

Lough Cappa Trout Anglers Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 21-3-75.

At the a. g. m. of the above association held in
The Welcome Inn, Castlebar on Friday night,
21st March 1974 the following were present:-

Messrs. G. Hanley, Mr. Coscahan, J. O'Reilly, Tony Baynes,
Mr. Tolan, R. de Bessa, S. Murphy, S. Mallonkey,
Dad Jim Garrett, Mr. Lavelle, Mr. T. Concamon, V. Roantree,
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the blessing of the Lough Cappa Assn. The Sec.
was to get in touch with the Ballinrobe Club
in connection. Mr. G. Hanley proposed that the
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up & the Sec was to contact the Prize Bond Section of
the Bank of Ireland for information.

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Also Jim Garrett, Mr. Lavelle, M.T. Concamon, V. Keantree,
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Regarding membership he said that it was up
to last year's figure. The two Fly Competitions and
the Pike competition were held as usual and

were fairly well supported. He appealed for greater support from members for those in the coming year. Referring to the Annual Social he said that it was not a success this time due to the very small attendance — some members said that they were too tired after fishing the competition the same day. He suggested having the Social on a different day. On the matter of the youth he stressed the importance of attracting them to the club and to the Lake to lessen the Gentle Art. A sub-committee might be formed to deal with this matter. One project that the club would take in hand this year would be the erection of a shelter on one of the islands for members. In the view increasing dangers of pollution he urged members to report any signs of it to the club officers or to the I.F.T. so that it could be dealt with as a matter of urgency. Finally he thanked all members for their co-operation and assistance with a special word of thanks for J. O'Reilly & L. Scott for their special assistance, also the Island Fisheries Trust for the way that they had looked after the Lake in 1974.

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Election of Officers:

President:- Col. Blease Lynd

Proposed

Seconded

J. O'Reilly

C. Hanley

Chairman:- J. J. and J. Evans

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President:-	J. O'Reilly	C. Hanley
Chairman:-	C. Hanley	J. Finneran
Vice Chairman:-	T. Kettlerick	Bao Jim

Treasurer: J.J. O'Conor
Secretary: J. Hanley & S. Murphy

Proposed
C. Hanley
T. Kettlesick

Seconded:
Mr. Coscoran
J. Tierney

Committee:

Westport - J. McNamee

T. Kettlesick

J. Roantree

Cleancrossis: P. Brennan D.T.

C. Hanley

J. Tierney

J. Mullally

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J. J. O'Conor

T. Baynes

Castlebar - as last year

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A. Murphy

(Mr. Lavelle, J. Roantree, Mr. O'Name, Fitzgerald, Scott, Mr. Gerald
Baynes, Byrne, Kelly, Bro Jim, ^{T. Concanell} Mr. Donnell, O'Reilly, Maguire, Fairin)

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Committee:

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Crossroads: P. Brennan D.J.

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to be welcomed. Mr. Tolans said that the lake at present was clean and free from pollution. There had been a very slight incidence of disease after the spawning period but this had now cleared & gave no cause for alarm.

Mr. L. de Barra I.F.T said that 3000 fish had been cold branded & released into the lake and he requested that any angler who catches one of these report on it giving date of catch, size and location. These fish would be undersize in 1975 & should be returned to the water if caught.

Mr. Murphy proposed & Mr. Lavelle seconded that the Club continue membership of An Taisce. Finally a minutes silence was observed for the ~~F.W.C~~ members, Fr. Scott, Jim McGowan, Walter Walsh, ^{Willie Gibbons} and Willie Cameron, who died during the year. This concluded the meeting.

X Pearse Chairman
12.3.76