

Balcarrick Golf Club

Minutes of Men's Club A.G.M.

Held in the Clubhouse on Sunday, 13th. November 2016

Attendance: 31 members attended. (See Attendance Book)

Gerry Dowling, Captain, brought the meeting to order.

Minutes Silence

Captain Gerry Dowling 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, James Daly read the list of standing orders under which the meeting was to be conducted.

Minutes of the Men's Club 2015 A.G.M.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Men's Club AGM held on 23rd November 2015. The minutes were proposed by Fergus Walsh and seconded by Jim Robertson.

No matters arising.

Hon. Secretary's Report

James Daly read the Hon. Secretary's Report. The Hon. Secretary's Report was proposed by Paddy Donnelly and Seconded by Willie Guilfoyle

Matters Arising:

John Cullen questioned the Secretary's use of the word pristine in his description of the course. He was unhappy with the length of the rough and he said there was a lack of consistency in relation to the condition of the course.

Captain Gerry explained that there was a recent problem with one mower and staff had been allocated Annual Leave in late Oct. / early Nov. The exceptionally mild weather was also a factor as it was encouraging unseasonal growth in the grass.

Tony Byrne inquired if it was true that reason the rough wasn't cut, was due to no diesel being available.

The Captain stated that this was not true and he assured all present it was related to some grounds staff being on holidays and the abnormal growth due to unseasonal mild weather.

Dave Rafferty suggested an email to members in relation to problems of this nature would be helpful.

Joe Brannigan said he encountered many visitors and society members who played the Course throughout the year, all of whom praised the condition of our Course.

Motions

There were 2 Motions before the meeting:

1. That there be a Member's Competition every Sunday for Members only
2. That there be a Team Competition once every Month on a Sunday for members.

Proposer Paddy Donnelly
Seconder Eric Smyth

Paddy Donnelly spoke on motion 1 outlining why his reasons for presenting the motion to the meeting and this should be a separate competition to the Sunday open Competition. John Cullen asked if the prize money for the open competition was separate.

Philip Higgins then outlined to the meeting reasons for initially commencing the Sunday open comp.

Tony Byrne proposed an amendment to the motion to include a proviso that both competitions must be played off the same tees.

The amended proposal was seconded by Dave Cranston.

Paul Fitzgerald said the strokes competition off the blues would attract a certain category of golfer to play in the open completion.

Terry Kelly said that due to the revenue gained by the club from the Open it would be wrong to hamstring ourselves to making a hard and fast decision at the meeting and he proposed it be left to the Committee to monitor the situation going forward.

Tony Byrne withdrew the amendment and the Motion was carried.

Paddy Donnelly withdrew Motion 2.

Election of Officers & Committee for 2017

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

Position	Nomination	Proposed By	Seconded By
Captain	Anthony Manning	Gerry Dowling	Seamus McDonnell
Vice Captain	James Daly	Anthony Manning	Gerry Dowling
Hon. Secretary	Gerry Dowling	Anthony Manning	James Daly
President	Christy O Driscoll	Gerry Dowling	Anthony Manning
Ex. Officio	Gerry Dowling	Seamus McDonnell	James Daly
Competition Sec.	Seamus McDonnell	Gerry Dowling	Christy O Driscoll
Committee	Willie Killeen	Seamus McDonnell	James Daly
Committee	Bill O Hara	James Daly	Christy O Driscoll
Committee	Philip Higgins	Paul Wright	Seamus McDonnell
Committee	Stewy Mangan	Anthony Manning	Gerry Mulholland
Committee	Jim Robertson	Anthony Manning	Willie Killeen

As there were no further nominations all those nominated were duly elected.

A. O.B.

Tony Byrne asked if any other Members had noticed a foul smell coming from the drain around the bridge on the 17th. fairway and he said the water was green in colour. Seamus Mc. Donnell undertook to speak to Martin concerning this issue.

Joe Brannigan stated there are two former senior members of the Club who cannot play golf anymore on health grounds. He asked if they could possibly be afforded Honory membership.

The Captain said the incoming Committee would review their situation.

Joe Hughes stated that the Club now have only a few Junior members and he suggested they should be eligible to win prizes in the men's competitions.

As there was no major objection to this suggestion from the floor, Joe put the following proposal to the meeting :

A Junior member with a handicap of 5 or under can win a prize in any men's competition with the exception of the Captain's Prize, provided he has paid the appropriate competition fee.

The proposal was carried.

Joe Branigan encouraged members to sponsor prizes as this sponsorship was very beneficial to the Club and he expressed his admiration and support for the Officers and Committee of the Club.

Paul Fitzgerald expressed his concern regarding what he considered as a diminishing level of importance being afforded to Major Competitions eg. Club Championships, best gross in Medal competitions etc. He asked if the incoming committee would give consideration to affording these competitions a more significant status next year.

Seamus said as the incoming Competition / Handicap Secretary he would take Paul's suggestion on board.

Joe Hughes suggested the Major competitions be identified and have an overall winner at the end of the year.

Dave Rafferty suggested the committee seek the assistance of members who have marketing skills to help promote the Club.

Jim Roberston said he recently played in some courses in the locality and in his opinion Balcarrick was on a par and indeed superior to most courses in the North Dublin area.

Captain Gerry Dowling brought the meeting to an end @ 17:50.

James Daly

Hon. Secretary.