

Minutes of July Council Meeting of Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club held on 13th July 2017.

Attendance; Mr. Bernard Foy, Captain, Mrs. Kay Stewart, Lady Captain, Mr. Gerry Driver, Vice Captain, Mrs. Josephine Stewart, Lady Vice Captain, Mr. John Bradley, President, Mr. P.J.Mc Gowan, Mr. Michael Mc Glynn, Mr. Lawrence Devenney, Mr. Brendan Alexander, Mr. Alastair Henderson, Mr. Andy Parkinson, Mr. John Fleming, Mr. Tony Carr, Mr. Brendan Kelly.

Apologies; Mr. Martin Dillon, Mr. Danny Bannigan, Mr. Martin Lynch, Mr. Sean Devenney, Mr. Don Mc Nulty, Mr. Sean Carlin.

Vice Captain Gerry Driver started the meeting in the absence of the Captain who was delayed due to a presentation.

Minutes;

The minutes of the June meeting were proposed by John Fleming and seconded by Michael Mc Glynn.

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence;

Correspondence was received from Jonathan Kelly regarding golf balls entering his property. A discussion followed on this issue and it was suggested that a fence between the Fire Station and the next adjoining property towards Kelly`s would solve the problem. Planning permission had been obtained for a fence in recent times. The secretary is to raise this issue with Paddy Mullen of Donegal County Council.

John Bradley raised the matter of club ties and it was agreed that the idea was good and that the shop should acquire 12 blue and 12 maroon ties to sell.

Treasurer`s Report;

Martin Dillon was unable to attend the meeting but he submitted his report through the secretary. The usual income and expenditure figures applied to the month of June. Our insurance premium for the year is €16,932 and the balance on our loan is €63,627dr. Our Bank Balance is €12,153cr. Martin stated that our Bank Balance was approximately €8,000 down on last year. He further stated that the course budget as approved by Council was advised in writing to the acting head

greenkeeper. The budget agreed was €22,000 and expenditure to date was €21,309. Martin stated that the Greens Convenor should advise the AHG that this budget cannot be exceeded and anything above this figure will not be paid. He further stated that Council had approved a ceiling of €400 on any one item of expenditure and that this was being ignored. He also said that the open drains on the 7th has been discussed at the last 4 Council meetings and have been lying untouched for almost a year and apart from being a poor reflection on all concerned these items are a serious health hazard for many members.

John Bradley said he detected a bad feeling on certain matters and the captain said that discussion should be deferred until the Treasurer is present. John Bradley said that both sub-committees should meet and this was proposed by Tony Carr and seconded by John Bradley. The Captain is to convene this meeting.

Proposed by Andy Parkinson and seconded by John Fleming.

Ladies Report;

Kay Stewart said that 3 teams were still in competition. She thanked the green staff for cutting back the grass in front of the 14th green. There were still ongoing problems with signage leading to the ladies 9th teebox.

Lawrence Devenney asked if the ladies should consider creating a par 5 hole to avoid signage problems at the 9th. The matter of the depth of the bunker to the left of the 13th green was raised and should steps down into this bunker be provided.

Proposed by John Bradley and seconded by Gerry Driver

Registrar`s Report;

Alastair Henderson reported that income from membership fees for June amounted to €6,785.42. Most memberships are now in and about 10 didn't join. Income was down about €3k. The €50 prepayment was raised and a few have not paid yet. Alastair and the Secretary are to identify and talk to members who have not paid the €50 fee.

New members are Oran Higgins(18-22), Stephen Murphy(23-35), John Murphy(L), Darren Mc Glinchey(23-35), Adrian Mc Glinchey(B), Stephen Lynch(L), Gavin Mc Laughlin(18-22), Jacob Mariske(23-35), Aiden Lee(L).

Proposed by Tony Carr and seconded by Brendan Kelly.

House Report;

Michael Mc Glynn reported that income was up on the corresponding period last year. There was a deliberate decision not to avail of Sky TV.

Proposed by Gerry Driver and seconded by John Bradley.

Greens Report;

Don Mc Nulty was not present but had said in advance that he had little to report. The unstable nature of the fence at the back of the 7th teebox was raised as was the repair to the gate at the 14th. It was widely expressed that the course was in great condition.

Competitions Report;

Brendan Kelly reported on the 60th anniversary classic and said we had 42 teams. Martin Dillon had sourced €750 in sponsorship. €5,350 had been raised and a net profit of €3,459 was made after all overheads were met. Some discussion followed around a 2nd classic. Gerry Driver said we could hold a course development classic next year. Brendan reported income of €7,384 after payments had been made and a figure of €20,049 for the year to date. The numbers of visitors were up. The issue of which teeboxes should be used was raised and it was agreed that for any week there should be 2 x green and 2 x blue with variation. With regard to eligibility to win captain`s Prize, Tony Carr proposed that players in the 23-35 should be able to win and this was seconded by Gerry Driver. The Captain did not agree. After much discussion, Tony Carr withdrew his proposal. The President`s prize remains unchanged. Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by John Fleming.

Green Fees Report;

Andy Parkinson reported that Green Fee figures for the month of June amounted to €2,225. Societies had contributed €2,265 and classics had contributed €1,800 making a total of €6,290. Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Alastair Henderson.

Handicaps Report;

Gerry Driver said that the last meeting had taken place on 5th July and had decided some small adjustments. Proposed by Andy Parkinson and seconded by John Bradley.

Communications Report;

Sean Carlin, who wasn`t present sent his report by e mail. He said he had been busy on social media and had interviewed some organisers of golf classics and over 3 classics we had reached 7,500 people through social media. Sean said that was 14,000 people who had tapped into our brand. More and more pictures seem to be attracting attention in newspapers and other clubs are following our lead. Sean said we must keep ahead of our competitors. The Captain said Sean was doing a great job and this was a

great report. Tony Carr commented that the Hyundai facebook was very good.

Proposed by Brendan Kelly and seconded by Andy Parkinson.

Juniors Report;

John Bradley reported that it was difficult with the juniors with time etc. Sean Carlin as captain of the Fred Daly team had done a great job although they had lost to Castlerock. Barry Mc Menamin is looking after our U16 team who play Rossapenna on Monday. There is great help forthcoming with the juniors from many people. Jimmy Gallagher is coming back on Sunday week for the final lessons. Junior President`s day will be on August 14th. Josephine Stewart said girl numbers were down but that 5 girls has progressed to 9 holes competition.

Proposed by Kay Stewart and seconded by Michael Mc Glynn.

There was no entertainment report.

Captain`s Days;

Captain Bernard Foy said he will be delighted if a Council member wins. He said he had received great help from Brendan Kelly, Michael Mc Glynn, P.J. Mc Gowan. The competition will be stableford.

Lady Captain Kay Stewart said arrangements for her captains were well advanced but said the next Council meeting clashes with her Day 1. It was decided to move the August Council Meeting to Thursday 3rd .

AOB;

The 60th anniversary celebrations were raised. John Bradley raised the plans for these celebrations and said everyone needs to give a good effort. All plans are to be sent to the Secretary to circulate.

Ballyliffen G.C. –Council has decided to send a card and letter of congratulations to Ballyliffen on being selected to host the Irish Open in 2018. It was further agreed to offer any assistance with stewarding etc. for the event and to offer members of Ballyliffen G. C. the courtesy of our club and course in the event of their course being unavailable to the members in the lead up to the Open.

It is intended to meet Anita Shovelin after the Captains.

Brendan Kelly spoke about running a long drive competition.

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