



## Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting November 26<sup>th</sup> 2007

**Chairman:** The Commodore

**Present:** 28 members who signed the register.

**Apologies:** Liam Shanahan, Charles O'Rourke, Michael Horgan Jrn. Freddie Cooney, Adam Winkelmann, Tom Duggan, Ken Slattery, Dermod Baker, Cass Smullen, Alan Dooley.

The Commodore welcomed the members present and asked the Hon. Secretary to read the notice of the meeting.

The Commodore asked the Hon. Treasurer to explain the financial background to the proposed increases in Motions 1,2 & 3.

The Hon. Treasurer advised the members the increase of 5% is the normal increase to allow for inflation in 2008.

The Commodore asks the Hon Secretary to read Motion 1.

### 1. Rule 12.1

That the annual subscription of Full members for the subscription year 2008 be increased from €1120 to €1,260 and that the subscription of all other category of members be increased in proportion.

Proposed by C. Moore

Seconded by P.Barrington

The motion was passed.

The Commodore asks the Hon Secretary to read Motion 2

### 2. Rule 12.1

That the entrance fee for Full Members shall be €1260.00.

Mr Leonard asks the Commodore if we are looking for new members should the entrance fee not be waived.

The Commodore replied that membership was now at the same level as before the 'donation' for development. We now had 480 Full paying members and that 500 would be a good figure. More than that would put pressure on the Club regarding space on platform and in changing rooms.

C.Moore made the point that some categories transferred to Full membership without an entrance fee e.g. Crew and Ensign.

Proposed by L.Power  
Seconded by R.Beirne

The motion was passed

### 3. Rule12.1

That each Full Member shall pay, along with Full Members subscription for the year 2007, a sum of €260.00 to purchase catering vouchers to be used during 2007 in accordance with the rules made from time to time by the General Committee.

Proposed by T.Jobling  
Seconded by P.Barrington

Motion was passed

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### 4. Rules 9.3 and 12.3

Amend Rule 9.3 as follows

Admission to membership from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 shall be conditional upon the candidate paying annual subscriptions by Direct Debit. Save where waived or varied by the General Committee, the appropriate entrance fee must be paid in full at the time of submission of the application form. Such payment shall be immediately refunded by the Club in the event that the application is unsuccessful. The General Committee may agree at their discretion to waive the Direct Debit requirement in favour of alternative means of payment.

Delete Rule 12.3 and replace it with new Rule 12.3:

New Full Members from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 will be charged by Direct Debit for their annual membership fees either on a monthly basis over 12 months, or annually in January each year. Those who join during the year will pay from the month following election either (1) a monthly amount equal to the annual subscription divided by 12 or (2) the amount of the subscription for the remaining months to December in a single amount. All other categories shall pay their subscription by Direct Debit in one payment

The Commodore advised the meeting that the committee felt the obligation to pay an entrance fee and subscription for the year at time of application may be an obstacle to people joining as Full members. The direct debit system would spread the subscription over the year and also help eliminate credit on subs as well as letters and phone calls by the administration staff to debtors.

Ultimately the plan is to extend the card system for use in the bar / dining room.

There were some questions from the floor:

B.McLysaght: When should people get vouchers when paying by D.D.  
Commodore: When first payment goes through.

P.Cronin: Is 12months proposed for DD payments  
C.Moore: How will it work  
Commodore: January to December  
C. McHenry: Does the DD system cost the Club money  
L.Power; Yes

C.McHenry: How much  
L.Power: Small amount.  
C.McHenry: What happens if membership changes  
B.O'Regan: Club has authority to amend DDs  
P.Cashin: Why is it necessary to increase subs  
L.Power: Inflation – the running costs of Club have increased.  
P.Cashin : What is fee compared to other Clubs  
Commodore: R.St.G is €1290 / R.I. €1270 with a much bigger entrance fee.

Proposed by B. Barry  
Seconded by C.Moore

Motion passed

As there was no other business the meeting came to a close.