

THE LEITRIM ASSOCIATION IN LONDON. MEETING JULY 13th. 1981,

PRESENT :? THE CHAIRMAN : Michael Winters.
The Secretary : Doris Daly.
The Treasurer : Rev Father Butler. OMI

Members Mr. And Mrs Ryan : Mrs. And Mrs Mulvanerty. Tommy Maguire
Michael Mulvanerty : John McGarry : Mrs. McGreal.

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The Chief Steward Michael Mulvanerty reported back to the Committee there were several shortfalls in the manning of gates, ticket availability, toilet facilities the qualities of a few stewards. This was all discussed at great length, however it was up to the Festival Committee to whom the Chief Steward would complain.

Tommy Maguire would report back to Coiltas Na hEireann about the inadequacies in the positioning of the Stages and related matters having a bearing on Music.

Generally the Festival was a great success and all lamented the sad fact that at the end of the day "an affray" marred a perfect day. However this had no bearing on the exemplary behaviour of the Leitrim Personnel.

THE LEITRIM ASSOCIATION STALLS.

Pascal Mooney brought a consignment of Bo-Peep Jams and Marmalades all the way from Drumshambo, with the compliments of Trevor Laird Esq.

The Reverend Father Butler provided the Soda Bread, and Urns and accoutrements were on loan from the Irish Centre.

All the members of the Committee were present early and prepared the Tents.

The PR Tent.

Then PR Tent was manned all day by the Secretary Doris Daly and Bernice Ryan. Sixty persons gave their names and addresses and asked to be notified of our next function. Many complimented us on the Silver Jubilee Dance. Only sixteen new members were gained, as the sixty before mentioned did not feel they had the time to commit themselves to full membership at this time.

Sales

The Bo-Peep Jam was very popular and was all sold within a few hours of opening

The Badges also sold out. The Leitrim Guardians did not move too fast and most people said they had a copy already.

A market was there for Hats which we did not have, however next year they would be on offer along with the Badges ect.

Hospitality Drinks.

It would have been appropriate had we offered refreshments
It would have been useful to refresh the very loyal and generous members of our Association with Drinks / Tea and Soda Bread, however this would be considered next year and the necessary provision made.

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THE TEA TENT.

The Tea tent was manned in the main by The (Cathal) Mulvanerty family and the McGreal family. They all toiled ceaselessly all day providing the milling throngs with the cup that cheers and the delicious soda bread. Her too the Leitrim Jam was very popular.

A rough summary of the profit on the venture proved to be adequate. A treasurer's report however would give an accurate breakdown at a later date.

It was agreed that in future that personnel would not be expected to remain in the Tent all day and a Rosta would be worked out for the next Festival. This would enable the members to have some time for themselves to enjoy the show.

THE PARADE

The Leitrim Banner was carried with great pride and followed by costumed lasses and took pride of place in the overall production.

The Chairman thanked all for their wonderful work and he in turn was thanked for his work on the "Rings".

The Secretary was asked to write and thank R. Laird and Paschal Mooney for the gift of Jam and for the transport.

THE WILD ROSE FESTIVAL

The secretary was asked by the chairman on the request from Capt S. Fox .

Seamus Fox telephoned the Secretary requesting that the Wild Rose Festival should be honoured with a competitor from London. This custom had been allowed to lapse for approximately four years.

As Seamus Fox always patronises our functions both in person and in kind it was felt that every effort should be made to send a competitor, however it was too late to then to organise a function and fundraise. Alternate lines of possibility were pursued and Seamus Fox suggested that a member of the Committee could send a Daughter or niece. Only two members had daughters one of whom was too young. That left only one choice namely Carmel Mulvanerty. Her father and mother were consulted and they agreed to allow Carmel attend the Festival and represent The Leitrim Association. The feasibility of this arrangement was discussed on the telephone with the Chairman and as it was an eleventh hour effort it was allowed to go ahead as planned.

The committee were then presented with this fait accompli and it was discussed. Agreement was reached to pay the fares from the Leitrim Association funds. Mrs. McGreal and John McGarry agreed to retrieve the Aer Lingus Cup from A Miss McGovern a previous winner and get it to the Secretary ASAP.

The chairman would contact the North West tourist board and seek financial backing. The secretary agreed to act as co-ordinator for the venture and liaise with The Wild Rose Festival Committee and Seamus Fox.

AOB

Several small and related points were discussed. Tommy Maguire reported the adverse affect The London Riots had on his Cheidhle attendances.

The Vaughan Cup and our Role for the Future of the Football Pools were discussed. The non permanence of Father Butlers tenure at The Irish Centre was given much thought and several and divers ways were given consideration as to how we might show our appreciation to our Chaplain. The members all agreed that the matter would be given their consideration over the Summer Vacation of Recess.

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¹/₂The Complaint.


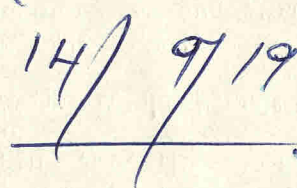
The Sam Jubilee Dance

The secretary read out a very strongly worded letter that had been composed for approval by the committee. All present deplored having to send the letter however they all agreed that the Jubilee Dance was the straw that broke the Camels back and they were not prepared to put up with the a repeat performance. Therefore it was agreed to amend some passages in the letter and send it out as read. The Secretary agreed to act on their wishes. Copies to be sent to S. Troy Esq chairman of CICA . Original to the Irish Centre Management. ✓

The Date of the next meeting was left open and all members would be in touch by telephone.

John McGarry was offered best wishes by all on the occasion of his forthcoming Marriage_{in} Aug. ✓

August being a holiday month as well as a Marriage one it was unlikely that a meeting would be held before September.


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