

Balcarrick Ladies Club AGM

November 19th 2013

Minutes

The meeting opened and all were welcomed.

A minute's silence was observed for deceased members.

23 members attended. Apologies were received from 18 members.

Standing orders were read and adopted.

Proposed by Marie Mc Cormack.

Seconded by Sheila Rafter.

Minutes of A.G.M 2012 were read and approved.

Proposed by Brenda Hayes.

Seconded by Marlene Kennedy.

The Hon. Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Maureen reported on all the activities during the year and said that it had been a busy and successful year. She thanked all those involved in inter-club matches and encouraged those present to volunteer their names for teams in the coming year. She also thanked those who organize competitions during the year and everyone who has sponsored prizes.

Maureen acknowledged those who contribute to the smooth running of the club:

Patricia the Office Administrator, Martin Sheridan and the green keeping team, Shane and all the catering staff and Stephen Ennis and Iarlaith in the Pro shop; also those ladies who give of their time to keep all the flowers around the clubhouse and on the course flourishing.

She concluded by thanking the committee for all their hard work, and Lady Captain Dolores for her hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Proposed by Sheila Rafter.

Seconded by Deirdre Concannon.

The Hon. Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Income for the year ending 31st. August 2013 was €14097, expenses, €6320. Profit came to €7777. As the Inter Club teams had done so well, expenses were up slightly in this area compared to last year. It was agreed that these competitions were an important part of the club.

Proposed by Jacinta Hackett.

Seconded by Marie Keegan.

Handicap secretary/competitions

Teresa presented her report. Bad weather delayed the beginning of some of the competitions, including the St. Patrick's Day Cup. However the rest of the year was very successful, with good scoring and reduction of many handicaps. Teresa gave details of all the competitions entered, and thanked the managers of the Inter Club teams. She paid tribute to the help she had received from Clare Cluxton, Assistant Competition Sec. and especially Marlene Kennedy.

Social Report:

The "Nine and Dine" events, comprising of a 9 hole scramble competition, followed by a meal and fun quiz, were well supported and the money raised has paid for painting and decorating the Ladies locker room and laying the dance floor in the bar/restaurant. Pat and Clare Cluxton were thanked for all their hard work in organizing the event and it is hoped to continue with it next year.

Nominations for the committee 2014 were presented:

Lady Captain	Anne Dynes
Lady Vice Captain	Maureen Mc Evoy
Ex Officio	Dolores Murphy
Committee members:	Teresa Ranson
	Bridie Johnston
	Clare Cluxton
	Louise Stirling
	Paula Mc Caughan

All of these were deemed elected.

Proposed: Brenda Hayes Seconded: Marlene Kennedy

Lady Captain thanked Sheila Crilly, who is stepping down from committee, for all her help, support and advice during the year.

AOB

Marie Keegan suggested that we might adopt the practice of some clubs where only one gold medal is awarded and monthly winners would compete for this at the end of the year. Deirdre Concannon said that it is a privilege to play for the monthly medal and one should be awarded.

Lady Captain said that we have enough medals already purchased to last probably until 2015 as those who win a second medal tend to opt for a voucher. It was decided to shelve the decision on medals until the next AGM.

The expense of Inter Club competitions, including the Fingal Seniors, was discussed. It was agreed that socially they are very important, and the Fingal Seniors provide an opportunity for many to play in this type of competition.

Brenda Hayes said that perhaps the numbers involved in each Fingal Seniors match, (Five players at home and five away), could be reduced.

Marlene suggested that it might be better if some of the Fingal Senior matches were played later in the year as the golfing calendar is very busy in Spring/Summer.

Sheila Rafter suggested that we might have more team events next year. This is difficult to organize for weekends as not as many play. 2 Lady Team events (Invitational) were played on the first Wed. of the month throughout the summer and the committee will look to increasing the Wed. team events in 2014.

Lady Captain Dolores appealed to members to put their names down on the Wed. timesheet earlier in the week.

Teresa asked that members try to bring in more visitors on the Invitational days.

Patricia Daly said that it was appalling how long the course toilets have been out of order; we cannot invite visitors while this is the case. Lady Captain replied that the reason for the delay in repair is that the pump, 200 ft. down, is broken and a contractor will need to be employed to fix it. This is being costed by Joint Committee, but due to the present cash flow difficulties, we will have to wait until the money is available. All the water for the course irrigation is affected.

Paula Mc Caughan asked if the Hamper Competition could be started earlier. On this subject Teresa urged that ladies be more careful entering their scores into the computer as many mistakes have come to light with the checking of the cards for the Hamper competition.

Patricia Daly suggested that next year it might be better to have a strokes competition when playing when the men have a medal competition and the ladies don't. (March and October). Play is very slow in strokes competitions.

Brenda Hayes asked that the rule, "*that the competition of the day must be completed in order to qualify for the Hamper League*", could be changed so that ladies could stop after the 9 holes.

Louise Stirling made the point that if you were unknowingly on the timesheet with ladies who were only playing 9, you could find yourself then with no-one to sign your card for the competition of the day. Teresa said that when the winter weather comes in the number of holes for the competition of the day is reduced to 12 and even 9. The decision was left to the incoming committee.

Louise said that the local winter rule re lifting the ball, cleaning and either placing or dropping, is not understood by many ladies. They are forgetting to mark the ball first, which should then result in a penalty. It was suggested that a text or email should be sent out.

Clarification was requested about whether it is alright under this rule if having dropped the ball within one club length this results in the ball then rolling onto the fairway. Lady Captain said that at our Rules Day the ILGU representative made the rule clear..... when dropped, the ball must touch the ground within one club length, not nearer the pin, but may then roll not more than within two further club lengths. If that brings the ball out onto the fairway, that doesn't matter.

Rosaleen Reid said that the patio area is never clean; the clubhouse manager should oversee this.

Doris Kilroy said that the food at present is not up to standard at all.

Marlene Kennedy asked that members should not leave the outside door of the locker room jammed open, this is a security risk.

Clarification of the ILGU rules about use of buggies in competition was requested. Teresa will check this out.

Marie Keegan asked when will the lockers, which have been installed in the locker rooms, be in use. Lady Captain replied that the keys have been mislaid.

Hon. Sec. asked that those who have not been receiving emails or texts from her, and who would like to be on the mailing list, would supply their details.

Anne Dynes raised the question of the laundry of the hand towels in the Ladies. At present committee members wash them on a rota basis. After much discussion it was suggested that the hand towels should be kept for special occasions.

The hand towels could be available for Opens and Inter Club competitions.

Rosaleen Reid said that small white towels are already available for Lady Captain's Day and Dinner.

Bridie Johnston suggested that we might have a fundraiser for a better hand dryer, given the present cash flow difficulties in the club. The one we have is not effective.

Rosaleen said we should not have to pay for a hand dryer ourselves.

Brenda Hayes congratulated Dolores on her Captaincy and her very successful year.

Lady Captain wished Anne all the best for her year in 2014 as Lady Captain and Maureen as Lady Vice Captain. She reminded everyone about the Joint AGM on Sun. 24th Nov. at 4pm.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm.