

# **Minutes of Council Meeting of Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club**

## **Date**

## **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. Tony Carr, Mr. Brendan Kelly, Mr. Martin Dillon, Mr. Don Mc Nulty, Mr. Sean Carlin.

**Apologies** Mr. Andy Parkinson;

**Due to the late arrival of Club Captain, Mr Bernard Foy, Vice Captain Mr. Gerry Driver opened the meeting.**

## **Minutes**

Proposed by: Sean Carlin.  
Seconded by: Kay Stewart

## **Matters arising:**

The tree issue at the property of Ms. Anita Shovelin near the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee box was raised and the club will need an outside tree feller to address this problem.

Lawrence Devenney raised the matter of golf balls entering the property of Jonathan Kelly. The Secretary is to contact Hugh Alexander on this matter. Tony Carr felt the club should pay one third of any cost involved.

## **Correspondence**

A letter was received from Eamon Davis regarding a sick children`s charity appeal-Bumbleance-requesting that we buy €100 of tickets to sell for this appeal. This was agreed.

A letter was received from Martin Foy regarding his wages. Martin Dillon explained the situation to Council and agreed to follow this up with John Campbell.

Condolences were expressed to Ronnie Trayers on the sudden death of Paul Trayers, Past Captain of the club.

**Paul Patton addressed the meeting and gave a very comprehensive explanation of a local tourism initiative and sought the support of the club in developing this initiative. This was viewed very favourably by Council and Sean Carlin agreed to be the contact for any future developments.**

**Treasurer's Report;**

Martin Dillon reported that he had nothing major to report. Standing Orders were still coming in and the earlier fears regarding lack of membership fees had ceased to be an issue. Martin said that we might be down two or three thousand euro on last year. John Bradley asked if we needed to push standing orders but Martin said we didn't. The balance on our loan was €120,600 and accruals were nil compared to €11,500 this time last year.

Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Brendan Kelly.

## **Ladies Report**

Kay Stewart thanked everyone for their help in any way on Ladies day. She had sought a lot of advice on the list of invitees to the Lady Captain`s Dinner. The Maura O`Donnell team were playing the first leg of the final against Portsalon. The One Governing Body seminar was attended by the Captain and Lady Captain and information will be e mailed to the Council. There will be four regions with four zones. All convenors should draft a job description and the Communication Officer should become an officer of the club at the AGM. This will require a change of constitution. Proposed by Tony Carr and seconded by Sean Carlin.

## **Registrar`s Report;**

New members include Pat Mc Daid, Strabane, Turlough Mc Dywer(lapsed), Eamon Mc Cann(lapsed). Alastair lodged €1,730 last month. Total income up to the end of August 2016 was €160,357 lodged. At present the figure is €152,000 with some months standing orders to come in before the end of the year. We have lost 3 ladies and 1 lady beginner and 24 gentlemen plus 7 gent beginners. It is felt that youth is needed.

Proposed by Gerry Driver and seconded by Brendan Kelly.

## **House Report;**

We have entered a darts team in the league. It is proposed to put the dart board near the door and fireplace. This was agreed. With regard to emergency lighting we are awaiting one certificate before submitting to the Fire Officer.

The shop figures were €400 up on last year. Bar figures were down €1,200 on last year. Golfers were not buying alcohol. Michael Mc Glynn proposed a coffee machine for the bar at a cost of €5,500 approx. we could buy on lease. Michael also spoke about the extension of the shop. Lawrence Devenney asked about tendering for electrical services and Michael Mc Glynn replied that Charlie Gallagher was the only contractor to apply.

Proposed by Alastair Henderson and seconded by Josephine Stewart.

### **Greens Report;**

Don Mc Nulty said that the drain had been filled in at the seventh. The usual work was ongoing and they were going ahead with sanding and tree trimming. Don said that Richard Thompson was unable to cut the trees at the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Don was seeking a price from O'Donnell. The sanding of tees was ongoing. The issue of a child being carried on a mower had been reported to a member of council and the acting green keeper needs to be informed. A staff member has departed for Cork. No contracts have yet been signed. Tony Carr said he has them on word documents. Martin Foy's situation was briefly discussed again with regard to overtime and time off and a salaries review will be discussed by the finance committee. Proposed by Brendan Alexander and seconded by Michael Mc Glynn.

### **Competitions Report;**

Brendan Kelly said there had been poor weather for the month with fewer playing than last year. However with income and expenditure the total figures for the month are similar to last year. The match play competitions are going well. The matter of playing in two balls as decided at the previous meeting was raised again and it was agreed that this should be changed again to allow two balls if nobody else is available with the signed permission of the captain, Competition Sec. or the shop. With regard to the problems encountered with the computer entry system no report is available yet. Proposed by Don Mc Nulty and seconded by Brendan Alexander.

### **Green Fees Report;**

Andy Parkinson submitted his report showing that green fees for the year to date were down by €3,260. Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Brendan Alexander.

### **Handicaps Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Communications Report**

Sean Carlin congratulated our U16 team on reaching the county final. Sean said that some team captains had raised the issue of their results not being highlighted but captains were not providing information to Sean. Facebook continues to grow with 4,500 hits per week. Death notices will not appear on social media. Sean raised the matter of a club camera and was informed that Iggy Larkin had the camera but it would not be good enough for today. Sean was asked to get some costs. Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Brendan Kelly.

### **Juniors Report:**

John Bradley thanked everyone for his President`s Day. As an end of summer a/c John gave the treasurer €150 for 5 fees tuition. Jimmy Gallagher charged €50 per hour and was great value. The a/c is €97 in credit and there were still some prizes available. The Fred Daly team got to the fourth round and the U16`s lost the final by one hole to Gweedore. John thanked Josephine and all the others for their help. We still have a trolley to raffle. Jimmy Gallagher would like the U16`s a few times over the winter in Letterkenny. The team were kitted out thanks to Tony Carr. Proposed by Don Mc Nulty and seconded by Sean Carlin.

### **Entertainment Report**

No report.

### **AOB**

**Proposer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Secunder:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Captain:** \_\_\_\_\_