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Minutes of Administrative Committee - 8th March 1994

Present: D.Egan, Fr.Denis, A.Finan, T.Reilly, J.Coote, Mr Allen,  
F.Burke, B.Shaw, F.Collins, F.Phelan, U.Cooper, T.McAssey  
In attendance: C.Mohan, Co-ordinator

41. Matters Arising: A long discussions on Hostels not recorded.  
Tony proposed Mrs Allen *seconded minutes*  
Chairman suggested there should be an action  
column in the minutes.

42. Welfare Report: 580 phones calls, 293 interviews, getting more  
travellers with housing problems, New DSS legislation on Residency-  
new arrivals, temporary contracts. Irish could be discriminated  
against obvious political implications. Faxed TDs in Dail. IYF and  
FIS, the Irish Centre and other Irish agencies have written to  
Peter Lilley. Doctor Woods, Minister of Social Welfare had a  
meeting with Peter Lilley and after the meeting he met with  
representatives of Irish agencies. He hopes to sort this problem  
out diplomatically. Doctor Woods said keep lobbying. Press to  
meet F.I.S & AGIY. Release info to papers.

Letter from W.A.C inviting Admin to their next meeting on 16th  
March 1994. Suggest meeting at 7 pm.

Chairman asked for volunteers to attend meeting - a number of  
members volunteered.

Letter sent from Irish Centre to Conway House about not accepting  
referrals from here. It was suggested to set up a meeting between  
IC and Fr Carolan. Fr. Cormican prepared to attend this meeting if  
so required. The majority of clients sent from here are not  
accepted by Conway House. Fr. Cormican said Irish Centre Hostels  
will be replying to our letter.

Chairman thanked Christine.

43. SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

Chairman J.J.O'Brien presented report. He thanked T.McAssey for  
making Take Your Pick Box. Members not happy with the Draw because  
of way it was presented by Fr. Denis. Toilets - complaints.  
Cleaning of Hall not up to standard - tables not properly cleaned,  
need polish on floor and tables. Need to look at committee for  
next year. J.J.O'Brien not going to propose any members. Chairs  
need reconditioning.

Draw was sprung on Admin Committee as well. Chairman appealed for  
support from the social club members. Suggested members could  
share in a ticket.

Nominations from social club Committee to be forwarded to the Admin on 10th May for appointment to next year's social Committee.

Matter arose about development of space upstairs.

Cards - F. Screeve not interested in restarting.

#### 44. HOSTELS

There is a proposal that the name of Irish Centre Hostels is to be changed to some other name. Committee alarmed at this proposal and especially if they drop the name Irish Centre.

Relationship between the Hostels and Welfare are not good. We would like Fr Carolan to periodically attend our meeting. Fr Carolan had invited Christine to join the committee of IC Hostels. Christine unable to accept due to her commitments.

Donie to write letter to Hostels.

#### 45. TREASURER'S REPORT

Ltd Co - 11 month's report. Concession fees paid up-to-date and the next payment is due tomorrow including arrears. Advertising and the whole establishment of the Social Club need to be looked at again. Need to look at make-up of Social Club Committee. Perhaps 8 people are sufficient on that committee. Lost of £1,000 on dances is regained through a profit of £1,000 on the Gaming machine.

The auditor is still not satisfied with the presentation of accounts. It was requested that we have a monthly breakdown of accounts. In future we may work a month in arrears for presentation of accounts.

Oblate Loan - we are still negotiating with the banks and the Oblates.

Welfare - showing a deficit of £36,000 for the 11 months. The Development account is showing a surplus £9,000. Covenant from the limited company will create a break-even. We are just staying afloat. We will <sup>ask</sup> auditors to look at the presentation of annual accounts.

Draw - 287 tickets circulated. £1,500 in bank. Launch of Draw on 22nd March at 8 pm in conjunction with Saxon Inns Promotion night. Malcolm to write letter to Secretaries of Counties and members of the Council of the Irish Centre inviting them to the Launch.

Irish Centre Draw to take place on the same night as Rathcairn Draw. It was suggested that Standing Orders should start at the end of March. People may give 6 postdated cheques. We require 2

payments before first Draw. The closing date for Draw will be the 10th of May 1994.

46. A O B

Inventory: All pictures will in place for Saturday night.

Trustees: Being handled by Robert Kerr.

Insurance: Our insurance brokers are satisfied with MTC insurance. Una Cooper expressed concern about barbecues in the kitchen.

Condolences to be sent to Joe Davis on death of his wife - Mass card to be sent on behalf of the committee.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th April 1994 at 8 pm.