

Balcarrick Ladies Club AGM
November 18th 2014
Minutes

Lady Captain Anne Dynes opened the meeting at 8:10p.m. and welcomed all present. She then asked all to observe a minute's silence for deceased members.

24 members attended. Apologies were received from 12 members.

Minutes of the 2013 A.G.M were read and approved.

Proposed: Eileen Waters.

Seconded: Jacinta Hackett.

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

Louise reported on the work and activities of the ladies committee, and the sub-committee set up during the year to improve the locker-room area. She listed and congratulated the major prize winners of 2014 and gave a run-down of the diary of events during a busy and enjoyable year, which had included the great win over Donabate in the Fingal Seniors Final and so added a fine piece of crystal to the trophy cabinet. She thanked all the members who volunteered their services to ensure the smooth running of the club in any and every capacity. She also thanked those who contributed in a professional capacity: Patricia in the Office, Martin Sheridan and the green keeping team, Shane and his catering staff and Stephen Ennis and Iarlaith Keane in the Pro shop.

She concluded by thanking Lady Captain Anne for leading us so successfully through 2014 and wished incoming Lady Captain Maureen every success in her year.

Proposed: Sheila Rafter.

Seconded: Patsy Mc Carthy.

Marie Keegan pointed out that the Mixed Matchplay competition had brought in €435 and that this was for the use of the Ladies Club.

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

Income for the year ending 31st August 2014 was €15,331 up from €14,097 in 2013. Expenses were €7,047 as against €6,320. Profit, therefore, at €8,284 was up on the 2013 figure of €7,777. The course was closed on a number of dates during the year and on other dates there had been no competition due to heavy rain. The expenses for the Fingal Seniors competition were up due to the success of the team.

Proposed: Betty Reilly.

Seconded: Marie Keegan.

There was a query as to whether or not the expenses for the Fingal Seniors Final in September should have been included in the 2014 figures but it was agreed that it was not unreasonable to include the costs as they related to the team entry for 2014.

Handicap Secretary/Competitions

Teresa presented her report. The first competition of the year was the St. Patrick's Day Cup followed in May by the Australian spoons, with both Gross and Net winners for the first time. The major competitions including the medals had been well supported, as were two very successful Opens. Lady Captain's Day had been another great day. A number of competitions were run by members and Teresa thanked those involved in organizing them. She outlined the progress made by the teams in Interclub competitions – "2nd round" featured a lot – finishing with the great success in the Fingal Seniors. She

thanked the managers involved. There had been a prize giving evening in October and another would take place in December and names had been updated on the trophies. Teresa paid tribute to the help she had received from Assistant Competition Secretary Clare Cluxton, and all who had helped make her job possible by closing competitions.

Nominations for the 2015 committee were as follows:

Lady Captain	Maureen Mc Evoy
Lady Vice Captain	Teresa Ranson
Ex Officio	Anne Dynes
Committee members:	Louise Stirling
	Bridie Johnston
	Clare Cluxton
	Jacqueline Connolly
	Laura O'Farrell

Louise said that the list was as it appeared in the Locker Room, as per the constitution, but that Clare Cluxton had since reconsidered her willingness to stand again and had withdrawn. The Hon Sec hadn't been aware of this in time for the locker room notice or to thank Clare for her work on the committee in her Report.

All other nominees were deemed elected.

Proposed: Mary Connor Seconded: Sheila Crilly

As there remained a position to be filled the Lady Captain, again as per the constitution, called for nominations from the floor.

Marie Keegan

Proposed: Marlene Kennedy. Seconded: Brenda Hayes

Marie accepted the nomination and this was ratified by the meeting.

The Lady Captain thanked those who were stepping down from the committee. Paula McCaughan who had promised to go on the committee for her and be her shadow, and had been just that, bringing her artistic touches wherever they were needed; Clare for her invaluable help with the competitions; and certainly not least ex-officio Dolores Murphy. Lady Captain thanked Dolores for asking her to be her Lady Vice Captain and for always being there to provide any help that Anne needed right throughout the year.

AOB

1. Teresa asked for the opinion of the meeting on the suggestion that the **9th tee box** be moved behind the ditch on a trial basis. This was discussed and a trial agreed on for the New Year to be reviewed before the 2015 season began. Marlene said that if the feedback were positive a permanent change would probably need to be postponed until a new printing of the scorecard.

2. Eileen Waters raised the issue of members putting their names down for **interclub teams** but then not being available to play. She had had to caddy herself in the second round. If not available during the competition period then members shouldn't put their names down. Marlene Kennedy pointed out that this might deter members from putting their names down at all.

3. Eileen suggested we consider **dropping one of the competitions** we enter. Lady Captain asked how to decide which should be dropped. Teresa pointed out that teams had to be entered by 19th December and it was impossible to know availability by then. In 2015 the first round would be on a Home and Away basis so perhaps easier to arrange dates to suit. Marie Keegan felt we should enter everything while Mary Connor wondered if we really had sufficient numbers. Eileen felt a number of teams required the same handicaps so some were asked to play too often. Teresa said people could say they were available for 1 or 2 of 3 if they so wished and this would be respected. Marie Keegan pointed out that playing on mixed teams was good for the members' golf. Brenda Hayes felt it was good for a member's play to be involved in competition. Lady Vice Captain Maureen suggested that we could decide nearer the time if we had enough members available to play. Team entry fees would be lost but no further expense incurred. Teresa pointed out that at one point the problem was lack of numbers in the Intermediate range and now the Minor Cup range was the problem.

4. Marlene queried whether it was necessary to ask members to put **names on a list**. Could managers not just ask the relevant members if willing to participate. Some felt this would just mean more work for the managers. Marie Keegan felt a list was easier but Teresa pointed out that some just don't put their names down. Some simply forget. There was some feeling that those on a list should be given priority but others felt the best team should be put forward. Lady Captain pointed out that putting out the best possible players is what won us the Fingal Seniors. Marie Keegan felt in-form players should be on the team while Brenda Hayes pointed out that some do better in match play than in general play. This was accepted as a factor that managers should bear in mind.

5. **Lack of Preparation for team competition** was pointed out as a problem by Rita McNally. A squad should work together beforehand, possibly with Stephen. Marie Keegan pointed out that she had played in a team competition where she found out who her partner was at the last minute. It is important to learn how a partner plays and the sort of places they might leave you e.g. playing the 17th from the 15th! Preparation starts much earlier in other clubs. Teresa Ranson agreed with this and said pairs needed time to gel. Rita pointed out that the same applied to ladies teams. Eileen Waters felt that unless the men took these team events more seriously they should be dropped.

6. **Team clothing** Eileen said that no one should be allowed to represent the club who was unwilling to wear the agreed club colours. One male member of a pairing for Balcarrick, playing immaculate opponents, had turned up looking like a "knacker". The club uniform should be insisted upon.

7. Eileen raised two **Health and Safety Issues** – Firstly, the OOB to the left of the 14th green does not go down far enough. Women walking from the 13th tee box were in danger. Secondly, the new sign for Balcarrick blocks the view of the road for those turning right on leaving the club. Lady Captain said these matters would be brought to the attention of the Joint Committee.

8. Anne Byrne wondered why the **Ladies AGM** could not be on a Sunday. Marie McCormack wondered if it could be held before the Joint AGM. Some felt Sunday would not suit many ladies. There would also be the problem of having to clear the clubhouse. Lady Vice Captain said it was important to ensure that the meeting was available to all. Some, including the Hon Sec, felt that Wednesday would be a suitable alternative and the Hon Sec would be happy to look into this.

9. Marie Keegan suggested that there should be a **Past Lady Captains photo** for the website gallery as per the men. Lady Captain pointed out that there was no problem

with this it was a question of getting people together. Sheila Crilly suggested the Drive-In as an opportunity and this was agreed as a good idea.

In closing Lady Captain welcomed the newly elected members of committee for 2015 - Jacqueline Connolly and Laura O'Farrell, (who unfortunately could not be at the AGM), and thanked them for agreeing to put their names forward. She said Marie Keegan, (past Lady Captain) was particularly generous in agreeing to go back on committee again given all she had already done.

She reminded everyone about the Lady Captain's Dinner on Saturday 29th November, the postponed Joint AGM on Sun 30th November and the Black Tie Dinner on Saturday 4th December.

Marlene Kennedy thanked the Lady Captain, and her committee, for their hard work throughout the year. Lady Captain Anne pointed out that she had had great support from her committee and others and that made a big difference.

Lady Captain wished Maureen all the best for her year as Lady Captain in 2015 and Teresa as Lady Vice Captain.

The meeting closed at 9:30p.m.