

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> Mar 1976  
The a. g. m. of the Lough Cappa Trout Anglers Association was held in the Welcome Inn Hotel on Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Mar. 1976, Mr. J. J. Mc Gowan presiding. Present were Rev. Bro Jim, Messrs J. J. O. Conner, Mr. Lavelle, T. Baynes, P. Kelly, Mr. Coscoran, S. Hanley, J. Roantree, R. Scott, S. Mullaskey, J. Tiernan, J. Murphy, T. Concannon, J. Reilly, R. deBarra, Mr. Islam, Mrs. T. Maguire, Col. D. Lynch, Dr. P. Maguire & J. Hamblett. Excused were L. Scott, T. Kettwick, E. Foley, T. Doherty.  
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Angling Council which was being held this year in the Welcome Inn Hotel on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. He would request at this meeting that a Connacht Club competition be initiated in order to involve clubs and members more with each other rather than to have each club going its own separate way from year to year. Regarding the drainage, he said that the main thing in the plan was dealing with the weir which would retain the lake at summer level. He thanked the I.F.T. for their work on the lake & their members for the assistance given during the year. Finally he had a special word of thanks for Jimmy Sheilly & Larry Scott for their special assistance during the year.

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Result large sums of money were being wasted & the lake suffered  
Mr. M. Lavelle proposed & Mr. J. O. Reilly seconded that publicity  
be given to this very matter.

Treasurer's Report: - Mr. C. Hanley proposed the adoption  
of the report & was seconded by Mr. T. Maguire.

Arising from the report Mr. Roentree proposed that £30 be  
given to the I.F.T. for 1976 and that this figure be  
reviewed at the next A.G.M. This was seconded by Mr. Hanley.

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<u>Vice President</u>	C. Hanley, J. Kelly & T. Baynes	T. Maguire
<u>Treasurer</u> :	J. J. O. Corcoran	M. Corcoran
<u>Secretary</u> :	J. Hancock & S. Murphy	M. Corcoran

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