

Balcarrick Golf Club – AGM 2024

Date: January 2025

Venue: Balcarrick Golf Club

Chair: Fergus Bradley

Hon Sec: Stephen McCleary

Treasurer: Mark Smith

Apologies

- **Marian Goss**
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Minutes of AGM 2023

Minutes of the 2023 AGM were taken as read.

Proposed: Gerry Dowling

Seconded: Michael Ashe

Carried.

Hon. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was taken as read.

Discussion:

- **Noreen:** Noted that the financial statements as presented were unsigned. Under the Companies Act 2014, accounts must be approved and signed before presentation to the AGM. Presenting unsigned drafts could constitute non-compliance with potential fines.
- **Mark:** Advised that in future years, the AGM might need to be delayed if the audited accounts are not ready in time.
- **Fergus:** Explained that the accounts were not signed as he believed they should only be approved by the AGM before signing. Apologised if this caused confusion. (PQ confirmed he was satisfied with this explanation.)

Questions from the floor:

- **Fiona Donnellan:** Queried competition prize costs and discrepancies between Men's and Ladies' Club figures.
 - **Mark:** Clarified that certain pages were for information only and that adjustments had been made as part of the audit process.
- **Fiona:** Asked for a breakdown of "General Expenses."

- **Mark:** Explained these cover operational costs such as staff phone and broadband expenses.
- **Fiona:** Noted high telephone and housekeeping costs.
 - **Mark:** Confirmed greenkeeping staff use mobile phones, and that additional cleaning costs were justified and worthwhile.

Proposed: Gerry Dowling

Seconded: Richie O'Meara

Carried.

Hon. Secretary's Report

Report taken as read.

Proposed: John Goss

Seconded: Gerry Dowling

Carried.

The Hon. Secretary then presented the **Business Strategy Proposal**, including the **Two Nines Project**.

Discussion:

- **Fiona Donnellan:** Questioned aspects of the feedback data included in the project questionnaire.
 - **Motion (John Goss):** Following discussion and considering a similar forthcoming motion, John Goss withdrew his motion.
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Motion: Two Nines – Further Consultation

A detailed discussion took place with contributions from the floor.

Gerry Mulholland sought confirmation that, if necessary, the existing course layout could be retained. This was confirmed as an option.

Vote Result:

- **For:** 30
- **Against:** 26

Motion Carried.

Motion: Society Times

[Insert wording of motion.]

Brief discussion followed.

Carried.

Motion: Voting Rights for 5-Day Members

[Insert wording of motion.]

A short discussion followed.

Gerry Mulholland: Noted that the Club Constitution grants voting rights to all 7-day members, without reference to age category.

Fergus: Acknowledged this has been a long-standing debate, and the motion provides clarity and closure.

Vote Result:

- **For:** 41
- **Against:** 6

Motion Carried.

Auditors

Noreen: Asked why McInerney Saunders were re-appointed after previously resigning.

Fergus: Explained that their resignation was part of a restructuring; they were subsequently re-appointed as per their letter of engagement.

Paul Kane: Asked whether a procurement or review process existed for appointing auditors.

Fergus: Confirmed the appointment has been historical, and that bookkeeping and payroll are handled by the same firm. Suggested the incoming committee review value for money.

Mark: Agreed to review the appointment ahead of next year's AGM.

Nominations

President:

- Fergus proposed **Marie [Surname]** as President.
- Proposal approved unanimously.

Management Committee:

- **Willie:** Queried whether the committee size had been reduced in line with Golf Ireland recommendations.
- **Fergus:** Confirmed the current structure allows for a smaller committee (10 versus 12).
- **Fiona Donnellan:** Pointed out that six ordinary members do not comply with the Constitution.
- **Richie:** Noted that the absence of a male captain created the imbalance.
- **Frances Talbot** withdrew her nomination to resolve the issue.

Company Directors:

- **Helen** was incorrectly listed as a director. This was corrected to:
 - **Add:** Peter Quinn
 - **Remove:** Fergus Bradley and Richie Walsh
 - **Remain:** Stephen McCleary and Mark Smith
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Any Other Business (AOB)

- **Bridie:** Expressed disappointment that the Club did not pursue the Sports Facility Grant more vigorously and noted lack of advertising expenditure. Suggested grant funding could have supported drainage work and volunteer insurance.
 - **Fergus:** Reported that the Club initially received a €40,000 grant, successfully appealed, and increased it to €73,000.
 - **Stephen:** Confirmed that insurance was included in machinery hire costs.
 - **Fergus:** Thanked Richie for his service as President and expressed gratitude to the membership for their support during his tenure.
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Meeting Closed

The Chair thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting.