

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Monday, 16 September 2013

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Co Armagh Golf Club on Monday, 16 December 2013 at 8.00 pm.

The Captain, John Flack welcomed all the members to the Annual General Meeting 2013 and asked everyone to rise and stand in silence for one minute in memory of all those members who passed away during the past year.

John then went on to thank the various members of the Club – he thanked Jack Moore, the outgoing President, Brendan Smyth, Past Captain, Vice-Captain Pat McAleavey who did a sterling job in chairing the Savings Committee during 2013, Honorary Treasurer Patrick Brannigan in his first year as Club Treasurer, Honorary Secretary Damien Murray (until early November 2013) and Paddy Burns, Acting Honorary Secretary for the remainder of the year 2013. He thanked the hard work of convenors and committee members and the total membership of the Club for their support.

1 Apologies

Pat McAleavey (Vice Captain), Ian O’Hea, P J Collins and Conlon Rice.

2 Minutes of 2012 AGM

Proposed by Brendan Smyth and seconded by Roy Turner.

3 Matters Arising

Paul McCreesh once again asked the question regarding ladies playing on a Sunday morning. The competition convenor/acting Honorary Secretary responded by saying he could see no problem with this situation, in fact, going back three years to when the BRS electronic booking system started, generally speaking there was plenty of space for everyone to play golf and lots of gaps for more people to play on Sunday morning.

4 Election to Council

Election of members to Council for year 2014 was as follows:

Jonathan Doherty, Mark Frazer, Art McCrory and Brendan Smyth were elected for three years. Roy Turner and Damien Smyth were elected for one year.

Tellers: Colm Quinn and Eric Hamilton. (Captain thanked the tellers)

5 Accountant’s Report

Richard Stoops gave the members a very in-depth Report on the audited accounts for the year ended 30 September 2013.

Paul McCreesh mentioned bar income – he felt fewer numbers were using this facility and asked what had been done to increase bar revenue. The Honorary Treasurer replied that this would be addressed in the coming year.

6 Acting Honorary Secretary's Report

Paddy Burns, Acting Honorary Secretary, gave a very detailed report on all the happenings within the Club during 2013. Proposed by Roy Turner and seconded by Richard Stewart.

7 Savings Committee Report

In the absence, through illness, of Pat McAleavey, Chairman of the 2013 Savings Committee, Colm Shannon deputised more than adequately and informed members of the ongoing savings and intended future savings in all areas of the Club. This was in response to the 2-page letter sent at the beginning of December 2013 to all members from the Captain, John Flack and the President, Jack Moore outlining the intended savings.

Paul McCreesh thanked Colm for his presentation and in-depth report and thought members should get a brief synopsis of each monthly meeting to know what is going on. Brian Hughes questioned the direct debit system and was the target of £260,000 (membership fees) questionable. Paul McCreesh made comment on the telephone system when ringing in regarding course information.

8 Honorary Treasurer's Report

Honorary Treasurer, Patrick Brannigan gave full details of the proposed subscription rates for 2014 and outlined his reasons for doing so. Patrick proposed the Subscription rate for 2014, seconded by Brendan Smyth. Agreed unanimously.

Council motion: Proposed by Brendan Smyth and seconded by Colm Shannon: "The maximum tenure of Honorary Secretary/Honorary Treasurer Convenorship positions shall be no longer than 5 consecutive years, except in exceptional circumstances". Unanimously carried.

9 Election of Officers 2014

President - Oliver Woods

Captain - Pat McAleavey

Vice-Captain: Richard Black – accepted his Vice Captaincy with gratitude

Honorary Secretary: Paddy Burns

Honorary Treasurer: Patrick Brannigan

10 Appointment of Trustee

Michael Grant was made a trustee of the Club on the proposal by Jack Moore, seconded by Brendan Smyth.

11 Any other Business

John White raised three course issues, namely:

cutting of trees on the course;

is it the intention to repair the water feature on the 16th? greens.

Paul McCreesh remarked that the drains on the course were an absolute mess.

The Captain, John Flack responded by saying he spoke to the Greens Convenor on a number of occasions regarding the tree cutting.

Charles Vernon stated that he was very disappointed regarding the tree situation on the course, and asked: “What became of the wood?” Brendan Smyth responded: “Went to the green-keeping staff.” Tom Calvert asked about the tree on the left of the 17th fairway, stated it took 25 years to grow this tree and should have been sealed. Brendan replied: “Health and Safety.”

In response to John White’s question, Brendan replied by saying that the cost of repair at the 16th was high and that the greens were fine. He added that Terry Crawford gave advice regarding the greens on 19 August – took advice from him and Andrew Morton was Greenmount-trained and it was left to him.

Andy Conn asked “How long does it take to grow a tree to maturity and do any of our green-keeping staff play golf?” Roy Turner questioned tractor loads of woods going out of the Club – should we not be selling the wood and also said tractors driving over tee-boxes and greens. Art McCrory commented about tractors driving over the greens – “disgraceful” he said. Paul McCreesh mentioned a wood chip burner in the Clubhouse.

Peter Conway mentioned we should have an “Age group competition.

Paul Hughes commented on the 25-30 age group bracket. Also concerned with the increase in the competition fees in white marker competitions.

Paul McCreesh mentioned ‘family membership’.

The Meeting ended at 10.30 pm.

Signed: _____
Pat McAleavey (Captain)

Signed: _____
Patrick Burns (Hon Secretary)

Date: _____

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