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Minutes of the Meeting of the Irish Mathematical Society

Ordinary Meeting 11th April 1995

The Irish Mathematical Society held an ordinary meeting at 12.15pm on Tuesday 11th April 1995 in the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 10 Burlington Road. 11 members were present. The President, D. Hurley, was in the chair. Apologies were received from Pauline Mellon.

1. The minutes of the 21st December 1994 meeting were approved and signed.

2. Matters arising

Gordon Lessells reported that the current (Easter 1995) issue of the I.M.S. bulletin is now available for circulation. It was noted that the bulletin is now completely up-to-date and on time. Members were urged to submit articles for the next issue. It was suggested that the talks at the September meeting could be a source of articles for the bulletin.

3. Treasurer's business

The Treasurer circulated an interim report on the state of the society's finances. Additional postage costs of £400 for the bulletin were added. It was agreed that the I.M.S. is *pro tem* no longer in a position to offer conference support. When the financial situation of the I.M.S. improves, such support may be resumed. The projected deficit for 1995 is £550. The issue of the societies' subscription to the European Mathematical Society was raised in this regard. There are presently six I.M.S. members also in the E.M.S. It was reported that individuals have an alternative route to membership of the E.M.S. through the London Mathematical Society. A motion was proposed by Diarmuid Ó Mathúna and seconded by Séan Tobin that the I.M.S. explain its financial difficulties to the E.M.S. and offer 120 ECU as our annual subscription. The motion was passed.

4. Membership fees

The committee proposed to the meeting an increase in the annual membership fees as follows:

Ordinary membership £15 (or \$25 U.S.).

Student membership £6.

Institutional membership £50 (unchanged).

Reciprocity membership unchanged.

A motion was proposed by Diarmuid Ó Mathúna and seconded by Timothy Murphy that a new category of membership, *viz.* life membership, be introduced concurrently with these changes and that this be set at £200. The meeting voted to approve this motion and the changes above, to be implemented as from 1st January 1996. It was noted that members would require good advance notice of these changes to facilitate changes in standing orders *etc.*

5. September meeting 1995

Eugene Gath reported that the planning of the 1995 September Meeting at University of Limerick on 7th and 8th September is well under way. Most of the principal speakers have been invited. The conference dinner will take place at Gooser's Eating House in Killaloe, Co. Clare and this will be preceded by a cruise on Lough Derg. It was suggested that Belfast be the venue for the 1996 September Meeting. Séan Dineen undertook to discuss this with members at Queen's University, Belfast when he visits there in June.

6. Mathematics education

It was noted that Elizabeth Oldham gave an invited address to the I.M.S. at the Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies on the morning of 10th April 1995. The talk, and the discussion which followed, were agreed to have been stimulating and successful. The meeting agreed that such talks should become a regular feature of the I.M.S. calendar. A discussion took place as to the best time for these talks. It was agreed that the morning before the first day of the D.I.A.S. Christmas Symposium or after the sherry reception that evening would be best. The President, on behalf of all members of the I.M.S., recorded his gratitude to the Dublin Institute for

Advanced Studies for providing the facilities for these talks as well as for the committee meetings and ordinary meetings of the I.M.S.

The meeting closed at 1.15pm.

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