

KILMASHOGUE GOLF CLUB AGM 25th October 2023.

PRESENT: Aideen Murphy; Alison Houston; Anne Hackett; Anne Gildea; Anne O'Dea; Annette Egan; Barbara Kearney; Bernie Barry; Caroline Hill; Caroline Molloy; Deirdra Healy; Dorothy O'Brien; Eileen Hickey; Elaine Healy; Elaine StLeger; Emily Mccarthy; Ger Grehan; Geraldine Coghlan; Gwen Traynor; Jennifer Moffett; Jennifer Sowman; Maeve McNally; Maire Farrell; Marguerite Carey; Mary Butler; Mary Gough; Mary Priestman; Noelle Kennedy; Paula Collins; Pauline Mahony; Susan Maher; Suzanne McNelis; Aidan O'Toole; Aidan Butler; Andrew Grehan; Brendan McGovern; Charles Durkin; Charlie O'Connell; Daniel O'Connor; Eamon Hayes; Gerry Grehan; Howard Farrell; Hugh Gough; Jack Kearney; James Berry; James Hughes; James McDonnell; Jim O'Dea; Jimmy Fortune; John Kinsella; John White; Kevin Burke; Larry Halpin; Marc Thornton; Niall Kerney; Sam Strong; Stephen Walsh; Tom Culligan; Tony Egan; Vincent O'Kelly.

APOLOGIES: David Jamieson; Dermot King; Frank King; James Ellis; Jimmy Fortune; John Dunne; Liam Canning; Louis McConkey; Mark Farrington; Michael Barry; Pat Davis; Pat Kelly; Patrick Hagin-Meade; Richard Clarke; Robert May; Ronald Kilkenny; Ronan Swift; Vincent Clarkin; Angela O'Duffy; Bernadette White ; Tony Bourke; Connie Ross; Geraldine Dunne; Imelda Hutchinson; Judith Hayward; Leonie Paterson; Margaret O'Kelly; Mary Harris; Mary Murphy; Norma Clarke; Pat Ramsay; Patricia Mcdonald; Roseanne Regan; Susan Farrell.

The President welcomed everyone to this important meeting and thanked them all for their attendance.

Before commencing with the business of the meeting the men's secretary read out the report /message received from the Bursar Sally Gibbs who sent her apologies. He stated that any comments on the report should be channelled through the Captains for discussion at their liaison meetings. The secretary then read the notice calling the Annual General Meeting.

A list of apologies received is attached.

MINUTES: The minutes of the AGM 2022 had been circulated and taken as read, they were approved by the meeting.

Proposed by Jim O'Dea and seconded by Noelle Kennedy.

MATTERS ARISING: Before responding to this heading the secretary Geoff Brooks apologised to the meeting for not circulating the agenda and the list of incoming officers and committee members (but they were displayed on the noticeboard as required). He then related the matters that had arisen and how they had been dealt with by your committee. The items dealt with: all new members and existing members are reminded by email and on the club digital platforms and at prize-givings and when draws are happening of the financial importance of this activity to the Club. Touch screen terminals have been relocated as requested. The relocation of the men's locker room was investigated and found to be impracticable due to constructional difficulties and financial implications. A second defibrillator has been installed on the course and training given to twenty members. Provision of 4 ball competitions was made in March April and May but take up

was very low.

TELLERS : Stephen Walsh and Mary Gough were appointed tellers should a vote need to be counted.

REPORTS:

The following reports had been circulated prior to the meeting and were adopted with proposers and seconder as below;

Lady Hon Sec: Proposed Alison Houston, seconded Anne Hackett.

Men's Hon Sec: Proposed Bert Foxtan, seconded Jim Nix.

Ladies Handicap Sec: Proposed Mary Gough, seconded Ger Grehan.

Men's Handicap Sec: Proposed Aidan O'Toole, seconded Bert Foxtan.

Joint Competition Secs: Proposed Barbara Kearney, seconded Charles Durkan.

Grounds committee report: Proposed Jack Kearney, seconded Howard Farrell. Jack also announced that he and Brendan Blake would be stepping down from this committee.

Hon Treasurer's : As this had not been circulated in a timely manner the Treasurer, Bert Foxtan, took the meeting through the accounts in some detail. He apologised that they were not presented on time and were only now at the accountants for verification. Several items were discussed by the meeting, the Treasurer encouraged more members to participate in the draw. Jack Kearney asked for clarification that the expenses on the grounds were included in the figures. Hugh Gough raised the matter of the money held in prize bonds, Jennifer Sowman needed reassurance that the money would be available for general expenses, viz; a

successful team run in a competition. The possibility of investing in enhancing the course (more seating). Jim Nix said the accounts showed that the Club was in a very good position. Jack Kearney asked did we still collect money for the College, this was explained to the meeting and is the only way we can have stepped payments through the year.

Annette Egan looked for more details of costs and functions. The accounts were then adopted by the meeting, proposed by Ornagh O'Gorman and seconded by Hugh Gough.

CAPTAINS LADIES CLUB REPORT : Presented by the outgoing Captain Ann Turley, reflecting on the highlights of her year in office.

CAPTAIN MEN'S CLUB REPORT : Presented by the outgoing Captain Kevin Burke, reflecting on the achievements and highlights of his year in office.

MOTIONS : The first motion proposing an increase of 50 cents in the competition fee, was proposed by Captain Kevin and seconded by Captain Ann. Stating that there has been no change in this charge for over a decade. Barbara Kearney said she felt that it was an extra burden on members who already support the Club functions, she was supported by Annette Egan who said there were members who played casual golf only on a regular basis. Aidan Butler suggested a 50c charge for anyone booking a tee time.

The motion was put to the meeting and defeated almost unanimously.

Motion 2 concerned increasing the annual subscription paid by €20. An amendment has been received proposed by Jim O'Dea and seconded by Jim Nix giving discretion to the sitting joint committee to impose an increase up to €20

from July 2024 if they deem it necessary to protect the financial wellbeing of the Club. Nicely Kerney asked why was there 25k in prize bonds ? Jack Kearney stated that they were purchased many years ago, and did yield a small dividend. Mary Gough felt that prize bonds were not always readily available. The Treasurer stated that in the course of the financial year the balance dropped significantly to an uncomfortable level, this was because our main income flow came from subscriptions. The lady Captain remarked that the Club was restricted to having a debt greater than €10k. Annette Egan wanted to know what hazard we were protecting against? What could go wrong? Ger Coghlan stated the accounts showed nearly €100k in bank, Bert Foxtan countered this the AGM occurs at a point when there is the maximum amount in the accounts, but the whole twelve months expenditure had to be deducted from this total. Jim Nix spoke briefly in support of the amendment, and John Kinsella suggested attempting to move the dates on which major bills became due.

The amendment was then put to the meeting and was carried by a show of hands as being almost unanimous. AOB : A proposal to hold 9 hole mixed foursome in March, probably on a Friday, to be considered by the incoming committee. Also a change to the ladies card to make their 15th hole a par 5 playing off the current men's 15th tee area. This had some support from the meeting, but felt it should be put to the lady members first, then the GI course rating committee would assess the change and then the index would have to be considered.

Howard Farrell asked for the apparent lack of drainage on

the course should be brought to the liaison committee with the College.

Susan Maher asked why was the clubhouse closed when the course is closed ? There is a new notice on the barrier to the path from the car park. Ornagh to talk with the Bursar , this is not acceptable.

Pauline Mahony asked in what or whose name are the prize bonds held ? She also requested that the five year development plan should be shown to the members so that they are aware what is being planned.

Tony Egan asked would Josh be allowed to coach members? Will Academy members come to course in groups of 5 or 6? Kevin stated that Josh will be permitted to coach members and anyone else.

Vincent O'Kelly asked the new officers to approach the College to change the green fees for juveniles.

Noelle Kennedy asked if college students are allowed to use the clubhouse and locker rooms ? She thanked the outgoing committee and wished the incoming committee good luck.

Vincent O'Kelly asked would students be paying appropriate subscription, he was told that they would.

The outgoing President then gave her report for the year.

THE ELECTIONS : election of vice-captains officers and committee members were passed as per the notices displayed.

There followed the ritual presentation of blazers to the new President and the Captains.

The incoming President then gave a short address followed by the incoming ladies Captain and the men's Captain.

The date for next year's AGM was set for October 23rd 2024.

