

Minutes of Council Meeting of Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club

Date **11—1--2018**

Attendance

Mr. Gerry Driver, Captain, Mrs. Josephine Stewart, Lady Captain, Mr. Sean Carlin, Vice Captain & Communications Officer, Ms. Emer Kee, Lady Vice captain, Mr. Joe Blee, President, Mr. P.J. Mc Gowan, Mr. Paul Saunders, Mr. Michael Mc Glynn, Mr. Alastair Henderson, Mr. Andy Parkinson, Mr. John Fleming, Mr. Tony Carr, Mr. Brendan Kelly Mr. Danny Bannigan, Mr. Martin Lynch, Mrs. Margaret Hynes, Mr. Michael Carlin, Mr. P.J. Fitzgerald,

Apologies

Andy Parkinson.

Captain`s Opening Address

Captain, Gerry Driver welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Council and congratulated all the new Officers and new Council members. Gerry said we have a challenging year ahead and wished to acknowledge the work of Past President, John Bradley and Past Captain, Bernard Foy. He said he intended that meetings would last no more than 2 hours.

Minutes

Proposed by: John Fleming
Seconded by: Michael Mc Glynn

Matters arising:

It was observed that the minutes should have shown the change in fees for Classics. The deposit is now €240 and this covers the first 20 teams. It costs €12 per team thereafter.

Correspondence

We received an entry request for the J.B. Carr competition and after some discussion we decided to enter this competition.

Detailed correspondence was received from Michael Carr relating to the organising and staging of the Club AGM. The meeting thanked Michael for his suggestions and agreed the majority of his suggestions regarding meeting set up, order of meeting and collective responsibility of Council in decisions at AGM. The chairing of the AGM was deferred until later.

Correspondence was received from GUI at National Level regarding the AGM which is due to be held on 17th February at 11am. In the Crown Plaza Hotel Blanchardstown, Dublin.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Paul Saunders circulated a financial report having had consultation with Martin Dillon. Paul went through the report in detail which showed a balance on our loan of €122,881. Our bank balance on 31/12/2017 was €33,057 od. Paul said he would have his finance committee for the February meeting.

Proposed by Michael Mc Glynn and seconded by Alastair Henderson.

Registrar's Report;

Alastair Henderson read his report which was for November and December. Total income amounted to €7,633.11 He spoke about sending out invoices to members regarding membership fees and a hard copy to people if they will let him know. His committee will include Ann Glancy and Lawrence Devenney.

Proposed by John Fleming and seconded by Sean Carlin.

Ladies Report

Lady Captain, Josephine Stewart wished Gerry Driver all the best for the coming year and welcomed everybody new to Council. The Lady Captain's dinner and presentation took place on 16th December. This had been a joyful occasion. Josephine and Brid Carlin had a meeting in Letterkenny regarding the 3 day competition which will be held in Ballybofey and Stranorlar G.C. on 23rd May. The Ladies AGM was held in December but the audited a/c's were not ready for the club AGM. The a/c showed €3301.83 cr on December 7th. Monies had to be withdrawn for the Maura O'Donnell competition--€500, vintage tea party for club funds €600 and prizemoney of €553.42 leaving a balance of €1648.41. Some vouchers and expenses are still outstanding. Short reports were read out from Kathleen Mc Gowan on Handicaps and beginner ladies golf and Junior Girls. Five new girls attended tuition from James Gallagher and 12 girls remained from last year. Kaye Stewart in her Lady Captain's address, thanked all who assisted during the year and all the team Captains. She said it had been a very enjoyable year and €1,080 had been raised on Captains weekend for the Donegal Hospice. She thanked Margaret Hynes who had organised a golf holiday to Portugal and congratulated Margaret Mc Crossan on winning the Maura O'Donnell Trophy.

Officers elected as follows:

Lady Captain	Josephine Stewart
Lady V. Captain	Emer Kee
Secretary	Kathleen Byrne
Treasurer	Ann O'Mara
Comp. Sec.	Brid Carlin
H/C Sec.	Kathleen Mc Gowan
Pro.	Kathleen Mc Gowan
Beginner Ladies	Kathleen Mc Gowan
Junior Girls	Josephine Stewart

Committee----- Maureen Boyle, Bridie Faulkner, May Ferry, Margaret Hynes, Brid Kelly

There was a lengthy debate on teams and the ability to field teams in various competitions and compete with other clubs. Discussion also took place on costs of teams and Ann Glancy is to do a handicap analysis to inform the branch what course of action to take.

Josephine concluded her report by saying that 10 ladies had shown an interest in golf at the Mart event and she would follow them up. The ladies had 33/34 active playing members.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Emer Kee.

Greens Report

P.J. Fitzgerald said they held a greens meeting and the report had been circulated to Council. P.J. mentioned some immediate work that required doing mainly to do with drainage. He intends to extend the footpaths towards the 14th and 17th greens. He asked whose decision it should be to open or close the course and the meeting informed him that it was entirely his own decision. He said he intended that the course would be open as much as possible. P.J. proposed using mats in the semi rough and Michael Mc Glynn seconded. John Fleming proposed against this, seconded by Martin Lynch. After much discussion the matter went to a vote with 7 for mats and 10 against. The matter of using temporary greens was raised and it was agreed to use full greens for competitions. It was stated that we might be able to obtain an additional worker for 20 hours a week at no cost to the club. We will be erecting 100m markers where they don't exist at present and obtaining 2 new ball washers making 3 in total. P.J. is to examine the marsh area near the pumphouse and the trees to the right of the 7th. The index for some of the ladies is being reviewed and a new 7th tee box is being built. The greens committee will comprise –P.J. Fitzgerald, Gerry Driver, Sean Mc Garrigle, Tony Griffen, Charlie Anderson, Michael Carr and P.J. Mc Gowan.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Danny Bannigan.

Competitions Report

Brendan Kelly said it had been a quiet month with players and revenue down from last year due to weather. The profit amounted to €552.

Brendan said his committee would include, Lawrence Devenney, Brendan Alexander and Andy Mc Glynn. Brendan said he would like to run a monthly medal on the first Saturday of the month starting in April and this would have to be a stroke competition. Emer Kee and Joe Blee are to look at a scramble, etc, on Thursdays.

Proposed by Sean Carlin and seconded by Michael Mc Glynn.

House Report;

Michael Mc Glynn said that the bar figures were down about €76 on Dec. 2016. No entertainment was supplied on New Year's Eve but the bar was open. The shop takings were down €2,624 on last year but last year included money for 2's. Michael outlined the opening hours for the bar and the reasons behind these hours and said that if enough members want the bar open, then it can be open. A review of bar running costs and structures will take place with Mary and will be reported back to Council. The bar committee will comprise the Captain, Secretary, Lady Vice Captain, Martin Lynch, Ivan and Kaye Stewart.

Proposed by P.J. Fitzgerald and seconded by Emer Kee.

Green Fees Report

Andy Parkinson submitted his report in advance showing 9 green fees for December amounting to €195.

Proposed by Paul Saunders and seconded by Tony Carr.

Handicaps Report

Danny Bannigan said that 3 queries had been received regarding handicaps. The h/c committee will include Danny Bannigan, Sean Carlin and Hugo O'Donnell.

Proposed by Alastair Henderson and seconded by Sean Carlin.

Communications Report

Sean Carlin congratulated everyone elected at the AGM. He said reports were continuing to the press and facebook. He needed some vouchers as inducements. He raised the issue of Children's Officer and Designated Liaison Person for the club. No decision was made on this. Sean requested any information on teams etc. to be sent to him. He mentioned a Golf Expo in Belfast in March which he might attend. He mentioned a new members initiative during the month of April where a member could take out a non-member who was new to the game of golf. Michael McGlynn and Paul Saunders thought this was a great idea. Sean spoke about selecting a youth Captain for the club but the Secretary and Michael McGlynn mentioned several reasons for not doing this. It was decided to leave this until next month. Brendan Kelly felt we should have a committee to attract new members and it was agreed to look at this in February. The suggestion of putting the various committees on the notice board met with mixed reaction and it was agreed to look at this in February.

Proposed by Brendan Kelly and seconded by Joe Blee.

Juniors Report

There was no Juniors Report.

Entertainment Report

There was no Entertainment Report.

AOB

Brendan Kelly asked if there were any grants that we could apply for and said he heard that Michael Carlin has some experience in this area.

Michael said that grants were easily obtained for disabled friendly projects and said he would look into it.

Sean Carlin said he intended to take a photo of council at the February meeting.

Proposer: _____ **Second:** _____
Captain: _____