

Lough Carrá Trout Anglers Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 1973

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Annual Social: - With regard to the holding of the Annual Social
the Chairman asked for the views of the meeting

Mr. Jimmy O'Reilly felt that time was running a bit late for anything elaborate. The Chairman suggested a small function in May to coincide with the Mayfly Competition. Mr. T. Ketterick said that when the usual printed matter was being circulated to the members re the Mayfly Comp on May 20th a circular regarding the social should be added. It was decided to have the social in the Imperial Hotel, on the night of the Competition, catering for approximately 80 people.

The Chairman said that there would be no need for stakes at Moonehall berthing area & estimated that apart from a small outlay of £30 for blocks on the northern side all our energies would be concentrated on other berths.

Mr. Du Bona requested all members to fill in creel ~~for~~ census cards re number of fish caught etc. This information would be most invaluable to the I.F.T.

This concluded the business of the Meeting

Signed :- *J. Du Bona* (Chairman)
22/3/74 (Date)

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Compiled by Sean Murphy.