

## **Minutes of January meeting of Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club held on 12th January 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. Brendan Alexander, Mr. Alastair Henderson, Mr. Sean Carlin, Mr. Andy Parkinson, Mr. John Fleming, Mr. Tony Carr, Mr. Brendan Kelly.

**Apologies:** Mr. John Bradley, President,

**The meeting began with a minutes silence in memory of Tommy Stewart, father in law of Lady Capt. Mrs. Josephine Stewart.**

### **Captains Opening Address:**

Bernard Foy said that 2017 is an important year financially for the club. Sponsorship is a very important issue in the club and the €10k prize was a big boost in 2016. He said it is up to Council to work to improve income and he was setting up a fundraising committee under the chairmanship of Gerry Driver, Vice-Capt. and including members of the Ladies committee. Bernard asked for support for fundraising activities and backing for this new committee. He further asked that each member of council should endeavour to attract at least one new member each to the club. He expected this to be a hard working Council and welcomed the new members.

### **Lady Captain:**

Kay Stewart said that she was looking forward to working with the Council members and expressed her best wishes to the Captain and Vice Captains for the year. She wished Brendan Kelly well in his new position as competitions Secretary and welcomed Sean Carlin to his new and important role and wished him success. She finished by wishing a happy New Year to everybody.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes of the December meeting were proposed by John Fleming and seconded by Tony Carr.

### **Matters arising:**

John Fleming raised the matter of monies contributed from the ladies branch for 2015 and that nothing had been contributed for 2016.

### **Correspondance:**

Entry forms were received pertaining to the J.B.Carr competition and it was decided to re enter.

Correspondance was received pertaining to the Darren Clarke School of Golf and this was placed on the Junior notice board.

### **Finance:**

Martin Dillon distributed the financial statement for December which showed a balance of €27,941 dr. Fees due to the GUI amounted to €7,500 approx. The Bank of Ireland branch in Castlederg had closed and the account was being transferred to Omagh, which is an inconvenience, and Martin said he might consider moving the account to Strabane. Martin`s committee comprises himself, Michael Mc Glynn, Gerry Driver and Lawrence Devenney.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Andy Parkinson.

### **Ladies Branch:**

A ladies committee meeting had been held on 11/01/2017. Some ladies have been nominated for the fundraising committee and the website committee. The Ladies 3 day classic will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of May with prizegiving in Ballybofey on the 24<sup>th</sup> which will be a big day. Lady Captain`s day will be on 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of August.

Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Martin Dillon.

### **Registrar`s Report:**

Alastair Henderson submitted a financial report showing income of €7,495 in cash and card transactions. Two lapsed members have rejoined, Seamus Kelly and Seamus Gallen. The 12 month standing order arrangement is now in place and working well. Alastair`s committee comprises Ann Glancy, Lawrence Devenney, Brendan Alexander and himself.

Proposed by Gerry Driver and seconded by Danny Bannigan.

### **House Convenor`s report:**

The house committee comprises Michael Mc Glynn, Josephine Stewart, Ivan Stewart and Martin Lynch. Michael said that a review would take place of opening hours for the bar/shop. A review would also take place on the location of pictures around the clubhouse. The November and December figures for the bar and shop were up on the previous year. The bar was €3k up and the shop was €819 up in November. Lawrence Devenney asked if the improved figures were due to the course being

playable and open. Tony Carr inquired about bar prices and Michael said that his committee would consider prices. Proposed by John Fleming and seconded by Sean Carlin.

### **Greens Report:**

Don Mc Nulty said that his committee would comprise Charlie Anderson, P.J.Fitzgerald and Michael Carr. Don said that nothing much was happening on the course at present. Don asked when will the acquired money be drawn down but Martin Dillon was not present to reply. Tony Carr asked about chain saw certification and Don replied that he is looking into it. The matter of drop zones at bunkers was raised as the zones were mainly on fairways and the use of mats was raised. After quite a lot of discussion it was decided to mark the drop zones in the semi rough behind the bunkers. It was proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Gerry Driver that a line be drawn near the front of the green that, inside of, players could pitch onto the green. This was defeated as only 3 were in favour.

Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Alastair Henderson.

### **Competition`s Report**

The competitions committee would comprise of Lawrence Devenney, Brendan Alexander and Andy Mc Glynn. Brendan Kelly said that a meeting will be arranged with the ladies to agree fixtures. He hoped to vary the competitions, especially on Bank Holidays and hoped to get members mixing better with each other. He intended to retain the Seniors prize on Tuesdays but with an addendum to prevent the same few players winning every week. John Fleming gave the competition figures for December when 2 days competitions were lost due to weather and another due to insufficient numbers. The profit for December 2016 was €1345 compared to €445 in 2015, a difference of €900. Tony Carr asked about the possibility of running open competitions in June, July and August on Thursdays and going back to running an Open Week again. He also raised the matter of awarding a monthly medal for competitions in that month.

Proposed by Tony Carr and seconded by Don Mc Nulty.

### **Communication`s Officer Report:**

Sean Carlin thanked members of Council for their support. He saw his role as to promote the club in every way. He felt he would need a budget to do this. His committee will comprise Brendan Alexander, Michael Curran (youth), Dara Mc Gowan plus one or two others. Information should be provided to him on all activities. He had set up a twitter a/c and

will need team captains information. The issue of Garda Vetting re. the composition of his committee was raised. Tony Carr said that all teams should be posted on the notice board pre event and Tony also mentioned a new website which he has developed for the club. The site did not have a name yet but he will look at this for the next meeting. Sean mentioned that he would need green fee vouchers to promote the club and the Captain spoke about the matter of Green Fee vouchers and that he alone would be responsible for the distribution and allocation of vouchers which will be signed by the Captain alone and will be valid for one year from the date of issue. It was felt that Sean and Alastair will need access to green fee Vouchers for their duties, obtainable from the captain. Proposed by John Fleming and seconded by Brendan Alexander.

### **Green Fees Report**

Andy Parkinson said that John Patton will continue as course ranger. Andy said that he will e mail all of last year`s societies to encourage them for 2017. He also intends to e mail larger companies and promote societies through publications such as “Tee to Green”. The rate for adverts is €190 per issue or 3 for €480. This was agreed. Andy will also be contacting hotels regarding rates, ads and fees. Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Sean Carlin.

### **Handicap Report:**

The annual review has taken place and there are fewer reductions and more increases mainly due to players moving into the senior category. The committee comprises Sean Carlin and Danny Bannigan. Proposed by Andy Parkinson and seconded by Brendan Kelly.

**Junior convenor to be appointed by next month.**

### **AOB**

Lawrence Devenney asked that Junior Rules be placed on the junior notice board and on the website.

**The captain thanked everyone for their contributions.**

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