

Balcarrick Ladies Club AGM
November 23rd 2016
Minutes

Lady Captain Teresa Ranson opened the meeting at 4 p.m. welcoming all the Lady members.

She then asked all to observe a minute's silence for our deceased members.

Lady Captain said she would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work done by her Committee during the year, which contributed to making her year a very pleasurable one as Lady Captain. She outlined the very valuable support of Lady members who sponsored team events. She thanked those ladies very sincerely and said she believed they would continue to sponsor such events as they all believe in Balcarrick. She thanked all the ladies who looked after various aspects of keeping our clubhouse and surrounds looking so wonderful, and hoped this would continue going forward. She wished our incoming captain Louise and her committee the very best for 2017.

Apologies: Apologies were received from 12 members. 20 members attended.

Minutes of the 2015 A.G.M were read and approved.

Proposed: Dolores Murphy

Seconded: Anne Dynes

Matters arising:

Marie McCormack asked if we could clarify re dropping in rough. LC said we discussed this last year. It's a local rule when you drop a ball in the rough it cannot come out on to the fairway.

Eileen Waters asked about the 50% given out in prizes, LVC replied this was the 2014 minutes.

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

Bridie outlined the work and activities of the ladies committee, congratulated the major prize winners of 2016 and gave a run-down on the diary of events during the year, which had included reaching the Final in the Fingal Seniors Competition – a great achievement for Managers Mary Connor and Eileen Waters and Aileen James and their entire squad. She thanked those who sponsored events over the year most sincerely, she described how amazing it was to see the great turnout of ladies who gave of their time and effort to come out and do a big clean-up of the club house before the Women in Golf Day. She also thanked the team managers and those who contributed in a professional capacity in the Office, on the course and the pro-shop team. She concluded by thanking LC Teresa for her hard work over 18 months and wished Lady Vice Captain Louise every success as incoming Lady Captain.

Proposed: Eileen Waters.

Seconded: Marie McCormack.

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

Laura said that the Income for the year ending 31st August 2016 was €14,462, which was €611 better than 2015. Expenses amounted to €4,602 with profit of €9,860. Again, this was greater than in 2015 by €2,513. There had been a number of dates when there was no competition due to course closures or heavy rain. The Interclub Team expenses were €2,169 as against €2,065 in 2015. In both years the expenses for the September finals of the Fingal Seniors were included in the figures for the year to end August. She also outlined the valuable contribution of sponsorship which was estimated to have a minimum value of €2,210.

Proposed: Grace Conway.

Seconded: Paula McCaughan.

Dolores Murphy asked why only 50% of the Ann MacMullan competition was donated to charity, that is was usually 100%. LC said in the past few years 50% was given. Brenda Hayes said when it's advertised as a charity it should all be given to it. LC said its usually described as the Ann MacMullan competition only.

Eileen Waters asked about the expenditure of 50% - should we be holding on to this.

LC said we paid out 47% this year, the men pay out 20% in prizes. We were as generous as we could be, and there was no compulsion on anyone to sponsor.

Eileen Waters asked should Ladies not give back amounts comparable to the men.

LC said when herself and LVC won an open to include the men they got €25 each, we give nearly €40.

Paula McCaughan said the men don't sponsor as much as the women, could we hold on to a percentage for ourselves.

LVC said there was very tight control in operation now to put our finances in order.

Una Campbell said the lady members are a very valuable asset to the club and should be given greater thought.

LC said when we have less than 30 playing its very hard, we have done very well and the club has done very well, and Neil Stirling has done amazing work for this club.

Eileen Waters said some of the prizes are not valuable enough, why not give a voucher even for €10?

LC said to win a competition regardless of the prize is the important thing.

Marie Keegan said next year's committee should discuss options. The committee were very appreciative of the prizes given.

Handicap Secretary/Competitions

Marie presented her report outlining the major prize-winners during the year. The full list of winners would be up in the locker room. She outlined that the Major competitions and medals were well supported and it was good to see the winners range from 18 handicap to 26 handicap and the results brought in very good scores which resulted in some reduction in handicaps. She congratulated LC and LVC for getting to the final of the Australian Spoons and described it as a great achievement. She thanked the organisers of the Ring, Singles and Mixed Matchplay competitions. She expressed disappointment at the low number of entrants this year in both the Singles and Mixed Matchplay. She is aware it is offputting when there are too many shots given from low to high handicappers, but on record she has found that the low handicap player usually ends up in the winning enclosure. She asked the ladies to seriously think about supporting these competitions next year. She reminded the ladies when they play "away" in Golf Societies or other outings if they have a score of 39 to

42, points this is considered as an exceptional score and the player must bring back a copy of her score card to her Home Club Committee and write her score in the Away Score Book in the Locker Room. This is a requirement from the ILGU. She highlighted the low turnout for our open competitions and suggested that next year an extra point be given for every visitor and also suggested that a team without a visitor could not win the 1st prize.

Marie then thanked those who helped her out during the year especially Marlene Kennedy. She thanked LC Teresa and wished LVC Louise every success in 2017.

Nominations for the 2017 committee were as follows:

Lady Captain.	Louise Stirling
Lady Vice Captain.	Bridie Johnston
Ex Officio.	Teresa Ranson
Committee members:	Sheila Rafter
	Jacqueline Connolly
	Laura O'Farrell

All nominees were deemed elected.

Proposed: Dolores Murphy Seconded: Anne Dynes

As all committee positions were not filled nominations were requested from the floor but there were none.

AOB

Eileen Waters said with regard to the item raised by her last year, the sign in question had been taken down.

Paula McCaughan wanted to know what about the toilets on the course which are still out of order.

LC replied that she has raised it for the past 4 months at the Joint committee meetings, she is told it is an airlock but they can't seem to identify the source. She agrees they should be closed if not working.

Paula said you can judge a course by its toilets like other establishments.

Marie McCormack said she had a similar problems in 2009 when she was LC

Clare Cluxton said the Air cleaner pump needed to be fixed.

Eileen Water said the grate under the trolley cleaner needs to be cleaned out as the leaves are being blown up.

LC we need to clarify who is responsible to do these jobs, why not come along to the Joint AGM next Sunday.

Paula asked is there a house manager? LC said Seamus McDonnell is the course manager.

LVC said Patricia on a three day week in the office is the only employee on the admin staff.

LC suggested that it could be raised at the AGM but Eileen Waters said when we raise issues at the AGM the ladies do not support one another.

Dolores Murphy would like to thank LC Teresa and the committee for their hard work over the year.

The meeting closed at 5.35 p.m.