

Minutes of Council Meeting of Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club

Date ; October 12th 2017

In the absence of the Captain, Mr. Bernard Foy, Mr. Gerry Driver presided.

Attendance, 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. John Fleming, Mr. Tony Carr, Mr. Brendan Kelly, Mr. Martin Dillon, Mr. Danny Bannigan, Mr. Don Mc Nulty, Mr. Sean Carlin.

Apologies; Mr. Martin Lynch

Minutes

Proposed by: John Fleming

Seconded by: Lawrence Devenney

Matters arising:

The issues pertaining to Anita Shovelin and Jonathan Kelly were raised and Don Mc Nulty said that he had asked Sean Doherty for a price for removing trees but had no word back yet. The Secretary reported back on discussions with Joe Alexander regarding the Fire Station and golf balls entering Jonathan Kelly`s garden. Fire Station personnel were to discuss this matter. It was felt that after removing the trees near the 2nd tee box there might be the possibility of moving the tee further left which might solve the Jonathan Kelly problem. The Secretary is to set up the training for staff with Iggy larkin. In relation to the tourism initiative being held at the mart, Josephine Stewart and Michael Mc Glynn are to organise our stand.

Correspondence

No items were received.

Ladies Report;

Kay Stewart reported that the Maura O`Donnell team had beaten Portsalon. The ladies trip to Portugal had been very good and Maureen Boyle had won the ladies event out there. With regard to recent bereavements. Kay thanked the Captain and Mary Mc Hugh for notifications and the guard of honour. The draw for the parking spot is to be drawn on New Year`s Day.

Proposed by Tony Carr and seconded by Sean Carlin.

Treasurer`s Report;

Martin Dillon reported that the VAT bill this month was large as was the meals item which included the Captains and Presidents Dinners. The sundry item was €900 paid to Jimmy Gallagher for golf tuition. We have a balance of €11,272 od and our Bank Reconciliation Balance was €17,516od. Our PAYE bill to the end of year will be €3,977. This situation is similar to last year. Michael Mc Glynn proposed and Tony Carr seconded that we get a greens mower and Martin said he would seek an extension of the loan and Don Mc Nulty was to seek out a greens mower. Don also told the meeting about the sale of the tractor and loader. Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Danny Bannigan.

Paddy Mc Mullen;

At this point Mr. Paddy Mc Mullen addressed the meeting regarding a number of issues. As regards our Trustees, a document needs to be drawn up and clearance obtained from the bank so that matters can be put in order. As regards the leo Mc Glinchey situation, the case is ongoing and moving towards a hearing. A number of possibilities were discussed. Paddy`s opinion was that Richard Thompson would have rights with regard to the Head Green Keepers role and that if the club wanted to appoint Richard, then they could do so without advertising.

Registrar`s Report

Alastair Henderson was not present but submitted his report which showed an income of €3,651.42. We have lost 4 members to North West who were unhappy with the state of the course and Conor Dowds is a new member Tony Carr suggested a new corporate membership category at €1000 and operatives to have playing rights for one year.

Proposed by Don Mc Nulty and seconded by Danny Bannigan.

House Report

Greens Report

Don Mc Nulty said they were struggling with the weather and they can't use the machinery which leaves the course in poor condition. Don said he would like to put a drain around the 6th green and strip the 15th teebox. Tony Carr said we should present a 10 year plan to the AGM and do one green each year. Martin Dillon raised the matter of temporary greens and said it had been decided some years back that temporary greens would not be used. It was decided that placing would come into effect immediately and mats would probably come into effect next month. A sticker should be put in the buggies that they should be allowed on fairways only and Martin Dillon agreed to do this.

Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Tony Carr.

House Report;

Michael Mc Glynn reported that the news was not good. The shop figures of €10,834 were similar to last year but the bar figures were down by €2,700. We were closed for 5 days in September due to weather. By curtailing opening hours had saved €2,000 and he was looking at ways of cutting costs in the bar along with Martin Dillon. The darts team were up and running and bringing people into the bar on Friday nights. A meeting of the House Committee was planned for next week to look at plans for the shop, etc. The 60th committee met and decided to run a Xmas Hamper on 2/12/17 with a shotgun start and a finger buffet with music by Alfie Scott. All Past Captains and Presidents would be issued with formal invites and an open invitation to everyone else. It is hoped to start early and finish by 10.00pm. Michael said they were discussing a proposal from Denis O`Kane regarding the coffee maker.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by John Fleming.

Competitions Report

Brendan Kelly reported that income was up on last year by over €10k YTD in spite of the bad weather. Brendan said they would look at Tony Carr`s proposal before the AGM.

Proposed by John Fleming and seconded by Lawrence Devenney.

Green Fees Report

No report

Handicaps Report

Nothing to report

Communications Report

Sean Carlin said that the Communications Officer should be at the Lady Captain`s Dinner as a report would need to be made to media and social media. This was agreed. Social media was still going well. An East Donegal Tourism meeting was held and this was a good meeting of Counsellors, Tourist Board personnel etc. The Golf Club were now being mentioned at trade shows and tourism events. It`s hoped to get a brochure up and running and into hotels, trade shows etc.

Proposed by Danny Bannigan and seconded by John Fleming.

AOB;

Paddy Mc Mullen`s advice for the next meeting.

Juniors Report

No report.

Entertainment Report

No report.

Proposer: _____ **Secunder:** _____
Captain: _____