

## Craobh Loch Garman Meeting Minutes

### Annual General Meeting

**Date:** 3pm Sunday 10th November 2019

**Location:** Whites Hotel

### Attended by:

Sean & Alice Rattigan, Matt Murphy, Barbara Walsh, Liam Clancy, Theresa Canning, John O'Byrne, Gillian O'Reilly, Matt Kearns, John Stamp, Brian Quirke, Darren O'Ceallaigh, Ciara O'Grady, Cathy Bolger, Sarah Ni Bhuilgheaire, Denise Feeney, Aisling Ni Fhionnaigh, Eve Kelly, Phil Berry, Ronan Berry, Paddy Berry, Gililian O'Reilly, Aileen Bradley, Niall McGuigan

### Apologies:

Bernie Ni Bhriain, Mairead Carberry

Item	Description
1	<b>Minutes of previous AGM</b> Proposed by Barbara Walsh, Seconded by Kathy Bolger. Adopted.
2	<b>Matters arising</b> None
3&4	<b>Relevant correspondence &amp; Secretary's Report</b> Attached.
5	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> The treasurer presented her financial report. Opening balance €5,415, Closing balance €7,038. Proposed by Paddy Berry, Seconded by John O'Byrne. We made €380 on the Summer Seisiuin. We lost €114 on the Heritage Park Trad/Folk Trail. We lost €2,017 on the Trad/Folk w/e largely due to Na Macallai only getting 75% grant to pass on to us. Eve Kelly said we lost a little on workshops – have more workshops in more instruments in future.
6	<b>PRO's Report</b> The PRO noted the aims of the Branch, and that overall we had gone forward, not backward during the year. We need to liaise and bond more with the other Branches. We didn't support the County Board Concert and need to address this in 2020. During the year we had the Christmas Ceili, Roving Sessions, music workshop with Ella Marie O'Dwyer, Culture night in Selskar Square and Iberius, Trad/Folk weekend, Trad/Folk Trail, Seisiuin na nOg, Summer Seisiuin, singing nights in Mary's Bar. In the coming year we hope to again have the Trad/Folk weekend and Trail, and we will continue with Roving Sessions, Summer Seisiuin, Culture night, Christmas Ceili, Nollaig na nGael and hopefully many other events. We need to get a higher profile, e.g. play at the Maritime Festival, take part in the St Patrick's Day parade and also hopefully develop grupai cheoil to play at other events if we are asked. CBS may be available for workshops and teaching if required, they are very positive. We need to advertise our very successful teaching schools. We need more volunteers, particularly if the Co. Board assign the County Fleadh to us in 2020. Paddy Berry felt we need more Trad and less Folk. Alice Rattigan felt that 'folk' is a misused word these days.
7	<b>Teoiri na Gaeilge's Report</b> Bernie Ni Bhriain's report was read by , Sarah Ni Bhuilgheaire. <i>(get the sheet and summarise).</i>
8	<b>Acting Cathaoirleach's Address</b> Matt Murphy said: Good things happened this year. The Trad/Folk w/e was of a very quality - concert in Iberius given by Mark Redmond and Patrick Fitzpatrick was as good a concert as he has heard, while the

	<p>workshops were excellent. The number of customers was disappointing and we need to get more in next year if we're going ahead with it.</p> <p>The County Concert in Gorey was a sell out, and was supported by Matt, Barbara and Una Walsh and Scott O'Reilly but next year we need to have more numbers there. The singing and roving sessions were well attended.</p> <p>Matt thanked our committee, our volunteers and our schools.</p> <p>If we get the County Fleadh next year, we'll hold it in CBS Secondary School. We'll need about 100 volunteers. The committee are meeting the Co. Board on 21<sup>st</sup> November to discuss us hosting the County Fleadh.</p> <p>Barbara Walsh noted that the Co Board require us to get experience in hosting a County Fleadh before bidding for Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann.</p>
9	<p><b>Guest Speaker – John Furlong</b></p> <p>John and fondly remembers very successful sessions in Wicklow with Barbara Walsh. He has been in CCE since the 50's, and remembers CCE being established in the late 50's in Co. Wexford. A branch of CCE was started in Kilmuckridge in 1959-60; at the time music sessions generally took place in peoples' houses.</p> <p>They started 'cabaret' sessions, much like the Gorey County Concert (which is very important for inter-Branch relationships), but with fierce competition between the Branches. They went around the County to support the Branches, all this was TP Dempsey's idea.</p> <p>Since the '62 Fleadh in Gorey, we've hosted the All Ireland Fleadh in Enniscorthy in '67, '99 and '00. He's delighted to hear that Wexford Town are bidding for the Fleadh.</p> <p>The CCE Summer Seisiuin had their genesis in Wexford, where the County Branch held Seisiuin na Samhna (November) which they also brought around to other Counties.</p> <p>The November Seisiuin took place during the Opera Festival, and for about 25 years they held a session one night in The Talbot, in black ties and dress suits. Sometimes members of the orchestra would join in, sight reading the music alarmingly well. Sean and Alice Rattigan, Liam Gaul, George Furlong among others played in the concerts.</p> <p>Wexford was the first County Branch to play live on RTE tv, despite some union opposition.</p> <p>John has made a ton of friends from his time in CCE, and has made no enemies.</p> <p>It was agreed to bring the idea of a concert during the Opera Festival to the next committee meeting to see if we can arrange something similar.</p>
10	<p><b>Election of Officers</b></p> <p>See table at end of minutes</p>
11	<p><b>CCE Child Protection Policy and Branch Safeguarding Statement</b></p> <p>Both documents were adopted.</p>
12	<p><b>Appointment of Designated Liaison Person in relation to Child Protection</b></p> <p>Cathy Bolger proposed by Sarah Ni Bhuilgheaire, seconded by Matt Murphy</p>
13	<p><b>Nominations for Co Board Officers</b></p> <p>Sarah Ni Bhuilgheaire was proposed by Eve Kelly and seconded by Matt Murphy for the post of Youth Officer on the County Board.</p>
14	<p><b>Motions for Conventions</b></p> <p>None</p>
15	<p><b>Community Cultural Development Programme</b></p> <p>Deferred</p>
16	<p><b>SCT/TTCT</b></p> <p>Eve Kelly explained what these exams were.</p> <p>We do SCT exams annually for the last 3 years. We now do 2 days of exams in Wexford each year. Registration is in January each year, and payment is due in February.</p> <p>The TCTT applies after Grade 8, and is in effect a teaching qualification.</p>
17	<p><b>Activities for the coming year</b></p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> November and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed in the month – Roving Sessions.</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> December – Nollaig na nGael</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> January – Christmas Family Ceili, with the Bass Ceili Band and the Ballyoughter Dancers</p> <p>Monthly – Singing sessions in Mary's Bar</p>

	<p>Feb/March – Trad/Folk weekend                  September – Trad/Folk Trail                  July to /August – Summer Seisiuin, Whites Hotel 8pm Wednesdays, and we'll have some of our own musicians, singers and dancers performing.</p>
18	<p><b>AOB</b>  <i>County Fleadh</i>                  County Fleadh entries from 2020 onwards will be on line – no late entries allowed.</p> <p><i>Schools</i>  <i>Ceoltoiri Munna – Barbara Walsh</i>                  Lessons Friday nights. 52 classes, many instruments, music, song. Dancing lesson with Ciara O'Grady, maintaining a harp ensemble. Started a trad choir and conversational Irish classes. Involved in SCT grade exams. Workshops, Fleadh Cheoils, go to nursing homes to give performances, played on TG4 Raolta is Gaolta, playing on a Michael Londra show for PBS tv, prepared a tune book for session sets, play at charity nights, playing on 'Sing Out Loud' for eleven nights in the next couple of weeks in Opera House,  <i>Craobh Loch Garman Dance School – Ciara O'Grady</i>                  IN 2017 the Sean Nos Wexford entrants numbered 4. This year there are 20 in the U-12 alone. Started a Ceili Club in Mercy School – trad social dancing, about 12-15 students. Saturday dance lessons in The Hub – sean nos and set dancing for children and youths.  <i>Craobh Loch Garman School of music – The Hub - Eve Kelly</i>                  6 teachers and about 80 students, lessons generally Friday night in music and song. Irish is promoted, there are a few Gaelscoil students who enjoy helping in this. Bodhran club takes place on Mondays for kids 7pm and adults 8pm. Two Irish teachers use the premises for Irish grinds and it is hoped to start conversational Irish. Trad Ensembles U-12 and 12-18 are starting - Portadown and Kerry groups are interested in exchange visits. Once a month Niamh Page takes an adult sean nos workshop.</p> <p><i>General opinions from the floor</i>                  The agenda is long. Can it either be shortened or started earlier, maybe have registrations 2-2.30, start meeting at 2.30pm.                  We need to get a SE Radio trad programme back on air. There is a potential compere. Talk to the other branches and contact SE Radio? Discuss at the next cttee meeting.                  Have lanyards for CLG volunteers at the next Heritage Park Trad/Folk Trail, so that they are more easily spotted.                  Leinster Fleadh qualifiers from Co Wexford were greater than those from the other Counties bidding for the Fleadh.                  Generally, Craobh Loch Garman Fleadh qualifiers are in fourth place in the County, behind Carraig, Craanford and Gorey.</p>
19	<p><b>Votes of Sympathy</b>                  A vote of sympathy was passed in respect of Paddy Ryan and Michael Fitzpatrick who passed away during the year.</p>

Niall McGuigan

Secretary

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<b>Election of Officers and members to committee 2018-2019</b>			
<b>Title</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chairperson	Matt Murphy	Paddy Berry	Sean Rattigan
Vice Chairperson	Paddy Berry	John Stamp	Liam Clancy
Secretary	Niall McGuigan	John O'Byrne	Kathy Bolger
Treasurer	Eve Kelly	Senan O'Reilly	Kathy Bolger
PRO	Senan O'Reilly	Niall McGuigan	Paddy Berry
Auditor	Phil Berry	Senan O'Reilly	John Stamp
Irish Officer	Sarah Ni Bhuilgheaire	John Stamp	Liam Clancy
Youth Officer	Sarah Ni Bhuilgheaire	Kathy Bolger	Senan O'Reilly
Co Board Delegate (1)	Matt Murphy	Senan O'Reilly	Brian Quirke
Co Board Delegate (2)	Barbara Walsh	Kathy Bolger	John Stamp
Designated Liaison Person	Kathy Bolger	Niall McGuigan	Matt Murphy
General c'tttee member	Brian Quirke	Niall McGuigan	Matt Murphy
General c'tttee member	Darren O'Ceallaigh	Senan O'Reilly	Niall McGuigan
General c'tttee member	Ciara O'Grady	Brian Quirke	Kathy Bolger
General c'tttee member	Theresa Canning	Eve Kelly	Sarah Ni Bhuilgheaire
General c'tttee member	Denise Feeney	Kathy Bolger	Sarah Ni Bhuilgheaire
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