

MUNSTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Annual General Meeting.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Munster Agricultural Society held at the Show Grounds, Ballin-temple, Cork, on Friday, 30th. January, 1981, at 2.00 p.m. Mr. T. N. Tanner, President, presided.

121 other members attended.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from - Judge T. N. Desmond, Mrs. G.E.H. Good, Messrs. H. Wall, Jas. A. Clarke, ~~Mr.~~ Wm. E. Eady, Mark Atkins, Leslie Atkins, John Sheehy, Mrs. M. Carroll, and Professor T. Raftery.

Messrs. A. J. Thornton and Kevin O'Donovan attended on behalf of Messrs. Atkins, Chirnside and Co.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 25th. January, 1980, having been read, were approved and signed on the proposal of Mr. R. Burke, seconded by Mr. R. W. Fell.

Scrutineers. On the proposal of Mr. J. Spillane, seconded by Mr. J. R. Nicholson, the following scrutineers were appointed to examine and count the ballot papers for election of members to the General Committee :-
Messrs. T.A. Kelly, Pat McGrath, Denis O'Connell, Wm. Cotter, P. Sarsfield, Wm. Walsh, J.K. Kearney, and R. Young.

General Committee

The following were elected to the General Committee following ballot :-
Messrs. R.W. Fell, Ml. McCarthy, Dominic J. Daly, F. Aherne, John O'Sullivan (Junior), J. Sheehy, S. Burke, J. Henchy, Wm. Kingston, Denis O'Leary, Tim O'Sullivan, and M.E. Quirke.

President's Address.

In his Presidential address Mr. Tanner stated that with the revenue accrued from the sale of our Cook Street premises plus a vastly improved surplus from our Summer Show our financial position had improved. However, he sounded a note of caution in view of the ever increasing cost of repairs and maintenance of the Show Grounds. Having referred to the poor demand for bulls at the Spring Show and Sale he stated that entries for the Summer Show were high and with the improved sponsorship the Society was able to maintain a high standard of prize money. He thanked the sponsors for their generous support, the exhibitors, Trade Stand holders, and the stewards for ~~the~~ their invaluable support. Having thanked the organisers of the Boat Show for using the facilities of the Show Grounds he mentioned that both the Boat Show and Motor Show would be held in the Show Grounds in 1981. The President mentioned the good attendances at the meetings of all committees during the Year and he thanked them for their help to the Society. He referred to the excellent service given by Mrs. Newenham, who recently resigned from the Horticultural Committee. He expressed his gratitude to the staff for their devotion. In conclusion he referred to the losses suffered by the Society in the past year through the deaths of Vice-Presidents Mr. P. J. O'Connell and Mr. John Good, Mrs. Wharton of the Horticultural and dog Show Committees and Mr. Tom Barter, a former member of the General Committee.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary, Mr. W. P. Bennett, in his report gave details of the number of meetings held by the various committees of the Society and referred to the excellent attendances at such meetings. In accordance with the rules of the Society the following members of the General Committee retired - Mrs. A. Allen, Comdt. J. W. Frost, Messrs. S. Burke, R.W. Fell, J. Henchy, B.J.C. Hosford, Denis O'Leary, John O'Sullivan (Junior), J. Sheehy, F. Aherne, Wm. Kingston, and M.E. Quirke. All were offering themselves for re-election. Having referred to the main items in the Statement of Accounts for year-ended 31st. December, 1980, he drew attention to the improved financial position and to the very high cost of ~~the~~ repairs to the Show Grounds. He informed the meeting that the committee had decided to allow the rates of members' subscriptions to remain unaltered for the coming year. He thanked the sponsors, exhibitors, Trade Stand holders, the stewards, the members of the various committees, and the staff, and he paid a special tribute to the President for