

MUNSTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Munster Agricultural Society held at the Show Grounds, Ballintemple, Cork, on Friday, 29th January, 1982, at 2.00 p.m.

Mr. T. N. Tanner, President, presided.

99 other members attended.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Judge T.N. Desmond, Mr. R. Good, Mr. John O'Sullivan (Junior), Dr. E. Moore.

Mr. A. J. Thornton attended on behalf of Messrs. Atkins, Chirnside, and Co.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on 30th January, 1981, having been read, were approved and signed on the proposal of Mr. W. Cotter, seconded by Mr. M.E. Quirke.

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. Pat McGrath, Denis O'Connell, R.W. Fell, T. Barry, Tim O'Sullivan, Wm. Cotter, T.A. Kelly, and M.E. Quirke.

General Committee

The following were elected to the General Committee following ballot :-

Messrs. R. Burke, M. Downing, Mrs. N. Folley, Comdt. J.W. Frost, Messrs. Cal Healy, J.K. Kearney, Wm. Kingston, Thos. Lynch, A. O'Keefe, J. Sheehy, H. Wall, and R. Young.

President's Address.

In his Presidential address Mr. Tanner welcomed the members to the meeting and in reference to the Statement of Accounts he stated that the overall financial position of the Society was not as good as a year ago due mainly to the increase in the cost of repairs and maintenance, which in the year under review amounted to almost £36,000. He commented that this item alone continued to be a most severe drain on the Society's resources. He referred to a most successful show held in June, 1981 in spite of a drop in attendance. With a continuation of the improved sponsorship the Society was able to maintain a high standard of prize money. On the Spring Show and Sale of Bulls held in February, 1981, Mr. Tanner stated that the prices received were a vast improvement on the previous year and the profit to the Society increased to £3,742. He then referred to the increase in membership.

He thanked the various sponsors for their very generous support, which, he stated, was greatly appreciated. He further thanked the exhibitors, the trade stand holders, the stewards, and all those firms and societies who used the facilities of the Show Grounds in the year just ended. He mentioned in particular the organisers of the Boat Show and Motor Show. In relation to the lease of the Show Grounds and Tanner stated that negotiations with Cork Corporation were not yet finalised. The President mentioned that he was particularly pleased with the attendances at all meetings of the various committees during the year, and he paid tribute to Mrs. Harriet Wood, who had recently retired from the Horticultural Committee. He congratulated Mr. Rory Kiely on being elected to Seanaid Eireann. Having thanked the staff for their devotion and excellent standard of work, he referred to the deaths of Vice-President Mr. James Cashman, Mrs. Catherine Murphy of the Horticultural Committee, and Mr. Tom McGrath of Waterfall. In conclusion he thanked the Chairman and Secretary of the G.A.A. for their help.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary, Mr. W. P. Bennett, P.C., 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. N. Folley, Messrs. F. Aherne, M. Downing, J.K. Kearney, Wm. Kingston, Thos. Lynch, A. O'Keefe, J. Sheehy, R. Burke,