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MINUTES OF ADMIN COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON 17TH AUGUST, 1993

Present:

Mgr. G. Stack, D. Egan, U. Cooper, Rev. F. Phelan, M. Sills, J. Reynolds, Rev. D. Cormican, F. Collins (Chair)

Apologies:

T. Mc Assey, E. Mc Cormack, M. Allen, B. Shaw

In Attendance:

Brendan Allen (Allen, Tully & Co., Accountants)

1. Brendan Allen made a presentation of accounting services as prospective auditors to the Irish Centre. He was born in Dublin, had a practice in Ireland some years ago, moved to England and bought a practice here. His company are registered auditors. They act as Auditors to Hammersmith Advice Centre. Allen, Tully & Co. are prepared to do the audit for the Charity and the Limited Co. at a competitive price. If there should be any work outside their competence they would employ the appropriate person to deal with it. Brendan is Chairman of Irish Accountants in London. His company is based in Sidcup. He has looked at our accounts. Their initial audit would not be handled by a junior. We thanked Brendan for attending our meeting.

2. Tender for audit was also submitted in writing from Richard Marke & Co. Their quotation was exactly the same figure as Allen, Tully & Co. D. Egan proposed Allen, Tully & Co. to be nominated as Auditors - Seconded by M. Sills on the condition that fees are kept within bounds.

3. Matters arising from minutes:

Jim Reynolds has written to the Migrant Training Co. re: Insurance and Rent. It was suggested that commercial rates for rent be quoted to M.T.C. but we would actually charge them £3,000 per annum plus insurance.

4. Social Committee Report:

J. J. O'Brien was welcomed by the Chairman. J. J. O'Brien reported that the Social Committee were unhappy about the licence situation. The Social Committee were also unhappy about 4 members of the Admin Committee being brought to Social Committee meeting. Fr. Denis couldn't care less about the Social Club. Membership is dwindling. Licencing Sgt. gave a clear picture of the licence at a meeting with representatives of the Centre. D. Egan stated that we have not been trading illegally. There is no crisis with licence. John Connell should not have meetings with Social Committee. No ad hoc meetings should take place. Mgr.

To Tom Mangan

Stack stated that there was undermining of the Centre by various groups. ~~M. Sills~~ said ~~T. Mangan should be removed from the Centre.~~ J. J. O'Brien said a letter should have been sent accepting his resignation. The Admin Committee decided a letter should be sent by the Chairman to T. Mangan stating that he has no authority to deal with Saxon Inns. J. J. O'Brien complained of high bar prices in the Club. Chairman thanked J. J. O'Brien for attending.

5. The Committee decided that the Chair, F. Collins would send a letter to T. Mangan. The issue of the licence is a matter for the Admin Committee only. Any communication must come through Admin. The Social Committee are always welcome to discuss grievances. Una Cooper said the big problem is the Social Committee itself.

6. Finance Report presented by J. Reynolds:
Jim presented copies of 4 months accounts cumulative from 1st April to 31st July, 1993. The Ltd. Co. is showing a nett profit for the period, up on budget - £7,350 in Bank. Saxon Inns owes £6,700 for the 4 months. The Charity has £36,300 in the Bank, this is up £16,000 on last year. The Social Committee needs to be monitored as it is losing money. The Admin Committee is looking at ways it can help.

7. Saxon Inns:
Re-locating pictures needs agreement. Are the weekly meetings with Saxon Inns still taking place? It is important that the Admin Committee is represented at these meetings. A lot of trust has been lost which needs to be restored - this causes strain and worry.

8. A.G.M.:
4 lay members have to be nominated for the President to appoint. Both Banks are to put forward a member. Perhaps invite Robert or Fiona. Jim Commane's name also mentioned. We need a new Chairman.

Date of next meeting - 7th September at 8.00pm.