

Minutes of June Council Meeting of Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club held on 8th June 2017.

Attendance; Mr. Bernard Foy, Captain, Mrs. Kay Stewart, Lady Captain, Mr. Gerry Driver, Vice Captain, Mrs. Josephine Stewart, Lady Vice Captain, Mr. P.J. Mc Gowan, Mr. Martin Dillon, Mr. Michael Mc Glynn, Mr. Lawrence Devenney, Mr. Danny Bannigan, Mr. Martin Lynch, Mr. Don Mc Nulty, Mr. Brendan Alexander, Mr. Sean Carlin, Mr. Tony Carr, Mr. John Fleming, Mr. Brendan Kelly.

Apologies;

Mr. John Bradley, Mr. Alastair Henderson.

Captain`s Opening address;

The Captain opened with the sad news of the passing of Caolin Melough. Five dates have been given to Fr. Kieran Mc Ateer for the service at the graveyards on the course. June was not available—July 28th is a possibility. Junior golf registration was very well supported and credit to Michael Mc Glynn, Josephine Stewart and John Bradley. Congratulations to our Pierce Purcell team against Rossmore. Our Junior Cup team qualified in 1st place. The Captain and Lady Captain held a photoshoot with Hyundai and Terence Diver had presented €600 to Kay Stewart. Over 40 teams had entered the club classic.

Minutes;

Proposed by John Fleming and seconded by Danny Bannigan.

Matters Arising;

Josephine Stewart asked about keeping the semi rough cut down. Martin Dillon had written to 19 suppliers to the club for sponsorship for our classic and had received some positive and some negative results. A letter followed by a phone call had secured 12 replies for tee sponsorship. In total about 18 sponsors have been acquired.

Correspondence;

A letter was received from no.2, The Glebe, with regard to trees being too tall and blocking out sunlight. A short discussion followed and the Captain and Don Mc Nulty were to speak to this person.

Finance;

Martin Dillon reported that the normal overheads had occurred during the month of May. Membership amounted to €29,543 which was up on last year. The Bank Balance at this time last year was €21k in credit and at present it is €2k in Debit. The view was widely expressed of the need to recruit new members. Josephine Stewart said there were 10 new lady members and Jimmy Gallagher was coaching them at €10 each. Tony Carr suggested a sub- committee to look at getting new members and also an advert in two local papers costing €600 for 4 weeks. This was proposed by Tony Carr and seconded by Michael Mc Glynn.

Martin said that accruals were small and a VAT refund is due. Insurance was €1,400 (same as last year) plus €17,000 to Brittons re. house, etc. reduced to €15k. The Captain raised the matter of someone not listed on the members board even though they had paid and the whole issue of the €50 pre- payment was discussed. There were conflicting views on this and no clear outcome was reached.

Proposed by Gerry Driver and seconded by Sean Carlin.

Ladies Report;

The 3 day classic was very successful but some confusion was encountered with regard to directions to the 9th and 11th tee boxes. Don Mc Nulty is to look at this issue. A night of celebration for our 60th anniversary is planned.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Tony Carr.

Registrar`s Report;

Lawrence Devenney stated that new members included Paul Foy-lapsed-, Joey O`Leary- lapsed-, John Fleming (J), Ciaran Mathewson-lapsed-, Daniel Mc Nulty 23-35, Jim Curran (B), Brian Dureen 18-22, Gavin Doherty 23-35, Darren Foy, Mark Griffen,
Total income for the month was €29,543.98.

House Report;

Michael Mc Glynn said that figures for May were poor. The shop and bar were both down. Meal vouchers for societies and classics is preferable financially as it is income for the bar. Michael said he was looking at bar opening hours. Mary is exploring the staging of bingo in the club. A partnership with Finn Harps was suggested but it was felt we should go it alone. This was agreed. Some discussion took place on the Virginia creeper on the clubhouse walls and it was the opinion that this creeper enhanced the appearance of the clubhouse.

Proposed by Don Mc Nulty and seconded by Brendan Alexander.

Greens Report;

Don Mc Nulty said he had nothing much to report. New machinery had been bought—tractor and mower--. We should give consideration to a greens mower. The course is very good at present. Lawrence Devenney commented on tee markers and the setting up of these. Not enough use was being made of blue markers. Brendan Kelly said that some sponsors favoured green markers but the meeting felt that sponsors should not be asked for their preference. Tony Carr proposed that Thursday and Sunday should be blue markers with Saturday green and Tuesday blue unless the sponsor is specific. This was seconded by Gerry Driver. The repair to the gate into the graveyard was raised and the lady captain spoke about cutting back the semi rough a little on the approach to the 14th green. A greens mower will cost approx.. €19k.

Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Sean Carlin.

Competition`s Report;

Brendan Kelly reported that revenue was up on last year with a profit of €4,530 compared to €2,880 last year. A champagne scramble was intended for our 60th classic. A discussion took place on competitions where there are ladies and gents scores in the same competition and it was agreed that a communal returns box should be used.

Proposed by Gerry Driver and seconded by Tony Carr.

Communications Report;

Sean Carlin said that newspaper reports were very good. The Thursday Open has not been a success to date. 1,500 people were looking at club information and photos on Facebook. Sean thanked Tony Carr and Daragh Mc Gowan for web reports and congratulations to the Fred Daly team on their recent victory.

Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Don Mc Nulty.

Handicaps Report;

Gerry Driver said that he had held back a meeting due to the involvement of many teams.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Danny Bannigan.

Juniors Report;

Michael Mc Glynn reported that 22 young boys were working with Jimmy Gallagher in two groups. When their 6 week lessons are over in early July they will begin Monday competitions in both 18 hole and 9 hole formats, plus 5 holes for smaller children. Seven helpers are needed

every Monday. The President, John Bradley, has asked Council to look for volunteers. A small number of girls (5) were being coached. The Captain thanked people for their effort. Tony Carr said that the Donegal Golf Committee want to organise a boys competition lasting 6 weeks for U16's on Thursdays costing €10.00.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Martin Lynch.

There was no entertainment report.

AOB;

Michael Mc Glynn said the All Ireland Fourball team are playing Letterkenny on Sunday and wished them luck. Sean Carlin mentioned the Fred Daly team who are progressing well and needed a club top. Tony Carr offered €100 towards this and Sean was asked to deal with our club shop.

Proposer _____

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Captain _____