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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Moiled Cattle Society
Held at O’Kane’s Farm, 28 Lisnamanny Road, Martinstown, Co Antrim at 5pm**

Present

Nigel Edwards (Chairman)	Robert Boyle (Vice Chair)	Sam Smiley (Treasurer)
Robert Davis	Valerie Orr	Seamus Holmes
Victor Campbell	Ian Simpson	Michael Sprake
Michael Meharg	Brian O’Kane	John Stronge
Chris Ball	Philip Mellor	Bill Paddon
Michelle McCauley	Alison Jackson	David Ross
Andrew & Joshua Condy	Robert & Alison Jackson	Alan Mooney
Eamon & Deirdie O’Reilly	Thomas O’Kane	Angela & Stacy Caldwell
David Russell	Alfie McKnight	Pat McConnell
Albert & Jaqueline Baxter	Brian & Anna McCrory	Michelle McCauley
Richard Evans	In Attendance – Gillian Steele	

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence at the 2016 AGM were only accepted using the Proxy Form, therefore two apologies from Helen Kelly and Ken Hamilton were registered.

Welcome

Chairperson, Nigel Edwards, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance at ‘Moilies in the Glens’. Nigel thanked the hosts Annemarie & Brian O’Kane for a fabulous afternoon and all their hard work in preparation for the event. Brian O’Kane was presented with 6 Irish Moiled whisky glasses, bottle of whisky and printed canvas, of his son and daughter holding Irish Moileds, which was also the photo used to help promote the event. Nigel thanked the sub committee for their input to organising the event.

Nigel Edwards stated that it was with great sadness that Brian Burnett was absent, as he passed away in December 2015, and as a great supporter of the IMCS. Nigel asked everyone for a round of applause. Nigel went on to say that 2015 was a busy year for the IMCS and made reference to the Directors Report on the website. Nigel stated that the IMCS Online Herd Book had now been introduced as well as a new member’s pack and this progression was down to team effort. Nigel acknowledged that Gillian Steele was the only paid member of staff with all office bearers and Directors do so in an honorary position, many travel considerable distances and thanks went to all members and those who exhibit cattle throughout the year.

Nigel indicated that there were some changes at Board level since the 2015 AGM namely that Valerie Orr had resigned as NI PRO and that Michelle McCauley now holds the position. Michelle was wished well in her role and thanked her for the recent work.

Nigel explained that Gareth Acheson had retired from his role of Company Secretary but obliged to complete duties for the AGM along with assistance from Ian Simpson and Gillian Steele. Nigel went on to state that David Ross would become the new Company Secretary. Gareth Acheson was thanked and a gift will be forwarded in his absence. David Ross was wished well in his new role.

Nigel Edwards stated that Ian Simpson had retired slightly early from his role as President due to health reasons, acknowledging that Ian was present but not on official duty, Nigel thanked Ian for his guidance to him as Chairperson. Nigel went on to say that his first Moile had been purchased from Ian 11 years ago and that he was proud to say after 10 calves, 8 which were heifers, her great, great granddaughter was born no later than the Tuesday before the meeting. Ian was thanked on behalf of the IMCS for carrying out his role meticulously and also his wife Joan for their tremendous support. Ian was presented with an engraved pen and bouquet of flowers for Joan.

John Stronge was thanked for agreeing to deputise for Ian Simpson. Nigel explained that John had been a Vice President of the IMCS and was happy to announce that John had been appointed as the new President at the Board meeting earlier in the afternoon. Nigel stated that John had been Registrar in 1982 when the Society reformed up until 2007 and that John would be saying a few words in place of a guest speaker regarding how he feels the society has progressed. Nigel finished by telling those present that his term as Chairperson is ending and that after the October meeting the present Vice Chairperson Robert Boyle would be taking over. Robert was wished well for his new role starting October 2016.

Nigel Edwards handed the official business of the AGM over to newly elected President John Stronge.

Apologies were only accepted by Proxy Form. **Two Proxy votes were registered.**

Ordinary Resolution 1 - To approve the Minutes of the previous AGM 4th July 2015.

John Stronge asked for a proposer to accept the Minutes.

This was proposed by Michael Meharg and seconded by Robert Boyle.

Resolution 1 was passed unanimously.

Matters arising from previous Minutes – No matters arose from previous AGM Minutes.

Ordinary Resolution 2 - To receive and approve the Director's Report and Accounts for year ending 31st December 2015.

John Stronge asked for a proposer to accept the Directors Report.

This was proposed by David Russell and seconded by Christopher Ball.

John Stronge asked for a proposer to accept the Accounts ending 31st December 2015.

This was proposed by Micheal Meharg and seconded by Robert Davis.

John Stronge commented that the Accounts had been carried out in a professional manner and thanked Gareth Acheson.

Resolution 2 was passed unanimously.

Ordinary Resolution 3 – To appoint Edwin Johnston as Honorary Auditor.

John Stronge asked for a proposer to accept Resolution 3.

This was proposed by Robert Boyle and seconded by Alfie McKnight.

Resolution 3 was passed unanimously.

Ordinary Resolution 4 - Appointment of Directors

There were four vacancies in the NI Constituency, three for three years and one for one year. David Ross was nominated as a NI Director. With four nominations and four vacancies the length of service was determined by lot with the following result:

Ordinary Resolution 4a – To appoint Sam Smiley for one year, Robert Boyle for three years, Robert Davis for three years and David Ross for three years, to serve as Directors for the NI Constituency.

John Stronge asked for a proposer to accept Resolution 4a.

This was proposed by Michael Meharg and seconded by Chris Ball.

Resolution 4a was passed unanimously.

Ordinary Resolution 4b – To appoint Helen Kelly as a Director to serve for 3 years, for the RoI Constituency.

John Stronge asked for a proposer to accept Resolution 4b.

This was proposed by Alfie McKnight and seconded by Michelle McCauley.

Resolution 4b was passed unanimously.

There were 3 vacancies in the GB Constituency, two for three years and one for two years. Valerie Orr was nominated to become a GB Director. Length of service was determined by lot with the following result.

Ordinary Resolution 4c – To appoint Christopher Ball for two years, Philip Mellor for three years and Valerie Orr for three years, to serve as Directors for the GB Constituency.

John Stronge asked for a proposer to accept Resolution 4c.

This was proposed by Michael Sprake and seconded by William Paddon.

Resolution 4c was passed unanimously.

As no further business had been notified the formal AGM concluded at 6pm.

John Stronge thanked Nigel Edwards and all those present enjoyed a short talk regarding the progression of the Society over the years. John made reference to Jimmy Nelson and David Swann who undoubtedly assisted the breed in 1980 with the last remaining 30 Irish Moiled being split up and bred in various different areas including Liverpool and Leeds City Councils which was a major step for the breed. John also made reference to the Royal Mail cover of Irish Moiled stamps in 1984, the Grassroots computerised system, co efficient tools, Ian Gill analysing blood samples, the years of hard work to co ordinate parentage proving of Irish Moileds, the new classification system and the fact that the IMCS was one of the first breed societies to carry out DNA testing.

John stated that from starting off in 1982 he feels that the IMCS is one of the most forward thinking societies and we should be grateful for a great team of Directors.

John stated that he has noticed the white patch on the back leg is less frequent and the shape of the head had changed with the 'dished' shape being lost however he highlighted that with many outstanding bulls at present that the future is bright for the Irish Moiled Cattle Society.

Nigel Edwards thanked John Stronge and handed over to Robert Boyle. Robert Boyle thanked everyone for their attendance and stated that the BBQ starting at 6pm had no charge per head but ballot tickets were available. Robert individually thanked all those who had donated prizes to the ballot, asked everyone present to give generously and to enjoy the evening.

Post Meeting Note - Retiring Dates for Directors

2017

Seamus Holmes ROI
Victor Campbell NI
Mark Logan NI
Sam Smiley NI
Derek Steen GB
Michael Sprake GB

2018

Richard McConnell NI
Nigel Edwards NI
Michael Meharg NI
Christopher Ball GB
James Gannon ROI
Lucy Blackwell GB

2019

Valerie Orr GB
Robert Boyle NI
Robert Davis NI
Helen Kelly ROI
David Ross NI
Philip Mellor GB