

MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – Monday, 9 May 2016

Minutes of the Special General Meeting held in Co Armagh Golf Club on Monday, 9 May 2016 at 8.00 pm.

1 Apologies

D Somerville, J White, P J Collins and Paul McCreesh

(Twenty members attended this Meeting)

2 The following was the proposed motion, by Neil Cromwell, replacing rule 9.1.7

“A Juvenile Member is a member who, on the first day of January in the current year has not attained the age of 18 years. On attaining an adult handicap of 15 or better, a Juvenile Member is eligible to compete in the six monthly medals and open competitions and, upon attaining a handicap of 12 or better, may compete in all qualifying competitions. Juveniles are entitled to use the course only at times specified by Council.”

Brendan Smyth seconded this motion. After a very brief discussion this was unanimously agreed by the Meeting.

3 Fund-raising Raffle

Declan McReynolds informed the Meeting of the progress of the 2016 Fund-raising Raffle. Council members and Lady Committee members to take control of tickets and delegate tickets to other members within the Club and to keep control of those tickets. Declan stated that there will be plenty of publicity to get the message out there to everyone within the Club so that every member will purchase at least one ticket. He stated that there would be a June draw for people who purchased tickets as at that stage.

4 Current Financial Situation

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr Patrick Brannigan took the opportunity of this Meeting to inform those attending of the current and ongoing financial situation of the Club up to 31 March 2016. Using the Moore & Grimley Management Accounts (31/03/16) he spoke of the Bar Turnover, Membership, Wages on Course, Overheads on Course.

The Honorary Secretary, Patrick Burns informed the Meeting that as at today (9 May 2016) the income was as follows:

Subscriptions:	£239,460.00
House Subscriptions (96)	£ 2,800.32
Section Subscriptions	£ 199.95
TOTAL	£242,460.27
Lockers	£ 1,440.00
Handbag Locketts	£ 45.00
GUI Fees	£ 6,829.50
ILGU Fees	£ 3,073.00
Golf Insurance (263)	£ 5,260.00

5 Membership

The Captain, Martin Oliver spoke favourably of the Membership situation as at the present time and Brian McGuigan thought we should encourage family membership. There was discussion on the cost of Juvenile membership and it was finally thought that a juvenile membership should vary in the cost structure, and the following was thought appropriate:

6 – 10 years - £50 + GUI Fee

11 – 14 years - £90 + GUI Fee

15 – 18 years - £125 + GUI Fee

This was considered a reasonable suggestion but the Captain stated that we should leave this to Council and include what Council decide in the membership fees motion at the AGM in December.

6 Any Other Business

Michael Grant had two matters:

- 1 Amendments to rules – hard copies to be made available behind the bar.
- 2 Expressed his admiration to the Council, Captain and Committees in reducing the debt situation in the club. Michael spoke of the work of the Honorary Secretary and asked the finance committee to consider and acknowledge his contribution to the Club. The Captain, Martin Oliver agreed.

Peter Conway mentioned category prizes for seniors and said this was the second year he has mentioned this, but nothing done. The Captain suggested talking to John Lowe (Competitions Convenor). Davy Baird stated that members have handicaps, indeed we will soon have what is known as a 'Club Handicap' which may cater for this. The President, Walter Neville inquired if we are talking about the 70+ age group – could not see the point of this. Brian McGuigan stated that a new handicap called a 'Club Handicap' only for those not able to play of 28 and he would facilitate on this. The Captain concluded that this was one for the competition committee.

Peter Conway also asked about the buggy sheds and stated that a number of people in the Club were interested in putting forward money to pay for a Buggy Shed or buy a less costly piece of equipment on the course to be able to look at the Buggy Shed and have the money to do so. Walter Neville stated that we have no money for this type of development.

The Meeting ended at 8.55 pm.

Signed: _____
Martin Oliver (Captain)

Signed: _____
Patrick Burns (Hon Secretary)

Date: _____

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