

LOUGH CARRA TROUT ANGLERS ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES OF (1970) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (24/3/71)

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overlooked by the members of this Association as not only was it unsightly, but, if this practice was allowed to continue unchecked on this or other islands of Lough Corra the lake would lose much of its charm + beauty + fishing too would suffer a severe setback. He instructed the Secretary to write to the Co. Planning Office on the matter.

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In conclusion he wished to thank the Management of the Imperial Hotel + Travellers Friend Hotels for being so co-operative during the year + also the Inland Fisheries Trust for its efforts to improve the fishing potential of Lough Corra during the last 12 months. "Finally my sincere gratitude to the Secretaries, Treasurer + Committee for work well done during the year + to all our members everywhere my very best wishes for the future".

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The Secretaries Report which had been circularised was adopted unanimously.

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The Chairman said he felt that the Annual Membership Fee of 10/- (50^P) was a bit small at the present time + he suggested that the fee be raised to £1. After a short debate it was decided to stick to the old fee for

the coming year, but, the increase mentioned should be considered at the next A. G. M.

The next item on the Agenda was the Election of Officers + this resulted as follows :-

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<u>Vice-Chairman</u> :-	Messrs. R. Hanley, Pat Ruane	Col. B. Lynch
<u>Treasurer</u> :-	Mr. J. J. O'Connor	Col. B. Lynch
<u>Secretaries</u> :-	Messrs. T. Kettick Sean Murphy	Maurice Dunne Jim O'Sullivan. Col. B. Lynch

Committee :

<u>Westport</u> :-	Mick Duffy	J. J. Mc Gowan	T. Kettick
	J. Mc Keena	"	J. O'Sullivan.
	Leo Joyce	"	

<u>Claremorris</u> :-	Seamus Mullarkey		
	Phil O'Reilly	"	
	Jim O'Sullivan	"	J. J. O'Connor.

<u>Ballinrobe</u> :-	Ed. Finlay		
	M. Corcoran	"	
	B. O'Shea	"	J. J. O'Connor.

<u>Kilmacine</u> :-	T. Flanagan	M. Corcoran	J. J. O'Connor.
	J. J. Duffy	"	

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P. Kelly ✓	M. Dunne	S. Murphy.
Noel Mc Freal ✓	J. J. McGowan	P. Kelly
Bro. Jim	T. Kettnerick	J. J. O'Conor
Joe Carroll ✗	T. Baynes	T. Kettnerick.

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It was proposed by Mr. C. Hanley + seconded by Col. Blisse Lynch that the usual annual contribution to the Inland Fisheries Trust be £30. Mr. Tolan thanked the Assoc. for its usual generosity + informed the meeting that 30,000 1½ yr. old fish were being put into Lough Corra shortly + more would follow later. He also stated that the Pike population was dwindling as the records of the pike removed was over £1000 less than the previous year, while perch was of little significance. The Sec. was instructed to write to the Inland Fisheries Trust expressing the gratitude of the Association for the interest displayed by the body in Lough Corra.

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The next meeting was fixed for 1st May 1971.

Signed: S. Murphy
S. Lynch

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Bringing the meeting to a close the Chairman thanked all the members for attending & especially those who had travelled long distances from Westport, Clonmorris, Ballinrobe. He also thanked Mr. Tolan & Mr. O'Shea for attending imparting so much information, heartening reports
This concluded the business of the meeting