

The Annual General of County Armagh Golf Club was held in the clubhouse on Monday 17th. December 2012-12-19

The Captain B. Smyth welcomed members and asked them to stand in silence for 1 minute in memory of those members who had passed away during the year.

The Captain thanked T. Crawford, P. Brannigan, I. McCarragher, the greenstaff and the President and Hon. Secretary for their advice during his year. The highlight had been Captains day and the raising of funds for Newry Hospice.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from B. Toner, J. White, R. Smyth, J. Hynds, J. O Hare, A. Magwood and B. Wilson.

Minutes 2011

P. McCreesh pointed out that his letter about the ladies playing in member's times was not on the minutes. The Honorary secretary apologised for the omission.

Minutes were proposed by J. McCreesh seconded by D. Baird.

Matters Arising

P. Conway asked why the accounts were on the website instead of being posted to members. The Honorary Secretary reminded him that we had agreed at 2010 agm that all material for the agm were to be posted on the website to save on the postage costs.

Election to Council

P. McCreesh asked why the names of candidates were not on the notice board two days before the agm as set out in the club rules. The Honorary Secretary apologised for this error and accepted responsibility.

P. Burns asked who was entitled to vote and proceeded to tell the agm who could. The Honorary Secretary confirmed that this was correct.

J. Palmer asked when two of the candidates changed from country to full members. He was informed that they had changed to full commencing 1st. December.

Accountant's Report

Martin O Hanlon of Price Waterhouse Cooper outlined the clubs position at the end of the year.

M. Grimley informed the AGM that accounts under the clubs act should be ready 4 weeks before the AGM and as they were not it was a reportable offence.

N. Muldoon stated that the Honorary Secretary had failed to answer an earlier question about the notice not being posted two days before the agm. The Honorary Secretary pointed out to him that he had already accepted responsibility for this and had already apologised for this. Some discussion took place on whether we continue with the accounts or cancel the agm for four weeks. M. Grant read out the current rule was to provide a full audited set of accounts for the meeting. On a proposal by P. McCreesh and seconded by N. McMahon it was agreed to continue.

The following were questions asked from the floor which Martin answered.

P. J. Collins asked was the gross profit a worrying sign.

P. McCreesh asked about the miscellaneous expenses. And also was it possible to have a better spread.

D. McLaughlin asked about the money raised by the lottery and where was it in the accounts.

P. Burns gave details of a report which he had prepared for council and how there was a discrepancy between his figures and the accounts. Martin explained the difference was caused by the liability carried by vouchers which had not been redeemed.

N. Muldoon suggested that we do the accounts on a PowerPoint presentation for next year's agm.

Accounts passed on the proposal of P. McCreesh seconded by J. McCreesh

M. Grimley suggested that we change year end to make it easier to comply with the 4 week rule.

Secretary's Report

The Honorary secretary read out his report. This was adopted on a proposal from P. Burns seconded by N. McMahan.

P. McCreesh asked why the Moore Grimley was not available to members. It was agreed that a condensed report would be made available for member to read following a proposal from P. McCreesh seconded by B. Hughes.

Honorary Treasurers Report

T. Brady gave details of the breakdown in subscription cost and how the sub was set for 2013.

T. Brady proposed the subscription for 2013 seconded by D. Baird.

D. Sommerville expressed concern that we were not lowering the overdraft.

M. Grimley said that we were actually more than £40,000 worse off than the accounts showed.

P. McCreesh asked why no one had approached the council to see how much they sponsored Loughall each year. The Honorary Secretary to write to the council.

P. Burns asked if we could consider freezing the sub next year.

J. McCreesh asked if we could look at family membership.

Motion

The new club rules were passed with two changes suggested by M. Grant on a proposal from M. Grant seconded by B. McGurgan.

Election of Officers

The Captain thanked the members for their support in 2012 and hoped they would give the same support to his nomination for Captain, J. Flack. This was greeted with acclaim.

J. Flack thanked the Captain and nominated P. McAleavey as his Vice Captain this was greeted with acclaim.

D. Murray was elected as Honorary Secretary following nomination from C. Rice and seconded by I. O Hea.

The Honorary Treasurers position had had two nominees T. Brady and P. Brannigan Following a ballot P. Brannigan was elected as Honorary Treasurer.

The Captain thanked T. Brady for his years of service to the club.

Appointment of Auditors

N. Conn and company were proposed as auditors as they had been the lowest tender.

P. McCreesh informed the meeting that he did not think that Noel Conn was eligible. He proposed that we clarify with Noel Conn that some of his staff has all the certificates he would need to be auditor and if they had he would be auditor and if he didn't the second tender would be made auditor subject to the same checks. This was seconded by J. Flack.

Trustees

W. Neville and B. Hughes were appointed as trustees by the meeting.

A.O.B.

P. McCreesh asked what was being done about the ladies going out on a Sunday when men could not go out on Thursdays. The Captain said we had no answer to it and he could ask again next agm.

D. Smyth requested that minutes of council be made available to members. The meeting agreed that decisions of council could be made available.

K. Grimley and C. Shannon asked what criteria was needed for overseas membership and how was this checked. The Honorary Secretary explained how he had checked in the past. It was suggested that we could possibly use the electoral role and check if the member is on it.

The Captain thanked all those present and closed the meeting.