

Minutes of February meeting of Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club held on 9th February 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. Martin Dillon, Mr. Michael Mc Glynn, Mr. Lawrence Devenney, Mr. Danny Bannigan, Mr. Sean Devenney, Mr. Don Mc Nulty, Mr. Alastair Henderson, Mr. Sean Carlin, Mr. John Fleming, Mr. Tony Carr, Mr. Brendan Kelly.

Apologies: Mr. Martin Lynch, Mr. Brendan Alexander, Mr. Andy Parkinson.

Captain`s Opening Address

Bernard Foy welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed the sympathy of Council to Anne O`Meara on the passing of her father, George Quinn. With regard to sponsorship the Captain said that 26 or 27 of last year`s sponsors were on board and he was waiting on a few others. The value of new sponsorship is €2,200.00. Sean Devenney had secured new sponsorship and the President, John Bradley had secured €300.00 from DMG Motors. The fundraising committee had been set up.

Minutes:

The January minutes were proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by John Fleming.

Matters Arising:

John Fleming raised the issue of finance from the Ladies Branch. Martin Dillon asked about drop zones as included in the minutes and said that new drop zones were not in the semi rough as agreed. Don Mc Nulty replied that he had forgotten and had overlooked the matter.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was received from the GUI regarding a new 9 hole golf competition.

Correspondence was also received from the GUI regarding a change to the Rules of Golf. This refers to accidentally moving a ball on the green. Correspondence had been handed in to the Captain and the Secretary from Iggy Larkin regarding safety matters and offering to provide his

services to the club. The Captain is to contact Iggy and Tony Carr is to source two other estimates.

Finance:

Martin Dillon went through the payments from the main accounts. Some hours have been saved in the bar but green keeping wages are slightly up. This is because Martin Foy was employed for a longer period. The new TV had cost €650 plus VAT. Auditor's fees and blazers were also included in the figures. The electrical report and service had cost €1,100 plus from Charles Gallagher and Martin feels this should go to tender. Our Bank Rec. Balance was €20,450.00 but accruals amount to €5,798.00. We are also due a VAT refund of €3,999.00 but we are also going to have a VAT audit.

Proposed by Alastair Henderson and seconded by Sean Carlin.

Ladies Report:

Kay Stewart replied to the question from John Fleming re finance and said that the books were with John Campbell and no contact has been made with Anne O'Meara due to her bereavement. Kay said she thought the accounts were about €1,500 in credit. Kay also said that a meeting was planned for Monday next and she will have a statement then. John Fleming said that he was disappointed that no money for 2016 had been given to the club. Martin Dillon said we are making an issue of this. John replied that it is transparency he is seeking. Kay said that the statement is not available yet. Kay further stated that she attended an ILGU meeting in Dublin recently. There will be one governing body for golf in Ireland and it will come into effect in 2019. We should also be familiar with the book "Children First" as it relates to children's welfare.

Proposed by Sean Devenney and seconded by Gerry Driver.

Registrar's Report:

Alastair Henderson submitted a written report showing that income was well up due mainly to the weather. The Direct Debit system was working well and total income amounted to €29,031.12.

New members include---Keith French, Convoy, Mark Mc Nulty, Glebe, Stephen Brown, Rooskey, Adrian Mc Nulty, Woodlawn, Stephen Carr, Curraghmore, Brendan Duffy, Manorcunningham, Stephen Bonner, Newtoncunningham. Sean Devenney mentioned that many Primerica staff used a special work card for paying membership fees. It was also stated that only local clergy had complimentary membership.

Proposed by Danny Bannigan and seconded by Tony Carr.

House Report:

Michael Mc Glynn reported bar takings of €4,655 compared with €5,967 in 2016 and shop takings of €2,040 (635 down) on 2016. A house meeting had taken place to explore locations for mounting the new TV. There are several views on this location and it's back to the committee plus Paddy Mc Nulty and Mary Mc Hugh to decide.

Michael raised the issue of "2`s" winnings being put on your card instead of the book in the shop. Martin Dillon said the concept for the 2`s is goods in the shop and currently there was €9,000 on the book. It was agreed to leave things as they are. With regard to photos on the walls it is intended to do an inventory and analysis of all photos. The food menus for 2017 will stay the same as 2016. The opening hours will stay as they are with Saturday and Sunday closing when people leave or closing time if later. Tea and coffee making were available in the small bar on Tuesday. Joe Pond was willing to clean windows a couple of times each year for €160 +VAT, outside and inside. The annual bridge/golf day is on May 4th and the big bar is needed. Drink prices are to be increased to €4.30 for lager, €3.70 for spirits, minerals @ €2.00 and babies @€1.90. This was approved. Sean Devenney mentioned night saving on energy costs and it was agreed to leave this with Michael Mc Glynn. Lawrence Devenney said we should look at 1st January night.

Proposed by Don Mc Nulty and seconded by John Fleming.

Green`s Report:

Don Mc Nulty said that both bunkers at the 14th green were being restoned. Martin Dillon spoke about the tree cutting between the 16th and 18th and said he was shocked at the number of trees felled and he felt no trees should be cut without council permission. Don said he had not given authority for this felling. Michael Mc Glynn suggested that Don and Denis Grindle examine trees. Alastair Henderson and Richard will consult regarding course closure and Don said he would inform Richard. Don also said he would look at the first tee box re. steepness.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Michael Mc Glynn.

Competition`s Report:

Brendan Kelly reported that we held 14 competitions in January compared to 10 in 2016. A total of 646 had played compared with 341 in 2016. Total revenue amounted to €2,049. The fixtures list will be ready by the end of February. Dates have been allocated to classics. The Spring League will start on 19th of February for 6 weeks. Brendan intends running a mixed 9 hole competition on Thursdays at 6.00pm with a draw for partners on a trial basis. He also intends looking at Thursday open

competitions and Friday rumble/scramble/mixed/champagne scramble events. Tony Carr said we should advertise in the Finn Valley Post. Proposed by Alastair Henderson and seconded by Sean Carlin.

Communication Officer Report:

Sean Carlin asked about the website and a name for it. Tony Carr said the cost for his site is €200 per year. Sean said he was launching promotions from the club regarding the 60th anniversary and using green fee vouchers. Kees will give meal vouchers as promotion. John Bradley said it's exciting and we should also look at hotels through the gap. It was also said that Sean Carlin should be on the competitions committee. The Secretary spoke about contact from Hertz seeking to advertise our club with car hire for a fee. This was rejected. John Fleming suggested fliers and Business Cards in Tourist Offices.

Proposed by John Fleming and seconded by Don Mc Nulty.

Green Fees Report:

Andy Parkinson sent his apologies and also sent his report. The green fees for the month were €1,015. Tony Carr said our fees were too low and he suggested €25 midweek and €50 at weekends. This was proposed by Martin Dillon and seconded by Michael Mc Glynn. It was further agreed that Donegal GUI members pay the present rate.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Michael mc Glynn.

Handicap Report:

There was nothing to report. The fundraising committee met last week and decided to reinstate the Joker draw in the big bar. They also decided to hold a vintage tea party in the autumn. This year is the 60th anniversary of the founding of the club. It was also proposed to hold a draw for a free parking spot at the flower bed. It was further intended to hold a quiz on golf at €2 per sheet in the shop.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Martin Dillon.

Junior Report:

No convenor found yet. John Bradley said some juniors were too young last year and we should be insisting on 10years plus. We should also look at days other than Sundays. Josephine Stewart said there were workshops for girls golf in Galgorm Golf Club. Josephine, Kathleen Mc Gowan and James Gallagher were attending.

AOB:

The captain said we will not be entering the Jimmy Carroll competition.

Alastair Henderson said one of our buggies wasn't working.

Martin Lynch might look at it.

Tony Carr said he had obtained copies of contracts for staff. He and Don would follow up.

Lawrence Devenney asked about the Master's Draw. We will be doing it again.

Don Mc Nulty asked about money for machinery. Martin Dillon said the legal documents were not completed with Mc Mullen's yet. We await approval from the Ulster Bank.

Brendan Kelly said that the photocopier wasn't working. Martin Dillon said we have an engineering contract and Alastair said he would ring the engineer.

Josephine Stewart asked about a change of parking space. A swap is to be made.