

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF
CLAN FLANAGAN
17 MARCH 2007

Present: Betsy Farris, Vice-Chair; Michael Flanagan, Webmaster; William (Bud) Flanagan, Historian; Joy Flanagan-Gardner, Secretary-Treasurer.

Apologies:

Correspondence: Various including the resignations from the Clan Flanagan Email Group of Chair Antaine O Flannagain and several other members.

Business arising from Minutes of the last meeting:

Newsletter

- Editors
- Format
- Frequency of publication
- Contents

*Resolution: To contact editors to submit a sample newsletter.
Newsletter to be published 3 times per year with option for more frequency if necessary.*

The need for an introduction letter for new members

Resolution: A copy of edited version of the one used previously by Chair Antaine O Flannagain to be forwarded to the Committee for approval.

The items of expense that have been being covered by Grace, in the past.

Resolution: A draft certificate of appreciation to be included in the first copy of the Newsletter after being approved by the committee

Fund raising

- Membership fees
- Flanagan Merchandise sold on line

Resolution: That this item be left in abeyance until after the Clanns of Ireland when Secretary/Treasurer Joy Flanagan Gardner will seek advice from other Clans at the meeting in Dublin

Alteration/Addendum to the current Clann Flanagan Constitution

- Elections

Resolution: This item be left in abeyance until after the Clanns of Ireland when Secretary/Treasurer Joy Flanagan Gardner can seek advice from other Clanns at the meeting in Dublin

Code of Conduct

- The necessity of such a document to be discussed
- If determined that one is necessary, how it will be distributed to current members

Resolution: *That a Code of Conduct is not necessary and that we weather any further storms and monitor in the future.
That attachments be restricted from the Group emails.*

Business arising from the Correspondence:

The reasons behind the resignations generally was that subject matter was not of interest to some of the members together with the number of emails being sent and members being swamped with unwanted messages.

Resolution: *That an investigation be carried out to determine how a Social Group and Genealogical Group can function as separate entities whilst remaining the same overall Group.*

General Business:

Discussions were held regarding:

- the dropping out of members and possible reasons behind this occurring.
- The possibility of splitting the email group into two subject groups i.e. social and genealogical

Joy to investigate and report back to the next meeting.

Discussion:

- Ways to sign up new members without them having to get an email to be invited?

It was decided that a form be designed to appear in the newsletter and on the webpage for potential members to complete and submit by mail to the Secretary for vetting and inclusion on the data base

Suggestion for a practical process: Once Secretary accepts a membership, the forms are forwarded to the Historian and a letter of welcome is sent.

NB: This was not formally agreed upon however it is understood by the Secretary that a form is to be drafted by her and submitted to the other members of the Executive Committee for perusal and comments.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the date and time of the next meeting to be advise as soon as practicable following the Clanns of Ireland Meeting of 28 April 2007.