

Minutes

AGM 2018

19th Dec 18

[2018]



Proposed_____

Seconded_____



Strabane Golf Club

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The AGM was held in the clubhouse on Wednesday 19th December 2018 at 8pm. The meeting was chaired by the President, Paul O'Hare, with approximately 80 members in attendance. The President called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The President paid tribute to the Club Captain Frankie Houston who has not been well in the last week. Paul extended his warm get well wishes to the Captain.

The President called for a minute's silence for members who had passed away within the last year.

Apologies

Club Captain Frankie Houston, Senan Roarty, Oliver McNally, Anthony Brennan and George Hunter.

Minutes

The Assistant Secretary Peter Doherty jnr played recorded minutes of the 2017 AGM, which were approved on the proposal of Nigel Houston and seconded by Christopher Mc Dermot.

President Paul noted the error in the attendances of council meetings.

Auditors Report and Balance Sheet

Strabane Golf Club Accountant Mr. Patsy Fullerton gave an overview of the financial accounts which had been disseminated to all club members. Patsy also wished the Captain Frankie a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

Patsy mentioned it was good to see that the members are supporting the club. Patsy went through the balance sheet and highlighted some areas such as the increase of subscriptions, the drop in gaming, the drop in green fees, the proceeds of competitions has increased very positively, draw income, trolley and buggy hire been replicated by the reduction in green fees. Patsy noted the increase in wages. Patsy gave an overview of the spending on the course, the increase in utilities (ref: oil/electric increase), repairs



and maintenance increasing due to elements of the course and bad weather, stationery increases and subscriptions (BT SPORT: £14,000 & increases from SKY, Bank charges).

Patsy mentioned that the club has a deficit of approx. £20,000. He noted that fixed assets have increased, through the buggy shed, the upgrade to the toilets, expenditure on the clubhouse, purchase of new diggers, sprayer and two other machines.

Patsy went on to discuss the balance sheet, which had been provided beforehand to the members, in more detail.

Patsy highlighted the increase in bar sales and bar turnover and the increase in subscriptions. He also noted the VAT return last year of £14,000.

Patsy thanked Claire, the Captain and the club officials for their hard work. He encouraged more new members, a target on youth membership and a focus on developing young people. He said you may get young members back in the future. The club should be promoted as a social aspect for the community. People don't have time for golf so maybe look at 6/9 hole golfing opportunities and market the club as much as possible, support the club, use the bar, bring your parties. Patsy wished all members, incoming and current officials a happy new year.

The Club President Mr. Paul O'Hare asked members if they had any questions or queries for Patsy:

No questions for Patsy.

President Paul thanked Patsy for his contribution.

Patsy's report proposed by Tommy Forbes and Seconded by Pat Mc Aneny.

Patsy left the meeting.

Captains Report

The Captain's Report, as per notification of the AGM.

Terry delivered the report on behalf of Frankie Houston. Terry noted that the Captain wished to thank all members for their kind messages when he has been ill. The Captain wanted to apologise to Francie Devine who he left out of his Captain's report.

Proposed:- Paul Armstrong

Seconded:- Liam Patton



Election of Officers

Honorary Assistant Secretary Damian Carey

Pro:-Peter Doherty Sec:-Declan Doherty

Honorary Secretary Terry Doherty

Pro:- Shane McLaughlin Sec:-Liam Patton

Honorary Treasurer Brian Brolly

Pro:-Peter Doherty Sec:-Ronnie Wiley

Competition Secretary Patrick Mc Crossan

Pro:-Marc Brolly Sec:-Tommy Forbes

Election of convenors and sub-committees

Junior Convenor Ronnie Wiley

Pro:- Freddie Patterson Sec:- Brian Brolly

Ronnie accepted.

Greens Convenor Freddy Patterson

Pro:-Shane Mc Laughlin Sec:-Patrick Mc Aneny

Freddie accepted.

Entertainment and House Convenor

Paul thanked Tommy Forbes for his hard work over the past 20 years.

Damian Mc Granaghan

Pro:-Peter Doherty Sec:-Eddie Mc Hugh.

Damian did not accept the position.

Billy Doherty

Pro:-Liam Curry and Sec:-Dermot Corry.

Billy accepted.



Snooker Convenor

Paul thanked Seamus Devenney for his work last year

Gerard Doherty

Pro:-Freddie Patterson Sec:-Paddy McCrossan.

Gerard accepted.

House Convenor

Francie Devine

Pro:-Billy Doherty Sec:-Freddie Patterson.

Francie accepted.

AOB

Ciaran Kelly noted that the booklet has once again used the acronym O.A.P. This should have been changed to Senior. Paul apologised for this mistake.

Charlie Patton asked why the results are not in the Chronicle? Tommy answered that the results have been in the paper and are not placed in the winter months.

Martin Finlay asked how the club is being promoted within the local area, Paul answered that council has looked at the promotion of this and will continue to do so in the future.

Ben Corry asked about people not taking times off the timesheet. Terry Doherty answered that this is something that council have been looking at all year, Terry noted we have appealed through the Newsletter and advised people on the best way to deal with taking their names off the timesheet. Terry noted that Marc Brolly has a list of re-offenders and that council are actively looking into this.

Martin Finlay noted that council stressed that we should not book a guest. Terry again noted that we have appealed for members not to do this.

Dermot Corry mentioned a similar point regarding the booking of guests.



Kevin Neeson also mentioned that the original booking person being the blame for this guest not showing up.

Freddie Patterson stated that he also keeps a hard-copy record of non-attenders.

Charlie Patton mentioned that we cannot compare to other clubs when we pay for our time allocations at the start of year.

Marc stressed the hard work that goes into BRS and he is actively working to deal with non-attenders.

Paul noted that council will continue to look into the members not taking their times off the timesheet.

Paul Armstrong mentioned that there is money being lost. Paul advised that what some clubs do is restrict times for competition only. However only those playing in a competition can play at those times.

Dermot commended Mark for his hard work and suggested we look at £2 fine for not taking the name off. Martin Finlay noted that the entry fee should be taken.

Terry finished by mentioning that we have discussed all these penalties. Terry noted that with red-tape we cannot easily take money off members as a penalty. This will be top of the agenda of the new council in 2019.

Seamus Flanagan said that not taking names off has impacted on slow-play.

Tommy Forbes noted that the new rules should help reduce slow-play. Patrick Mc Crossan said that the Facebook Page will have the new rules over the next few weeks.

Johnny Mc Gonagle mentioned that if people don't play in the competition it can be off-putting as a member.

Mark Mc Dermot asked if a member could be appointed to a position if he is on probation. Terry noted that no member is on probation.



Election of Members to Council

There were 6 posts available, three posts for two years and three posts for one year. The three highest placed electives will serve for two years and the other three electives will stand for one year, there were 8 nominations for election:

1. Ciaran Murphy
2. Marc Brolly
3. Ronnie Wiley
4. Anthony Brennan
5. Brian Forester
6. Paul O'Hare
7. Martin Finlay
8. John Mc Menamin

Meeting was suspended to count the votes for the election of council members.

1. Ciaran Murphy (1 year)
 2. Marc Brolly (1 year)
 3. Ronnie Wiley (2 year)
 4. Paul O'Hare (2 years)
 5. Martin Finlay (2 years)
 6. John Mc Menamin (1 year)
- were elected.

Election of Vice Captain, Captain and President

Vice-Captain

Kevin Neeson was proposed by Declan Doherty and seconded by Liam Patton.

Kevin accepted the post.

Captain

Declan Doherty was proposed by Terry Doherty and seconded by Patrick Mc Aneny.

Declan accepted the post and thanked the members for their continued support.

President

Liam Mc Ginley was proposed by Paul O'Hare and seconded by Brian Brolly

Liam accepted the post.

END OF MEETING

