

Revised Root and Branch Review Committee –

Summary Minutes of Meeting 9

The Ninth meeting of the revised group for the Root and Branch Review took place on Tuesday 11th October 2011 in the Louis FitzGerald Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin at 7:30pm

Attendance:

Original Review Committee Members:		Kathryn Keogh
Joe Corcoran	Region D:	Ger Healy
Dermott Quigley		Ray Heney
Ann Stevens	Region E:	Frank O'Mahony
Angela Henehan		Nial Murphy
James Coleman		
Region A:	Convenor:	Michael Irvine.
Paul Lyons		
Sean McHugh		
Region B:	Apologies:	
Noel Devlin		
Roy Stewart	IRCA:	Kevin Barrett
Region C:		
Ed FitzGerald		

Matters Discussed:

1. Minutes

Minutes of last meeting, having already been circulated, were approved. Noted also that Summary Minutes (also circulated and no comments having been received) were already published on MI website.

2. Documents Circulated Since Last Meeting

Noted as proposal re Appendix 102 (see below), also various emails re historical issues, details re MSC composition and a proposal for the Grouping of Clubs by Region.

3. Restriction re 1 MSC member per Club

It was suggested that this element of the MSC proposal as per Meeting 8 Summary minutes (1st para of Item 4), might be impractical and effectively unimplementable, and it was agreed that this suggestion would be dropped.

4. Appendix 102

The proposal (as already circulated by email) for a revised Appendix 102 ("Roles and Responsibilities of Committees") was discussed section by section, and some revisions were agreed, in some cases in detail, in other cases in a more general or outline manner. The exercise took up most of the time of the meeting, but there was, overall, a high degree of consensus on the proposal and revisions, and it was agreed that the proposal would be re-drafted for circulation before the next meeting.

5. Appendix 101

It was agreed that a similar exercise be done for Appendix 101, also for circulation before the next meeting.

6. Regional Representation

It was confirmed that the suggestion of starting in either Skibbereen or Donegal and working up or down the country as appropriate was, in principle, the correct procedure, but it was agreed also that detailed consideration should be postponed, not least until the number of eligible Clubs was finalised.

7. Qualifying Criteria for a Club

It was noted that the previous committee had done some work on this, bringing to light issues such as Clubs with very few members, events being run by not directly by Clubs but by Limited Companies associated with Clubs, Clubs with a very poor record of CAC attendance, Clubs whose "legal" identity as a Limited Company no longer existed, at least one Club whose set-up was not as a "non-profit" company, and other issues. It was also noted that while there was, at present, a procedure for "qualifying" for first affiliation, there was no similar "qualification" for continued affiliation. It was noted that the MSD had already possession of a commentary/discussion document on this matter, and it was agreed that this document would be circulated to all members.

8. Weighted Voting?

A discussion on this showed that some clubs had very limited membership, but also that some clubs with relatively small membership were responsible for a disproportionately large number of events in the year. It was agreed that any system other than simple 1 Club, 1 Vote was un-necessary and probably impractical anyway.

9. Contact with Clubs

Noted that letter had been sent to Clubs seeking comments as agreed at last meeting. It was agreed that the summary minutes, as already posted on the MI website, would be emailed to all Club Secretaries. Agreed that a date for meeting with clubs could/should be postponed until new year, but that it would be vital that the meeting be flagged well in advance. It was agreed that a date for this meeting in mid to late January would be finalised at the next meeting. It was also agreed that any responses received from the Clubs would be circulated to all members.

10. Next Meeting:

Agreed as:

**Louis Fitzgerald Hotel,
Naas Road Dublin**

7:30 pm Tuesday 15 November 2011

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