

## **Minutes of the 2023 AGM of Royal Curragh Golf Club. Held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

Attendance 111. Exceeded quorum of 70

Meeting Chairman: The President, Brigadier General Brendan McGuinness.

The President opened the meeting.

He welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked all Club Officers, Committee Members and Staff for their valued contribution to the Club over the past year.

The President expressed his condolences to the families and friends of all Members who passed away during the past year. A minute's silence was then observed in memory of our deceased colleagues.

ROYAL CURRAGH GOLF CLUB STANDING ORDERS. were read by the Hon Sec.

B.1 Procedures at General Meetings

B.1.1 The decision of the Chairperson on any question shall be final. Should he/she be in doubt the matter must be settled by the majority present.

B.1.2 When the Chairperson stands to speak, all present will immediately be seated and remain silent.

B.1.3 No person shall address the meeting until called upon by the Chairperson.

B.1.4 All speeches will be addressed to the Chairperson.

B.1.6. Motions, as earlier submitted to the Honorary Secretary, will be presented by the original proposer and seconder in each case. Failure to do so will disqualify the motion from being discussed at the General Meeting.

B.1.7. No member will be permitted to speak more than once on the same motion, except the proposer, who will have the right to reply. The proposer shall be allowed five (5) minutes and other speakers three (3) minutes.

B.1.8- An amendment may be moved to any motion without notice being given. It shall be in writing and handed to the Chairperson before the original motion is put (i.e. before the members are asked to vote).

B.1.9. Whenever an amendment is moved to any motion, no other amendment shall be taken into consideration until the first amendment is disposed of.

B.1.10. No member can move more than one amendment to the original motion.

B.1.11. Amendments that are passed will be incorporated in the original motion and this substantive motion will be put to the meeting. If it is lost, the motion in its original form will not be raised again at the meeting.

B.1.12. Motions, when put, and any other matters for decision will be decided by a show of hands of all registered attendees. .

In the case of a tie, the Chairperson shall, have and shall exercise a casting vote. Elections will be by secret ballot ) when there is competition for appointments.

Items 3&4. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2022 RCGC AGM .

It was proposed that the Minutes of the 2022 .AGM be taken “as read” as is customary, as they had already been published and placed on the Club Notice Boards.

The Chairman then asked if there were any matter arising.

Pat O’Shea Questioned the appointment of Vice Captain. He requested that it go to the Policies and Procedures Committee. He argued that “nominate” does not clarify the position.

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A vote to adopt was proposed by Berni O’Donovan and Seconded by Bill Gibson.

The vote was taken and the 2022 Minutes were adopted.

## Honorary Secretary's Report – A.G.M. 2023

### Condolences:

I wish to offer my condolences to the families and friends of our members who departed this life over the past year. I particularly want to comment on the Late Frank Conlon. Frank left us all too early. I served with him on the Club Committee when he was Chairman. I found him to be one of life's gentlemen. He would often call me before a meeting to see how he would deal with a matter which would cause the least upset to someone and again after a meeting and ask if he was "too hard" this person or that person. He is greatly missed by all who were fortunate to know him.

### Administration:

The day to day administration of Club matters has been run very effectively over the past year by both Marion and Trish in the office. Their expertise in dealing with memberships, invoices, payments, etc. Is an invaluable asset to the Club. The Club wishes to express its gratitude to both of them for their diligence and flexibility throughout the year.

A special word of thanks is due to James Cannon for his continued attention to detail in maintaining the premises in the fashion we have become accustomed to. James is going through some medical issues at present. We all hope he recovers soon and is back with us as his usual jovial self.

A new package is being rolled out to integrate the administration of Club finances along with a new tee booking system. A new website has also been developed which replaces the old one which badly needed upgrading. Significant work has been done on this thanks in no small part to the efforts of Caroline Condon.

### Club house and facilities:

As you know, significant work has been carried out to address the roof leaks. This has been done at a relatively low cost compared with the significant cost of replacing the roof in its entirety. There are still some issues to be dealt with but overall the work has been very successful. A special word of thanks is due to Bernie O'Donovan for overseeing the work. She was greatly assisted in this by Kyran Hurley whose expertise in civil engineering was invaluable.

Energy costs are still high, which given the age and layout of the clubhouse results in high energy bills. All possible efforts were made to mitigate these costs through better control of lighting and heating but there is a limit to what can be achieved. Contracts are kept under review to ensure the Club can source its energy at the best possible rate. Hopefully as the country sees a drop in energy prices this will be reflected in our costs.

#### Bar and Restaurant:

The Bar and restaurant continued to operate successfully throughout the year. Given the change in the practices of golfers the money now spent by both members and visitors is no longer what it was resulting in a drop in income. The availability of the facilities for functions has been a significant asset to the Club. A big thank you to Sameer and his staff for their hard work through the year. A special word of gratitude is due also to Piaras Molloy who oversaw the operations of the Bar and Restaurant during the year.

#### Course Management:

It goes without saying that without the wonderful course we have at our disposal we could not enjoy golf as we do. A lot of the work goes unnoticed but nevertheless it takes a significant amount of attention to detail to provide us with the facilities we have. There is an ongoing program of work which includes removal of non-native trees, removal of dead trees, the installation of pathways along with the day to day maintenance of the course. As the Club leases the land from The Department of Defence we are obliged to seek permission for any remedial work or structural improvements to the course. David Swan has successfully negotiated a program of work with Officials from the Department which should see further improvements to the course. There is still significant investment needed in our irrigation system but as with the Clubhouse, working capital is in short supply. A special thanks is due to David Swan and Robbie Kilduff and his team for their superb work.

Fortunately sheep incursions on the course have become very infrequent thanks to an agreement between the sheep farmers and the Club. Peter O'Connell worked his socks off behind the scenes to hammer out an agreement which we hope will prevent any further disputes. There is no doubt that the course has benefited greatly from this.

I stated last year that litter was a major issue on the golf course. Thankfully this problem has diminished significantly with golfers now taking their waste with them off the course.

#### Juvenile Golf:

Once again, the Club would appeal to its members to support the great efforts of Caroline Fitzgerald and her small crew in advancing the cause of Juvenile golf. Caroline has made appeals at every Committee meeting for more support in the form of people on the ground. Finance is not an issue in this regard. The Club willingly supports the efforts of the Juvenile Committee but once again asks that anyone who can spare a few hours, particularly during the summer would put their name forward.

#### Inter - Club Competitions

It takes a significant amount of effort from managers, selectors and players to take part in these competitions. Well done to all and keep up the good work. Well done also to the organizers of our weekly competitions and prizes.

Special thanks also to our sponsors who provide valuable funds for our events.

#### Membership:

Category	2022	2023	Change
Full	463	451	-12
Intermediate	59	57	-2
Junior	36	44	8
Retired	162	169	7
Honorary	15	15	0
Country	7	9	2
Youth/Student	83	65	-18
LOA	21	24	3
International	8	7	-1
Senior Associate	4	5	1
Eligible Juvenile	52	54	2
Pavilion	39	39	0
G.I. Introductory	12	15	3
Total	955	954	-1

The method of processing applications from potential new members has been streamlined somewhat. However it is still a problem for new applicants how may have moved into the area and do not have anyone to propose them. An interview process is now in place which addresses this problem.

#### Handicaps:

Once again the issue of handicaps has had its share of disputes over the year. The new WHS system is now well established but unfortunately there is a small minority of members who see it as an opportunity to gain an advantage over their fellow members , particularly when it it comes to major competitions in the club. Building handicaps went on for years but it was somewhat limited by the rules of the Congu system. The new WHS system has made it open season for those who wish to manipulate their handicaps. I have had numerous members ask me if nothing can be done to address this. The Joint Handicap Committee works tirelessly to monitor the goings on of the members but they must rely to a great extent on the honesty of the members which in a minority of cases can be questionable to say the least. There is a process called “peer review” which asks members to submit their opinion on the playing

ability of others. There is also a duty on members to call out these rogue golfers. If you don't agree with a particular scorecard then don't sign it and explain to the owner and the JHC why. We have had instances of 3 balls willfully engaged in score fixing, yet when an attempt was made by creating draws to address this for the Captain's prize the Club was criticised for breaking up friendships. We can't have it both ways. Perhaps it is also time to look at the prizes on offer. Why not have genuine monthly medals instead of cash prizes or vouchers which might deter the cheaters. A word of thanks to the JHC for its invaluable work throughout the year.

#### Course etiquette:

I repeat what I said last year - Once again the old chestnuts raise their heads - Golfers hitting balls on top of or close to golfers in front and slow play.

With the former - despite numerous advisories on the BRS system this continues to happen. even worse, course staff have been hit by golf balls from behind where they are working. This is totally acceptable. The Green Staff head out early to avoid disruption to golfers yet they are often subjected to this dangerous behaviour.

It is incumbent on all members to show respect to their fellow players and the R.C.G.C.

#### Disciplinary Action:

Fortunately there were very few incidents this year which required the intervention of The Disciplinary Committee. Unfortunately, there was one particularly nasty incident in which the character of a long-standing member of the club was assassinated with this member being accused of corruption. While it is easy to make accusations behind the safety net of data protection and legal action it's more difficult to have the courage to stand up and admit to it.

#### Fundraising:

This year saw the launch of the Club Draw which it is hoped will generate funds for the "rainy day". Special thanks to the Fundraising Committee for their efforts.

#### One Club:

The One Club Committee delivered its findings on a survey conducted within the Club regarding the concept of a unified Mens' and Ladies' club under the auspices of a single Committee. A Special General Meeting was called during the year to advance this project. While the response from the body of members was generally positive there are still significant obstacles to be overcome before the idea of a One Club can be realised. A sincere thanks is due to those involved in the One Club sub-committee. There is now a requirement for others to pick up the baton and run with this if it is to bear fruit.

In closing I want to express my deep gratitude to the members of the Club Committee for their support and forbearance over the past year. I also want to thank the members of the Mens' and Ladies' Committees for their invaluable input. As most of you know, ill health has prevented me carrying out my duties as Hon. Secretary as I would have wished for the second half of this year. I would like to thank all those who stepped up and gave me a dig-out, particularly Marion and Trish. It was an honour to serve the Club for the past 2 years and I wish it well for the future.

## Treasurer's Report for RCGC 2023.

First of all, I would like to start by thanking both Marion & Trish in the office, my fellow finance committee member, Piaras, for all their hard work, their support, their dedication & their good humour over the past 12 months. It is and has been a pleasure to work with them & I look forward to the next 12 months. I would also like to thank the 2 Captains, Carol & Peter, the hon sec, Arthur and the rest of the club committee for their support throughout the year. I also want to acknowledge all the people, who give and continue to give great support to the club in various roles.

I am coming to the end of my second year as your treasurer. During that time I have met and got to know a lot more of my fellow members than in the previous 10 years or so that I have been a member. During those 2 years I feel we have progressed how we keep our records and how we record all the transactions that flow through the club. As mentioned last year we have multiple systems currently to reconcile every month. Its not easy but with the dedication and the attitude of continuous improvement from the 2 ladies in the office things are improving well.

The club have made the decision to update our systems. Hopefully, with the implementation of "Clubnet" things can only get easier and better. We should reap the benefit of basically integrating the multiple systems we have today into one. A lot of work has already been done to date and a lot more still has to be completed. Thanks to Caroline Condon for leading this project. This can only improve what we do and the way we do it. It will also improve the experience for all users and members once its fully up and running.

I also mentioned last year that "cash is king" for sports clubs. My monthly report to the committee focuses on our actual cash position and on what the outlook is until the end of the membership year until such time when subscriptions start flowing in again. This year, as a result of the increase in the sub and the realignment of the membership year our cash position is largely positive and in a better place than the previous 2 years considering increasing inflation and also the money we have spent on various projects throughout the year.

As previously mentioned, we have an obligation to our members to invest in our course and facilities. With this in mind, we needed to raise capital to fund this investment. We initiated a few different ways of raising funds over the past year. Firstly, we sold 12 five year term memberships, raising €60k in the process. We started a monthly draw quite recently. We have over 190 signed up to date. If we reach our target of 300, this can be a good source of income for the club, we can clear over €25k annually. I'll take this opportunity while I have the floor to encourage anyone who hasn't signed up to please do as soon as possible. There is support available on the signing up process. We also received contributions from both the ladies and men's clubs .



A sincere thanks to all who made this happen, namely, the 12 5-year members, Carol & Patricia and the rest of the ladies committee, Brian & Pat & the men's committee and a special thanks to Rob, Maria & Deirdre for their hard work & commitment in getting the monthly draw going. I would also like to give special mention to Kyran & Bernie for their time and effort coordinating the roof repairs already completed. Thanks to the Social Media team who keep us up to date with news and information regarding the club. Also, thanks go to all the members who volunteered to help organise our first open week in 3 years and those who helped prepare the course and its surrounds from filling divots to painting fences to landscaping in and around the clubhouse. I had a few visitors play during the week and there was nothing but compliments for the course. Well done all.

We also have made a number of grant applications throughout the last 12 months for one thing or another. We applied for 3 energy grants via Golf Ireland. We received the first 2 amounts, totalling over €15K and are awaiting the third amount to come through. We also applied for the 2023 sports capital grant via the DoS to the tune of €200k if we are successful. To date there has been no update or feedback on this application.

#### Financial Statements review - 2023

So, to the financial statements for year ending September 2023.

I am going to highlight the main points in the statements. As you can see the Income and expenditure account is divided into 3 elements. Firstly, the Bar trading account, Secondly, the Course/Clubhouse account and finally the detailed Club Income and expenditure account of which incorporates the surplus/deficit from 1 & 2 above to cover what I would call the General & Admin costs to run the club.

#### Bar Trading A/C – Page 16

The bar performed well in 2023 with

Bar sales up €18k year on year from €167k to €185k, an increase of over 10%

The Gross Profit % was consistent year on year at 53.4% especially given the price increases from suppliers.

This results in a GP of €99k, up almost €10k on last year.

Other Bar expenditure came in at €52k versus €49k the previous year due in the main to an increase in the Bar management fee during the year.

This results in an overall €47k contribution from the Bar in 2023 against €40k last year, up over 17%

Course/Clubhouse A/C: - Page 17

Income:

Total Income: €954k this year which is up €300k on last year.

Members recorded Subs at €780k were up €300k on the recorded number in 2022. Before you all get too excited, this is more a result of an accounting adjustment rather than an increase in real membership numbers & the resulting euros. The financial year and the membership year don't coincide with each other. This fact and the change in membership year over the past 2 years has resulted in more subs i.e. 5 months, been taken out of income in 2022 and put on the balance sheet as prepaid or deferred income. In 2023 because the membership year reverted back less, i.e. 3 months, was taken out & the higher 2022 amount was released back into the Income & Expenditure A/C. I appreciate this is quite confusing. However, The real increase in Subs year on year is in fact €76k due to the subs increase even though we were down approx. 15 ordinary members YoY. To give you a summary breakdown of the €780k figure. €770k was collected in subs in 2023. €282k was released back in from 2022. €42k was taken out in relation to the 7 month 2024 prepaid DD's. €48k was taken out in relation to 4 years of the 5 years term members. & finally €182k was taken out as 3 months prepaid figure for all.

Green Fee/Society income at €101k was up €10k on the previous year. The committee realises that societies is a contentious issue and as a result has decided to curtail the peak morning availability for societies but it cannot be denied that it is a significant source of income for the club. However, we do need to get the balance right.

The club administered, free of charge, most of the financial transactions of open week which can be seen as a net zero position on the club's statements because the profit generated was distributed to the pre-determined beneficiaries.

Expenditure:

Total Expenditure was €669k in 2023 V €575k in 2022, an increase of €94k.

Wages made up €213k of the total expenditure, an increase of €7k on last year. 1 extra person on the course & Incremental wage increases for all staff.

Course upkeep: up €14k from 2022 to €212k. This is due to increases in fuel prices and the course consumables i.e. fertilisers, weedkillers etc.

I have separated the cost of the machinery we access via GCMS. You can see the 2023 charge of €31k versus €25k in 2022. The increase was due to a new tractor and sprayer acquired during the year thus reinforcing the clubs commitment in the continuous improvement of the condition of the course. Good staff need good tools to work with. They are not mutually exclusive.

Clubhouse upkeep: static YoY at €49.

I have also itemised the roof repairs carried out this year. We have spent to date almost €52k. I would prefer if we didn't have the situation we do have with the roof. We are paying now for past sins. But we are where we are and to avoid the dozen or so buckets around the place when it rains then we simply have no option. There is a couple of areas to be tackled in the last phase of repair and hopefully we will have some respite for further expenditure but honestly, I can't say that for sure.

Insurances: up €12k YoY. Inflation, Equipment additions, increase in asset revaluations etc.

The €5k contribution under buggy relates to compensation received from the scammers as some recourse for their crimes.

Buggy expenditure relates to fuel but more so the cost of repair to damage of buggies throughout the year which can only be described as shameful.

Net Course contribution: €284k V €72k – up €212k YoY due mostly to the aforementioned subscriptions adjustments.

Detailed I&E – Page 15

Income:

Total: €367k this year V €140k last year , up €227k

Both the contributions from the BAR (€47k) & Clubhouse/course (€284k) as discussed are included in the figure.

Other Income includes:

Unredeemed Vouchers of €5k, down €9k on 2022

Men's club contribution of €25k. The ladies contribution of €10k is been amortised over the useful life of the greens iron which can be seen in the depreciation section of the I&E account. Thanks to both groups.

Expenditure:

Total: €273k V €265k, up €8k

The main factors are:

Light & Heat: Thankfully the trend of increasing energy costs abated somewhat in 2023. Down €11k YoY.

DoD Rent at €32.5k remains unchanged.

Rates: there was a catchup for a 6-month period missed a few years ago.

Professional retainer – as per last year's contract negotiations.

GI levies: along with a 10% increase in the annual charge, just as per the subs there was a corresponding increase due to the membership year change.

Depreciation: Club property added, the credit is the W/O of the grants & contribution received.

Other costs remain consistent with last year.

#### Summary I&E A/C – Page 8

2023 resulted in a €102k surplus V a €109k deficit in 2022. YoY change of €211k.

upside - Subscriptions number, downside – roof, insurance, wages, depreciation, others

#### Balance Sheet: - Page 9

Fixed Assets: Practice area + equipment up €66k – less 2023 charge €52k.

Cash: €288k which was up €66k on '22. Trend over previous 4 years - €140k, €176k, €222k, €288k. No change YoY to our creditors short & long.

Debtors: prepayments i.e., Insurance & Golf Ireland levies

Creditors: Prepaid Subs of €221k, prepaid 5 year subs €51k, Grants to be written back on the mower of €50k, & redundancy that still has to be paid of €44k, members levies, BRS, etc of €80k

#### Budget 2024.

See separate sheet.

The '24 budget is based on no significant changes to membership numbers, the subs rate, the membership year and on the expenditure side, costs as per 2023 run rates with adjustment made based on known information.

This results in expected profitability of approx. €70k.

That concludes my 2023 report, thanks for your attention.

☒ This results in a GP of €89k, up almost €60k on last year.

☒ Other Bar expenditure came in at €49k versus €28k the previous year due in the main to the Bar management fee back to 100% post covid.

☒ This results in a €40k contribution from the Bar in 2022 against a basically B/E position the previous year.

Course/Clubhouse A/C: - Page 17

Income:

☒ Total Income: €648k this year which is up €60k on last year.

☒ Members recorded Subs at €481k were slightly down on 2021 by €14k.

☒ Green Fee/Society income at €91k was up €52k on the previous year due in large part to Peter O'Connell's good work on the societies and also the 2021 figure being covid affected.

☒ Club competitions income was up €10k to €36k.

☒ Other income such as, driving range, buggies, Fundraising activities etc. was up €11k to €39k.

Expenditure:

☒ Total Expenditure was €575k in 2022 V €504k in 2021, an increase of €71k.

☒ Wages made up €206k of this total, an increase of €27k on last year. 2 extra people, 1 in the office, 1 on the course & Incremental wage increases for all staff.

☒ Course upkeep: down €10k from 2021 to €223k

☒ Clubhouse upkeep: up €4k to €48k

☒ Insurance: Golsure and general – up €9k to €43k – restated member numbers for 2022.

☒ Other Exps total €55k in 2022 V €12k last year. Buggy fuel, Range balls, GB GF/Society commission were the main drivers behind this increase.

☒ Net Course contribution: €72k V €85k – down €13k YoY.

Detailed I&E – Page 15

Income:

☒ Total: €140k this year V €103k last year , up €37k

☒ Both the contributions from the BAR (€40k) & Clubhouse/course (€72k) as discussed are included in the figure.

☒ Other Income includes:

☒ Unredeemed Vouchers of almost €15k, up €8k on 2021

☒ Ladies & Men's Club donations were up €3.5k to €11.5k.

Expenditure:

☒ Total: €265k V €163k, up €102k

☒ The main factors are:

☒ Light & Heat: up €45k YoY to €73k, 160% increase

☒ DoD Rent was €32.5k this year after having a covid amnesty last year where we paid nothing.

☒ Consultancy Fees of €10k relate to HR work for years 2019,2020,2021.

For different reasons this was unexpected & we are looking into it.

☒ Professional retainer – Contract up for renewal & part of this is a true up for inflation which accounts for Approx. €2k.

☒ Depreciation: Catering – Kitchen Equip/Oven, Club property – mower, the credit is the W/O of the grants & contribution received to purchase

the mower.

Summary I&E A/C – Page 8

☒ 2022 resulted in a €109k Deficit V a €34k Surplus in 2021.

☒ Upside: BAR & GF/Societies

☒ Downside: Energy costs increasing, Subsistence grants greatly reduced, Rent back to normal. Those 3 alone account for over €160k negative turnaound YoY.

Balance Sheet: - Page 9

☒ Fixed Assets: Mower + Kitchen Equipment – less 2022 charge.

☒ Cash: €222k which was up €46k on '21.

☒ Debtors: prepayments i.e., Insurance & Golf Ireland levies

☒ Creditors: Prepaid Subs of €282k up €168k, Grants to be written back on the mower of €60k, & redundancy that still has to be paid of €53k

Budget 2023.

☒ See separate sheet

That concludes my 2022 report, thanks for your attention.

Comments:

Stephen Kineavey questioned the spend of €140,000 on the clubhouse. He asked where the improvements were. He questioned why the same contractor was used for the roof repairs – why was it not put out to tender?

M.Gordon explained that not all of this spend was on the clubhouse. Most of the leaks have now been addressed and explained that the roofing contractor is very experienced with this roof. He also stated that Kyron Hurley had oversight on the work done.

K. Hurley explained that there were historical issues with the roof - i.e. the pitch is too low and is not fixable. 9 leak sites had been identified . He therefore agreed with the contractor on the work required. He felt there would still be problems but not as severe.

Pat O'Shea questioned why the Open Week was a financial loss.

P.A. Walshe questioned how fixed assets increased by €100,000.

He also asked who authorised the spend of €30,000 on the new practice area. He felt it was money not well spent.

The Treasurer was asked why legal fees had increased by €1800. He replied that this arose from disputes with members.

Motions:

Motion 1

☑ On Saturdays, Societies will be confined to the hours of not before 12 midday and last tee time of 2p.m.

The issue of Societies on Medal Competition weekends needs to be addressed and priority given to membership over societies on these weekends.

☑ That 2 hours will be provided to male members on every Friday morning, between 9a.m. and 11am to allow them to compete in weekend competitions.

Proposer: Pat Mangan

Secunder: Alan Darcy

Passed by show of hands

Motion 2

Motion 2 Amend 4.11 and 4.12 as follows:

4.11 Junior Members will be changed to Youth Members are defined as members over 18 and under 23 on the 1st of January of the current subscription year. Also add "and shall have full voting rights if aged 18 and over".

Then rule 4.11 shall be



4.11. Youth Members are defined as members over 18 and under 23 on 1st of January of the current subscription year. They shall be entitled to pay a reduced subscription as set by the AGM and shall have full voting rights if aged 18 and over. The Committee has discretion to accept applicants for Youth membership from individuals below the age of 18 and they may play in competitions as nominated by their respective Club Committee.

In 4.12 Juvenile Members will be changed to Junior Members are defined as members between the ages of 8 years of age at the date of application and under 18 years of age on 1st January of the current subscription year. Also delete the sentence "The Committee has the discretion to accept applications for membership from minors below the age of 10 years."

Then rule 4.12 shall be

4.12. Junior Members are defined as members between the ages of 8 years of age at date of application for membership and 18 years of age on the 1st of January the current subscription year and who have no other category of membership. With effect from 2021, Junior members who are 18 years old on the 1st January of the current subscription year will automatically become Youth Members.

Proposer : Cathriona Fitzgerald

Secunder: David Swan

Passed by show of hands

Motion 3

9.2 The Financial Affairs of Men's and Ladies Clubs shall be operated as follows:

Add in a new section 9.2.3.1.

Excess funds accumulated in the Men's and Ladies Club bank accounts shall be forwarded on a quarterly base to the Club's main Bank Account. The Club will fund interclub teams as appropriate for both the Men's and Ladies Club Competitions as is stated in section 9.1.6 Grants

Proposer: Peter O'Connell

Secunder: Catherine O'Sullivan

Comments:

P.O'Connell stated that an excess of €10,000 transferred to Club funds would reduce the cost of financing teams by both the Mens' and Ladies' Clubs.

M. O'Dwyer expressed serious reservations as she stated there were no prior discussions with the Ladies' Club. She felt it would fundamentally affect the Ladies' Committee.

G. Hogan stated that he believed the motion was premature and further collaboration was needed between all the committees.

P.Mangan asked what the motivation was for the motion – were there issues with the Club’s finances?

R. O’Sullivan stated that in her opinion the Club is for everyone and a distinction should not be made between Mens’ and Ladies’.

M. Gordon felt that the Club represents all members and the issue was about putting money where it should be.

The motion was defeated by a show of hands – 58 for; 83 against.

#### Motion 4: Annual Subscription

The Annual Subscription for 2024 shall be €1175 (inclusive of Golf Ireland Levies). This is the same as the 2023 Subscription, this will apply to all membership categories including 4.11 now known as Youth Members.

A further €100 {to be divided equally between the Bar and Restaurant} be applied to Ordinary, Ordinary Intermediate and all pro rate membership categories with the exception of Youth Members if appropriate.

A further €25 will be applied to all membership categories excluding Country for inclusion in Golf Sure Ireland Scheme

Proposer: Michael Gordon

Seconder: Piaras Molloy

Passed by a show of hands

#### Motion 5: Life Honorary Membership

It is proposed to offer the Club Professional Mr. Gerry Burke Life Honorary Membership in recognition of long and continuing exceptional service to the Club and its Members.

Proposer: Peter O Connell

Seconder: Arthur Voigt

Passed by a show of hands

### Election of Officers.

These are the appointments of Officers and Committee following the ballot at the A.G.M. on 4th Jan 2024

Chairperson - Bernie O'Donovan  
Vice-President - Peter O'Reilly  
Hon. Secretary - Brian Molloy  
Hon. Treasurer - Michael Gordon

Committee:  
Piaras Molloy  
Caroline Fitzgerald  
Caroline Condon  
David Swan  
Anthony Lambe.

Both Men's and Ladies' Officers were elected.

The Club Committee was elected in accordance with nominations received.

P.A. Walsh and Bernie O'Donovan were nominated for the position of Chairperson. After a secret ballot Bernie O'Donovan was elected

A.O.B.

The Hon. Treasurer advised that Riordans and Co., Ltd would act as auditors for 2023.

Proposed: M. Gordon

Seconded: P. Molloy

P. O'Shea wished to advise all that Santa would be visiting on the following Sunday.

The business having been concluded the President then declared the meeting closed.