

DRAFT MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LADIES' CLUB

Monday 6th January 2020

ATTENDANCE: 119 ladies attended the meeting and 9 apologies were received

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Lady Captain Anna opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and dealing with house-keeping matters. That all members be signed in and all mobiles are turned off. A minute silence was observed for all deceased members.

2. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

With the approval of those present, the notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

3. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

The set of recommended Standing Orders for AGMs and SGMs as laid down in Rule 26.1 of the Constitution which were distributed in advance, were, with the approval of the meeting taken as read. Adoption of these draft Standing Orders as the Standing Orders for the meeting was proposed by Ann Louise Mulhall, seconded by Bridget Murtagh and agreed by the meeting.

4. ITEMS FOR "Any Other Business"

A Plastic on the course – Maura Keogh
B Slow Play – Norrie Clancy

5. & 6. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2019 AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Since these draft minutes had been circulated to everyone in advance of the meeting, the floor was asked to accept them until a member asked that they be read out. The Secretary read out the draft minutes. There were no comments on the contents of the draft minutes. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Ena Gilroy, seconded by Bridget O'Rourke and agreed by the meeting. There were no matters arising.

7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LADIES' COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2019

Since the Annual Report had been circulated to members in advance, the meeting agreed to take it as read. There were no questions or comments on the Annual Report. Approval of same was proposed by Marie McEneff, seconded by Maureen Fowler and agreed by the meeting.

8.a INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER 2019

Since the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st October 2019 had been circulated to members in advance, the meeting agreed to take it as read. As there were no questions or comments on the Income and Expenditure Account approval of same was proposed by Taimse O'Leary, seconded by Helen Kavanagh and agreed by the meeting.

8.b ESTIMATES FOR THE LADIES' CLUB FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER 2020

Since the Estimates for the Ladies' Club for the year ending 31st October 2020 had been circulated to all members the meeting agreed to take them as read. Approval of the Estimates was proposed by Anna Marie Dufficy, seconded by Frances Hand and agreed by the meeting.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION DULY LODGED

The following Motion has been received by the Ladies Committee: -

To amend the following sections of the Club Byelaws so that Tuesdays, rather than Mondays, shall be the Ladies' Competition Day, commencing from 2021 in order to facilitate bookings that have already been made by various Societies for outings on Tuesdays in 2020.

Proposed by Clare Maguire and Seconded by Catherine Byrne.

Anna gave a brief outline on how this motion came about. Disquiet and Discontent from members about the amount of work being done on the course on a Monday. Also noted in the club survey.

The motion was read by Clare Maguire and replies were as follows: -

Ena Gilroy asked why the Motion was not on the Website, If, it was there, she could not find it. She stated that the men's club have a motion and they received a copy of it before the meeting. Some people here tonight are only hearing about the motion, it's kind of been kept as Cloak & Dagger. Lady Captain Anna said that there was no intention of Cloak & Dagger but the opposite, we were trying to be open and above board. Ena said that it should have been on the website. Ena said that it was posted on the notice board during the Xmas holidays and that lots of women would not be in the club at that time. Anna said the Motion was posted on the notice board on 11th December. Ena said that the motion was not on the Notice Board on 11th. Phil said that the closing date for Motions was 8th December and the committee meeting was on 10th and the Motion was posted the next day on the 11th.

Norrie Clancy said that she kind of concurs with what Ena said. The word Posted, the motion was not posted on the notice board but hanging down in a folder from the Notice Board and people did not see it. She said that surveying clubs does not mean a thing. Do we know what competitions other clubs have in a week? She said we are Clontarf and will do our own thing. Many people will not know that we tried this before back in the eighties and it was a flop. She would not like her competitions played on Tuesdays & Thursdays and have to wait 4 days until the next Tuesday to play golf. She said that Ladies should assist the Grounds men and repair plug marks and rake bunkers. She noted that the Course is in terrific order. Her opinion would be to stick to Mondays and not Tuesdays. Annamarie Dufficy asked would there be a guarantee that the work carried out on a Monday would not then move to a Tuesday. Conditions on the course are not the same on Mondays as on Saturdays.

Anna replied that the heavy Monday work will always be carried out on Mondays.

Fionnuala Forde said that as a full-time worker Mondays suited her and if we changed, would the Bunnies clash with Ladies day or would their day change. Personally, she said that we should stay playing on Mondays.

Anna replied that Bunnies day would change from Tuesday to accommodate the Ladies.

Oona Walls said that she was disappointed and a bit miffed about the lack of communication on the Motion. Communication has caused a bumpy ride in the club before and it is happening again. She said she saw the Motion on the Notice Board on 11th December in the pockets and felt that it should have been displayed separately. She looked up the rules & regulations and thought that it would come out by email and feels that there is a lack of communication and there is an uneasiness and a hidden agenda. A simple sentence saying that there is a very important Motion being proposed. Very few ladies are playing during the Xmas period. She said that if the Ladies committee is working for us, they are chosen by us and maybe they could help us.

Anna reiterated that there was no intention to hide the motion.

Jennifer O'Connell said that she didn't have really strong views as she was very lucky to be in a position to play golf any day. But was concerned for people that were not in that position. Whether they were here tonight was her worry. and commended the Lady Captain in her desire to consult widely within the club and agreed that that is the way it should be done and that everybody in the club should be given an opportunity to have a say on a decision so big as this, because we don't know who has very strong commitments, that could prevent them from playing during the week if the day was changed. She said that she didn't see a representation from the ladies' club here tonight. She can see where the problem arises to do with the timing of our AGM and the timing of Christmas and the regulations in place saying 2 weeks before. It is a busy time of the year and hardly anyone is playing golf. There are 2 issues that she raised, if there was a genuine desire to consult the club and I do believe so, we get emails about everything, we get texts every week, there was no reason why this didn't go out by email and I think it should be taken on board by the committee that in future if there is something important to be discussed that it should

be sent out regardless of what regulations are in place. There is a tiered rule that motions should be displayed and put up on the website and I assume that was just an error, but it is clearly there is a criteria for any motion. My 2 issues are – lack of communication once again and secondly that every single person has a say on the motion. We, here tonight, are a select group. We are the people that happened to hear about it and any decision made here tonight is not a representation of the feelings of everybody in the Ladies Club.

Norrie Clancy said that she disagreed with Jennifer as we all know when the AGM will take place. It is in our Diary from Year to Year and it is our opportunity to come along and have our say. The people that are here tonight are the people that matter, and she disagreed that it should be put to every single member of the ladies’ club. Anna reiterated that this was the advice given to us to bring the motion to the AGM.

Jennifer reiterated that she had said that everybody should know about it. If they knew about it, they might be here tonight.

Lady Captain Anna opened the motion to the floor for a Vote and the Motion Failed.

10. To elect Officers and the Committee for 2020 along with our representatives on the Club’s three Sub-Committees;

Under sub-Clause 29.15 of the Constitution, the Lady Vice-Captain Anne Gardner was deemed to be Lady Captain and there was a round of applause for Anne.

Outgoing Lady Captain Anna then asked the Secretary to read out the names of those nominated for election as Officers on the Ladies’ Committee which were posted on the noticeboard in the Ladies’ Locker Room on December 11th, 2019.

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Lady Vice-Captain	Mary Sheridan	Anne Gardner	Anna Tyndall
Secretary	Phil McGuinness	Anna Tyndall	Anne Gardner
Treasurer	Mary Brennan	Dymphna O’Moore	Bridget Murtagh
Tournament Secretary	Mary Barrett 6/1	Anne Gardner	Mary Sheridan
Handicap Secretary	Angela Maguire	Anna Tyndall	Anne Gardner
Junior Convenor	Marie Duignan	Mary Sheridan	Clare Maguire

We had no nominations for Tournament Secretary at time of print. Mary Barrett has since been nominated by Anne Gardner and seconded by Mary Sheridan. Lady Captain Anna asked Mary Barrett if she had accepted the position of Tournament Secretary and she agreed.

As there were no other nominations for the positions, the above nominees were deemed elected as per the Rules and Regulations of the Ladies’ Club.

The Secretary then read out the names of those nominated for other positions on the Ladies’ Committee which were posted on the noticeboard in the Ladies’ Locker Room since December 11th, 2019.

NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Brigid Murtagh	Clare Maguire	Dymphna O’Moore
Tina Price	Anne Gardner	Phil McGuinness
Marie O’Flynn	Nettie Billings	Mary Brennan
Ger Roche	Mary Brennan	Phil McGuinness
Carol Minogue	Nettie Billings	Anna Tyndall
Dymphna O’Moore	Bridget Murtagh	Phil McGuinness

As there were no other nominations for the other six positions on the Ladies' Committee, the above nominees were deemed elected as per the Rules and Regulations of the Ladies' Club.

SUB-COMMITTEES

The nominees as outlined below as per the Rules and Regulations of the Ladies' Club sub-clauses 5.1.1, 5.2 and 5.1.3 were elected to the relevant Sub-Committees.

SUB-COMMITTEE	NOMINEE
Social Sub-Committee	Brigid Murtagh
Social Sub-Committee	Tina Price
House Sub-Committee	Marie O'Flynn
House Sub-Committee	Ger Roche
Course Sub-Committee	Carol Minogue
Course Sub-Committee	Dymphna O'Moore

Outgoing Lady Captain's Words of Farewell

Lady Captain Anna said that It had been an honour and a privilege to have been Lady Captain of Clontarf Golf club and she thanked everybody for the courtesy and good will shown to her throughout the year. She said thanks to all who make Clontarf the club that it is. Specifically, the Ladies Committee who work tirelessly on our behalf throughout the year. Also, the Management committee, Trustees, all the sub committees, volunteers and all of the staff. She thanked the team managers and players as we all know we were successful this year in bringing home 2 pennants and thanked all the teams involved. She then wished the incoming Lady Captain Anne the very best for 2020, her Vice-captain Mary and her incoming committee.

Presentation of Pin to Incoming Lady Captain

Anna said it was her great pleasure to present incoming Lady Captain Anne with her Lady Captain's pin and had no doubt that Anne would make an excellent Lady Captain. She wished both her and her Committee every success in 2020. A Round of applause was given from the floor

Lady Captain Anne then asked Anna to continue to chair the AGM.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE STEPPING DOWN FROM COMMITTEE

Outgoing Lady Captain Anna paid tribute to the Officers and Committee members who were stepping down from Committee.

Madge Daly

Madge has been Handicap Secretary for three years, and prior to that represented the Ladies on the House sub-committee, bringing her years on committee to five.

Nettie Billings

Nettie has served three years on committee, the last two as Treasurer of the Ladies club

Peggy Vather has served five years on committee, all those years representing the Ladies on Social.

Jean Farrelly has also been on committee for five years, also representing the Ladies on Social

Together Peggy and Jean have been responsible for arranging many enjoyable social events in the club and for introducing the now annual December shopping trip to Kildare Village

Clare Maguire has spent four years on committee, during which time she represented the Ladies' committee on Course and House sub-committees.

We thank these ladies for their commitment to the club and for their dedication to their work in committee.

11. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

Outgoing Lady Captain Anna proposed Ann Harrington as Honorary Auditor for the financial year ending 31st October 2020. This was seconded by Marie Duignan and agreed at the meeting. Ann Harrington was deemed to be our Honorary Auditor for the year ending 31st October 2020.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) **Plastic on the course** Maura Keogh brought up the subject of broken plastic tees on the Tee Boxes and the fact that they are harmful to wildlife. She always gathers them and brings them home to her own recycle bin. Royal North Devon club (1860) have banned plastic tees in their club for this reason. Perhaps we could raise awareness/ Recycle in closed boxes not in the open boxes we have at the moment as this is not safe for wildlife & birds. Maura also asked if there were any plans to rehome or destroy the beautiful Fox on the course, not that she wanted to see anything bad happen to the Fox.

Anna replied – it comes down to everyone's care of the course – new bins are being purchased – but this issue could be brought to Management by the incoming Committee for their comment. No plans to cull the Fox although he does a lot of damage

b) **Slow Play** Norrie Clancy said that there is very little to be said about slow play, but you should keep up with the people in front not ahead of the people behind you. Don't let a gap be created. Walk a little faster, be ready to play your ball, so we are not out there 4 / 4 ½ hours

Anna said that this issue had been brought to Management – Slow players don't see themselves as Slow Players and it is hard to deal with. Walk ahead to your ball and play when ready. Slow play disrupts everyone's game. Play Ready Golf. Don't hang around the Tee Box Fiddling with Cards. Appeal to fellow players to speed it up. Maura Keogh said that she plays in a Society where each group of players has a designated person to keep the players in their group moving along thus not causing any ill feeling within the group.

Incoming Lady Captain's Acceptance Speech

Lady Captain Anne thanked Lady Captain Anna saying that she was very proud to accept her Pin and she was honoured and privileged to be Lady Captain of Clontarf for 2020. She knows that every honour brings its own responsibilities and is aware of the immense responsibility this position entails. She will do her best to maintain the very high standard of all her predecessors and to honor the position of Lady Captain. Anne thanked Anna for inviting her to be Lady Vice-Captain and will endeavor to fulfill the trust and confidence placed in her. Anne said that Anna had a successful and busy year, even though she had an injury which left her unable to play golf. Though she battled on and gave 100% of her time and energy to every task undertaken. She embraced all the challenges the year brought in her own efficient, capable and calm way. And gave unselfishly of her time to all her duties. Anne said that on her own behalf and on the behalf of all the Lady Members, she sincerely thanked Anna for a Job well done. She said we owe you a great debt of gratitude and you will be a hard act to follow.

Anne said that like Anna she too is following in the footsteps of her mother Mona who was Lady Captain in 1990, and who knows, maybe another family member will hold this office in 30 years' time, if we're still around. Anne said that she joined Clontarf in 1982 and previously served on Committee for 6 years, 3 as Handicap Secretary. She said that she has represented the club playing on teams at all levels. The Highlight of which was being part of the Irish Mixed Team that reached the All-Ireland Final in Castlerock in 2010. Unfortunately, the club didn't win on that occasion but maybe This is our Year.

Anne said that she is looking forward to working with the incoming officers and committee and with the help and support of the Lady members she hopes 2020 is a most successful year for us all.

Marie McEneff said on behalf of the members, she would like to thank you and your Committee for all her hard work and commitment. It is very much appreciated. The Officers and the Sub-Committees are all so dedicated to our Club. She offered Congratulations to Lady Captain Anne and her incoming Committee and wished them all the best for 2020.

The meeting then closed at 9.08pm.

Signed _____
Lady Captain

Date _____