

Lough Carra Trout Anglers Association

~~30/4/1970~~

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O'Connor Spencer Street, Castletown.

The Principle item on the Agenda was the Trout Competition. In view of other fishing Competitions crowding in it was proposed by Mr. C. Hanley seconded by Mr. J. Burns that the event would be fixed for May 24th next.

This was agreed upon as well as the fact that the Rules of the Competition would be the same as last year except in accordance with the decision reached at the A. G. M. that "Dropping" would be allowed, but "Throlling" not allowed. The Meeting also agreed that the Competition would start from the usual 4 assembly-points with the following members appointed to take late-entries at these points:

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