

# **Minutes of Men's Club AGM, Balcarrick Golf Club**

**Held in the Clubhouse on Sunday, 22nd November 2015**

Attendance: 38 members attended. (See Attendance Book)

Christy O'Driscoll, Captain, brought the meeting to order.

## **Minutes Silence**

Captain, Christy O'Driscoll, asked members to observe a minute's silence in memory of deceased past members, relatives and friends of those present.

(1 minutes silence observed)

## **Standing Orders**

The Hon. Secretary, Vincent Brereton, read the list of standing orders under which the meeting was to be conducted.

## **Minutes of the Men's Club 2014 AGM**

Vincent Brereton read the minutes of the Men's Club AGM held on 23rd November 2014. The minutes were proposed by Richie Walsh and seconded by Terry Kelly.

*Matters Arising:*

No matters arising

## **Hon. Secretary's Report**

Vincent Brereton read the Hon. Secretary's Report. The Hon. Secretary's Report was proposed by Michael Bradley and seconded by Peter Quinn.

No matters arising.

## **Hon. Treasurer's Finance Report**

Niall Foley read the Financial Report for the Men's Club. Niall thanked George Harbourne and Neil Stirling for their assistance in preparing the Report. The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Terry Kelly and seconded by F. Brady.

There were no matters arising.

## **Motions**

There were no motions submitted for the Men's AGM.

## Election of Officers & Committee for 2016

The following nominations were received for the Men's Club Committee 2016

| <b>Position</b>         | <b>Nomination</b>  | <b>Proposed By</b>  | <b>Seconded By</b> |
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| <b>Captain</b>          | Gerry Dowling      | Christy O' Driscoll | Seamus McDonnell   |
| <b>Vice Captain</b>     | Anthony Manning    | Gerry Dowling       | Christy O'Driscoll |
| <b>Hon. Secretary</b>   | James Daly         | Gerry Mulholland    | Tom Mangan         |
| <b>Hon. Treasurer</b>   | Niall Foley        | Anthony Manning     | Declan McEvoy      |
| <b>Ex. Officio</b>      | Christy O'Driscoll | Seamus McDonnell    | Niall Foley        |
| <b>Competition Sec.</b> | Philip Higgins     | Tom Mangan          | Gerry Dowling      |
| <b>Committee</b>        | Willie Killeen     | James Daly          | Niall Foley        |
| <b>Committee</b>        | Declan McEvoy      | Neil Stirling       | Vincent Brereton   |
| <b>Committee</b>        | Gerry Mulholland   | Willie Killeen      | Vincent Brereton   |
| <b>Committee</b>        | Seamus McDonnell   | Vincent Brereton    | James Daly         |
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All those nominated were duly elected.

## **Any Other Business**

Tony Byrne expressed a view that the “Lift, Clean and Drop in the rough” rule was still not fully understood by several members and stated he had observed abuses of the rule. Tony suggested a mail be sent to all members clearly defining the rule. Noel McDermott suggested that Stephen Ennis be consulted on the matter. Gerry Dowling said he would work with Philip Higgins to clarify the situation.

Tom Mangan raised the matter of incorrect marking of cards and recording of scores on the computer. He asked that members take more care when doing so - as this would help with compiling competition results. Seamus McDonnell said that the practice of not entering poor scores is a regular occurrence.

Gerry Mulholland said the Committee needed to look at the number of Inter Club competitions Balcarrick Golf Club enters each year. He expressed this view due to the problems experienced with fielding teams for these events. Tony Byrne said that the poor attendance, by the members, at the AGM reflected their level of interest in the affairs of the Club. Gerry hoped the AGM would authorise the new Committee to consider this.

Captain Christy asked that the incoming Captain and Committee be tasked to take this on board - there was a unanimous show of hands to approve.

Terry Kelly raised the matter of a new handicap system to be introduced by the R & A. He suggested a mail shot to members to explain the system. Seamus McDonnell confirmed that a rep. from the GUI had indicated that no decision had been taken, as yet, in relation to the introduction of the new system. Captain Christy said he would discuss the matter with incoming Captain, Gerry.

Liam Sherlock asked for clarification of the new rules, applying to the use of belly putters and the impact on players.

Captain, Christy O’Driscoll, read a brief review of the affairs of the club for the year. The meeting ended at 4.55p.m.

Vincent Brereton  
Honorary Secretary