

Balbriggan Golf Club

Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting held on 4th December 2024

President, Jim Behan opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. A list of all present is attached at the end of this report.

The following sent their apologies;

Fran Whelan, Louise Cullen, Pat Casey, Sandy Forsyth, Muriel Ennis, Gillian Gartland, Donard McClean, Frances Shaw, John McKenna, Kitty Guinan.

The president asked those present to stand in remembrance of members who had died since the 2023 AGM. Remembered were, Ann Gallen, Shane O'Hanlon, Paul Ludden, Helen Fullam, Séamus Dignam and Brian Flynn.

Meeting Agenda

1. Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting on 6 December 2023
2. Statement of Accounts as of 30 September 2024
3. Election of Officers and Council Members
4. Notices of Motion
5. Appointment of Club auditors
6. Any other business

1. Minutes of 2023 AGM were taken as read. There were no matters arising.
Proposed by Peter Sullivan and Seconded by Seán O'Connor.

2. Statement of Accounts as of 30th September 2024. Taken as read.
Treasurer Conor Hughes informed the meeting that the bank balance at 30 September 2024 was €290,000 and projected that this would reduce to €100,000 at end of January 2025. He stated that we needed a framework for the next five years with costs assumed to increase by 2% per annum and capital expenditure increasing by €40,000. Currently members' subscriptions raise €450,000 per annum and this figure needs to increase to €550,000. Conor stated that there were two options to consider, increase the subscription or increase the number of members. As things stand an increase of €50 on the membership subscription should be sufficient to meet the needs of the club in 2025 barring any exceptional expense arising.

Proposed by Ian Fraher and Seconded by Moya O'Connor

3. Elections of President, Officers, Trustees and Council Members

As there was an equal number of nominations for vacancies there was no need for an election and the following were confirmed as elected.

President: Maureen Walsh proposed by Jim Behan and seconded by Jim Daltún

Captains: Marian Behan and Ger O'Donoghue have been nominated by the respective Clubs.

Vice Captains: Doreen Daly and Pat Roban were also nominated by the Ladies' and Men's clubs respectively.

Trustees:

Evelyn Tolan was nominated by Maureen Walsh and seconded by Jeud Ennis
Tony Hamilton was nominated by Frank Bissette and seconded by Jim Daltún.

| Council: | Proposed | Seconded |
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| Honorary Treasurer: Conor Hughes | Jim Daltún | Jim Behan |
| Honorary Secretary: Jim Daltún | Jim Behan | Martin McInerney |

Council Members:

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| Jeud Ennis | Ger O'Donoghue | Tommy Harford |
| Richard McGuinness | Jeud Ennis | Martin McInerney |
| Pat Morrissey | Evelyn Tolan | Conor Hughes |
| Martin McInerney | Jeud Ennis | Jim Daltún |

4. Notices of Motion

Increase sub by €50

Amend Rule 10:1 as follows

Annual Subscription shall be

Full Members €1030 to €1080

Associate Members €560 to € 580

Intermediate Members: See Rule 18.3
and Rule 18.4

Junior Members: €226 to €250

Cadet Members: €125 to €140

Student Members: €230 to €250

Juvenile Members: €142 to €150

Country Members: €230 to €250

Pavilion Members: €30

Overseas Members: Rate at discretion of Council

Proposed by Conor Hughes and Seconded by Get O'Donoghue

The motion was carried unanimously.

Introduce new Intermediate Plus member category

New Rule 18.4

18.4 Council may elect as Intermediate Plus Members persons between 26 and 35 years of age. In this category of membership, the date for determining age shall be 31 January in each year. The base rate of Annual Subscription for an Intermediate Plus member shall be 50% of the Full Members rate of Annual Subscription. From age 26 to 35 the base rate of annual subscription shall increase by 5% of the Full member rate per annum.

Proposed by Conor Hughes and Seconded by Ger O'Donoghue

Conor Hughes pointed out the fact that we are lacking in members in this target bracket which is essential to the viability of the club in future years. He also pointed out that the new Intermediate Plus category members would be liable to pay the €100 catering prepayment.

Margaret O'Brien asked if Intermediate Plus members would have voting rights and Conor Hughes clarified that they would not.

Ian Fraher asked if one could change between Intermediate and Intermediate Plus membership and Conor replied that it would be permissible.

The Motion was carried unanimously.

Amend Rule 8.1 to reflect the addition of rule 18.4

Amend rule 8.1 by inserting the following text after "(e) Intermediate Members"
(f) Intermediate Plus Members and adjusting the designation of the remaining categories accordingly.

Proposed by Jim Daltún and Seconded by Martin McInerney

The Motion was carried unanimously.

Council vacancy at an AGM

Add text to Rule 6.1

Add the following text to Rule 6:1 after the word "time"

If, at the date of the Annual General Meeting, there are no nominations to either an Officer or Council member position, those nominated and elected will form the Council and shall hold office for the ensuing calendar year. They may, by co-option, fill any position that has not been filled at the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed by Jim Daltún and Seconded by Martin McInerney

Motion carried Unanimously

Proposal to reappoint Dempsey Mullen as auditors.

Proposed by Jim Behan and seconded by Ian Fraher

The Motion was carried unanimously

President Jim Behan proposed that Frank Bissette be conferred with. Honorary Life Membership, seconded by Jim Daltún.

Carried unanimously

Any Other Business

Ian Fraher raised three small points for consideration.

1. Suggestion to interchange the 9th and 18th holes
2. Introduce 9-hole competitions
3. Embrace iGolf initiative as a way to increase membership numbers.

Eamonn Copeland responded to say that he was disappointed that there had been no consultation with the Course Committee on the 9th and 18th proposal. He also added that we should consider the one club concept.

Tony Hamilton stated that there were some issues of clubhouse maintenance that needed attention, in particular the Men's showers and the taps in the Men's toilet.

Richard McGuinness responded by informing the meeting that refurbishment of the Men's locker room was imminent. Dealing with plumbing issues was a problem as it is difficult to get people to undertake these jobs.

Cyril Campbell stated that the Joker began 13 years ago and he was critical of the "Committee" in not supporting it. He was disappointed that the amount raised was not reported. Conor Hughes said that this could be included in the Treasurer's report in future.

Chris Herbert expressed gratitude for all on Council, Committees and those who give of their service voluntarily. He said that it was great news to hear that we had been awarded the Sports Capital grant and he would like to know how it was intended to spend it.

Martin McInerney responded that it was intended to seek tenders for moving the 17th tee box, raising the 5th tee box and providing a practice chipping and bunker play area in the Practice Ground. The decision to proceed will rest with Council as soon as the information is presented to them.

Jim Daltún announced that a new caterer, Nathan Price would take over the catering and bar as and from 2nd January 2025.

President Jim Behan thanked Seán O'Connor for nominating him and he also thanked Maureen Moore, Donard McClean, Frances Newcomen and Tommy Harford for their hard work during his tenure. Jim also congratulated Robert and his course staff together with the course volunteers. Jim expressed thanks to Chris Moloney, his wife Michelle and all the catering staff. He expressed his gratitude to Elaine and Ciara in the office who are an invaluable support to the running of our club. Jim thanked Nigel Howley, our professional for the past 20 years, and his staff for their wonderful service. He expressed his gratitude to Jeud Ennis for being instrumental in getting our new web site up and running and for her continuous commitment to the club. Jim concluded by wishing incoming President, Maureen Walsh, Captain Ger O'Donoghue and Lady Captain Marion Behan every best wish for 2025. Finally Jim thanked his family, especially Jack for their unstinting support.

The President, Jim Behan then declared the meeting closed.