



IRISH MINSTRELS NUACHTLITIR

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A.G.M. at last week's AGM, the following were elected:

Chairman: Frank McArdle

Vice-Chairman: Sally Friel

Secretary: Moira Callaghan

Asst. Secretary: Jacqueline Kirk

Treasurer: Brian O' Neill

Asst. Treasurer: Margaret McManus

Gaelic Officer: Margaret Gallagher

Membership Sec. Cathleen Armstrong

P.R.O. Lyn Crumlisk

Auditors: Michael Ward, Colin Conway

Youth Officer: Mairi-Therese Deighan.

Attendance was down a bit on last year and could have been better for a branch our size. It would be great if some of the newer members could come along to our AGM and find out more about the branch and how everything is run.

U-TURN AFTER 37 YEARS:

Frank has decided to allow a bodhran class (yes, he is feeling fine and hasn't suffered mild concussion)

Classes will start tonight on bodhran, drums and piano accompaniment at 8 o'clock. These are only second instrument classes. Everyone must still continue with their first instrument at the usual starting time of 7pm.

RTE CEILI HOUSE: The next 3 weeks will feature the Senior Ceili Band competition from Sligo. St. Roch's will probably be on the 2nd week. The programme is broadcast on Saturdays at 9pm but is available on the internet afterwards. It is always an excellent programme and well worth a listen.

<http://www.rte.ie/radio1/ceili-house/>

COMHALTASLIVE: always has great music, including St. Roch's.

https://comhaltas.ie/music/detail/comhaltaslive_478_10st_rochs_ceili_band/

TRON SESSIONS The Tron session is on this coming Sunday, 8th November, 2-5pm. We have had two great months so far and considering the October session was during the holidays, there was still a fair turn out. Myself and the kids have attended both sessions and we have all really enjoyed it. The food in the Tron is excellent, so why not make an afternoon of it and stay and have your lunch/dinner with the family. The sessions are aimed at EVERYONE, regardless of your child's playing level. This is an ideal environment for them to play as there is absolutely no pressure at all. You may find that it helps to build their confidence and they will be more enthusiastic about learning new tunes etc. It would be lovely to see some of the new families attending, even if your children just want to spectate for an hour or so and see how it all goes.