

Brande Bostable

Convention 1967.

CLAR.

- Lunasa 25u.
- 4.p.m. Reception of members and Visitors.
 - 6.p.m. High Tea.
 - 7.30 pm. Lecture on Irish Dance Music - C Mac. Fionnlaioich.
 - 8.30.p.m. Elucidation of Points System.
 - 9.30.p.m. Social Evening - (Dances from Book 3 will be included in the programme)
- Lunasa 26u
- 9.am. Breakfast.
 - 11.am. Voting on New Constitution.
 - 11.30 am.Branches meet separately to elect Delegates to the Executive.
 - 12.30 pm New Executive meets to elect Officers.
 - 1.30 pm.Lunch.
 - 2.30 pm.Convention Meeting:-
 - A. Inauguration of New Executive and Officers.
 - B. Discussion on Motions.
 - 5.30 pm High Tea.
 - 7 pm Refresher Course on older Set-Dances.
 - 9 p.m. Social Evening.
- Lunasa 27u
- 9 am Breakfast.
 - 10 am Holy Mass.
 - ~~11.30~~ 11.30 am. Lecture on Figure Dancing - T. O Leathabhair.
 - 1. p.m. Lunch.
 - 2.30 pm. Meeting for Adjudicators.
 - 4 p.m. Convention Cont. - Discussion on Motions.
 - 6 p.m. High Tea.
 - 7 p.m. Lecture on Costume Embroidery - Sheila Hughes.
 - 8 p.m. Social Evening.
- Postpone -*

N.B. The Draft Constitution was drawn up by Messrs. Sean O L-Wadhaigh & Sons, Solicitors. Its main provisions are similar to those of the Constitution of the Irish National Teacher's Organisation.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTION.

COMHDHAIL MUINTEOIRI NA RINCI GAELACH.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION.

- L. This organisation shall be called "COMHDHAIL MUINTEOIRI NA RINCI GAELACH".

OBJECTS.

2. The objects of the Comhdhail Muinteoiri na Rinci Gaelach (hereinafter referred to as the Comhdhail.)
- (1) To unite and organise all the registered Teachers and Adjudicators of Irish Dancing and to provide a means for the expression of their collective opinions on matters affecting the interests of Irish Dancing and of the Irish Dancing Teaching Profession.
 - (2) To improve the conditions of employment of members of the Comhdhail and to promote their interests.
 - (3) To regulate the relations between Members and their fellow members and between members and their Employers.
 - (4) To afford advice and assistance to individual Members on Professional matters.
 - (5) To cultivate a fraternal spirit and professional intercourse with kindred Organisations in this and other Countries.

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having any interest in Irish Dancing in Ireland or elsewhere.

10. The Executive Committee shall have the power to institute legal Proceedings, and may direct the Trustees to institute legal Proceedings against any Member or employee of the Comhdhail (including any of its Committees) who misappropriate any of its funds or property, or in respect of any other legal Proceedings required.
11. The Executive Committee shall have the power to reprimand, fine, suspend or expel a Member in accordance with the provisions of these Rules. A Member refusing to pay a fine properly imposed shall render himself liable to suspension or expulsion from the Comhdhail.
12. The Executive Committee may appoint Sub-Committees, Standing Committees or Special Committees for particular purposes, and may adopt the Minutes or Reports of such Committees. The Executive Committee shall be at liberty to appoint to such Committees Members other than Members of the Executive Committee; it shall have power to remove any Member from, or to dissolve, any Committee at any time.
13. A Branch of the Comhdhail shall be constituted of all Members residing in the area defined by the Executive Committee as a Branch area.
14. A Branch established under any previous Rule or which is in existence at the time of the coming into operation of these Rules shall be deemed to be a Branch established under these Rules and shall continue in existence until dissolved or otherwise dealt with in accordance with these Rules.
15. Every Member of the Comhdhail must be a Member of a Branch of the Comhdhail.
16. Every Teacher and/or Adjudicator of Irish Dancing with the qualifications aforementioned and qualified for Membership of Comhdhail shall, subject to the final decision of the Executive Committee, have the right of admission to the Branch operating in the area in which the Teacher and/or Adjudicator resides. No Branch shall admit or retain as Member a Teacher or Adjudicator as aforesaid who resides outside its defined area except with the special permission of the Executive Committee.
17. The number of delegates which a Branch may appoint to the Executive Committee shall be in accordance with the following scale.

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and so on with an additional delegate for each additional ten Members or part thereof. A Delegate must be a Member of the Branch which the Member is appointed to represent.

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- B. For Executive Committee seven Delegates shall constitute a Quorum.

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her election.

21. For the purpose of returning Delegates or Members of the Executive Committee each Branch Committee shall elect or appoint each Delegate representing such Branch and shall furnish the name or names and addresses to the Secretary of the Comhdhail at least fourteen days prior to the Annual Convention.

22. Should a member of the Executive Committee absent himself from three successive Meetings of the Executive without furnishing reasons which are considered by the Executive as sufficient, such person shall cease to be a member of the Executive and the Executive Committee shall be empowered to declare his seat vacant.

23. Should a Member of the Comhdhail be declared by a two-thirds majority of the Executive to be guilty of conduct which is unworthy or injurious to the interests of the Comhdhail or to be incapable through infirmity of mind or body of discharging his duties as a member such Member shall forthwith cease to be a Member of the Comhdhail and should such person be a Member of the Executive Committee the Executive Committee shall, in any of these events be empowered to declare that person's seat vacant.

24. TRUSTEES.

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The Trustees or any one or more of them may be removed from Office at any time by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee.

25. Save where otherwise appears in these Rules a decision shall be taken on a simple majority of one at any meeting of the Comhdhail the Executive Committee or any other Committee appointed hereunder.

26. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual subscription of Members shall be one guinea payable to the Treasurer of each Branch Committee who shall on receipt of same forward 10/6 to the Treasurer of the Comhdhail and retain 10/6 for Branch expences. The annual subscription shall be payable on or before the 1st day of January in each year.

27. RIGHT TO VOTE.

Any member whose subscription or any other monies due to the Comhdhail remains unpaid on the last day of February in each year, shall not be entitled to vote, or move any Resolution at any Meeting or be eligible for election to any Office or Committee of An Comhdhail. This rule shall only apply as from the first day of January 1968.

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31. The Branches shall meet at least once every month and all Notices of Motion etc., proposed by a Branch shall be furnished by the Secretary of the particular Branch to the Secretary of Comhdhail in writing not less than twenty one days prior to the

date fixed for the Annual Convention.

32 It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Branch to summon the monthly Meetings or any Special Meeting where necessary.

33. Fourteen days notice of Annual Convention shall be posted to each member by the Secretary of An Comhdhail and such notice shall contain details of the business which will be before the Annual Convention. The posting of any such notice to the last known address of a member shall be sufficient notice and failure to receive such notice shall not invalidate the Convention or any action taken at such Convention.

34. At all Meetings of the Comhdhail or its Branches the Chairman shall have the casting vote in addition to his own vote. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted at any Meeting of the Comhdhail or any of its Branches.

35.

DISSOLUTION OF COMHDHAIL.

The Comhdhail may be dissolved with the consent of five-sixths of the Members after the Membership of the Organisation falls below thirty. Any surplus funds shall be divided among the Members who are in good standing at the time of the dissolution.

36.

RULES

Only annual or special Conventions shall have the power to add to, alter, or omit any of these Rules and no such addition, alteration or omission shall be made except the Motion to that effect is supported by two-thirds of the Members who vote on such Motion.

37. Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be dealt with as the Executive Committee may determine, but any Member, Officer, or Branch aggrieved thereby shall have the right to appeal to the next Annual Convention.

38. One Copy of these Rules shall be supplied free to each Member of the Comhdhail. Further copies, if available, may be supplied on payment of _____ per copy.

39. Except where the contrary is specifically stated, all words and expressions in these Rules imputing the masculine shall include feminine.

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17 Teachers
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Executive

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Scotland.

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- Derry, Thornhill

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Belfast.

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London.

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Dublin.

- (2) That the ^{all}~~transfer~~ rule be enforced at all Feiseanna. ✓ yes
London.
- (3) That the Entry Fee for all Feiseanna be standardised. ✓ Paddington
London.
- (4) That the timing for all dances at all Feiseanna be standardised. ✓
London.
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We, the Teachers and Adjudicators of Irish Dancing are of the opinion that the advisability of including Irish Dancing in the programmes of Secondary Schools and in the list of subjects for Examinations should be brought to the attention of the Minister of Education by An Coisde Gnotha Chonradh na Gaeilge.

Dublin.

2. That the Convention should devise an alternative to Competitions.

(Book) and O'Keefe.

Belfast.

3. That steps be taken to widen the range of Traditional Dances and segregate purely traditional dances from innovated ones.

London.

4. That the Convention institute an merit List to be awarded yearly at the Convention to the Teacher who has done most for Irish Dancing.

Dublin.