

Kilcock Golf Club
Annual General Meeting
Men's Club held online on Zoom
Monday 9th November 2020

Captain David Bohan called the meeting to order at 8.00pm with 30 members logged-in online with apologies from Brendan Tyrrell and Ian Dack. He welcomed all those in attendance to the Men's Club AGM which had to be held online for the first time due to Government Restrictions on gatherings of people as a result of the Coronavirus Covid 19 Pandemic. He added that this AGM deals with golf related matters only.

1 Minutes of the 2019 AGM held on the 4th November 2019:

The minutes of the 2019 AGM had been posted on the members' section of the KGC website since 28th October 2020 and, if there were no objections, they would be taken as read.

There were no matters arising.

Proposed: B Ryan

Seconded: M Cronin

2 Outgoing Captain's Address:

Captain David Bohan: Outgoing Captain's Address:

David Bohan: First of all, I would like to thank and welcome you to the Men's AGM. This AGM deals with Golf related matters only. 2020 has been truly an exceptional year both on and off the course and the unprecedented events this year will be talked about for years to come.

I would like to say it's been an honour and a privilege to have captained the club this year, the club I first joined as a junior member back in 1990. When I sat down with Lady Captain – Eileen O'Toole twelve months ago to prepare the golf and social diary for 2020 little that we knew the challenges that would arise. The Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound effect on all our lives.

January started very promising with favourable weather early in the month and we had huge interest in our new spring league team competitions. In Feb, we were greeted with winter storms on a weekly basis and the course was only open for 11.5 days as Storm Ciara, Dennis and Jorge passed through! As we entered March, looking forward to the start of the spring golfing season, Covid 19 started to raise its ugly head around the world! Little did we know then what was about to happen! The Captain's drive-In which was scheduled for the 29th March was cancelled as the country went into lockdown on the 25th March . I did however hit my own virtual tee-shot when went much further than Ian Dack's drive last year!!!!

Eventually, after 2 months, the lockdown was eased and the course re-opened on the 18th May, the same day I returned to work!! Over the following weeks the club gained a significant number of new members which was a tremendous boost to the club which also resulted in high demand to get on the timesheet. A big welcome to all our new members, some of whom have already got their names on the Major's board! I have met many of you – but due to Covid 19 we were unable to have a full meeting with you all. I hope you are

enjoying your golf at Kilcock GC ! To have achieved this type of monumental growth has been down to pure determination and hard work by the committees, Greg and Johnny in the Pro-shop backed by the Synergy team.

Club competitions resumed on the 1ST July with the ever-popular Senior's competition leading the way, Titleist came on-board to sponsor our Friday Opens which proved very popular. New members were making a name for themselves early winning the top prizes!! Unfortunately we had to cancel a number of big competition events - Drive-In, Matchplays, Interclub, Golfer of the year etc.

We had a record number of players enter the Captain's qualifier with 364 teeing it up on the 22/23/24 August. Congratulations to the overall winner Niall Lyons with shot a fantastic 64 on the final day to claim the top prize.

An impressive 294 players teed it up for Brendan Tyrrell's 'Presidents Prize Qualifer on the 12th/ 13th Sept. Congratulations to Jason Aquino who shot a final round of 37 points to add to his qualifying score of 41 points to take the top prize.

I was fortuitous to hit one decent shot all year which resulted in a 'Hole in One' on the 11th Hole on Sunday – 19th July and followed it up 24 hours later winning the Open Mixed Scotch Foursomes competition along with June Rose Kenny shooting a 65, although many would argue she played all the golf !!!

Our course convenor Ian Dack, Greenkeeper Rob and his team have earned all the plaudits afforded them for the widely held view that the course has never been better. Credit must also go to our ever energetic house manager Eamonn McAuley - No job is too big!! Also, I would like to thank Larry and his volunteers for all the hard grafting throughout the year.

Thank you to members of the Men's committee, Mick Flavin and Pat Farrell for committing their valuable time to covering the front gate in the evening times over the summer months. This was an invaluable contribution to the club during the difficult covid restrictions.

My job as Captain was greatly enhanced by the quality and competence of my committee who were brilliant. To my Vice Captain Tommy Tallon, our expert Competition Secretary Mick Cronin, A special thank you to Des Tallon who as Men's Secretary, Treasurer Cormac O Toole, Handicap Secretary Jamie Ryan, Ex Officio Ian Dack, Senior's Co-ordinator Bernard Dempsey and committee members Darren Gunning, Tony Dempsey, Jason Corscadden and Joe Scales.

I would like to thank William , Theresa, Tara, Jackie and Paul who finished up on Sunday – 28th September for the catering service they provided to the members of the club over the last 2 years and we wish them all the best in their new venture in Allenwood.

I would like to welcome 'Rye River Café' to Kilcock GC and wish Alan and Shona the very best with their new venture. When the dining room renovations are complete we will have a top class facility to enjoy delicious food and can I ask the members to support their business as much as you can.

A special mention goes to three individuals who have been unbelievable servants to this club. President Brendan Tyrrell who has completed his second two - year term as Club President, long term Club Treasurer Peter O Toole and Club Secretary Pat Barrett . These three Officers

of the club will be stepping aside from their roles as they have reached the end of their terms. The work they have committed to this club is beyond words and I cannot thank them enough for their incredible contribution. These guys don't get enough credit and the members owe them a debt of gratitude.

Given the current challenging environment, the club is on a significantly sounder footing as we approach a new year. Some highlights include :

A fantastic golf product offering superb value.

Record number of new members.

Excellent condition of course.

New professional caterers.

Redecoration of the dining room.

Club recently received a €7,150 restart business grant.

Finally, I would like to thank you again for your support during an exceptional year and to wish incoming Captain – Tommy Tallon all the best for a very successful year in office.

Keep Safe and Well.

3 Honorary Secretary's Report:

Des Tallon: First of all, I would like to extend my sympathy to all of our members who have been bereaved during the past year.

I would like to present what is my seventh AGM report for the past year 2020 and it has been like no other in the Club's history due to the Coronavirus (Covid 19) Pandemic. At the end of last year's AGM at this time of the year, we had four vacancies on our 2020 Men's Committee still unfilled. Indeed, for our first two meetings in November and December 2019 (bearing in mind the financial year for the Men's Club ends on the 30th September) we barely had a quorum, but for our first meeting of 2020 in January we had the four vacancies filled. Jason Corscadden, Tony Dempsey, Joe Scales and Darren Gunning came on board and made very effective contributions to the work of the Committee. However, for the March meeting Eugene Murphy informed us that he had to resign from the Men's Committee and the Competitions Committee for medical reasons.

The weather from November through to March had been very wet with February being one of the wettest on record but worse circumstances were still to come to cause more course closures. The Coronavirus arrived into the country and the Golfing Union of Ireland (GUI) on 24th March 2020, following the Government's announcement of a general Lockdown for the whole country, recommended/directed that Golf Clubs and golf facilities close immediately until 19th April 2020 with only green-keeping duties continuing to maintain the course subject to outlined safety and wellbeing guidelines. Because of the spread of the virus, the course did not open until 18th May 2020 for members only and competitions were not permitted. The GUI issued a Phased Protocol for the Re-introduction of Golf in the Republic of Ireland starting from 18th May (Phase1) running to 10th August (Phase 5) including restrictions on the use of the Club's facilities being imposed during this re-introduction. Golf competitions were

due to be re-introduced on 8th June but on 5th June the Expert Group on the Return to Sport decided on “public health grounds” that no competitive sport should take place and the competitions start date was postponed. In any event, competition golf and visitors were permitted from 29th June. During all this period, the Men’s Committee were due to meet in April and June and these meetings had to be cancelled. The Committee did meet on 25th May (online) and on 6th July in the Club’s restaurant with social distancing in place but the meetings since then due to further restrictions on travel and gatherings have had to be held online. Now, since Thursday 22nd October 2020 golf courses have been closed again under the Level 5 Government Restrictions.

Unlike during the last financial crisis when the Club haemorrhaged members, during this Pandemic the Club has had a significant increase in players joining/playing and, with full timesheets during the week and for the competitions on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays with some running into Mondays, it meant a lot more work for our Handicap Secretary Jamie Ryan and Competitions Secretary Mick Cronin who have both done Trojan work keeping the show on the road. I would also like to complement Cormac O’Toole on his handling of the finances of the Men’s Club and providing excellent reports as well as keeping very busy at his day job and at home with his young family. Those meetings that we did manage to convene were chaired by Captain David Bohan and he has had a very successful year despite all the trials and tribulations put in his way. He even managed to hold his Captain’s Prize Competition when a lot of clubs postponed them to 2021 (we will say nothing about those Pin positions of his). Bernard Dempsey, our Seniors Co-ordinator, again contributed fully to Committee matters and managed all the Seniors Competitions which were well supported, but this year without any seniors Prize Presentation Dinners which are very successful social occasions.

This year the formation of Golf Ireland was concluded and becomes the One Governing Body for Golf in Ireland replacing GUI, ILGU and CGI in January 2021. Regional elections are being held at the moment of writing and a Golf Ireland Liaison Committee for Kilcock Golf Club has been set up with David Bohan, Tommy Tallon and myself on it along with three members from the Ladies Committee.

Members will be aware that the new World Handicap System (WHS) came into effect on 2nd November 2020 and I will leave it to the Handicap Secretary to explain its effect in regard to Club members.

One of the adverse effects of the Pandemic on golf in the Club this year was that there were no Inter Club competitions or even matchplay competitions within the Club but, hopefully, next year these will be up and running again.

One of my roles as Honorary Secretary was to become a few years ago the GUI’s Club Communications Officer (CCO) for Kilcock Golf Club for the forwarding on of GUI information to all the Officers, Committees and members in the Club. At the time, I thought this would be a minor function, but this year the number of communications from the GUI has been phenomenal and, hopefully, the next letter from the GUI will be about the resumption of golf in the near future.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Greg Massey our PGA Professional and Johnny Dunican, Assistant Operations Manager for their sterling work in running the Pro Shop and

booking us into the competitions. Also, I would like to thank Rob McCloskey and his green-keeping team of William, Richie and Peter for keeping the course in excellent condition and, needless to say, supported so capably by Larry Gough and his band of volunteers.

I would also like to thank the sponsors of the Eugene O'Brien Memorial Trophy Competition for their continuing sponsorship viz. Eddie Teehan, Noel Hennessy and Joe husband. Last year, Eugene's wife Mary sadly passed away who was also a retired employee and loyal servant of the Club as well as being a long term member of the Ladies Club and the Men's Committee unanimously voted this year to rename the competition to The Eugene and Mary O'Brien Memorial Trophy Competition from 2021 onwards.

The catering business in the Club in 2020 for Willie, Teresa and their team has been a very "hit and miss" affair with the restaurant closures due to the restrictions but that "Food Tent" at the 13th green kept us fed and watered when golf resumed. They have moved on and I wish Rye River Café the best of luck in providing catering for us into the future and I am sure that they will receive the best of support from all the members.

I would like to congratulate all of the Prize-winners during 2020 and especially the winners of the Captain's and President's prizes. I wish all of you a very successful and enjoyable golfing year in 2021 and, hopefully, it will be a virus free year with normal life returned for all of us.

Finally, I would like to wish our Incoming Captain Tommy Tallon (no relation) all the best for a very successful year in Office.

Proposed: B Dempsey **Seconded:** T Tallon

Carried by members. There were no matters arising.

4 Honorary Treasurer's Report:

Cormac O'Toole: Firstly, I would like to commend our outgoing Captain, David Bohan, on what has been a very strange year in office. I think all will agree he has done an excellent job in extremely trying circumstances & one can only hope that our incoming captain doesn't have to deal with the same issues over the coming 12 months.

I would like to acknowledge to the work of club staff, officers, committee members, volunteers & members in ensuring the club could re-open & cater for golf in safe conditions once permitted to do so.

I would also like to thank my fellow officers & committee members for all their work during the year.

Bank

We operated from one bank account during the period & our opening bank position at the beginning of the period was **€1,105 in credit**.

As you are no doubt already aware, majority of our income is collected automatically via the BRS system & processed through the JMC bank account. However, we were in receipt of **€7,385** in physical funds during the year from the following sources:

- JMC Transfers €5,600
- Spring League Entries €595
- Senior Presentation Events Excess Proceeds €103
- Regular Presentation Events Excess Proceeds €292
- Sponsorship €120
- Competition Entry Fees Refunded €675

We paid out **€6,068** in physical funds from the bank over the year. In addition to this there were expenses paid in cash on the day of collection (i.e. Senior Presentation Event Catering) & certain expenses were paid directly by the JMC on our behalf. A full breakdown of our expenditure can be seen in the Income & Expenditure Account for the period.

The closing bank position at the end of the period was therefore **€2,422 in credit**. This figure includes an unlodged cheques/cash for €615 & €280 of uncashed cheque payments (all cash/cheques have since been lodged/cashed). Our actual bank balance at 30/09/2020 was €2,087 in credit.

As evident from these figures, we are entirely dependent on funds being forthcoming from the JMC in a timely manner to cover outgoings as they arise. We do not have an overdraft facility in place.

Revenue

As in previous years, I prepared an annual budget for the year to identify our financial requirements & ensure we were able to meet those requirements as they arose.

The following is some relevant information regarding the income generated by our competitions during the year & how this compared to budget:

Actual Income	Budgeted Income	Difference
€65,012	€68,755	(€3,743)
Actual Participants	Budgeted Participants	Difference
12,120	13,025	(905)

When making the comparison between actual & budget, it is important to consider the following:

- **Budget** – In each of my reports, I presented a detailed analysis of the variances between budget & actual for each category of competition (i.e. Medals, Friday Opens, Regular Club Comps, etc.) for the previous month for discussion.
- **Closures** - Adverse weather conditions resulted in the cancellation of 23 competitions during the year. This was up significantly from the total of 6 cancellations in the previous year. Covid19 Restrictions effectively resulted in the loss of competitive golf for the period from 25/03/2020 to 30/06/2020 (inclusive).
- **Seniors – Budget 3,060 Vs Actual 2,900**
Despite losing a number of the planned events, we only fell short of the budgeted numbers by 160 over the year. The income figures above only reflect competition entry fees. The green fee element of a visitor's fee is an additional benefit when open events are held.

- **Friday Opens – Budget 1,320 Vs Actual 1,835**
Despite losing a number of the planned events, we managed to exceed the budgeted numbers by 515 over the year. Securing continued sponsorship from an alternative supplier (Titleist) has obviously helped to maintain/increase participation numbers. Again, the income figures above only reflect competition entry fees. The green fee element of a visitor's fee is an additional benefit when open events are held.
- **Regular Club Competitions – Budget 5,250 Vs Actual 4,875**
Despite losing a number of the planned events, we only fell short of the budgeted numbers by 375 over the year.
- **Bank Holidays – Budget 555 Vs Actual 521**
Despite losing a number of the planned events, we only fell short of the budgeted numbers by 34 over the year.
- **Major Events (Excl. Medals) – Budget 1,185 Vs Actual 993**
Despite losing a number of the planned events, we only fell short of the budgeted numbers by 192 over the year.
- **Monthly Medals – Budget 960 Vs Actual 876**
Despite losing three (50%) of the planned events we only fell short of the budgeted numbers by 84 over the year.
- **Spring League – Budget 80 Vs Actual 120**
We exceeded the budgeted playing numbers by 40 over the year.
- **Captains Drive-In – Budget 140 Vs Actual 0**
- **Scratch Cups – Budget 160 Vs Actual 0**
- **Matchplays – Budget 315 Vs Actual 0**
All of these planned events were unable to proceed due to the Covid19 restrictions.

Other Relevant Information

- In addition to preparing a budget, we continued to review our existing prize allocation structure. As prizes are our single largest item of expenditure, it is important we continually monitor the structure & make any changes deemed necessary to ensure all our competitions are run in a cost efficient & fair manner. During the year, a few minor changes to the structure were proposed, discussed & implemented where appropriate. Queries regarding prize allocations were also discussed & appropriate responses prepared.
- I would again like to thank member, Kieran Conway, for continuing to kindly supply medals, trophies & engraving services at significantly reduced prices than would otherwise be available to us.
- **Voucher System**
 - We received a total €27,000 (Pro Shop €17,750 & Bar / Restaurant €9,250) in vouchers from the JMC during the year
 - We issued a total €26,495 (Pro Shop €14,115 & Bar / Restaurant €12,380) in vouchers during the year
 - **We were holding €9,325 (Pro Shop €5,155 & Bar / Restaurant €4,170) in vouchers at 30/09/2020.**
 - Obviously, not all vouchers issued were redeemed at 30/09/2020. **The clubs exposure to our voucher holders at 30/09/2020 was €11,330 (Pro Shop €6,415 & Bar / Restaurant €4,915).**
 - Michael Cronin (Comp Secretary) has maintained a detailed log of all voucher activity.

Accounts

A copy of the annual income & expenditure account has been issued along with my report. Also included was an analysis of our net position, our JMC Contribution & our prize expenditure.

You will note from these accounts, that while Covid19 has undoubtable had a negative impact on our turnover during the year, our contribution to the running of the club did not diminish greatly. Participation numbers were up significantly for the periods without restrictions, which helped greatly to lessen the overall impact of Covid19 on our financial affairs.

Obviously, this is confidential information, so I would ask that should you print down this information that you either keep it safe or dispose of it in the appropriate manner.

Questions

I will deal with any questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

Wrap-Up

To complete matters, I would like to thank you all for your time & wish incoming captain Tommy Tallon well for the forthcoming year.

Proposed: R Maguire **Seconded:** J Scales

R Maguire commended Cormac O'Toole on an excellent Financial Report.

Carried by members. There were no matters arising.

5 Honorary Competition Secretary's Report:

Mick Cronin: Competitions

- For the past few years I usually start my report with some stats. This year it's not a true comparison to the previous year due to the pandemic which has caused havoc, affecting the lives of so many people.
- Although we lost 5,000 competition golf rounds due to COVID-19 and another 1,100 prior to that mainly due to the weather in late February and March we had an extra 2,600 rounds played in the months of July, August and September due to the huge increase in members playing. So instead of being down 6,100 for the year Oct-19 to Sep-20 we were only down 3,500. Breakdown as Follows: (Previous year's figures in brackets)

○ Total Competitions	114	(188)
○ Open Competitions	33	(59)
○ Total Golf Rounds	11,683	(15,111)
○ Visitors Golf Rounds	666	(959)

- Days Course Closed (weather) 23 (6)
- Days Course Closed (Covid-19) 60 (-)
- This year Titleist sponsored the final of the Friday Opens Series and we would like to thank them for their sponsorship and to Greg and Johnny in the proshop for securing this.
- Being closed for the busy summer months meant that we didn't have Matchplays, Inter clubs, 3 Medals, Golfer of the Year or the Club Classic. Hopefully next year we can look forward to playing in these popular events. We were very fortunate to be able to run the Captain's Prize, Presidents Prize and 3 medals.
- However when we did eventually resume competitions the numbers playing dramatically increased. For the 3 months from July to September we had an increase of almost 60% in competition participation.
- We also increased our prize fund with the extra numbers playing. We now give up to 7 prizes for normal weekend competitions and up to 13 prizes for medals.

Hole in One

We only had 2 hole in one's in 2020.

Our Captain David Bohan, who was the only Kilcock member to have one this year had his on the 11th hole last July.

A visitor, Peter Mullan from Headford also had one on the 14th hole in August.

Congratulations to both.

WHS

The New handicapping system is now in place. I will leave it up the Handicap Secretary to fill you in on the details. As far as competitions are concerned we will see major changes where members will have different playing handicaps for different golf courses. Indeed some players will see a different playing handicap in our own course when playing off the white or green markers. When competitions resume we will have to keep a close look on developments.

Proshop & Course Staff

I would like to give a big thank you to Greg and Johnny in the proshop. They were a tremendous help to me during the year. To Rob and the course staff, well done on having the course in such good condition and thank you all for your assistance and patience with me over the year.

Competition Committee

I was ably assisted during the year by Tommy Tallon, Eugene Murphy and Joe Scales. Thanks to them for their help, support and advice during the year.

Finally I would like to thank Captain David for all his help and advice during the year. I wish our incoming Captain Tommy and his committee all the best for 2021.

Proposed:

T Dempsey

Seconded

C O'Toole

Carried by members. There were no matters arising.

6 Honorary Handicap Secretary's Report:

Jamie Ryan: Summary

- *Processed 198 new members in 2020. Compares with 89 in 2019.*
- *89% of new members required three cards to get a handicap.*
- *We reviewed 90 members in 2019 and made recommendations for change to handicap for 57 members (+/-). This year the annual review is being replaced by the new World Handicap System.*
- *Due to Covid and the introduction of the new WHS we did not carry out any continuous review.*
- *We continue to review "No returns" on a weekly basis. We wrote to 21 members where they had more than two "no returns" since 24 July 2020.*
- *Reviewed new handicap awards on a rolling three month basis. We reduced handicaps for 6 new members.*
- *New World Handicap System will be introduced November 2020. Migration of handicaps currently underway and being reviewed by the Handicap Committee.*
- *Members will be able to view their new handicap index and playing handicap by registering with Golf Ireland from 2 November 2020.*

Introduction

The following are the main issues addressed by the Handicap Committee in 2020:

- Allocation of new handicaps
- The annual review of handicaps.
- Three month rolling review of all new handicaps allocated.
- Monitoring 'No returns' of score cards.
- Introduction of new World Handicap System.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide members with details of the work carried out by the handicap committee in 2020.

New members processed in 2020

- We processed 198 new members this year. We assigned handicaps to 176 members (89%).
- This compares to 89 in 2018.

Annual Review

- In 2019 we reviewed 90 player handicaps. The GUI must ratify and increases to handicaps recommended by the handicap committee.

- We recommend 49 members for an increase in handicap and 8 members for reductions. These were approved by the GUI.
- All members were notified in changes to their handicap before we put them on the system before 31 December 2019.
- There will be no annual review in 2020 as this is being replaced by the new World Handicap System.

Continuous review

- Handicap Master produces a report after every qualifying competition showing members who have had 7 or more 0.1's in a row.
- Due to the Covid epidemic and the introduction of the new World Handicap System we did not carry out a continuous review this year.

Handicap first awards

- We carry out a three month rolling review of all newly awarded handicaps to ensure we have not been overly generous when awarding an initial handicap.
- Out of 176 new handicaps awarded we subsequently reduced handicaps for six new members.

No Returns

- No returns are collated weekly and reviewed by the Handicap Committee.
- Up to 19 October we had 21 members with more than two 'No returns'.
- All members with more than two returns have been contacted.
- Where a member continues to have No Returns the Handicap Committee have the discretion to apply disciplinary sanctions.
- The following are the reasons why it is necessary to return all cards in competition:
 - It is a competition rule.
 - Cards must be returned even if the player has not completed the full round.
 - Can affect standard scratch on the competition day.
 - In turn this may affect other members' handicaps.
 - It causes problems for the Competition Secretary when trying to close competitions.

New Worldwide Unified Handicap System

- The WHS will be introduced 2 November 2020.
- The Handicap Committee are currently reviewing all new handicaps for members following the migration from the old CONGU system to the new WHS system
- Members will be able to view their new handicap by registering with the Golf Ireland website from 2 November 2020. We will also post an indicative Initial Handicap Index list on the Kilcock Website.
- Some of the highlights are:
 - Handicap will be portable worldwide.
 - Handicap based on best eight scores from last 20 rounds and factoring in memory of previous ability.

- A calculation that considers the impact that abnormal course and weather conditions might have on a player's performance each day.
- Daily handicap revisions taking account of the weather and course conditions.
- A limit of Net Double Bogey on the maximum hole scores (for handicap purposes only).

Conclusion

Finally I would like to thank the Handicap Committee Hugo Cafferty, Mick Cronin, Mick Kenny and Peter O'Toole for their support and input during the year. I would also like to thank Captain David Bohan and the men's committee for their support during the year. I look forward to working with incoming Captain Tommy Tallon and wish him the best in his role in 2020.

Proposed: P O'Toole **Seconded:** S Murray

Carried by members. There were no matters arising.

7 Senior Co-ordinator's Report:

Bernard Dempsey: Wednesday Competitions.

The competitions were very well supported before we had to close due to covid19 restrictions, but we came back with a bang after lockdown. We recorded record numbers playing in our Wednesday competitions. A big thank you to our members and visitors for their support which was of great benefit after a particularly challenging four months for the club. We were delighted to add two additional prizes, a front 9 and back 9 prizes bringing to eight the number of prizes for each competition.

We also managed to acquire two additional buggies which allowed more seniors to play on a regular basis on Wednesdays and at the weekends.

Presentation of Prizes.

We would normally have three prize presentation dinners in the year, April, September, and December, unfortunately we were unable to hold these events due to covid19 restrictions. All prizes winners received a text message advising them to collect the prize in the Proshop.

The Majors.

There were only two majors played this year. Congratulations to Eddie Murphy on winning the Noel Austin Trophy and Des Ennis on a great win in the Paddy Madden trophy.

Conclusion.

My thanks to all who supported in my role as senior coordinator for 2020. My thanks to Captain David Bohan and Secretary Des Tallon.

A special thanks to our Competition Secretary Mick Cronin for his support and assistance arranging competitions and preparing all the prize-winning vouchers and thanks to Tommy Tallon for doing the results when I was unavailable.

Congratulations to David on doing a great job as captain in a difficult year.

I wish our incoming captain Tommy Tallon all the best and look forward to working with him on his committee in 2021.

Proposed: B Ryan **Seconded:** T Tallon

Carried by members. There were no matters arising.

8 Junior Convenor's Report:

David Bohan: Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic completely eliminated all scheduled events for Juniors this year. All Safeguarding courses hosted by CGI – Confederation of Golf in Ireland were cancelled early in the year. Any individual over 18 who wishes to work with Juniors MUST attend a Safeguarding course.

I will be extending my role as Junior Convenor for 2021.

If anyone is interested in helping out with Juniors for next year, please contact me.

Proposed: B Dempsey **Seconded:** T Dempsey

9 Appointment of Tellers:

The Honorary Secretary informed the members that as: (i) the number of nominations received was in line with the places on the Committee and (ii) that no motions had been received: there was no need to appoint Tellers.

10 Elections:

The Honorary Secretary announced the following nominations to the Men's Committee:-

POST:	NOMINATION:	PROPOSED:	SECONDED:
Men's Honorary Secretary	John Kennedy	Tommy Tallon	Des Tallon
Men's Honorary Treasurer	Cormac O'Toole	Tommy Tallon	Des Tallon
Honorary Competition Secretary	Mick Cronin	Tommy Tallon	Des Tallon
Honorary Handicap Secretary	Jamie Ryan	Tommy Tallon	Des Tallon
Committee / Senior Coordinator	Bernard Dempsey	Tommy Tallon	Des Tallon

POST:	NOMINATION:	PROPOSED:	SECONDED:
Committee	Darren Gunning	Tommy Tallon	Des Tallon
Committee	Joe Scales	Tommy Tallon	Des Tallon
Committee	Tony Dempsey	Tommy Tallon	Des Tallon
Committee	Jason Corscadden	Tommy Tallon	Des Tallon
Committee	Sean Murray	Tommy Tallon	Des Tallon

Captain Tommy Tallon and Ex-Officio David Bohan will make up the members of the Committee.

Captain David Bohan invited the incoming Captain Tommy Tallon to don his Blazer of Office for the coming year.

11 Motions:

There were no motions.

12 Incoming Captain's Address:

Tommy Tallon: On 7th October 2019 I received a call from the incoming Captain David Bohan asking me to be his Vice Captain for 2020. It was a great surprise and honour to be considered for such an important role within Kilcock Golf Club. I could hardly wait to get home to discuss it with Joan. We had a chat about it and she was 100% behind me as she always is.

For anyone that does not know me, I am married to Joan for 46 years and we have a Daughter and a Son. I am a HGV driver for the last 43 years. I drove on the continent for 15 years, driving to 17 different countries. I won't name them all: I did 4 trips to Moscow and on 2 of them I was away for a month at a time. I joined Kilcock Golf Club in 1985 with my friend and neighbour Jim Hegarty. It was only 9 holes then and, before you teed off on the 1st hole, you had to see if the group on the 9th were past the tree in the middle of the fairway; if they were, you had to wait.

I have big shoes to fill following the great work that Captain David did with the help of the JMC, Men's and Ladies Committees and the members. They have done a great job bringing the club to where it is today. The bringing of Synergy Golf to help in the day to day operations of the Club was a worthwhile achievement and they are doing a fantastic job. Securing Rye River Café to run the restaurant and bar was the icing on the cake for the Club.

I want to wish them the best of luck in the future and I ask members to try and support them as much as you can.

I want to acknowledge and thank Larry Gough and the volunteers for the work they are doing. We are going through difficult and strange times and we need to do our bit in helping to fight this disease; keep your distance, wear your mask and wash your hands. I will do my best to be a good ambassador for the Club.

We have a Golf Course and Facilities to be proud of and are very fortunate to have a Pro Shop managed by Greg Massey with the help of Johnny Dunican. I am looking forward to working with the existing members of the JMC and the Men's and Ladies Committees. I would like especially to welcome the Officers taking up their new positions in the Club the best of luck and a successful 2021.

I want to wish Eileen O'Toole the very best of luck in her second term as Lady Captain in 2021. I hope everybody plays well and gets their handicap down to where they want it to be in 2021.

My Vice Captain for 2021 is Pat Mahon.

13 A.O.B.

Men's Committee:

D O'Loughlin commended the Committee on their sterling work during 2020 and congratulated Des Tallon on his seven years' service as Honorary Secretary. He wished all the best to John Kennedy in his role as Honorary Secretary in 2021.

Bunkers:

H Turley also commended the Committee members for their hard work. He said that he had one negative comment which is that the bunkers are in a terrible state. Captain David informed the meeting that the Club had just taken delivery of a new machine that digs up the sand in the bunker. He said that it will make a huge in our ability to get the bunkers ready after any bad weather as it took 10 people 3 days to do it by hand. This will mean one machine can do them the same day.

Captains' Drive-in:

In view of the fact that there was no Captains Drive-in last March due to the Pandemic, he asked if the Committee would consider doubling up on the Drive-in next March? B Dempsey said that R Maguire's point was valid. Captain David said that he would discuss the matter with Incoming Captain Tommy.

The meeting then closed at 9.05pm.