The Irish Argentine Historical Society
Minutes of the General Meeting
Liverpool, 13 July 2004

President David Barnwell called the Second General Meeting of the Irish Argentine Historical Society to order at 11:00am. A quorum was established as existing and it was noted that there were eight proxy votes.

PRESENT
David Barnwell, Claire Healy, Laura Izarra, Helen Kelly, Oliver Marshall, Patrick McKenna, Edmundo Murray, J.J. O'Hara.

BUSINESS

1.   Approval of business of previous General Meeting, 1 July 2003

Minutes of the Constitutive General Meeting of 1 July 2003 were circulated.

> MOTION: "To accept the Minutes of the 2003 General Meeting as presented"
> CARRIED

2.   President's Report
Noted that the Society is growing and moving into broader recognition, and that new energy is bringing changes and positive results. Very happy with the results of the first year, and he is looking forward to achieve more involvement. Thanked the Executive Committee for their contributions.

3.   Secretary's Report
Explained the establishment of the Society under the Swiss laws. Remarked the successful launch of the Irish Argentine Research Fund grants programme, and its financial requirements for the future. Discussed the strategies for manuscript repository, documents digitalisation and microfilm, and publications, particularly the website, its advantages and need for support in the form of contributions.

4.   Financial Report

The Secretary presented the Financial Accounts for the period 1 July 2003 through 30 April 2004. A 2004-2005 Forecast in Swiss Francs was also presented.

> MOTION: "To accept the Financial Accounts (1 July 2003 through 30 April 2004), as well as the 2004-2005 Forecast in Swiss Francs "
> MOVED: Edmundo Murray, CARRIED

5.   Approval of the Auditors for Financial Year 2004-2005

The Executive Committee recommends that Sharon Newman continues as auditor for 2004-2005.

> MOTION: "Sharon Newman continues as Auditor for 2004-2005"
> MOVED: Edmundo Murray, CARRIED

6.   Website

There is a need to create individual "mirror" sites of the website for the use of Members of the Society. Some of the contents of these sites may be made public or limited to other Members upon approval of the authors.

> MOTION: "Edmundo Murray to study the implementation of mirror sites"
> MOVED: Patrick McKenna, CARRIED

7.   Funding

The creation of a Committee is required to access to funding for the Society's grants programme, website operation, publications, and other projects.

> MOTION: "David Barnwell, J.J. O'Hara, and Patrick McKenna to sit on the Funding Committee"
> MOVED: David Barnwell, SECONDED: Patrick McKenna, CARRIED

8.   Handling of Donated Manuscripts

It is necessary to discuss with a repository with archival facilities the maintenance of manuscripts and documents donated to the Society by members or third parties.

MOTION: "Edmundo Murray to discuss conditions to receive donated manuscripts with the Max von Buch Library of the Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires"
MOVED: Edmundo Murray, SECONDED: David Barnwell, CARRIED

9.   Publications

The papers presented at the panel "The Irish in South America" in the Joint Conference of Irish Studies (Liverpool 13 July 2004) will be used as a base for an edited work.

MOTION: "Laura Izarra to study the feasibility of editing and publishing the papers presented at the panel The Irish in South America through the Universidade de São Paulo"
MOVED: Laura Izarra, SECONDED: Edmundo Murray, CARRIED

10.   Conference

As a part of the celebrations of the 150° anniversary of the death of William Brown in June 2007, a conference on the Irish in Latin America will be organised. A Conference Committee needs to be established to this purpose.

MOTION: "Oliver Marshall and Claire Healy to sit on the Conference Committee"
CARRIED

11.   Adjournment 12:30

MOTION: "To adjourn the General Meeting"
MOVED: David Barnwell, CARRIED