

MEETING AT EXECUTIVE INN, SEATTLE.

Pat Uniacke opened the convention by welcoming everyone to Seattle. John Heigher then read the invocation, with John McGuigan welcoming all on behalf of the Seattle Gaels.

The names of Gaels sadly no longer with us were then entered into the minutes: MIKE KEATING, DANNY MURRAY, JOE DAVERN, SEAN CURRAN, PAUL BURKE AND PETER DONNELLY. A speedy recovery was wished by all to Joe Lydon.

Motion for the adoption of standing orders was made by John O'Brien.

The first question raised by Joe Ouirke was that concerning the allotment of All-Ireland tickets. Mike O'Connor stated that a letter had been sent to Croke Park requesting an increase in the allotment, but unfortunately Croke Park stated that the demand for tickets was so great that there would be no increases in the allotments given to any counties. John O'Brien stated that there used to be an allotment of 6 per club. Pat Uniacke stated that there are a lot more clubs now. Tom Purvis asked if Croke Park recognized the Ladies Football. Pat Uniacke said that they did not but the NACB did. Geoff Butler requested that the issue be raised at Congress. Pat Uniacke stated that the issue as it had in the past will be continued to be addressed by the NACB. Paul Keane asked if Croke Park were aware of the number of clubs in the NACB? Pat stated that currently the NACB was about the 5th largest county. Mike Moriarity stated that clubs in Ireland got 100 tickets. Pat explained that those clubs had their county involved in the final and the allocation to clubs from counties that did not have teams involved in the final was 2-3 tickets a club.

John McDevitt then raised the issue of the \$10,000 for the playoffs. Pat stated that the issue was covered by the NACB By-Laws.

John McDevitt asked about the involvement of the Youth Board Officers within the Divisions. Pat stated that this was covered under NACB By-Laws and there were motions to address the issue coming up under new business.

REPORTS**SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

The Secretary's report was then reviewed. Motion to accept Chris Murray, seconded Jim Redmond.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Angel Mohan questioned the amount of the \$300 fine for not returning the cup. Pat Uniacke stated that the fine was to send a message that cups must be returned, and be in a presentable condition. Tom Purvis agreed that there should be a fine and it should be levied on the club not the Division. Pat stated that the responsibility for the returning of the cups actually lay with the Divisional Board and that if there were any problems then the Division should notify the board.

Mike Moriarity raised the Question of where the Minor money was going for the Boards that did not have a Minor program. Pat stated that this was being held in escrow by the NACB and would be released at such time

as a minor program started in that Division or city. Pat further noted that the release of the money would first have to approved by the NACB Youth Board.

Tom Purvis then asked about the Guinness money for the players of the year. Pat explained that if the player was going to Ireland that his/her ticket would be paid.

The question was then raised about Insurance. Pat said that at the minute the liability insurance only covered the 4 main divisions but that the Board was looking into extending it so that it would cover the whole country. Pat also stated that the Guinness contract was now up to \$30,000.

John McDevitt asked if any of this money could be used to defray the cost of medical coverage. Pat stated that this should be brought up under new business.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Mossey O'Connor, seconded Aidan McKenna.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar's report was amended so that San Fran Ladies reads Na Saoirse. Motion to accept Jim Redmond, seconded John Keane.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Public Relations Report reviewed with motion to accept Mossey O'Connor, seconded Bertie Penny.

Pat Uniacke thanked all the Officers for their reports.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John McDevitt informed all present that there was a benefit for Joe Lydon on December 14th and asked Divisions for their support.

John Keane asked when they were going to get their money back from Boston. Mike O'Connor stated that the Seattle Gaels should have got their money back already. He agreed to look into it.

The issue of San Francisco reimbursement was then raised. Geoff Butler stated that the money should be reimbursed. Pat Uniacke stated that he was of the understanding that it was agreed that the money should not be reimbursed. John O'Brien asked why the players had to pay? Mike Moriarity stated that it was agreed that there would be no reimbursement due to the fact that the Divisions agreed to give up the money so that the games could be played at the Polo Fields and not at Balboa. Danny O'Donnell said that the players should get their money back. Bertie Penny stated that the players waved their rights to reimbursement. The issue was tabled.

Tom Farrelly asked about Global Sports. Pat explained that the video would be shown on the International Channel and that this medium should be explored so that the promotion of the sport could be advanced which could in turn advance the revenues generated by sponsorship.

Mike Moriarity raised the question of the investigation Committee. Pat stated that it was not open to discussion. John McDevitt noted the loss of Micheal O'Heiher.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Election Chairperson: John Heigher. Secretary: Paddy Rooney.

Total Votes: 121.

Motion made for the suspension of standing orders so that additional candidates could be added. Failed to get 2/3 majority needed.

COMMITTEE ELECTED:

- Honorary President: Geoff Butler.
- Chairman: Paddy Rooney.
- Vice Chairman: Chris Knightly.
- Treasurer: Mike O'Connor.
- Registrar: Sean Gannon.
- Public Relations: Eamonn Kelly.
- Secretary: John Keane.
- Youth Officer: John O'Flynn.

Conclusion minutes Part 1
Respectfully submitted,

Paddy Rooney
1997 Secretary

Following the election, the new officers assumed office and each expressed their thanks to the delegates and asked for their continued support in the new year. The new Chairman thanked the Elections Chair, John Heigher, and the tellers for handling the counting of ballots. He also paid tribute to the outgoing NACB Chairman, Pat Uniacke, for his years of service as an officer of the Association, and for the way he prepared the Association for the 21st Century. The other officers all expressed similar sentiments.

MOTIONS

Under new business, 23 motions were proposed by NACB clubs.

For purposes of discussion, Motions #1 and # 2 were combined.

MOTION # 1. THAT RULE R7(b) "SUMMER VISITOR PLAYERS: SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE", BE CHANGED TO READ: "IN SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL EACH TEAM SHALL HAVE NO MORE THAN 5 SUMMER VISITOR PLAYERS ON THE FIELD AT ANY ONE TIME". (ALSO, WE PROPOSE THAT STANDING ORDERS BE REMOVED AND THAT ONLY DIVISIONS WITH SENIOR CLUBS BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ON THIS MOTION).
Proposed by ST. PATS, BOSTON.

MOTION # 2. INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AWAY BASE PLAYERS FROM THREE TO FIVE PLAYERS.
Proposed by MAYO BOSTON.

St. Pat's, Boston, was not represented. Speakers on the motion included Dave Ryan, John McDevitt, Tom Purvis, Paul Keane and others. After discussion, the SECOND PART of MOTION # 1 was WITHDRAWN. MOTION # 2 was WITHDRAWN completely. Motion #1 was declared in order as it now stood, reading:

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FOOTBALL EACH TEAM SHALL HAVE NO MORE THAN 5 SUMMER VISITOR PLAYERS ON THE FIELD AT ANY ONE TIME".

The Chairman declared that, if passed, this motion would not apply to Junior Football teams, but only to Senior and Intermediate Football teams.

On a vote, 45 voted FOR, 40 voted AGAINST, MOTION DEFEATED as it lacked a 2/3 majority.

MOTION # 3. THAT THE HOME BASED QUOTA FOR EACH SENIOR HURLING TEAM COMPETING IN THE NACB COMPETITION, BE INCREASED FROM THE CURRENT SIX PLAYERS TO EIGHT PLAYERS.
Proposed by ERIN'S OWN, CHICAGO.

During discussion on the motion Mike Connolly, Brian McMahon, Paul Keane and others spoke about the advantages and drawbacks of bringing Hurling players from Ireland.

On a vote, 55 voted FOR, 24 voted AGAINST, MOTION PASSED with a 2/3 majority.

MOTION # 4. THAT EACH SENIOR HURLING TEAM BE RESTRICTED TO USING A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT PLAYERS UNDER THE OFFICIAL SANCTION SYSTEM IN ANY ONE YEAR.
Proposed by ERINS OWN, CHICAGO.

Mike Connolly, the Erin's Own delegate, WITHDREW this motion.

AFFILIATION

MOTION # 5. THAT THE CAMOGIE TEAMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN BOARD BE ALLOWED TO AFFILIATE WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN COUNTY BOARD.
Proposed by ST. BRIDGIDS L.G.F.C. CHICAGO

Speakers on the motion included Sean Lyons, Pat Farrelly, Pat Uniacke, Andrew Healy, Bridie Joyce, Sean Gannon, Paddy Rooney, Tom Purvis, John McDevitt, Dermot Randles, Mike Moriarty, and Bertie Penney. During spirited discussion, it was stated that there were Camogie teams in Chicago which wanted to participate in the NACB Playoffs; that there is today a North American Camogie Board which includes New York in it's jurisdiction; that the North American Camogie Board would have to approve this arrangement also, if we approve it; that we would have to include New York if we included any Camogie; that the Boston Camogie clubs need the Camogie clubs in New York; that there would be problems with handling registrations and which rules would apply (e.g., NACB or New York rules); that we should contact New York and discuss; that we should table the motion for now.

A MOTION TO TABLE motion # 5 was defeated.

On a vote, 80 voted FOR, 8 voted AGAINST, MOTION PASSED with a 2/3 majority.

MOTION # 6. THE FEE OF \$100 FOR CLUBS RAISING AN OBJECTION AGAINST ANOTHER. CLUB SHOULD BE RAISED TO \$500. THIS FEE SHOULD BE NON-REFUNDABLE IF THE OBJECTIONS ARE UNFOUNDED AND/OR TANGIBLE PROOF IS NOT OFFERED. ALSO THE CLUB MUST PRESENT EVIDENCE FOR SAID OBJECTION AND NOT PUT THE TASK OF RESEARCH ON DIVISIONAL OR N.A.C. BOARDS.

Proposed by MAYO BOSTON

During discussion, it was stated that there were major difficulties caused for clubs in dealing with unfounded allegations and charges.

On a vote, 42 voted FOR, 39 voted AGAINST, MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION # 7. THAT REGULATION R5 CONCERNING REGRADING BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: " EACH CLUB WHICH HAS 2 TEAMS REGISTERED SHALL NAME 13 PLAYERS (15 IN LADIES) WHO WILL NOT BE REGRADED TO THE LOWER GRADE. THESE NAMED PLAYERS MUST HAVE PLAYED THE PREVIOUS YEAR IN THE HIGHEST GRADE FOR WHICH THE CLUB WAS ENTERED, WHERE POSSIBLE. THE LOCAL DIVISIONAL BOARD WILL APPROVE THE REGRADING BEFORE SUBMITTING TO THE NACB. PENALTY: NON ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTRATION. Proposed by ST. JOSEPH'S, SAN JOSE.

Speakers on this motion included Paul Keane, Donal Keane and Mike Moriarty. During discussion, it was argued that some clubs deliberately hold back their better players from upper grade teams, Intermediate or Senior, to strengthen their Junior teams, something which is not fair to strictly Junior clubs; that this doesn't happen in New England; that the 1997 NACB Intermediate Final was one team's first competitive game of the year, etc.

On a vote, 44 voted FOR, 39 voted AGAINST, MOTION DEFEATED as it lacked a 2/3 majority.

PLAYOFFS

MOTION # 8. THAT TEAMS WHICH QUALIFY FOR THE NACB PLAYOFFS WITHOUT COMPETITION, NOT RECEIVE A BYE, WHERE POSSIBLE, ON THE PLAYOFF WEEKEND.

Proposed by SEAN McDERMOTT'S, SAN FRANCISCO.

Bertie Penney declared that teams should not qualify without some competition.

On a vote, 90 voted FOR, 0 voted AGAINST, MOTION PASSED with a 2/3 majority.

MOTION # 9. THAT REGULATION 9C BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING. "THESE PANELS BE THEN FORWARDED TO CLUBS COMPETING IN THE RELEVANT GRADES NO LATER THAN 4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PLAYOFFS".

Proposed by SEAN McDERMOTT'S, SAN FRANCISCO.

Speakers on the motions included Bertie Penney and Sean Gannon.

On a vote, MOTION WAS DEFEATED by a large majority.

MOTION # 10. THAT THE NACB PLAYOFF COMMITTEE ENSURE THAT AN APPROPRIATE SIZED SCOREBOARD IS OPERATED DURING ALL PLAYOFF GAMES.

Proposed by SEATTLE GAELS

Motion was TABLED until the Pre-Playoff meetings.

REGISTRATION

MOTION # 11. MOTION TO PROPOSE ONE CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ALL PLAYERS AND THAT SHOULD BE THE DAY BEFORE THE FIRST ALL IRELAND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IS PLAYED, IN BOTH HURLING AND FOOTBALL.

Proposed by CLAN NA GAEL, ATLANTA.

Motion was WITHDRAWN by Michael Dermody.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Motions # 12 and # 13 were combined for purposes of discussion.

MOTION # 12. THAT THE RULES OF LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL AS APPLIED IN THE NACB BE CHANGED TO PERMIT DELIBERATE SHOULDER TO SHOULDER CONTACT.

Proposed by SEATTLE GAELS.

MOTION # 13. THAT RULE 408 OF LADIES FOOTBALL BE CHANGED TO PERMIT SHOULDER TO SHOULDER CONTACT AS PLAYED IN THE NACB.

Proposed by SEATTLE GAELS.

Speakers on the motions spoke about the confusion which reigns today between NACB divisions, with should-to-shoulder contact sometimes permitted and sometimes not; between the NACB and Ireland where should-to-shoulder contact is not permitted; etc.

Motion # 12 was PASSED by a large majority.

Motion # 13 was then WITHDRAWN.

GENERAL

MOTION # 14. THAT THE NACB PLAN AND FUND A REFEREE EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR ALL DIVISIONS IN 1998.

Proposed by SEATTLE GAELS.

Dermot Randles spoke about the problems with refereeing and the need for uniform application of the rules.

Motion was PASSED by a large majority.

MOTION # 15. THAT THE NACB PRIORITIZE THE PROCUREMENT OF A MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY WHICH WILL COVER ALL NACB CLUBS.

Proposed by SEATTLE GAELS.

Discussion covered the value of such coverage, but also mentioned possible inter-state issues involved. Chairman stated that the NACB would not be obliged to fund such coverage if the motion passed.

Motion was PASSED by a large majority.

MOTION # 16. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE "JUNIOR B NACB CHAMPIONSHIP".

Proposed by CLAN NA GAEL, ATLANTA.

Speakers included Michael Dermody, Alan Murphy and John Keane. Discussion covered the value of the Junior B competition to locations like Denver, Atlanta and Seattle.

Motion was PASSED by a large majority.

MOTION # 17. MOTION TO ALLOW ONLY NEW INEXPERIENCED (JUST ESTABLISHED CLUBS, e.g. ATLANTA, ORLANDO, SEATTLE, DALLAS) TEAMS IN THE JUNIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS.
Proposed by CLAN NA GAEL, ATLANTA.

Discussion included explanations that the NACB decides on an individual basis which divisions can enter teams in the Junior B competition; that the issue is reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure the weaker divisions can survive; etc.

Michael Dermody WITHDREW the motion.

MOTION # 18. THAT MOTION NUMBER 11 WHICH WAS PASSED AT THE 1989 CONVENTION IN LOS ANGELES BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO IN THE EVENT THAT THE GAA ALL STARS TOUR THE NACB JURISDICTION IN THE FUTURE.

Proposed by NAOIMH PADRAIG, SAN FRANCISCO.
(Motion # 11 at the 1989 convention read: The GAA should be the sole sponsors and hosts to the GAA ALL-STARS in any of their trips to the Western Divisional Board)

Speakers included Chairman Paddy Rooney, Pat Uniacke, Geoff Butler and others. Discussion brought out that Central Council has agreed that the NACB and the local Divisional Board must approve All-Star visits.

An amendment was proposed and accepted to change the motion wording to:

MOTION # 18. THE GAA IN THE FUTURE SHOULD BE THE SOLE SPONSORS AND HOSTS TO THE GAA ALL STARS IN ANY OF THEIR TRIPS TO ANY AREA UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE NACB.

Motion was declared PASSED by a 2/3 majority.

MOTION # 19. THAT THERE BE AN UNDER-21 NACB CHAMPIONSHIP ESTABLISHED FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

Proposed by SAN FRANCISCO MINOR BOARD.

Speakers included John McDevitt, Sean Lyons, John O'Flynn, and others.

Speakers said that this competition would be coordinated through the Youth Board; that these would be division-based teams; that we have enough competitions at the Playoffs as it is; that New England was not ready for U-21, etc.

After discussion, motion was declared PASSED by a 2/3 majority.

MOTION # 20. THAT A NATIONAL YOUTH BOARD BE ESTABLISHED WITH THE NACB YOUTH OFFICER BEING THE CHAIRPERSON AND THE REMAINING OFFICERS BE SELECTED FROM CANDIDATES PUT FORWARD BY THE VARIOUS YOUTH BOARDS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Proposed by SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH BOARD.

Speakers included John O'Flynn, Mike Moriarty, and others.

Motion was PASSED by a large, obviously more than 2/3 majority.

MOTION # 21. THAT ANY CITY OR DIVISION THAT HAS A YOUTH PROGRAM HAVE A YOUTH OFFICER ON ITS BOARD. THIS OFFICER WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE YOUTH BOARD IN THAT CITY OR DIVISION.
Proposed by SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH BOARD CONVENTION.

Discussion centered around whether this Youth Officer should be appointed or elected. It was agreed that the individual should be elected, but all candidates for election to this position must be involved in the Youth program in the division. It was also agreed that this Youth Officer would have full voting rights on the Divisional Board.

The motion was therefore amended to read:

MOTION # 21. THAT ANY CITY OR DIVISION THAT HAS A YOUTH PROGRAM HAVE A YOUTH OFFICER ON ITS BOARD. THIS OFFICER WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH LEAGUE, AND BE ELECTED AT THE DIVISIONAL BOARD AGM.

Motion as Amended was declared PASSED by a 2/3 majority.

MOTION # 22. THAT THE 1998 CONVENTION BE IN ATLANTA.

Proposed by CLAN NA GAEL, ATLANTA

Philadelphia proposed an amendment that the 1998 Convention be held in Philadelphia to mark the 40th anniversary of the NACB.

Michael Dermody of Atlanta accepted the amendment in favor of Philadelphia.

The motion as amended now reads:

MOTION # 22. THAT THE 1998 CONVENTION BE IN PHILADELPHIA.

Motion as Amended was PASSED by a large majority.

TRANSFERS

MOTION # 23. WHEN A PLAYER TRANSFERS INTO THE NACB ON AN INTERCOUNTY TRANSFER, SAID TRANSFER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IRREVERSIBLE UPON THE PLAYERS SIGNATURE. Proposed by HARRY BOLAND'S, CHICAGO.

Speakers included Joe Quirke, Paddy Rooney, Pat Uniacke, and others.

The discussion centered around whether a Transfer request could be withdrawn once signed; whether players should have the option of going back to Ireland before they play a Championship game in the NACB; whereas on a Sanction, once it's signed it is irreversible; etc. The motion was amended to read:

MOTION # 23. WHEN A PLAYER TRANSFERS INTO THE NACB ON AN INTERCOUNTY TRANSFER, SAID TRANSFER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IRREVERSIBLE FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS UPON THE PLAYERS SIGNATURE.

Motion as Amended was declared PASSED by a 2/3 majority.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman announced that this concludes the motions submitted to him in his role as Secretary by the October 15th deadline, but that additional motions had been received from Chicago on 10/16 and from Philadelphia on 10/17. Bridie Joyce explained how she failed to get the motions and nominations from the New England Division submitted in time.

A motion was proposed and seconded by delegates from the New England Division:

TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS SO THAT ADDITIONAL MOTIONS COULD BE PUT BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

On a vote, 50 voted FOR, 32 voted AGAINST, MOTION DEFEATED as it lacked a 2/3 majority.

PLAYOFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The report of the Playoff Recommendation committee meeting held in San Francisco on May 17th was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION # 1. It is necessary for the host city to have at least 2 adjacent fields so that if needed 2 finals could be played at the one time. Teams must also be prepared to play, if necessary, on Monday. Recommendation was ACCEPTED without dissent.

RECOMMENDATION # 2. With regard to the number of teams competing over the weekend there were two lines of thought:

a. To keep the playoff weekend limited to just semi-final and final games with any quarter finals being played prior to the playoff weekend.

b. That the weekend accommodate all Divisional winners and the weekend be expanded, if needed, to accommodate the number of games.

The second (b) Recommendation was ACCEPTED unanimously following a lively discussion.

RECOMMENDATION # 3. Host Divisions to have 10 rooms reserved for each traveling team. One month prior to the Playoffs, these rooms must be secured by the Divisional Boards.

A Copy of the Hotel contracts to be shown at previous convention.

Recommendations were ACCEPTED without dissent.

RECOMMENDATION # 4. That all players pay in to all games and that there be no money reimbursed, but the money to be used by the host city to offset the transportation costs.

Many speakers spoke against the recommendation.

Following a lively discussion, the Recommendation was ACCEPTED.

This brought up the issue of what was agreed at the Pre-Playoff meeting in San Francisco regarding the refund of entrance fees to the 1997 Playoffs. The Western Board officers maintained that the meeting had agreed that there would be no refund of these fees for 1997. The minutes of the meeting did not reflect that agreement.

Notes others took and memories backed up the Western Divisions claim, but others vehemently denied there was any such agreement. The Chairman asked the Western Divisional Board officers present if they would accept a proposal to refund 50% of the fees collected from teams competing. The Western Board officers present requested time to discuss the proposal privately, a request which was granted.

RECOMMENDATION # 5. Banquet tickets to be purchased in advance by the Divisional Boards at least 2 weeks prior to the playoffs. Divisions must purchase 10 per traveling team.

Recommendations were ACCEPTED.

RECOMMENDATION # 6. The \$10,000 fee remains and still is divided among the traveling teams.

Recommendation was ACCEPTED.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A question was raised regarding NACB participation in the **1998 INTERNATIONAL GAELIC FOOTBALL COMPETITION** in Ireland. The 1996 cost was about \$6,000. It was stressed that all divisions are eligible to participate and a GAA grant of IR2,500 Pounds was received in 1997.

A motion was made and seconded:

THAT THE NACB SHOULD DEFEND THE INTERNATIONAL CUP IN 1998.

On a vote, MOTION PASSED by a large majority.

1998 PLAYOFFS

A preliminary report on preparations for the **1998 PLAYOFFS** in Washington, DC, was presented by Andrew Healy of the Washington, DC Gaels. Over 900 hotel rooms have been tentatively reserved at \$99 per room per night. A Deposit check in the amount of \$10,000 was handed to the NACB Treasurer. All other arrangements are continuing on schedule.

GUINNESS SPONSORSHIP

Pat Uniacke spoke about the **1997 GUINNESS SPONSORSHIP** and the fact that Guinness was interested in providing additional sponsorship in 1998. Questions were asked about how the NACB was planning to use the \$10,000 available from the 1997 Guinness Sponsorship package. One suggestion discussed was that it be used to provide Insurance coverage for all the different divisions, with one individual in each division responsible for monitoring it, etc. It was decided that it would be left up to the NACB to decide how best it could be used for the benefit of the Association.

1999 PLAYOFFS

A motion was proposed and seconded that:
THE 1999 PLAYOFFS BE HELD IN CHICAGO.

On a vote, the motion PASSED unanimously.

1997 PLAYOFFS

At this point, the Western Board officers returned from their brief private meeting, saying they accepted the proposal to refund 50% of the entrance fees collected from teams competing at the Playoffs. The Chairman ruled that each team affected was entitled to one vote on the issue. The motion proposed and seconded was:
THAT 50% OF THE PLAYERS ENTRANCE FEE MONEY AT THE SAN FRANCISCO PLAYOFFS BE REFUNDED TO THE PLAYERS.

On a vote, 14 voted FOR, 12 voted AGAINST, MOTION PASSED.

1996 PLAYOFFS

Paul Keane raised the issue of the refund of entrance fees collected from teams competing at the 1996 Playoffs in Boston which had not yet been refunded. John McDevitt, Chairman of the New England Division, assured the delegates that all debts from the 1996 Playoffs would be paid promptly.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Convention Minutes respectfully submitted,

Le fíor-mheas,

Seán Ó Catháin
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