

## **Minutes of May Meeting of Ballybofey & stranorlar Golf Club held on may 11<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

**Attendance;** Mr. Bernard Foy, Captain; Mrs. Kay Stewart, Lady Captain, Mr. Gerry Driver, Vice Captain, Mr.P.J.Mc Gowan, Mr. Martin Dillon, Mr. Michael Mc Glynn, Mr. Lawrence Devenney, Mr. Danny Bannigan, Mr.Martin Lynch, Mr. Don Mc Nulty, Mr. Andy Parkinson, Mr. Tony Carr, Mr. Brendan Kelly,

**Apologies;** Mrs. Josephine Stewart, Mr. John Bradley,Mr. Brendan Alexander, Mr. Alastair Henderson, Mr. Sean Carlin, Mr.John Fleming,

### **Captain`s Opening Address;**

The Captain mentioned the graveyard service but said no date was forthcoming yet. He can`t set up a meeting with our solicitor until some update is available. The Captain, President, Charlie Quinn, Lady Captain and Josephine Stewart are visiting Primary schools and are being well received. Registration is on this Sunday at 5.00pm. Bernard also congratulated the J.B.Carr team on their win in Ballyliffen.

### **Minutes;**

The minutes of the April meeting were proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Martin Lynch.

### **Matters Arising;**

Tony Carr talked about a poster/advert to e mail around members and he is looking for a price. The “ golfer of the year” has not been set up yet. He is doing a template for H.R. and is going to e mail it to officers for approval. Martin Dillon said he would deal with it under finance.

### **Correspondence;**

Iggy Larkin has submitted a new quotation for safety services. It was decided to accept this quotation. Correspondance was received from John Mc Caughan re. wall photos. The Captain said this was only a temporary arrangement and the secretary will write back to confirm this. Michael Mc Glynn said all picture arrangements were being looked at. He said we need to establish a proto call before pictures are made up. The secretary outlined the latest developments in the leo Mc glinchey case where the secretary had to sign an affidavit with the solicitor, Bernie Smith.

### **Finance;**

Martin Dillon mentioned Trustees of the club and that Paddy Mc Mullen and Pete Byrne wish to step down. He suggested two new trustees in Michael Carr and Barry Mc Menamin and they were proposed by Martin Dillon and seconded by Michael Mc Glynn. Alex Harkin and Paddy Carr are the other trustees. As regards membership fees, Martin said that at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 we were €16k down on 2016. He hoped April will improve. €16k down at month of April is a worrying trend and a serious matter and will have to be addressed before the end of the year. October will come quickly when the books will close. Do we increase membership fees? By June we will need to inform all members of the situation.

In our Bank a/c, our Reconciliation Balance is €16,492 compared to €40,500 last year, a deficit of €24k. Vat. of €3,999 is being queried by the bank. We are looking at a maximum overdraft of €50k by December. The Captain said that Direct Debit was not having much effect on revenue. He said we must inform membership if there is no big improvement by the end of July. With regard to increases in wages for employees, the finance committee decided that any increase would be inappropriate until finances get on a better footing. Some wages figures were debated with increases outlined. Don Mc Nulty said that staff could not be held accountable for the financial situation in the club. Brendan Kelly enquired about income from competitions and Martin said he doesn't see those figures. We have seven Bank a/c`s and the Bank Rec.figures show all a/c`s. Tony Carr asked about the equipment loan and Martin said it would be available when items were identified. The profit on the masters was €7.5k

Proposed by Andy Parkinson and seconded by Gerry Driver.

### **Ladies Report;**

Kay Stewart said that competitions were all running and teams were doing well. The 3 day classic will be held on 23/24/25 of May.

Proposed by Tony Carr and seconded by Danny Bannigan.

### **Registrar`s Report;**

Martin Dillon gave the report for Alastair Henderson. Income was €23,507.33. New members were Martin Mc Fadden, Justin Cranwell, P.J.Mc Grath, M. O`Reilly, Joseph Moore and Gerard Connaghty. All were approved subject to clarification.

Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Martin Lynch.

### **House Report;**

Michael Mc Glynn said there will be no move in shop renovations until at least the end of August. Bar figures are down €3k on 2016 but the shop is up by €651.

Proposed by Brendan Kelly and seconded by Andy Parkinson.

### **Greens Report;**

Don Mc Nulty said there was a new man starting- Jim Mc Gloin. Upkeep of the course was ongoing. The tractor has ceased up and we are using a demo machine which will cost €19k to buy. Michael Mc Glynn asked about benches being out on the course. The Captain asked if current machinery was compatible with the new tractor. A new loader will be needed. The rough mower is done and a replacement will cost €16k. Tony Carr proposed that we go for the more powerful tractor at €22,500. The finance committee gave approval to buy the tractor. Don said he was going to grow the fairways a little higher and everyone agreed. Martin Dillon asked about drains at 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> being left open and Don said he was waiting for a digger. Lawrence Devenney asked about stone drains along the 11<sup>th</sup> and the secretary asked about the gate and post at the 14<sup>th</sup>. Proposed by Martin Lynch and seconded by Gerry Driver.

### **Competitions Report;**

Brendan Kelly reported that income was up by €1,220. Brendan said that the Thursday Opens were continuing and 29 played last week. Both Tony Carr and Michael Mc Glynn asked about a seniors prize.

Proposed by Gerry Driver and seconded by Danny Bannigan.

### **Green Fees;**

92 players paid green fees totalling €2,377. Five societies paid €1,440 and €200 was received for a classic. The "Tee To Green" sponsorship is used up for this year. Lawrence Devenney asked re. Gavin in the shop not being able to take membership fees or society bookings. Michael Mc Glynn said he would talk to Mary on this. Tony Carr said we are due €70 from St. Columba's College.

Proposed by Don Mc Nulty and seconded by Michael Mc Glynn.

### **Handicap Report;**

Gerry Driver had little to report. He will be holding a committee meeting shortly. Michael Mc Glynn asked about -1 getting a shot back.

Proposed by Andy Parkinson and seconded by Martin Lynch.

**There was no entertainment report.**

**AOB;**

The Captain congratulated James Mc Allister and Patsy O`Donnell on their Irish International selection.

With regard to the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary classic, the Captain said posters were up and sent off to other clubs. Council members were asked to get €50 tee sponsorship.

Brendan Kelly said we need co-ordination.

Martin Dillon said he would write to suppliers.

Gerry Driver said he felt the fundraising committee should be disbanded and he sought council opinions on this. Michael Mc Glynn agreed.

Juniors—President, Captain, Lady Captain, Lady V. Captain and Charlie Quinn had a meeting to move forward on 11 schools and they hoped for a good turn out on Sunday. They are to hold discussions with Jimmy Gallagher. It`s critical that parents are brought on board.

The webpage needs to be amended to remove “free golf on Mondays”.

**Proposer;** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secunder;** \_\_\_\_\_

**Captain;** \_\_\_\_\_