

Minutes of Joint Club AGM of Balcarrick Golf Club

Held in Clubhouse on Sunday 24th November 2013

Attendance: 74 members were in attendance (See Attendance Book)

The Captain Ray Crilly announced that the Vice Captain Richie Walsh will be chairing the meeting on his behalf.

The Vice Captain mentioned the emergency procedures and reminded members to turn off their mobile phones.

The Vice Captain read the Standing Orders under which the meeting will be conducted.

Minutes Silence

The Vice Captain Richie Walsh called the meeting to order at 4.00pm and asked for members to observe a minutes silence in memory of deceased past members and relatives and friends of those present. (1 minutes silence observed)

Standing Orders

The Captain Willie Killeen read the list of standing orders under which the meeting would be conducted. Proposed by: Conor Walshe Seconded by: James O'Loughlin

Minutes of 2012 Joint Club AGM

The minutes of the Joint Club AGM held on 27th November 2012 was read by the Hon. Secretary Christy O'Driscoll.

The minutes were:-. Proposed by: Marlene Kennedy Seconded by: Sheila Crilly

The Captain asked those in attendance if any matters were arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising.

Hon. Secretary's Report

Christy O'Driscoll read the Hon. Secretary's report.

Proposed by: Noel O'Connell Seconded by: Tommy Mulligan

The Vice Captain asked if there were any matters arising from the Hon. Sec's report.

Joe Bishop asked that the 2 Teams entered in the Fingal Seniors be recorded.

There were no other matters arising from the Hon. Secretary's report.

Hon. Treasurer's Finance Report

The Hon. Treasurer Richard Caffrey said that the Financial Report and Hon Treasurer's report were on the club website for all members and he provided an outline of the finances of the club to the meeting.

Richard said that a number of recruitment drives were ran by the committee during the year to provide incentives to new members. He said a new financial incentive to existing members to introduce a new member will give the existing member up to €200 of their club fees.

He said there is a real need for the members to become involved in this drive for new members. The club has a cash flow problem from the end of August until the subs are due in the new year and that we cannot keep asking members to pay early as this could cause difficulties in future years.

Danska Bank have indicated that golf clubs are not in their future plans, but our existing loans are still being paid and are a very good rate of interest and that he is in negotiations with Bank of Ireland to secure overdraft facilities to eliminate cash flow difficulties. The club is still meeting its repayments and that an increase of members could help this situation.

Many members pay by direct debit and this causes more office work on a monthly basis for Patricia in reconciling the accounts. Richard thanked Patricia for the great work she carries on in the office.

The Hon. Treasurer's Report was:

Proposed by: Peter Quinn Seconded by Rosaleen Reid

Matters Arising from Finance Report

Declan O, Callaghan asked what percentage of members on Leave of Absence come back to the club, the Treasurer said about 10% return.

There were no other matters arising.

Motions

Vice Captain Richie said that there were 4 motions for consideration by the AGM and that the motions had been posted on the notice boards and that two of the motions were for changes to the constitution and that these two motions required a 2/3rd Majority.

1st Motion

Change of Rule in Section 11.4.2

OLD RULE

JUNIOR AND JUVENILE MEMBERS shall comprise young persons whose ages at the date of election shall not be less than 12 years or more than 16 years. Such membership shall cease on 31st December next after such junior has attained the age of 21 years.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

JUNIOR AND JUVENILE MEMBERS shall comprise young persons whose ages at the date of election and their fees shall be fixed by the joint committee

from time to time. Such membership shall cease on 31st December next after such junior has attained the age of 21 years.

Proposed by: Gerry Mulholland **Seconded by:** Christy O’Driscoll

Christy O’Driscoll read the motion and proposed change to the meeting, Gerry Mulholland said that the change was needed as we had a number of juveniles for a number of years under 12 years of age. Marlene Kennedy said that and Junior Liaison officer should be trained and have Garda clearance working with children. After some discussion on the need to have greater supervision of juniors on the course the Vice Captain said that we will look at the supervision of parents who introduce new juvenile members with a greater emphasis on health & safety and the need to comply with the laws.

The Motion was passed with more than 2/3 majority

2nd Motion

Change of Rule in Section 29.1

OLD RULE

A member who has been granted leave of absence may on the payment of €150 plus all levies, avail of all the facilities of the club, with the exception of golf and the golf course. Such monies to be paid within the time frame of normal fees.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

Delete this Section (29.1)

Proposed by: Gerry Mulholland **Seconded by:** Christy O’Driscoll

AMENDMENT to this Motion

Liam Sherlock said that section 29.1 should not be deleted and proposed an amendment to read:

“A member who has been granted leave of absence may avail of all the facilities of the club, with the exception of golf and the golf course”

This amendment was Seconded by Tony Byrne
Gerry Mulholland said he would agree with the motion as amended.

The amended motion was passed unanimously.

3rd Motion

To Change the 10th hole from a Par 4 to a Par 3

Proposed by: Terry Kelly **Seconded by:** Paul Bradley

Terry put the following points forward in presenting his case for the motion:

- The only other club with a par 73 is Skerries and that this would bring our course into line with the vast majority as a par 72.
- It would speed up play as many people wait on the green to clear before teeing off
- It would allow a nursery area behind the new tee boxes for grass repair
- It would cost the club very little to change the hole to a par 3

Other Comments

- A number of members raised issues on safety as golf balls hit from the 11th hole would be coming near the tee box.
- Some members spoke of making it a temporary change during the winter months on a trial basis, this was acceptable to the proposer and seconder.
- The cost of building Tee boxes was raised and it was said that it cost the club €11,000 to move a teebox previously and this was an expense that the club could not afford.

Jimmy King Proposed an amendment to add “on a trial basis for 3 months” seconded by Willie Killeen.

Terry Kelly said he would be in favour of this amendment to the motion.

The Vice Captain put the amended motion to the floor, the motion was voted on with 26 for and 33 against

The motion was defeated.

4th Motion

This AGM instructs the committee to take immediate steps to substantially increase membership numbers for 2014

Proposed by: David Rafferty **Seconded by:** Jim O’Sullivan

In proposing the motion Jim O’Sullivan that the club needs to increase its membership to increase its revenue and that to attract new members we need to be offering something completely different than other clubs. We need to give the committee the freedom to make offers that attract new members at vastly reduced rates.

The Hon. Treasurer said that the club has reduced some of its overheads and that he hopes the members will the new initiative to introduce a new member to the club. He said that the debts of the club are very small in comparison to other clubs.

Some of the discussion on this motion included:

- The reduction of members in all golf clubs
- The committee does not need this motion to attract new members
- This club has made a profit for years while others lost money continuously
- Posters outside club detailing our offers for attracting new members

Jim O’Sullivan was given the right to reply to some of the comments made.

He said that this motion was not seeking to change the constitution, it was trying to attract new members with low-cost offers with marketing expertise and experience. The

motion was to attract new members not for members coming back to the club, it is to ensure that the committee get new members with low cost offers.

The vice Captain put the motion to the floor.

The motion was defeated.

Nominations for Committee

The Vice Captain read the list of nominations for the Joint Club Officers and Committee.

Position	Nomination	Proposed By	Seconded By
President	Gerry Mulholland	Ray Crilly	Willie Killeen
Captain	Richie Walsh	Ray Crilly	Gerry Mulholland
Lady Captain	Ann Dynes	Dolores Murphy	Sheila Crilly
Vice Captain	Christy O'Driscoll	Richie Walsh	Ray Crilly
Lady Vice captain	Maureen McEvoy	Anne Dynes	Dolores Murphy
Hon Secretary	Vincent Brereton	Richie Walsh	Christy O'Driscoll.
Hon Treasurer	Richard Caffrey	Gerry Mulholland	Richie Walsh
Ex .Officio	Ray Crilly	Richard Caffrey	Christy O'Driscoll
Competition Sec	Seamus McDonnell	Richie Walsh	Richard Caffrey
Committee Team Manager	Paul Burke	Christy O'Driscoll	Richie Walsh
Committee	James Daly	Ray Crilly	Richard Caffrey
Committee	Sheila Crilly	Ann Dynes	Richie Walsh
Committee	Declan McEvoy	Richie Walsh	Ray Crilly
Committee	Dympna Kelly	Ann Dynes	Richie Walsh
Committee	Willie Killeen	Richie Walsh	Christy O'Driscoll

As there were no other nominations the Vice Captain deemed the list of Officers and Committee elected for 2014.

Election of Company Directors

The Company Directors of Balcarrick Golf Club were:

Proposed By: Jimmy King Seconded by: Joe Bishop.

Appointment of Auditor

The existing Balcarrick Golf Club auditors were Proposed by: Marlene Kennedy and Seconded by: Rosaleen Reid.

Any Other Business

- Tony Byrne asked if a list of juvenile members could be displayed on the notice board. Christy O'Driscoll said the he would check if it was appropriate to display a list of juvenile members on the notice board
- Richard said that we had a new incentive offering existing members money to introduce a new member and that they could give the money offer as follows:
 1. Give it to the new member so they get entry for €900 for their 1st year
 2. Get the money off their own membership fees
 3. Give it back to the club
- Vice Captain Richie Walsh said that the club was not reducing the Annual Fee to new members the fee was still €1,100 for the year. The incentive is provided to existing members to introduce a new member.
- Joe Hughes asked if the club could get some new Juvenile members into the club.
 - Vice Captain Richie said that we are in discussion with the juvenile committee and that we are introducing a sliding rate for membership up to 30 years of age
- Betty Reilly asked the repair of toilets on the course
- Gerry Mulholland said that a pump has failed and that we are looking at the most efficient way of solving the problem
- Marie McCormack said if we don't have the money to fix them could they be padlocked to prevent people using them when they are out of order
- John Cullen said he wished to pay a tribute to Ray Crilly on his Captain's Year.

Thanks

Outgoing Lady Captain

Lady Captain Dolores Murphy thanked Captain Ray and everybody for their support and wished every success to the new officers and also to the new Lady Captain Anne Dynes

Vice Captain Richie Walsh thanked all the committee for their hard work during the year and thanked Gerry for his work as course manager and a big thanks to the lady Captain and her hard working team.

The Captain Ray Crilly said he enjoyed every day of his Captaincy and he wished a special thanks to Jimmy King for all his advice, and guidance during the year.

Ray thanked the Lady Captain Dolores for all her assistance during the year

He thanked the committee for all their work during the year

He also thanked Willie Killeen for giving him the opportunity to be Captain that it was a privilege for him to be Captain of this great club.

Captain Ray wished Richie and Anne every success in their Captain's year

Ray thanked Martin Sheridan and his staff for all the work carried out on the course and with all the financial constraints their work needs to be acknowledged.

He also thanked Stephen Ennis in the Pro Shop and the effort that was put in by various people and their assistance in organising events.

Ray thanked Patricia Fennelly in the office that she was brilliant and the club would be lost without her.

Captain Ray said a big thank you to the members and the support he received for them

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

Christy O'Driscoll
Honorary Secretary