

MANSFIELD & DUKERIES IRISH ASSOCIATION

DATE OF MEETING: 17 May 2009
TIME OF MEETING: 5.00 p.m.
VENUE: Boothys Social Club Mansfield

Present: Kathleen McHugh, Agnes Gallagher, John Scanlon, Celia McHugh, Sandra Cox, Pat McHugh, Sheila Strauther, Bridget Cowell, Nigel Scott, Martin Grady, Michael Stenson; Tom McAlinden; Kevin Strauther; Mary Blaney; Mary Kolat; Andrew Cowell; Kevin Grady; Andrew Kitt.

The meeting opened with the Chairman, JS, welcoming everyone present. The accounts were passed around the group present.

Matters Arising

Election of Offices and Committee

Agnes Gallagher has resigned as Treasurer. JS thanked her.

Nigel Scott was proposed and seconded as Treasurer.

John Scanlon was proposed and seconded as Chairman.

Patrick McHugh, Sheila Strauther and Bridget Cowell were proposed and seconded onto the committee.

New Committee

Chair: John Scanlon
Treasurer: Nigel Scott
Secretary: Sandra Cox
Social Secretary: Kathleen McHugh
Membership Secretary: Celia McHugh
Committee Members: Agnes Gallagher; Pat McHugh; Sheila Strauther; Bridget Cowell; Martin Grady.

Finance Report

Members were informed how unco-operative the former committee have been in giving and passing on information to the new committee. It has been a very big problem in getting monies sorted out and it has involved much writing, telephone calls and trips to the bank.

We have made an application for this year's Dion funding and hope to know at the end of May if we have been successful.

When the old committee resigned there was a balance of approximately £10,000 in the bank account. However, by the time the new committee took over, the balance was down to £1146. At this time it has not been possible to determine where all the money had been spent.

AG handed round a copy of this to the members present.

CM advised members that the accounts are available for anyone to see.

Lunch Club Report

The members present were informed of the successful role KM has played in the running of the lunch club with the help of CM who carries out a variety of roles for the association.

Social Events

- There is no dance this month at Boothy's. There is a benefit dance at Nottingham.
- CM proposed that dances be held every two months as it is too much every month.
- TM proposed we keep our options open with regard to fund-raising in case not enough money is obtained from DION.
- MG proposed a dance in June. This was agreed.

Any Other Business

- JS has been in touch with the Irish Federation with regard to the missing musical instruments who see no problem if the instruments are actually being used by members (A couple of musical instruments have been returned to the association.) Music lessons are being held at Blidworth. The lessons have been paid up front. However, subscriptions are not being paid to the Association so it is not certain to whom this money has been paid to.
- CM said that things are now hopefully moving in the right direction and having additional committee members should be a help.
- CM, on behalf of the association, thanked Annette and Boothy's for all their hard work.

The meeting closed at 5.50p.m.