

Society Activities

COUNCIL REPORT 1987

Symposium

"Broadleaves — have they a Future in Irish Forestry?" was the theme of the Symposium held at UCD on 3rd April, which was attended by 191 members. Six papers were presented on the subject and published in Irish Forestry Vol. 44 (2).

Annual Study Tour

The annual study tour was held on Southern England from 17th-23rd May and a full account of which is in Irish Forestry Vol. 44 (2).

Meetings

Two, one-day meetings, were held during 1987 in the Spring and Autumn. The first was held on the 24th of April on Tollymore Forest, Co. Down, was concerned with the end of Rotation-Harvesting in an Environmentally Sensitive Area. A full account of the meeting was published in Irish Forestry Vol. 44 (2).

The second one-day meeting was held on the 9th October in the north Tipperary/east Limerick area. The morning session consisted of a tour of the Forest Service's sawmill in Dundrum.

The Society wishes to thank those who presented papers at the Symposium, all those who helped in organising the field days. Thanks are also due to the Forest Service, Dublin, the Forest Service, Belfast and University College, Dublin for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at UCD on 2nd April. The Minutes were published in Irish Forestry Vol. 44 (1).

Publication

Irish Forestry Vo. 44 was published.

Examinations

Three candidates have taken the written examination and practicals are in the course of completion.

Educational Award Fund

The winner of the current year's prize is Mr. Gary Williamson, Dublin. (U.C.D. recipient).

Elections

Three posts of Technical Councillor and one of Associate Councillor were filled by election. The successful candidates, subject to the approval at the next Annual General Meeting, are Technical — D. Magner, J. Neilan and P. Breathnach; Associate — L. Furlong. As there was only one candidate for each of the other posts they were filled without election. The total valid poll was 222.

Membership

Number of members on 31st December, 1987:

<i>Technical</i>	<i>Associate</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>Total</i>
456	140	59	655

New Members elected in 1987:

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Attendance at Council Meetings

Five meetings have been held during the year. Attendance was as follows:

J. Prior, K. Collins, E. Hendrick	5 meetings
P. McCusker, G. Murphy, L. Furlong, D. Magner, B. Wright, J. Fennessy	4 meetings
R. Whelan, J. O'Driscoll, J. O'Dowd, A. J. van der Wel	3 meetings
J. Neilan	2 meetings
J. Griffin	1 meeting

Signed: K. Collins,
Hon. Secretary.

March, 1988.

MINUTES OF THE 46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 7th APRIL, 1988

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, U.C.D., DUBLIN

The President, Mr. J. Prior took the Chair.

Attendance

J. Fennessy, J. O'Driscoll, E. O'Driscoll, P. McCusker, N. Ni Phlaithbheartaigh, P. Diffley, P. Curtis, T. Houllihan, B. Wright, P. Joyce, E. Hendrick, L. Furlong, L. O'Flanagan, G. Murphy and K. Collins.

Apologies

F. Mulloy, M. O'Brien.

Secretary's Business

The minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting, having already been circulated to members were agreed and signed. Proposed by P. Joyce and seconded by J. O'Driscoll.

Council Report for 1987

The Report having been circulated to members was taken as read. Proposed by E. Hendrick and seconded by E. O'Driscoll.

Abstract of Accounts

G. Murphy presented the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1987. The balance to credit is down over the 1986 figure because revenue from subscription was less and the Journals cost more to print. Proposed by P. Curtis and seconded by J. O'Driscoll.

Confirmation of Elections

The meeting confirmed the 1988 Council Elections as follows: President, J. Prior; Vice-President, B. Wright; Hon. Secretary, K. Collins; Treasurer, G. Murphy;

Editor, P. McCusker; Business Editor, E. Hendrick, Hon. Auditor, W. Jack; Technical Councillors, D. Magner, J. Neilan, P. Breathnach; Associate Councillor, L. Furlong. Proposed by J. O'Driscoll and seconded by J. Fennessy.

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Two motions for amendments to the Constitution were put forward:

1. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

That a Public Relations Officer post be created on the Council of the Society, to be filled annually by election. Subject to the adoption of this motion the following addition and amendments to be made to the Constitution.

a. DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

RULE 12. The Public Relations Officer shall be responsible for conducting the Society's relations with the public media and for communicating and promoting the objectives and interests of the Society.

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE X on page 5. In sub-paragraph (i) and in the last paragraph include Public Relations Officer.

ARTICLE XI on page 6 in first paragraph include Public Relations Officer.

(The present RULE 12 and subsequent RULES will be renumbered to take account of the insertion of the new RULE).

The proposed changes to create a PRO post was proposed by E. Hendrick and seconded by K. Collins. A discussion followed. P. Joyce stated that this motion was desirable in projecting the image of the Society in the media. It was unanimously agreed that this motion should be adopted and that J. Gardiner should be appointed to the post until the next elections.

2. INCREASE IN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES

That the annual subscription for Technical and Associate membership be increased from £10 to £15; the new subscription rate to come into effect from the 1st of January, 1989.

This motion was proposed by G. Murphy and seconded by K. Collins. G. Murphy stated that expenditure was exceeding revenue and the reserves of the Society were being depleted. The subscription rate for student members remains at £5. The Auditor agrees that an increase is necessary. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Any Other Business

A two day Forestry Show is being organised for this September. This is a joint venture with the Irish Timbermans Association and will include trade displays and demonstrations. J. Gardiner will act as PRO for the Show.

The Council have decided to appoint two Regional Convenors to organise public meetings in their areas. One Convenor will be from the North-west region while the second will be from the south east.

The poor attendance at the AGM was discussed and various reasons were put forward. A motion that a reprimand be sent to all absent Council members was proposed by P. Joyce and seconded by E. Hendrick. To avoid poor turn-out in future it was proposed to hold the AGM in conjunction with a lecture or day meeting. This matter will be on the agenda of the next Council meeting.

The Society have purchased Public Liability Insurance to cover all meetings.

The meeting concluded at 9 p.m.