

Draft Minutes of the AGM of THE ISLAND MEN'S GOLF CLUB 2016

The AGM of The Island Men's Golf Club took place in the clubhouse on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 20.00 Hrs

61 members were in attendance at the meeting as per the register that is attached. Apologies were received from 23 members.

The Captain, George Hurley, took the chair, noted that a quorum was present and opened the meeting. He stated Standing Orders will apply. The Captain asked members to reflect on the members who passed away during 2016 or who were unwell and called for a minute's silence.

1 Minutes of the 2015 AGM:

The minutes were taken as read.

Proposed by: Michael Casey Seconded by: Henry Collier

2 Matters arising from the 2015 minutes:

There were no matters arising.

3 Annual Report of the 2015 Committee:

The report was taken as read and adopted by the members in attendance. John Grant welcomed the number of sponsored events in 2016. He noted the report did not record the achievements of Paul McBride during the year. He also noted that there was no membership report included in the annual report and that the names of deceased members were omitted. The Captain stated that future reports will contain this information. An amendment to the report was necessary to record that Willie O'Rourke was the manager of the Fingal Foursomes team assisted by George Smillie and Mark Fitzpatrick.

Proposed by: Eddie Meaney Seconded by: Eugene Reilly

4 Annual Financial Statement

The report was taken as read. The Honorary Treasurer, Kevin O'Rourke, addressed the meeting. He noted that expenses for the Barton Shield had been accounted for in the Barton Cup expenses in error. A sum of €672.50 was wrongly assigned to Barton Cup when it should have been assigned to Barton Shield. The result of the correction, shown in the attached report, is that Barton Shield and Barton Cup costs are €1,136 and €541 respectively.

The Honorary Treasurer noted the deficit for the year was €3,204 compared to €2,389 for 2015. He acknowledged the generous sponsorship provided by Wally Skelton, Joe Hutton, Niall Quinn, Denis McFerran, Garreth Cooke, Maurice O'Connor, the Gibney Family and Volkswagen.

The report was adopted by the members in attendance.

Proposed by: John Campion Seconded by: Donal Boyle

5 **Election of Officers and Committee for 2017**

The Captain thanked the members and the 2015 Captain, Eugene Reilly for asking him to become Captain of this great club. He said it had been an honour and a privilege to serve as Captain. He thanked members for their support during the year. He also thanked the outgoing committee for their work and assistance over the past 12 months. The Captain proposed Fergus Duddy as the incoming Captain for 2017, who he said has terrific enthusiasm and passion for the club, and as chairman of the Development Committee, delivered the new car park on budget. Denis McFerran, seconder, said he was delighted to second the nomination.

Fergus thanked his proposer and seconder for the nomination which he said is a great honour and is very humbled. He thanked the members for their support and looked forward to serving as Captain. Fergus introduced Denis Gaffney as the Vice-Captain for 2017. The outgoing Captain seconded the nomination. Denis said it was an honour and a privilege to be asked to serve and was delighted to accept the nomination.

The Captain noted there was no necessity for an election for committee as the requisite number of nominations had been received. He thanked the committee for their assistance during the year and acknowledged the support of the various sub-committees. He also thanked the team managers, players and caddies who represented the club during the year. The club won the Talbot Cup and the North Shore Trophy this year, both hosted at the club. Ian McCormack won the prestigious Lumsden Cup in Royal Dublin, Kevin Le Blanc received representative honours for the club as well as qualifying for the final qualifying round of the Open Championship. Paul McBride had a great year, losing out at the 21st hole for a place in the final of the Amateur Championship, he also represented Ireland in winning the Home Internationals for the third consecutive time and also helped Ireland to third place in the Eisenhower Trophy, their best performance in their history. Finally, the Captain paid tribute to his family for their support during his year as Captain.

The following were deemed elected to the 2017 Committee:

Captain:	Fergus Duddy
Vice-Captain:	Denis Gaffney
Honorary Secretary:	Jerry Crowley
Honorary Treasurer:	Kevin O'Rourke

Pat Desmond
Jim Duggan
Finbar Gaffney
Dermot Moran
Gerry Sinnott

There was no requirement for an election.

The Captain asked members for permission to allow Humphrey Kelleher to address the meeting. Humphrey referred to the recent seminar and noted that as a club we have not performed as well as we might have expected in GUI competitions. There is a necessity to prepare earlier and with that in mind team managers will be appointed shortly and we will be asking members to put their names forward for teams. A coaching program will be developed at a nominal charge. Further information will be available in the coming weeks.

6 Any other business properly arising.

Eugene Reilly complimented David Edmondson on the progress on the course since his appointment four years ago, but noted the lack of consistency on the greens, a higher standard is expected from the Island.

Frank Walshe welcomed the initiative from Humphrey Kelleher and said the best players should represent the club.

Dave McSwiggan endorsed Eugene Reilly's comments about the inconsistency on the greens and said that the bunkers on the course are too severe.

Brendan Carney said that the use of mats on the course hindered the preparation of team golf. The Captain advised that the committee has made representations to the Greens Committee on the restricted use of mats.

Peter O'Reilly asked if the full list of winners of competitions can be published on Master scoreboard.

Andy Nolan asked if the committee could consider introducing a timesheet on Wednesdays from 10:30 am. John Grant said this would require a motion at the meeting.

John Gartland noted there are very few invitational competitions.

Donal Boyle noted that the green fee vouchers can only be used for casual golf and asked if council could examine this. The Hon Treasurer advised that the vouchers can only be used for casual golf.

Neill O'Hara said that member communications were poor. The Captain noted that the Men's Club has been publishing monthly Newsletters.

Willie O'Rourke thanked the Captain for the Newsletters.

Louis Harkin agreed with the comments of Dave McSwiggan regarding the condition of the bunkers. John Quigley said this was a matter that the Links Superintendent is examining and will visit links courses in Lancashire to see how they manage bunkering. The club is also seeking advice from the course architect.

Willie Leggett asked if competition results could be sent out by text after the close of the competitions. The incoming committee will examine this.

There were further comments on the bunkering from Donal Boyle, John Grant, and George Smillie.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at **9:06 pm**