Chairman, P Mackey presided; also present were M/S Nicholas Heffernan, Treasurer, Mr Moyne, Mr P Coyle, Mr J Cummins, Mrs Woods, Miss Curtis, and the Secretary Maurice O'Shea.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr Heffernan, seconded by Mr Moynes.

The Chairman tendered his resignation owing to business reasons. This was accepted with much regret.

The Sec informed the meeting that the Social held on in the Red Lion on Friday Sept 19th was very poorly supported but one member pointed out that this may have been due to the extreme inclemency of the weather. It was decided to hold the next Social on Friday, Oct 24th and all hoped it would be much better supported.

The Chairman promised to get in touch with Mr Jim Conway, proprietor of the New Emerald Dance Club in Hammersmith and book this hall for a Dance in aid of above funds. The Secretary pointed out, previously, that he had written to the Sec of the Garryowen Club on three different occasions but no reply was forthcoming.

Treasurer's Report: Receipt from social on 26-10-58

 Social: 5-15-0

 Membership: 10 (J Brownrigg)

Total 6-5-0

 To Band 5-10-0 credit balance 15/-

Paid to Tamblyns: £2-19-0

Total credit balance: £42-8-5

 Proposed by Nick Heffernan

 Sec Joe Cummins

 31-10-58 M Brownrigg (Vice Chairman)

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Fourth Annual General Meeting

Minutes of 4th Annual General Meeting held in "Duke of Sussex", 272 Portobello Road, London W10 on Sunday, 8th March 1959.

The Chairman Mr M Brownrigg presided and the following officers were also present Messrs M O'Shea, Hon Secretary, and N Heffernan, Hon Treasurer.

The Chairman addressing the meeting deplored the lack of co-operation from members and the very bad attendance at the monthly Socials. ~~The~~ Mr Brownrigg stated that in his opinion, unless were instructed was shown by members and the monthly Social supported, the Association must surely perish.

The Secretary's report was adopted.

The Hon Treasurer in his report shows a credit balance of £16.3.5. Mr Heffernan's report was adopted

Election of Officers. The following officers were unanimously elected. Chairman - Mr T A Ronan, V-Chairman - Mr Leo Bolger, Hon Treasurer - Mrs J Comerford, Hon Secretary T Costello.

Committee:- Messrs T Reddy, P Coyle, J Comerford, Ms T Woods and Mrs M Cahill.

~~Mr Ronan in thank~~ The outgoing officers did not seek re-election.

Mr Ronan in thanking the members for his election appealed to them for their co-operation and whole-hearted support. He asked them to do all in their power to recruit members for the Association in their respective districts.

A suggestion by Mr M O'Shea that the Association organise a Dance at which "Miss Kilkenny" be selected was not agreed to.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade - It was decided to take part in this Parade as usual. Members to assemble at Horse Guards Parade at 12:15 on Sunday March 15th.

 ~~Prop.~~

T Reddy Prop.

M Coyle Sec.

 T A Ronan Chairman

 24-3-59

Minutes of Committee meeting held in the "Duke of Sussex", 272 Portobello Road, London W10 on Tuesday, 24 March 1959.

The Chairman, Mr TA Ronan presided, also present Messrs L Bolger, Vice-Chairman, Mrs J Comerford, Hon Treasurer, Messrs T Reddy, P Coyle, Mrs T Woods, Miss M Cahill and the Hon Secretary Mr T Costello.

The minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr Reddy and seconded by Mr Coyle.

The Chairman expressed satisfaction at the attendance of Kilkenny people at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs Camelford reported that she had received £16-0-0 membership fees. There were now 39 paid members.

It was agreed that the Co. Carlow people be allowed to become members of the Association on payment of the usual membership fee. This to apply until such time as Carlow formed their own Association.

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The Committee decided to issue membership cards to members of the Committee (10 each) in the hope of recruiting more members. Cards to be available at the next Committee meeting.

Monthly Special - It was decided to hold a Social in the Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn High Road on Friday 17th April. The question of providing music for this Social was discussed and Mr Bolger suggested that he might be able to interest some friends of his in the formation of a band. Mr Bolger was requested to ask his friends to attend the next Committee meeting. A suggestion was made that a singing competition be organised at the monthly Socials. This matter was deferred for future discussion.

Visit of Kilkenny Senior Hurling team - The visit of the Kilkenny Senior Hurling team on Whit Saturday was discussed and it was decided that the Association would organise some entertainment for the members of the team and officials. It was agreed to hold this ~~entert~~ entertainment at the Swan Hotel, Stockwell, SW9 on Saturday night if possible. In the meantime Mr Sean Dunne, Secretary, London Co Board GAA be approached arrangements being made by the Board.

A vote of sympathy, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Reddy, was unanimously passed with Ma. Robert Purcell V-P on the death of his wife. This resolution was passed in silent prayer - all present standing.

It was decided to notify all known Kilkenny People in the London area for this Social, but thereafter only members of the Association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 7th April.

Mr Reddy proposed and Mr Coyle seconded ~~thank~~ a vote of thanks to Mr G Kelly, manager of the Duke of Sussex for the use of his premises for the meeting.

 T Reddy (Prop)

 J Comerford Sec 7-3-59

T A Ronan (Chairman)

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Duke of Sussex, Portobello Road, London W10 on Tuesday 7th April 1959.

The Chairman Mr T A Ronan presided also present, ~~Messrs~~ Mr L Bolger, Vice-Chairman, Mrs J Comerford Hon Treasurer, Messrs T Reddy, P Coyle, J Comerford, Mrs Woods, Miss Cahill, and T Costello Hon Secretary.

The minutes of the preceding meeting we're read and adopted on the proposition of Mr Reddy, seconded by Mr Comerford.

Treasurer's Report - ~~C~~ Mrs Comerford submitted the following

Report:- Balance brought forward - 19-1-11, printing 1958-2-76.

Unused Cheques 7/- Received membership fees 16-0-0.

Credit Balance £32.3.1. Mrs Comerford's report was adopted on the proposition of Mr Reddy seconded by Mrs Woods.

Entertainment of Kilkenny Team:- The Committee decided to hold this entertainment at the Swan Tavern, Stockwell on Saturday evening 16th May and that an extension of licence be applied for. Final arrangements to be left in the hands of the Chairman & Secretary. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had made efforts by telephone to contact Mr Grace, Secretary, Kilkenny Co Board GAA but had failed to do so.

Mr Ed Mahon attended the meeting in connection with the formation of a band within the Association. Mr Mahon expressed the opinion that it would be possible to form a band but the provision of instruments would be the main difficulty. He knew of other Kilkenny people interested but they needed instruments. It was decided to leave the formation of this band to Mr Mahon. Mr Mahon to report back to the Committee meeting when the question of the purchase of instruments etc would be discussed.

 Mr Mahon was unanimously co-opted to the Committee.

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Agenda

1. Minutes

2. Matters arising therefrom

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Dance

5. Kilkenny Team

6. Any other Business

Membership Swan band

 Red Lion Sean Kiernan

 1 Tenor Sax

 1 Trumpet Bass Drum

2 Accordions Side Drum

 1 Simble

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 Menu

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15.39 3.14.0 Social

5.15.0 7.10.0 Membership

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20.18.9

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Social at Red Lion Hotel:- It was agreed to hire a band to provide the music for this Social and the Secretary was instructed accordingly. This band proving suitable to be engaged for the visit of the Kilkenny Team.

 M Coyle (Prop)

L Bolger (Sec)

 TA Ronan (Chairman)

 27-4-59

Minutes of Committee meeting held in Red Lion Hotel 34 High Road Kilburn on 27th April 1959.

Mr Ronan Chairman presided, also present Messrs L Bolger, V-Chairman, Ms J Comerford Hon Treasurer, T Reddy, P Coyle, J Comerford, E Mahon, Mrs T Woods & the Secretary T Costello.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and adopted on the proposition of Mr Coyle seconded by Mr Bolger.

Formation of band-- Mr Byrne & Mr Finnegan attended meeting in connection with the formation of a band. The band would now consist of 1 trumpet, two accordions and drums. Drums would have to be purchased by the Association.

It was decided that the Associations aim would be to have band for **[pg. 112]** Social to be held in June. Individual members of Committee to make enquiries re price of drums. The Chairman remarked that it was wonderful to realise that the Association had members Willing & Able to form ~~the Associat~~ a band within the Association.

Entertainment of Kilkenny Team. Due to The Swan Hotel, Stockwell not being available it was decided to entertain the team at the Red Lion Hotel Kilburn & to apply for two extensions to midnight. One for the Assembly Room & one for Victory Rooms. It was also agreed that only members of the team ~~&~~ officials, & Committee members be allowed into Assembly Room during the giving of refreshments to team. This rule also to apply to coach for Wembley Stadium.

Admission to Social was fixed at Men 4/- Ladies 3/-

Treasurer's Report: The Hon Treasurer reported a profit from the April Social of £3.14.0. 19 new members had joined the Association making a total membership of 58. Credit balance of £28.3.4. This report was adopted on proposition of Mr Reddy seconded by Mr Bolger.

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Dance at new Emerald. It was decided to raffle a bottle of whiskey at this Dance to be held on 30th April. The Chairman expressed the hope that all Committee members would attend.

 J Comerford (Prop)

E Mahon Sec.

T A Ronan (Chairman)

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Minutes of Committee meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel on 4th May 1959.

The Chairman Mr Ronan presided, also present Messrs Leo Bolger, V Chairman, T Reddy, J Comerford, E Mahon, P Coyle, Mrs Comerford Hon Treasurer, Mrs Woods, Miss M Cahill and the Secretary T Costello.

Formation of band. It was decided to leave the purchase of instruments for band in the hands of Messrs Bolger, Mahon & Comerford. These members to make enquiries regarding price etc & report back to next meeting.

The Chairman expressed the dissatisfaction of the members of the Committee at the poor support by members for the Dance in aid of funds held at the new Emerald, Hammersmith.

The Secretary was instructed to express the Associations thanks to Mr Conway proprietor of the new Emerald for the use of his premises.

A letter was read from the Secretary Kilkenny Association of Birmingham ~~to coach~~ asking for a recommendations for some suitable place where his Association could meet Kilkenny residence in London. It was unanimously decided to ask the Committee of the Birmingham Association to be guests of London Association at reception at the Red Lion Hotel.

Arrangements were made for Committee members to be on duty at Social on 16th May 1959.

The consideration of the Treasurer's report was adjourned until next meeting.

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Minutes of Fifth Annual General meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel, 34 Kilburn High Road, NW6. on Sunday 13th December 1959.

The Chairman Mr T A Ronan, Mrs Comerford, Hon Treasurer and the Hon Secretary T Castello were present.

Due to the fact that only approximately 14 members attended the meeting was postponed to Sunday 17th January 1960.

The Secretary was instructed to inform members that if sufficient members did not attend on 17th January, the outgoing Committee would take steps to disband the Association & if necessary, make arrangements for the disposal of any ~~funds~~ monies to the credit of the Association.

Minutes of postponed Annual General Meeting held in the Red Lion Hotel, 34 Kilburn High Road, NW6 on Sunday 17th January 1960.

Mr T A Ronan Chairman and Mrs J Comerford Hon Treasure attended. The Hon Secretary, T Costello was unable to attend due to illness.