

KILCOCK GOLF CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF JOINT CLUB
4TH DECEMBER 2023
HELD AT SUMMERHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE.

MINUTES (draft)

OPENING OF MEETING

Club President P.J. Gannon opened the meeting at 7.30pm. He welcomed all members, the officers and members of the three clubs, and Garrett Donnery, director of Synergy Golf . P.J. provided members with details of the fire exits. The President said that it was proper that the meeting remember members who had died in 2023, their families, past members, and all members who had suffered bereavement in 2023. In remembrance, he read a prayer for the dead.

ATTENDANCE:

Brendan Alyward, Eamon Bell, Frank Bergin, David Bohan, Louise Boyce (incoming Lady Vice Captain), Robbie Breen, Jonathan Brennan, Elaine Buckley, Lorraine C Butler, Dolores Caffrey, Mary Campbell, Ciaran Campbell, Bernie Coleman, Anne Connellan, Geraldine Convery, Jack Corscadden, Jason Corscadden, Noel Cosgrove, Eugene Coughlan, Marcella Coyne, Alice Cronin, Michael Cronin, Breda Cully, Ian Dack, Peter Divilly, Martin Duggan, Ger Eyres O'Brien, Shay Fagan, Seamus Fagan, Pat Farrell, Seamus Fennessy, Martin Filbert, Brendan Finlay, Alan Fitzhenry, Pat Fitzmaurice (incoming Captain), Mary P Fitzmaurice, Philip Flanagan, Michael Flavin, John Flynn, Jim Foley, Dan Gaffney, P.J. Gannon (President), Anne Goodwin, Sean Gorman, Larry Gough, Eamon Groarke, Pauline Grogan, Edward Hartland, Jim Hegarty, John Hill, Pat Hogan, Patricia Holmes, Dominic Holmes (Honorary Treasurer), Joe Husband, Edel Hutchinson (incoming Lady Captain), Brendan Johnson, Nuala Keane, Martin Keane, David Kearns, Peter Kelly, Debbie Kelly, Tommy Kenny, Christine Kenny, June Rose Kenny, Declan Little, Beatrice Lyons, Ronan Maguire, Martin Maguire, David Mahon, Pat Mahon, Anne Mahon, Conor Mahon, Bernie Marshall, Eamonn McAuley, Noel McClean, Vincent McGoldrick, Joe McNamee, Frances Miller, Carmel Moody, Jacqui Mullally, Margaret Mulvihill, Ken O'Brien (Captain), Hannah O'Connor, Kevin O'Connor, Siobhan O'Connor (Lady Captain), Paul O'Connor, Des J O'Loughlin, Des M O'Loughlin, Eileen O'Reilly, Peter O'Toole, Eileen O'Toole (Honorary Secretary), Eddie Prendergast, Eamon Rheinisch, Carol Ryan, Brendan Ryan, Ciaran Ryan, Jamie Ryan, Geraldine Ryan, Frank Saunders, Brian Smith, Tommy Tallon, Brendan Tyrrell, Phil Weldon, Betty Woulfe

GARRETT DONNERY

At the invitation of the Joint Management Committee (JMC), Garrett Donnery, director of the management company (Synergy Golf) that advises and supports the club, attended the meeting and addressed members. He briefed members on the achievements of the club in 2023 and on the many improvements made. He complimented members, the three club officers and committees, and club staff on these very significant achievements. He stated that the future was bright provided the hard work and careful planning were continued and

that members remained as the club's number one priority. There were no questions for Garrett and after his address he left the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS:

The meeting appointed Brendan Finlay and Mary Campbell as tellers

MINUTES

The Minutes of 2022 AGM were adopted unanimously on the proposal of Bernie Coleman, seconded by Nuala Keane.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A member noted that comments he made at the 2022 AGM were not recorded in the minutes. The President replied that the only requirements of minutes of a meeting are they record attendance and decisions made. Different Secretaries may record some comments made but such recording of comments is not necessary for minutes to be legal.

ACCOUNTS

The Honorary Treasurer told the meeting that hard copies of the accounts prepared by external accountant J C Walsh & Co and his update statements were available at the meeting and had been published on the club's website for a week prior to the meeting. He said that 2023 had been another good year for the club with a healthy surplus generated and this surplus would be reinvested in the club. He invited questions on the accounts. Eamonn Bell asked what plans were in place for re-paying Friends of Kilcock. Dominic advised that a broad plan is in place that will first see FOK being written to in early 2024 to ascertain which of the available options they wished to exercise. The country's three pillar banks would be approached in early 2024 in relation to finance they might make available to the club and the attached interest rate and other terms. Repayment of the Friends of Kilcock is due in January 2025. Repayment of the FOK was a key focus of the JMC, he said, and the planning for the repayment had begun early in 2023.

Eamonn Bell proposed acceptance of accounts, Elaine Buckley seconded, and on a show of hands the accounts were unanimously adopted.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 2023

President P.J. introduced this item and said that hard copies were available at the meeting and that the report had been on the club's website for a week prior to the meeting. He clarified that the report was about "new growth", new initiatives / actions since the last AGM that arose because of the adoption last year of the strategic plan. The report did not contain mention of the many good things that happened in 2023 but which had also happened in previous years.

P.J. highlighted that the report teed up for 2024 (a) possible structured mentoring by club members of new members (b) a possibly enhanced and expanded junior golf programme (c) the adoption of a new constitution at an EGM fixed for 13 May 2024.

In contributions from members on the report, Peter Kelly asked about the 285 odd jobs listed by Peter Kelly and Ciaran Campbell in the extensive report they had presented to the JMC. He asked what progress had been made on their implementation and, in particular, what progress had been made on items that were about health and safety? Peter pointed out that their report was structured so that items under such headings as health and safety could readily be filtered and made available in one collection. Captain Ken replied to Peter and stated that the document prepared by Peter and Ciaran Campbell was very valuable and it was incorporated into Strategic Plan. In practical terms, the implementation of the document's identified proposed upgrades / repairs was assigned to the General Manager and the course staff. With the appointment in late 2023 of an additional staff member, more work can and will be done on the proposals of the document. Ken agreed that health and safety is a club priority and the health and safety matters addressed in the document will receive a further review to ensure that all have been or will be responded to.

Clarification was sought by Ciaran Campbell regarding the proposed new bunkers. Ciaran asked if there was an issue with drainage underneath, did the quote provided include fixing the drainage as part of the bunker upgrade. Club President PJ replied that he understood that it did. However, he said, this matter will be checked with the proposed contractor, DAR Golf, and members present at the meeting would be individually informed by email of the response.

Mick Cronin asked what the club proposed to do while bunker upgrade was in progress? The President advised that GI was organising an upcoming seminar on bunker upgrade to take place where a Dublin club had undertaken the replacement of bunkers and our General Manager, and Course Convenor were going to attend same to get more information. P.J. told the meeting the host club for this seminar played 15 hole competitions during the upgrade work and by rotation of the holes played was able to get all 18 greenside bunkers upgraded with virtually no impact on the winter gold programme.

ELECTIONS:

On the proposal of Siobhan O'Connor, seconded by Dominic Holmes, Eileen O'Toole was elected as Honorary Secretary without a vote.

On the proposal of Ken O'Brien, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, Pat Mahon was elected to the Joint Management Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANTS

On the proposal of Pat Mahon, seconded by Dominic Holmes, J C Walshe & Co were re-appointed to prepare the accounts for 2023-2024.

MOTIONS:

Motion 1

That Anne Connellan be re-appointed for a further five year term as Club Trustee was proposed by Kevin O'Connor and seconded by Pat Mahon and agreed unanimously on a show of hands.

Motion 2

That the Capital levy be increased from €50 to €100, proposed by Dominic Holmes, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and adopted unanimously on a show of hands.

Motion 3

That the Restaurant and Bar Levy be increased from €50 to €100, proposed by Siobhan O Connor, seconded by Ken O'Brien and agreed unanimously on a show of hand. The Honorary Treasurer pointed out that by bringing the levy up to €100 that members would be strengthening the club's catering capacity for the benefit of the members and the club. Martin Keane sought clarification on what happens this levy if not used by a member? The Honorary Treasurer pointed out that, in the very small number of such incidents, the unused levy is retained by the club. The Honorary Treasurer undertook to discuss this further with Martin.

Motion 5.

At the request of the proposer, the President agreed that motion 5 was taken before motion 4. The President outlined that the proposer and seconder would be the first two speakers on the motion 4 and that other members could then speak on the motion. He advised that Captain Ken O'Brien would formally speak on and oppose the motion at some stage in the debate after some members had contributed to the debate.

The President offered that the proposer and seconder come to the podium to propose and second the motion, thus facilitating them to face directly and speak directly to the members in attendance at the meeting.

Peter Kelly proposed that the JMC (a) withdraw the sanction issued to Peter Kelly whilst volunteering on the course on the 15th June 2023 given, in the view of the proposer and seconder, the unconstitutional multiple rule breaking process which was followed (b) issue and apology to Peter for the manner in which he was treated (c) issue an apology to the course volunteers for any offence caused by the investigation and sanctioning of Peter.

The motion was then seconded the motion and outlined the huge contribution made to the club by Peter as a course volunteer over the past 15 years and his passionate interest in the welfare of the club.

After the motion was seconded, Peter outlined the events that gave rise to the motion and claimed that the complaint made against him was not investigated in accordance with how the club constitution stated a complaint should be investigated. In the course of Peter's

outline to the meeting, the President intervened to challenge the claim that a complaint had been made against Peter. The President stated that the JMC received a report, not a complaint, and that this distinction had been made to Peter when he met officers of the JMC. Peter did not accept this viewpoint.

The following members contributed to the discussion on the motion: Lorraine Butler, Kevin O'Connor, Peter O'Toole, Pat Mahon, Des L O'Loughlin, Eamonn McAuley, Frank Bergin, Anne Mahon, Ciaran Campbell, Martin Duggan, Michael Flavin. At least two of the speakers urged the exploration of another way besides a vote. President P.J. responded to the second of the appeals by stating that it was his wish and the wish of the JMC to resolve the matter in as amicable a manner as possible. Noting that two speakers had offered their private view that Peter's action on 15 June was wrong, and although Peter had not yet but should make this acknowledgement, he requested Captain Ken to yield his place as next speaker and asked Peter if he would he withdraw the motion on the understanding that, as President, he would on behalf of the JMC meet with Peter? Peter asked what the purpose of the meeting would be and P.J. replied, "reconciliation". Peter then, having secured agreement from the seconder of the motion, withdrew the motion to strong applause from members.

Motion 4

Proposer Peter Kelly and seconder Brian Smith withdrew this motion.

AOB

The President confirmed that the attendance vouchers issued to members on entry to the meeting would be honoured in the community centre and also honoured back in the golf club, if not used on the night in the community centre.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The President thanked members for their attendance, wished all members and their families a happy and safe Christmas, and closed the 39th AGM of the joint club at 9.45pm

Proposed adoption :

Secunder :

Signed :

Date

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President