

MINUTES

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting was held at Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club on Wednesday 21nd February, 2018 at 8pm. Mr Gerry Driver Captain B&S welcomed the Committee and delegates from each club and introduced Fr Anthony Griffiths Chairman of the Committee who chaired the meeting.

The meeting was well attended with Representations from the Following Clubs. Donegal, B&S, Letterkenny, Gweedore, Rosapenna, Portsalon, Strabane, NorthWest, Bundoran, Ballyliffin, Buncrana, Dunfanaghy, Otway.

AGENDA:

- 1 Minutes of 2017 Meeting were agreed and adopted.
Delegates were shown were to find Minutes on Website.
- 2 Tony Carr gave an overview of Donegal County Golf Committee Website and encouraged club to increase their engagement with same.
- 3 Match play Convenor's Reports – Convenor's gave a reports and results.
It was confirmed that Ballyliffin won The Donegal League – website to be updated with this result. Barry Ramsay stated that one half of the Minor League Draw significantly delayed the final.
- 4 Arrangement of Fixture Lists / Calendar of events. Each Club confirmed key dates. Sheets provided for Clubs to record any dates they were not sure of and send to Secretary (Tony Carr) for inclusion on the Calendar.
- 5 Draws for Summer Competitions were made using a digital draw maker.
There were a few 'teething' problems but the draws were completed and generally this approach was accepted as being appropriate.
Secretary asked that each club fill out Team Entry sheet with mobile telephone numbers for each of the team captains so same can be posted to website.
- 6 Seniors Alliance – Report & Fixture List. – not discussed.

7. Proposals:

a. From Committee:

- This year we propose a Zero Tolerance Policy in relation to meeting the deadline dates for Match-play Competitions.
- In the event of a fixture not being played within the designated date the Convenor will no longer be empowered to grant an extension of Time. The convenor will speak to the Captain of both Clubs and where he sees that the blame clearly rests with one club he will encourage that Club to concede the match.
- If the club are unwilling to concede then the draw will be decided by the 'Toss of a Coin' conducted by the Convenor and witnessed by one other member of the Committee.
- Where there is evidence of a repeating pattern of failure by any one particular club the Committee reserve the right not to accept their entry for a future event.

Reason:

It has become difficult to get some of the fixtures played. The problem seems to stem from the understandable desire to assemble the Club's very 'best' Team. The Committee feel that this is becoming more prevalent due to the Committee's willingness to allow the Convenor to grant repeated extensions of Time.

AFTER QUITE A BIT OF DISCUSSION THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED ON THE BASIS OF A ONE YEAR TRIAL.

b. From Committee:

It is proposed to increase each of the Matchplay Entry Fees by €5.00 for each event incrementally over a number of years until the overall annual income to the Committee matches its expenditure.

Reason:

Since the Committee dropped the fees by €20.00 across the board they have been accruing a deficit each year of €1,200.00 – and while the Committee still has a reserve built up by the previous generation it is recognised that it is not sustainable to sustain an ongoing annual deficits indefinitely.

The Committee also feel that there may be opportunities to extend its brief in the promotion of Golf in Donegal and that it is important to maintain a financial reserve.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED.

c. From Committee:

Replacement Convenors.

Donegal Seniors Matchplay: Mr Peter Dobson, Letterkenny Golf Club.

Minor League: Mr Donnie McIntyre.

Paddy Carr & Barry Ramsay are retiring as Convenors of the Seniors Match play and Minor League Respectively. We thank Paddy & Barry for their dedication and commitment to these events over a long number of years.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED.

d. From Committee:

We propose adding Edward Harvey & Frank Casey to the Committee. Both have served for quite a few years as Convenors for the Junior Matchplay and Youth Matchplay Events.

Reason:

Continuity, Age Profile etc.

THIS MOTION WAS CARRIED.

e. From Donegal Golf Club :

“Donegal Golf Club propose that the eligibility for the Donegal Junior Scratch Matchplay Competition, revert back to the 2016 format. ie. players can be no lower than a handicap of 5.5 (6) on the day of match.”

AFTER DISCUSSION AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR LETTERKENNY AND ROSAPENNA DONEGAL AGREED THAT IF THE HANDICAP RULE AS THEY PROPOSED WAS ACCEPTABLE THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE THE TEAM INCREASE TO SEVEN MATCHES. THIS AMENDED MOTION WAS CARRIED.

- 7 GUI Update.
Not discussed.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Ballyliffin thanked all those clubs who had extended playing rights to the Ballyliffin members during the period of Irish Open.

Gweedore expressed dissatisfaction with the communication of Motions etc. Secretary to review digital point of contact with Gweedore.

Fr Anthony announced that he and Paddy Carr would be retiring from the Committee at the end of 2018. They received a warm and prolonged applause from all in attendance.

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm

Signed: _____

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FOOTNOTE 1:

It was overlooked to confirm that Donegal Golf Club had kindly agreed to host the Donegal Senior and Junior Matchplay event Semi Finals & Final for 2018. Many thanks to Donegal Golf Club.

The agreed dates are as follows:

- 3pm SAT 25th August Junior Semi Final
- 2pm SAT 1st September Senior Semi Final
- 2pm SUN 16th September both Final.