



Minutes of ROSSLARE GOLF CLUB Mens Club AGM 3rd November 2023

Welcome	Captain Richard Kennedy Opened the meeting. He reminded members that the Mens Club only deals with golfing matters. Other matters will be discussed at the Joint Club AGM on 1st of December	
Declaration	Hon Sec Michael Brosnan informed the meeting that the quorum of 50 members required under the Club Constitution for the AGM to be valid had been exceeded.	
Apologies	Austin Cody Keith Deacon Phil Callery Terry Fortune Derek Evans Philip Quigley Peter Moore Billy Davis Pat Kinsella Stan Jackson John Quinlivan Peter Woods	Tiernan Byrne Murt Joyce Shane Browne David Byrne John O'Donnell Stephen Quinn John O'Donnell JP Cullen Ken Maher Jim Woods Peter Fox Seamus Dooley
Deceased Members	A minute's silence was observed for deceased members.	
Standing orders	Standing orders were adopted, proposed by Michael Kearns, seconded by Des Murphy	
Minutes	Minutes of the 2022 AGM were adopted, proposed by Robert Redmond, seconded by Diarmaid O'Raghnaigh	

	<p>Matters Arising: Hon Sec provided a few areas of information.</p> <p>(a) He clarified that the work done by Brian Hall O'Mahony had been included in the Pace of Play document. Ted Tierney asked would a Sub Committee be set up to examine pace of play.</p> <p>(b) Wednesdays had sought clarification re their position as a Society and such clarification has been provided.</p> <p>(c) Professionals playing for prizes: Professionals can play in club competitions but cannot win prizes.</p> <p>(d) Diarmaid O'Raighnaidh, 2022 Captain, had informed the Committee that he would not act as Ex-Officio. This would be referred to further in Hon Sec's Report.</p>
<p>Captain's Report</p>	<p>The Captain stated it was a great honour to serve as Captain for Rosslare Golf Club for 2023. He thanked Des Murphy for his nomination and Diarmuid O'Raghnaigh, whom he served with as Vice-Captain. He thanked the Men's Club Committee for all their hard work and support during the year. He was also appreciative of the support he had received from Lady Captain Vandra and Lady Vice Captain Anne. He was grateful to the staff in the proshop, on the course, in the bar, the office and the Chairman Paddy Loneygan and the Management committee members. He gave a tour de force of his activities during his Captainship. Beginning with the drive-in, the start of competitions on St Patrick's day to his Captains Day/Dinner in June. The busy summer followed a full programme of competitions, interclub matches, open week, President's Day, the Summer Series, and the Scratch Cups. The visiting Captains days out were enjoyable as was the committee/card checkers day in Coollattin GC. Then it was Autumn, the presentation of prizes to all the winners in October, the Home v Away match and the annual dinner dance. Before he knew where he was it was preparation time for this AGM. He thanks all the members of Rosslare Golf Club for their support and respect shown to him during his tenure. He finished by wishing the best of luck to incoming Captain Paul and incoming Vice Captain Boyd.</p>
<p>Hon Sec's Report</p>	<p>Secretary Michael Brosnan presented his report for the year gone by. He gave a synopsis of the work of the committee, their meetings, and procedures. He also explained the changes in personnel on the committee since the last AGM. He informed the meeting that the committee were unable to appoint a Junior Convenor for the season. However, there would be an announcement on the junior situation at the end of the meeting. He informed the members of the attendance of committee members at Golf Ireland AGMs and seminars. He mentioned the main roles of the men's club, competitions, handicaps, teams and rules and that more detailed reports of each would be presented later in the meeting. He informed the meeting that 7 complaints were received by him from members. Four such complaints were found to be valid and were investigated by the committee. He complimented Vice Captain Paul Boggan and President Martin Flynn on their professionalism in their handling of these complaints. He informed the members of the current agreement between the men's club and the management committee relating to Societies and that a further meeting would take place after all the clubs' AGMs. Michael said that the committee had set up a review subcommittee to examine local rules, course boundaries and pace of play. Denis Noonan who chaired the subcommittee would give a report later. Michael informed the meeting that the committee was considering a change to the club constitutions regarding the quorum at AGMs and the position of the handicap secretary. He will give more details later in the meeting. He also said the committee was considering the introduction of a code of conduct.</p> <p>Michael expressed, on behalf of the men's club, gratitude to all the club's sponsors, whose generosity the club relied on for its successful competitive year.</p> <p>Michael thanked his predecessor as Secretary Robin Gardner as well as all the staff in Rosslare Golf for their assistance to him during the year.</p> <p>There were no questions on Hon Sec's Report.</p>

Treasurer's Report	<p>Colm reminded the meeting that this was the 3rd AGM in which the affairs of the Men's Club are treated as separate from those of the Joint Club. Surplus transferred to the Joint Club had increased from €34 K to €43 K. He Thanked Denis Noonan for all the assistance provided to him during the year. Treasurer's Reports for the two years 2022 and 2023 were approved, proposed by Denis Noonan, seconded by John Kelleher.</p> <p>Ted Tierney asked why the Treasurer's Report was not published in advance of the meeting. Colm replied that this had not been the practice to date but would be considered for future AGMs.</p> <p>Hon Sec informed the meeting that the Hon Sec's and Treasurer's Reports would be on the Club website for Saturday 4th of November</p>
Motions	<p>There were no motions</p>
Competitions	<p>Boyd Scott presented the Competitions Report. He thanked the Competitions Sub Committee 2023: Kevin Foran, Liam McNamara, Claude Howlin, Paul Boggan, Michael Brosnan & Colm Waldron who put in a huge amount of work this year to ensure that this year's competitions ran as smoothly as possible and that our members were kept informed of all matters under the committee's control. The subcommittee had 8 monthly meetings in 2023, as well as numerous huddles down in the Burrow or in the Comps office to deal with any issues that arose during our season.</p> <p>There was a good start to the new season with a successful Winter League sponsored by our insurers Aston Lark, we had an increase in players taking part from 2022 numbers and the League concluded on 11th of March with the prize giving and social evening over food in the bar.</p> <p>In total we stewarded 230 competitions in 2023 between the main course and the Burrow which 14,500 golfers played in and included over 1700 visitors.</p> <p>Boyd gave a comprehensive list of all competitions played in Rosslare and Burrow throughout the year.</p> <p>Boyd wished to record a BIG thank you the Card Checker Teams,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Foran, Bill Underwood & Liam Bennett • Michael Brosnan, Tony Wright & Fran Anderson • Philip Quigley, Matt Grogan & Liam McNamara • And My team of Jason Sheridan & Colm Waldron who tried hard to wind me up at every opportunity. <p>These Gents have great commitment to the task of getting comps closed and results posted ASAP ensuring prizes are awarded, well done to all.</p> <p>The Competitions Committee would like to thank and congratulate the greens superintendent Mark Doyle and his team both for the presentation of the course during the season but more particularly for his 'can do' attitude when requested for any changes to the course or tees for certain competitions.</p> <p>There were no questions</p>
Teams	<p>Mark O'Connor presented the Teams Report. Mark appealed for more members to act as Team Managers. Teams would not be entered into competitions unless they had managers.</p> <p>Mark gave a review of all the interclub competitions that Rosslare Golf Club entered in 2023. He congratulated the JB Carr team on winning the County pendant and Dan Redmond the manager.</p> <p>Mark thanked the managers, assistants, and players, on behalf of the committee and members, for their efforts in facilitating the participation of the club in interclub competitions. He hoped that they would consider managing and playing for teams in 2024.</p>

	<p>Mark said it was the intention of the committee to have a meeting for managers and players in the next couple of weeks and would ask for feedback from all involved.</p>
<p>Handicaps</p>	<p>Claude Howlin presented the Handicap Committee Report. He informed the meeting that 6 or 7 members would have handicap reductions due to the HARPS system. These members had the right of appeal. Claude also informed the meeting of changes in the W.H.S., beginning in April 2024. These will be communicated to members in due course. The issue of members not returning cards was a problem in a minority of cases and penalties were being considered. Care in returning incomplete rounds was also emphasized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Cash asked would the recent changes speed up play. Claude replied that he did not expect that it would. • Ted Tierney asked for a mid-year review of handicaps. Claude replied that this is in place already. Ted requested that the number of HARPS required to trigger a review be reduced. He also asked for fourball scores to be included in the HARPS system. Claude replied that fourball scores were included in the HARPS system in Rosslare. • Brian Hall O'Mahoney raised the subject of handicap issues with new members joining. In the case of a member joining from another club, had any communication occurred with that club's handicap secretary? Claude replied that such communication was the norm. He also emphasized that there was a responsibility on members who signed cards being submitted for handicap to ensure that the integrity of the game was preserved. <p>Claude informed the meeting that very recent communication from Golf Ireland (48 hours previously) indicated that changes were going to take place in 2024. These related to changes in the Course Rating - Par method of calculating handicaps, the inclusion of fourball in certain specific cases and the allocation of handicap changes in number of holes (once more than 9) that could be qualifying competitions for handicaps. The committee will review the changes and keep the members informed as further information is available.</p>
<p>Local Rules Review</p> <p>Denis Noonan presented this report, which also included the Pace of Play Review.</p> <p>Denis informed the meeting that in 2023 the Men's golf committee formed a local rules subcommittee to review the local rules, course boundaries and pace of play. The sub-committee is chaired by Denis Noonan, with Dorcas Maher, Susan Evans, Brian Hall O'Mahony and Michael O'Connor serving on the sub-committee.</p> <p>Following recommendations made by this subcommittee and agreed by the mens golf committee, the men's golf committee are making the following recommendations to the greens subcommittee / management committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider introducing dropping poles as opposed to painted drop zones. • consider using 'No Play Zones' as opposed to GUR. We have a local rule that GUR is treated as NPZ, so golfers cannot play from GUR. Marking these areas as NPZ avoids confusion among members and visitors. • The Mens golf committee have adopted a new local rule that if drop zones are provided for GUR/NPZ areas then the ball must be dropped in the drop zone and the normal relief ption is not available to golfers. The green keeper will need to be cognizant of this when marking drop zones for GUR/NPZ. e.g. On 17/18 under the new local rule any ball finishing in any part of the GUR crossing these holes would need to be dropped in the drop zone to the left of 17 based on the current GUR markings. 	

- Consider options for the dog leg on the 3rd hole. There have been suggestions made for this area that may speed up the pace of play. Our committee did not decide on any one solution. We would appreciate the recommendations of the Greens Committee as to the most workable solution for greens staff and for golfers.

Suggestions include but are not limited to

- clean out the area so a ball can be more visible
- Make the area a lateral water hazard (although it does adjoin OB and golfers can't always be sure they are in the hazard)
- Bring the OB markers to the right of bushes
- Consider the following solution when addressing the OB and path issues to the rear of the 14th hole.
- Move the OB stakes further up the bank to the rear of the green.
- Cut & maintain the grass from the edge of the path to the new OB point. The grass should prevent a ball rolling back onto the path while at the same time stop a ball from going OB as easily as it does.

In the area of the low sleepers' plant marram grass & build a bank up to prevent buggies/trolleys entering the area while also stopping balls finishing against these sleepers.

The Result

- If a ball finishes on the path the drop option available will always be on the side of the path furthest from the green.
- The drop option will be obvious and should improve pace of play
- Balls will not go OB as easily.
- The need to drop from the low sleepers will be reduced/eradicated

Questions

- Barry Field asked what action members should take if they experience serious incidents of slow play. Denis replied that it would be best to report such incidents to the Committee rather than confront other players on the course.
- Ted Tierney emphasized the importance of Course Rangers at busy times of the year. Only those with the correct knowledge and skill set should be employed as Course Rangers.

Constitutional Amendments	Hon Sec informed the meeting of amendments which the Men's Club were seeking to bring forward to the Joint Club AGM. These involved:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seeking to reduce the quorum for the Men's Club AGM from 50 to 40 members and to introduce a procedure whereby a second agm can be called if the required quorum was not available for an initial meeting. • proposing to include the Men's Club Handicap Sec as an officer of the Men's Club. <p>There were no objections or queries to these proposed constitutional amendments.</p> <p>Hon Sec also informed the meeting that while it had been agreed that the position of Ex-Officio member of the Committee would be removed in the 2023 Committee, this would not be the case in next year's Committee, as outgoing Captain Richard had agreed to remain on as Ex-Officio member.</p>
Code of Conduct	Hon Sec also presented a draft Code of Conduct for members. The AGM gave permission for this to be further progressed by the incoming Committee.
	<p>Murt Joyce proposed by Paul Boggan and seconded by Richard Kennedy Claude Howlin proposed by Denis Noonan and seconded by Martin Flynn Denis Noonan proposed by Martin Flynn and seconded by Claude Howlin Kevin Foran proposed by Paul Boggan and seconded by Michael Brosnan As there were no other nominations and there were four places to be filled, the Hon. Sec. declared all to have been elected.</p> <p>For President John Howard proposed by Martin Flynn and seconded by Richard Kennedy</p>

	<p>For Captain Paul Boggan proposed by Diarmaid Ó Raghnaigh and seconded by Richard Kennedy For Vice-Captain Boyd Scott proposed by Richard Kennedy and seconded by Paul Boggan For Hon. Secretary Michael Brosnan proposed by Richard Kennedy and seconded by Paul Boggan For Hon. Treasurer Colm Waldron proposed by Denis Noonan and seconded by Martin Flynn For Ex Officio Richard Kennedy N/A N/A As there were no other nominations, the Hon. Sec. declared all to have been elected.</p>
<p>President Martin Flynn complimented the Captain, Vice-Captain and Committee on an excellent year's work on behalf of the members. It had been a great honour and privilege for him to serve as President of the Men's Club. He was delighted to propose John Howard as incoming President and wished John and the incoming Committee every success in the roles.</p>	
<p>A.O.B.</p>	
<p>Mark Mullen thanked the Competitions Committee for all their work. He stated that the value of prizes in Rosslare GC is significantly lower than in other local clubs. He asked that the number of prizes be reduced but the value of each prize be increased. Hon Sec replied that this would be considered by the new committee.</p>	
<p>Paddy Lonergan asked about Junior Golf in 2024. Hon Sec replied that an announcement is pending re a new Junior Golf Convenor.</p>	
<p>Liam Duggan raised the entrance to the Burrow course, which he stated is in a very poor state. Hon Sec replied that this is not in the remit of the Men's Committee.</p>	
<p>Outgoing Captain Richard presented 2024 Captain Paul Boggan with his Captain's Blazer. Paul paid tribute to the work done by Richard and the outgoing Committee. He looked forward to working with next year's committee. He thanked Boyd Scott for all his assistance and was delighted that Boyd would be serving as Vice-Captain next year.</p>	
<p>Paul announced that Mark O'Connor had agreed to act as Junior Convenor for 2024, assisted by some of our elite golfers, and that Jamie Doyle would remain as Junior Captain in 2024.</p>	
<p>Richard Kennedy then thanked all for attending, wished the new Captain and Committee every success in 2024 and declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.</p>	

Signed _____ . Date _____

(Richard Kennedy Captain)

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KEVIN	COLLINS	30340485
MICHAEL	COLLINS	30340403
ALAN	CUDDIHY	30340057
JIM	CULLIMORE	30340430
MICHAEL	DEMPSEY	30341229
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GREG	KELLEHER	30340453
JOHNNY	KELLY	30340524
NIALL	KEOGH	30341771
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