

Committee of Management Newsletter

December 2012

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place on 29 November last in the clubhouse at 8.00 pm and was preceded by an EGM at 7.30 p.m.

Sometimes it is easy to forget that the COM is composed of members of the club who volunteer their time and service to run it in the best interest of fellow members.

And so it was on the 29 November last. From the outset, there was confusion caused by the nature of the notice provided for the EGM and consequently its legitimacy. The Committee of Management took the view that it was entitled to continue with business and eventually the meeting got underway. In making the decision the COM took the view that it was in the best interests of the club to proceed with the business of setting the annual subscriptions and putting people in place to manage the finances of the club for the next year.

As it turned out it was a good decision given the large attendance and the efficient and generally courteous manner in which the business was conducted - once the constitutional issue was resolved - seemed to vindicate the actions of the COM.

Outcomes:

1. The motion to amend the clause relating to 1983-4 Levy did not attract the required majority and failed – 36 voted in favour.
2. The amendment regarding the Special Subscription was passed by 90% of those attending and voting.
3. The various reports were read and approved by the meeting.
4. The Treasurer's Report was highly commended and Brian Atkinson was roundly thanked for his work and the excellence of the report provided to the meeting.
5. Tim O Mahony stepped down as president and thanked everyone for their co-operation during the year. He nominated John Mulcahy for President.
6. John thanked Tim for the nomination and was pleased to introduce his vice president John Morrison.
7. The following were elected to the Committee of Management: Kathleen O Regan, Brendan Keane and Joe Fogarty (Treasurer)
8. The appointment of the Auditor was deferred subject to discussion.
9. The Solicitor J Baylor was re-appointed
10. Motions concerning the new subscription were proposed and seconded and adopted by the meeting.

11. There were some queries on the special three year offer but it was approved by the meeting.
12. Other business related to the operation of the BRS system and ladies access to the timesheet on weekends. It was decided that the constitutional line should be followed and discussions between the two clubs (Ladies and Gents) should take place and a recommendations made to the COM

End of Year

There is no doubt 2012 has been a difficult year for all members but especially for those who had responsibility for managing the affairs of the club. While the Lady Captain had her day in the sun, spare a thought for the Captain and the President who were rained out on their respective days.

It was difficult for ground staff who tried to maintain the course in top condition under the most challenging of conditions. It is a fact that they succeeded in providing an excellent playing surface throughout one of the worst summers we have experienced for golf.

It was also extremely difficult for the members of the Committee of Management who took very difficult decisions to put the club in a strong position going forward. It was not easy to deal with issues that do not normally form part of one's own working life.

It was also difficult for the members – but their loyalty to the club is to be commended. They have stayed with their club and paid a subscription that some thought too high and consequently left us. We hope they will return in the future and those who stayed with the club will recognise that the Committee of Management's determination to make golf as affordable as possible without damaging the future of the club.

Finally:

The COM would like to wish the new officers and their committees, all the members and staff of the club a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Please consult notice boards and the web site for announcements about events over the holiday period.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS.