

## **Minutes of March meeting of Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club hrlld on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

**Attendance;** Mr. Bernard Foy, Captain, Mrs. Kay Stewart, Lady Captain, Mrs. Josephine Stewart, Lady Vice Captain, Mr. John Bradley, President, Mr. P.J.Mc Gowan, Mr. Martin Dillon, Mr. Michael Mc Glynn, Mr. Lawrence Devenney, Mr. Don Mc Nulty, Mr. Brendan Alexander, Mr. Alastair Henderson, Mr. Sean Carlin, Mr. Andy Parkinson, Mr. John Fleming, Mr. Tony Carr, Mr. Brendan Kelly.

**Apologies;** Mr. Gerry Driver, Mr. Danny Bannigan, Mr. Martin Lynch, Mr. Sean Devenney.

### **Captain`s Opening Address**

Captain, Bernard Foy outlined some quiz events that take place in January, February and March and their benefit to the club. The snooker finals were also held recently and the AGM of the Donegal Golf society was also held in the club. €2,600 had been collected in sponsorship plus €600 from Hyundai. We intend to hold a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary classic during the summer.

### **Minutes;**

The minutes of the February meeting were proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Sean Carlin.

**There were no matters arising.**

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence was received from Iggy Larkin with regard to Health & Safety Risk Assessment. It was felt we should get other quotations as the safety assessment must be done. It was felt that it was unclear what Iggy is pricing for and it was agreed that Tony Carr, Michael Mc Glynn, Brendan Kelly and the Captain will meet with Iggy.

A letter of thanks was received from Donna Henderson on behalf of the Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital who raised €718 at their recent quiz.

A letter of request was received from the N.W. Golf Alliance to use the course for the winter 2017/18 season. This was agreed.

A letter of thanks was received from Cancer Care West through John Bradley for €579 raised at their quiz.

A letter was received from GUI outlining changes to their constitution.

## **Finance**

Martin Dillon said that the VAT. Inspection was ongoing but he hoped to qualify for a Small Business Grant from now on. The additional loan has been approved and the approval letter has been sent to Mc Mullen`s. Four signatures of the Trustees of the club are required. With regard to budgets, Michael Mc Glynn had agreed the bar contract figures and Richard Thompson is to agree expenditure with Martin. The job specs for convenors is not ready yet. The Committee in charge of funds will need a list of machinery needed and the age of machinery to be replaced. Don Mc Nulty and his committee will produce the list including needs, costs etc. Martin said that he had been informed of the use of the tractor and trailer at the weekend by someone who had access to the shed. This is a financial risk to the club as insurance only covers off road use. The Secretary was asked to write to Richard outlining our concerns.

The balance was €14,843 dr and Accruals amount to €2,250 leaving a Bank Reconciliation Statement of €16,399dr.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by John Bradley.

## **Ladies Report**

Kay Stewart reported that Ladies income for 2016 had been €9,951 and expenditure amounted to €8,448 leaving a surplus of €1,511. The balance in January was €1,370 and the up to date balance is €763.74. With regard to Maura O`Donnell pennants, the Ladies don`t want them moved. Michael Mc Glynn and his house committee will discuss this matter.

Proposed by Tony Carr and seconded by Don Mc Nulty.

## **House Report;**

Michael Mc Glynn reported that shop figures for February were €3,835, which was almost €1,000 up on 2016. Meanwhile the bar income was €4642 compared with €6,340 in 2016. Michael and Mary Mc Hugh had looked at hours in the bar and shop and said it costs €50 each day even with the door closed. Spending has been cut to a minimum. The bar will be closed on Thursday and will open on Friday for cards or snooker at little cost. We will open on Saturday and Sunday and close at closing time or when the last customer leaves. The bar will open for any groups of members.

Michael made a proposal with regard to the spike bar with the committee room linking into the shop and partition off the the computer/photocopier area. Tea and alcohol etc. would be available in this area. There would be savings on hourly rates. The conversion costs were unknown but members will plaster the walls and Michael estimated a cost of €1,000. Council were

in favour of the idea. Ivan Stewart will do CPR training on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

Lawrence Devenney asked about LED lights and Michael replied that they were very expensive. John Bradley said that Tony Fullen`s firm would give a price.

Martin Dillon said the bar will run at a little loss for the foreseeable future but that it is a facility for members.

Alastair Henderson said that some members had asked about the pool table but council did not show any wish to reinstall the table.

Proposed by John Fleming and seconded by John Bradley.

### **Greens Report**

Don Mc Nulty said he had very little to report. His committee discussed the poor condition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> greens. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is often wet. The 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> fairways and the 15<sup>th</sup> teebox were also in need of attention. The Captain stated that the greens in general were good. Don said that trimming of low branches is needed especially the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and the pathway at the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alastair Henderson asked about the banking behind the 6<sup>th</sup> but there was no desire to remove it. John Bradley said the course was our main asset and we need a plan for areas of the course. We have a lot of wet areas. Martin Dillon said the 14<sup>th</sup> was a big concern as were the trees on the left of the 6<sup>th</sup>. Don said contracts had been issued to Richard and Martin and Martin was not in favour of time off in lieu. Richard was acting Head Greenkeeper for quite a while. The finance sub-committee are to look at this. John Bradley restated the need for a 5 year plan for the course and Martin Dillon said we need expertise to look at the course. The greens committee are to use any expertise they require to examine these issues.

Proposed by Andy Parkinson and seconded by Alastair Henderson.

### **Registrar`s Report**

Alastair Henderson reported that he made 4 lodgements in February amounting to €11,986. The total in card, cash and s.o. was €20,102.28.

New member was Paul Barrett, Letterkenny as gent beginner. Lawrence Devenney asked about paid up members draw and Alastair said it will be held at the end of March.

Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Sean Carlin.

### **Competitions Report;**

Brendan Kelly reported that 554 players had played in Feb. 2017 compared with 341 in 2016 and net income was €1,175 in 2017 compared with €775 in 2016. The fixture list is ready and Impacto print will cost €138 inc VAT. It was agreed to go with Impacto. Kay Stewart asked that the guest tes be

included in the fixtures book. Margaret Hynes had received information from the R&A regarding 9 hole competitions and these are to take place from 7<sup>th</sup> May on Sundays. This was agreed. It was also stated that the total yardage of the course as shown on the card is wrong. A course on golf rules is being held soon and Brendan Kelly agreed to attend.

Proposed by Andy Parkinson and seconded by Don Mc Nulty.

### **Communications Report**

Sean Carlin said he had given away a 4 ball green fee to Portsalon. 14,000 viewed on facebook. Hotels are to come back to Sean on vouchers. Photos have been sent to newspapers and are very positive. Seamus Gallagher won the Mandarin Palace prize.

Proposed by Brendan Kelly and seconded by John Fleming.

### **Green Fees Report**

Andy Parkinson spoke about the advert in Tee to Green. He is sending an e mail to societies with regard to booking our course. The Masters draw cards are in the printers.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Michael Mc Glynn.

**There was no handicap report.**

### **Junior Report**

Josephine Stewart had gone to Galgorm Castle with Kathleen Mc Gowan and James Gallagher on a course in how to promote Junior Golf. It was very useful. The Darren Clarke school is open to boys and girls of all ages. No convenor has been acquired yet.

**There was no entertainment report.**

### **AOB;**

Parking spots need to be touched up.

Last man standing is finished up. Two people left agreed to share.

Raffling a parking spot for the year was discussed. Alastair Henderson suggested a €10 draw on the British Open for a parking spot. This was agreed.

Tony Carr explained the website to Council.

Sean Carlin proposed we use the club name on our website. Michael Mc Glynn seconded. This was agreed.

### **Proposed**

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**Seconded**

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**Captain**

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