

**Mid Leinster Bridge Region**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2009**  
**in Westmanstown**

**Attendance:** Jim Egan, Ann Burns, Barbara Burke, Neil Burke, Bert McKay, Helen McDevitt, Noel Mekitarian. **Apologies:** Una Sullivan

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were accepted - proposed by Barbara and seconded by Bert.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nothing to report.

**September Meeting of Club Secretaries:** Bert had checked out the Westgrove Hotel in Clane as a possible location. It would cost 120 to 150euro to hire a room. Following Barbara's Development Officer's report which took place later in the meeting, it was decided to proceed with Maynooth as the venue. The meeting is to be called for 8.00pm and is to be preceded by an EGM to discuss the Constitution at 7.30 pm. Ann is to send written notification to all clubs giving the agenda which will include the following – Collection of Packs, Calendar of Dates, Communications, Diaries, Interclub Leagues, Novice Event. She is to inform all clubs of our new **Web Address** and to ask again if any more diaries are required. Paul Porteous has expressed an interest in attending this meeting. Ann is to contact him with the details of location, day, etc.

**Constitution:** An EGM to discuss the Draft Constitution, which has been prepared by Neil, will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. All clubs have been forwarded a copy of this draft and have been asked for comments. Neil will bring copies to the meeting. About 6 clubs contacted the committee with comments. The committee will be proposing adoption of the document as it stands.

**Calendar of Events 2009 - 2010:** The dates for the year 2009 – 2010 were finalized. Noel is to check out Kill GAA as a venue for the TD workshop. Neil has secured Bernard Higgins as the TD for our 2 Qualifying Events.

**Inter Club Leagues:** The Inter Club Leagues will run again this year in more or less the same format as last year which proved very successful and enjoyable. There will be some minor changes to the rules. The A and B leagues will start in Leixlip on 6<sup>th</sup> November with all teams playing the first round in the same location.

**Novice Event:** Neil had prepared a flyer for this event. It will consist of 2 sessions to include playing hands and lessons, with a meal break in the middle. Cost 10 euro.

**Website:** The website is up and running – thanks to Neil. The layout may need some adjustments and we will have to get more information on to it, but it looks good and will be a great asset to the Region.

**Development Officers.** Barbara has been exceptionally busy since the last meeting. She has contacted the Presidents and Secretaries of all the clubs under her remit to tell them about the Novice Event and to encourage them to play in the Leagues. She has been in discussions with Westmanstown about holding all the Masters Leagues matches there. They wish to charge 50 euro per night. In the meantime The Anglers Rest has been in contact with her and seem interested in developing a relationship with the Region. She has approached them about sponsorship and about holding the Masters League Matches there. Discussions are ongoing. It was agreed to hold our Christmas lunch here. The regional T shirts were discussed but nothing was decided at this point.

Bert reported that 2 more clubs will affiliate to our region in the new year – The Village BC in Clane which has been in existence for years and Confey BC which only started last year. He is to get contact details for both and forward them to Ann who will send them details of the Secretaries Meeting in September. Most of Bert's clubs don't start again until well into September. He hopes to visit most of them this year.

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