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MINUTES

JOINT CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2022

ATTENDANCE:

PJ Gannon (President), Eileen O Toole (Assistant Secretary), Dominic Holmes (Honorary Treasurer), Ken O'Brien (Captain 2023), Pat Mahon (Captain 2022), Bernie Coleman (Captain 2022), Siobhan O'Connor (Captain 2023), Ciaran Campbell, Noel Cosgrove, Patricia Holmes, Pat Fitzmaurice (Vice Captain), Alice Cronin, Mick Cronin, Brendan Tyrrell (Trustee), Eamonn Mc Auley, Noel Mc Clean, Ronan Maguire, Frank Saunders, Peter Kelly, Louise Saults, Des O'Loughlin, Robbie Breen, Tommy Tallon, Debbie Kelly, Elaine Buckley, Hannah O'Connor, Sean Gorman, Ian Lokko, Kevin O'Connor, Brendan Finlay, Darren Gunning, Ger Eyres O'Brien, Michael Flavin, Nuala Keane, Martin Keane, Jack Corscadden, Ann Burns, Anne Connellan (Trustee), Eddie Teehan, David Kelly, Brian Smith, Mary Fitzmaurice, Jason Corscadden,

UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Marieanne Quinn (Honorary Secretary), Frances Fagan, Jamie Ryan, Peter O Toole (Trustee), Seamus Fennessy

The Club President, PJ Gannon, opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed all the members in attendance and also Garreth Donnery Synergy. Captains Bernie Coleman and Pat Mahon in contributions remembered past members who passed away in 2022, and they also included members who had suffered a bereavement in the past year. Following this there was a minute's silence for all deceased associated with the club.

PJ, introduced Garreth Donnery, Director of Synergy Golf, to the meeting. Garreth went through results of members' survey, and said that 2022 was the club's best year since 2018 when his company first became involved. He praised the club for writing up its Strategic Plan and stated that Synergy had been very happy to assist with its drafting and analysis. Garrett praised the Pro Shop Staff and Course Staff for their work and commitment and stated that the club was very fortunate to have such staff. Garreth mentioned a proud moment during the year when a club member came to him after a round of golf and meal with friends. The member thanked Garreth and Synergy for all the great work done on course and for securing Rye River as caterers. Although 2022 was a very good year and all aspects of the club have improved, Garrett pointed out that there are many things that still need to be done in the club and Synergy will assist club management and members to ensure that outstanding work will be done.

At the end of Garreth's report, PJ thanked him and Synergy for the quality advice that they give to our club. P.J. pointed out that one of Synergy's key roles was to provide expert advice but it was the club's own management which took every decision. In his final remark before the departure of Garrett from the meeting, P.J. pointed out to all members in attendance the wonderful trust that exists between Synergy and the JMC and how that trust is a real partnership and the basis of the excellent working relationship between the club and Synergy. Garrett Donnery left the meeting at this stage.

Honorary Secretary's Report

Marianne Quinn's Honorary Secretary's Report was available to all at the meeting and prior to the meeting on the club's website. Club President PJ allowed members some time to read the report. The report was amended at the meeting to include the names June Rose Kenny, Edel Hutchinson and Rodger Quinn as members who provide valuable help with the weekly junior golf on the Sundays. The report was adopted by the meeting.

Honorary Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Honorary Treasurer Dominic Holmes' report was on the club website prior to the meeting and hard copies were available at the meeting. Dominic thanked the Captains Bernie and Pat for the successful year and all their help during 2022. As of 5th December 2022, he confirmed there was 771 members in club. There is 354 Full Members, 159 Flexi Members, 209 U40 Members, 39 Junior/ Juvenile, 10 Student Members.

Dominic spoke about aspects of the report and highlighted three key figures:

Gross Income of €907, 521; Administrative Expenses of €805,573; and Operating Surplus of €101,948.

The Honorary Treasurer stated that Members' Subscriptions will remain the same as 2021 at €949

Levies for 2023 will be :

Capital Expenditure Levy	€50 (new)
Bar & Restaurant Credit	€50
Machinery Levy	€30
Golf Ireland Fees	€24
Insurance Levy	€25
Total	€179

The capital expenditure levy is expected to raise €35,000 per annum, which will be ring fenced for capital expenditure projects. Dominic stated that there will not be any fundraising in 2023.

In questions and discussion on the report, a query was raised by a member regarding Consultancy Fees. Dominic advised that the breakdown of same was between Synergy and Kelly Chartered Surveyors. PJ advised the meeting that the Pro Shop profit came to the club and in 2022 contributed approximately €47,000 to the club's finances. The Honorary Treasurer confirmed that fees for Synergy are 3% index linked. Pat Mahon advised that club was approved for a Sports Capital grant of €39,000 in respect of equipment, drainage and toilet facilities. The timeline for drawing this grant is February 2024 and it may only be possible for two of the above items to be done due to the total costs involved by club,

The Treasurers Report was adopted on the proposal of Eamonn Mc Auley, seconded by Sean Gorman.

Minutes of 2021 AGM

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were circulated to members in advance and were also available on club web site.

No queries regarding minutes of 2021 AGM.

The minutes were adopted following a proposed by Mick Cronin, seconded by Debbie Kelly

Strategic Plan 2023-2027

Ken O'Brien briefed the meeting on the club's draft Strategic Plan 2023-2027. The plan Ken stated helps the JMC to focus on identifying projects which need to be done and then going about implementation in an orderly manner. There are 40 strategic goals under 7 headings which are to carry us forward for the next 5 years. The plan is ambitious and the hope is that each goal will be allocated to a JMC member with a view to setting up a subcommittee to progress the goal. Some of the priority initiatives are already in train, like the bunkers and the practice area. He assured the meeting that all members will be kept informed and the work will be done within the finance available at the time and keeping the interest and welfare of our members as a top priority. There is a serious commitment within the strategic plan to manage membership numbers, and green fees etc.

PJ thanked Ken for the great work done in compiling and putting together the strategic plan. PJ was at pains to emphasize that past JMC Committees had done great work in very difficult times and brought the club to where it is today .

Peter Kelly mentioned there was still a lot of small types of work that needed doing. He suggested that a list be done and mark off each project when completed. Ken advised that the 30 pages from members survey with individual suggestion is being collated and will published.

In the course of a discussion on the aspiration of the club to be 'best in its class', Captain Pat Mahon pointed out that the club is very happy with the repeat business it is getting, and it shows that we are holding our own in the golf community.

Eamonn Mc Auley mentioned the number of members who complained about the bunkers and asked was it right that club go ahead with practice area as against new bunkers? The President gave a commitment that the bunkers will be given high priority in the coming year. Pat Mahon advised that there were plans to take one of the bunkers out and analyse if there is a drainage problem or what can be done to improve it. He said the rotavator which was purchased in July made great progress with regard to bunkers, but more needed to be done .

On the proposal of Kieran Campbell, seconded by Elaine Buckley, the Strategic Plan 2023-2027 was adopted unanimously.

Election of Officers

Pat Mahon at this stage took over meeting so a Club President could be elected. Both Pat and Ken O'Brien had asked if PJ Gannon would let his name go forward for the post of President, to which he agreed. As there were no other names put forward, PJ was elected Club President and then resumed chairing the meeting.

Dominic Holmes was proposed by PJ Gannon and seconded by Eileen O Toole for the post of Club Treasurer and as there were no other candidates nominated, Dominic was duly elected.

On the proposal of Captain Bernie Coleman, seconded by Vice Captain Siobhan O'Connor, Geraldine Convey and Lorraine Buckley were elected to the two JMC vacancies.

Appointment of Certifying Accountants

On the proposal of Hon Treasurer Dominic Holmes, seconded by Pat Mahon, J C Walshe Accountants were appointed as certifying accountants to prepare the 2023 accounts.

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Alice Cronin mentioned query/ issue regarding the caterers. Dominic was aware of the issue she was referring to and said procedures had been put in place so this type of thing would not occur again.

Peter Kelly asked what plan the club had for the spoil / soil which has been left beside the 13th Tee Box. Pat Mahon confirmed that club is currently looking for a machine which will shred a lot of the material. PJ acknowledged that at this current time, there was no plan, but he gave a commitment it would be looked into in the near future.

CLOSE OF MEETING

PJ thanked members for their attendance and contributions. He thanked Rye River Café staff who attended to open the bar and provide refreshments after the meeting. He closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

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Signed : _____

P.J. Gannon Club President

Dated: _____