

THE ANILO-CATALAN SOCIETY

Minutes of the XXII A.G.M.
Garnshaw Hall, Sheffield
September 25th, 1976



The President, Mr. R.D.F. Ring, Mill, took the chair at 3.30 pm.

1. Minutes of the XXI A.G.M. These minutes, previously circulated, were approved ~~and signed~~.
2. Matters arising. The meeting approved new con., amendment of the Constitution as proposed by the Committee to incorporate Socis Protectors under the heading of Membership (item 5 of the previous Minutes). It was agreed that the Committee should take this opportunity to review the whole Constitution and, where necessary, to propose amendments revision in line with the Society's practice as it had developed over the years. Submissions were invited from members. The Secretary would circulate, in good time before the next A.G.M., copies of the original Constitution and of the revised version ^{drawn up} ~~agreed~~ by the Committee.

3. President's Report. The President reported that ~~report~~ ^{the} ~~of~~ Socis Protectors recorded so far were few ^{in number} the Socis Protectors so far ~~and~~ registered were pass per bone. Dr. Hunt ^{The Treasurer} was thanked for his ⁱⁿ diligence in this matter. Mr. Ring, Mill welcomed visitors from the Anicut ^{attending} ~~present at~~ the Conference and expressed pleasure at the opening up of the Society's ^{tendency towards} ~~up~~ ⁱⁿ the life of the Society. ⁱⁿ ~~up~~ ^{of} their presence represented a positive opening up of the life of the Society. Greetings had been sent to the Association of Anicutans on their 21st anniversary and they were thanked for the hospitality shown to the Society in their celebrations. Deep ~~condolence~~ ^{condolence} was expressed to Professor Books ~~on the death of his~~ ^{on his recent bereavement} because of the particular loss the Society's deepest condolence at the death of his wife. The Society's prize had not been announced in the Castell of the JF held in Caracas. The Society's Scholarship of £150 had been awarded to Jimna Tubella and Edward Vinyamata who had made most satisfactory use of it. The Pres

summarized the report of their journey through the British Isles
which had produced also a series of articles published in Armi. Xerox copies
of these would be requested for the Society's files and the Secretary would
write to compliment T. and V. on their fruitful project. ~~Dr. Botis was a fortunately~~
~~prevented from attending the meeting~~ ~~in conducting~~. The President remarked on
the new status being ~~being~~ ~~reversed~~ by Catalan in the changing Spanish
political situation: ~~recovery could not be without problems~~. ~~Through~~ ^{The future though would not be without problems:} and the Society
would be alert to these and watchful ^{also} of its role in the developing circumstances
of Catalan culture

A Secretary's Report. The Secretary presented apologies for absence from
Drs Cheyne, Trowl and Hauf, Prof. Russell Giffert, Mme Llubera,
Srs M. Torres S. and Jr. Prof. J. Trueta, unfortunately in hospital in
London, who had sent a special message of adhesion to the Conference.
Dr. Hauf had submitted a written report on his efforts to contact
possible Soviet protectors. The Torres family had extended an invitation
to members of ~~the~~ ^{the} Society travelling in Spain to visit the bodegues
in Volapona. [The officers and Committee had signed a letter
supporting Prof. Comas's nomination of Salvador Espina for the Nobel
Prize for Lit. There was no news yet of the award, but the Society's
intervention had been much appreciated by the poet. ~~The Secretary,~~
~~in his absence of the Preside had sent~~ All members had been sent
a copy of the President's article published in BTS to mark the
25th anniversary of the Society ~~which~~ Remaining copies of the 250
of ^{prints} ordered would be used for publicity purposes. Announcements
of the Lausanne IF were on view at the Conference. The Society's
prize was being offered and it was hoped that ~~the~~ ^{we} Society would be
represented at the festa. ~~The Secretary had continued to receive~~
~~enquiries which indicated con' from his correspondents for details~~
Among several enquiries in the course of the year, indications confirmed interest in the Society's activities.
The Secretary had received an approach from the editor of VH about
the possibility of collaboration in a number of the journal devoted
to Catalan studies. The meeting expressed its support for such a venture

and it was agreed that those interested should assemble during the Conference to discuss details of ^{the Society's} ~~our~~ participation.

5. Treasurer's Report Dr. Walker presented the accounts which had been previously circulated. He reported that cash in hand at September 10th 1976 was £681-89 but warned against complacency, since considerable Conference expenses had to be met out of this ~~sum~~ ^{amount}. The Socius protectors registered were so far only ten, but they had contributed the pleasing sum of £330 in subscriptions/donations. Dr Walker reported two ~~from~~ ^{from} recommendations from the Committee that the value of the Society's prize in the JF should be increased to £50, and that the annual subscription should be raised to £2. The Treasurer further proposed that, for the Society to remain solvent and secure, he be authorized to set up a sinking fund and to deposit ^{regularly} ~~a~~ ^{annually} ~~fixed~~ ^{proportion} ~~percentage~~ ^(one third being suggested) of cash in hand into such an account.

The President thanked Dr. W. for his meticulous accounts and put to the vote the Committee's recommendations on the JF prize + subscriptions, both ~~being~~ ^{passed} un. con. ~~There~~ ^{After} ~~was~~ some discussion, ~~of the sinking fund proposal after which the motion that such a fund be established was proposed by Dr. Wheeler + seconded by S. Lloveras a motion was proposed by Dr. Wheeler and seconded by S. Lloveras, that a sinking fund be established and that the Treasurer should propose at each AGM a sum to be paid in to it from cash in hand in that year's accounts. The motion was passed~~ un. con. whereupon Dr. Walker proposed that £150 be set aside for 1975-6. This was

approved New Con. and it was further agreed that the Committee should investigate the best form of investment for these funds.

6. Future activities The Secretary reported that arrangements for the 1977 conference were going ahead. This would be held in London, early in the first term of the 1977-8 session, from a Saturday to a Sunday lunch time. As agreed at the Oxford meeting, the possibility of holding the 1978 conference in Birmingham would be further investigated. Prof. Colon of Basel, President of the AILC, had been invited as guest of honour to the 1977 Conference. Suggestions for ~~guests~~ ^{invitations} (and order of priority) at future meetings were invited.

7. Election of Officers ^{The light hearted dispute} After ~~some~~ dispute about whether Mr. Rng. Mill had served a two-year or a 3-year term as President did not alter the fact that a successor had to be appointed. The Committee's nomination Prof. G. W. Ribbons was seconded by Prof. Terry. No other nominations having been received, Prof. Ribbons was duly elected and took the chair at 4.45 pm. ^{To applause} The new President warmly thanked Mr. Rng. Mill for ^{all} his work on behalf of the Society and affirmed his desire to act in the distinguished tradition established by his predecessors. The Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected for a further year's term, and Dr. Hanf's ~~was~~ cooption was confirmed. For the two vacancies on the Committee; Dr. Wheeler was proposed by Prof. Terry and seconded by Mr. Rng. Mill; Mrs Anderson was proposed by Mr. L. D. and seconded by Dr. Wheeler. The officers for 1977-8 are therefore

- Pres. Prof. G. W. Ribbons
- Sec. Dr. A. Y.
- Treas. Dr. G. J. W.
- Committee
 - Mr. Rng. Mill (ex officio)
 - Dr. A. Hanf (co-opted)
 - Dr. R. Cardwell
 - Prof. Russell-Gebbett
 - Dr. Wheeler
 - Mrs Anderson

8. Members' Business - Sr. Delgado spoke to the meeting about the Congrés de Cultura Catalana outlining its objectives + activities and stressing its essentially cultural mission. ~~He was supported~~ ~~in~~ Professor Tate, seconded by Mr Roy. Mill, proposed that the Committee should write to ^{the C.C.C. to} express ^{the C.C.C.'s} support and to investigate the possibility of closer ties between the 2 orgs. This was approved un. con.

~~Dr. Sala suggested that~~ ~~the~~ ~~for~~ a It was agreed, at Dr Sala's suggestion, that the Committee should explore the possibility of writing an address from a Castilian-speaking scholar on an aspect of Catalan culture or 'the Catalan question'

There being no further business, the Pres. closed the meeting at 5.00 pm.

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