

Minutes of Ladies AGM Sunday 9th January 2022.

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom at 4.00 pm. Over seventy members attended. Honorary Secretary Sheelagh Bowers opened the meeting and introduced Lady Captain Carmel who welcomed everybody. Sheelagh read the notice convening the meeting.

Lady Captain Carmel asked for a minute's silence to remember deceased members and friends. Apologies were received from Hon Handicap Secretary Rosemary Hayes, Brianne McHugh, Susie McCulloch and Marie McGurk. The minutes of the previous AGM, which had been e-mailed to members were deemed as read.

Matters arising from minutes of the AGM Jan 2021

There were no matters arising.

The minutes were proposed by Lucy McConnell and seconded by Geraldine Meegan.

Ladies Committee Report 2021

Madam Chairperson and Ladies,

The Ladies Club Committee has pleasure in presenting its report for 2021.

At our last AGM on Sunday 10th January 2021, Lady Captain Carmel was very much looking forward to her second year in office and hoping that it would be a more normal year. But as we all know, Covid has remained a dominant feature of our lives for yet another year.

Twelve meetings were held during the year, mostly virtually via Zoom but we were able to meet in person on one occasion. All committee members attended regularly. Jenny Matthews resigned from the committee in July and we thank her for her valuable contribution during the eighteen months she was on the committee. Thank you to Lady Vice Captain Oonagh for arranging the Zoom meetings.

Disappointment quickly came when the lockdown was announced soon into the New Year. Yet again the Captains' Drive-in was cancelled. As it happened, the drive-in eventually took place on Sunday 5th September and a great day was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Committee would like to thank all those ladies in 2021 who generously committed to sponsor the weekly competitions, the Cups, Memorial Trophies and Past Captains' prize and thank you to Geraldine Donegan who again acted as prize co-ordinator. Also thank you to Approved Leinster Windows for its sponsorship, at short notice, of the Ladies Open day in July.

Although there was a late start to the golfing calendar this year, we are delighted to report that a lot of exciting golf has been played. The four major competitions were played and congratulations to all the winners. Also, well done to all who won the trophies and cups this year and the Officers' prizes. They are listed in the Hon Competition Secretary's report.

Lady Captain Carmel's day was on 13th July. There was a great atmosphere around the club, on another lovely day. We hope she enjoyed the day and that it was memorable for her, despite Covid restrictions. The prizes were really beautiful and the winner was Mary Lennon (net 68) with Geraldine Collier as the runner-up. Congratulations too, to all the class winners.

Lady President Pat also had an enjoyable day in August and her prize was won by Ann O'Brien.

The Ladies club pays tribute to Deirdre Smith, Oonagh Purfield-Goulding, Emily Murray, Kate Dwyer and Ellen O'Shaughnessy who played in various championships over the summer.

Deirdre Smith and Lady Vice Captain Oonagh played in the Golf Ireland Senior Women's Close Championship in Westport. Deirdre lost out to Carol Wickham, Laytown & Bettystown (also a member of Co Louth) in a thrilling final.

Well played Emily, who was unlucky to be beaten on the 19th in the final of the Leinster Girls Championship Plate.

The Sheila Walsh Trophy competition was played in Laytown & Bettystown on 29th July. There was a good representation of ladies from Co Louth and it was very exciting when we retained this beautiful trophy. The winners for Co Louth were Vicki Smyth and Mia Quinn with 45 pts on the last nine.

Everyone who played enjoyed the day and the hospitality in Laytown & Bettystown was much appreciated. Many thanks to Tom and Maureen Walsh for their sponsorship.

We send many congratulations to the Girls' Under 19 team who won the Leinster final of the All-Ireland Girls Inter-Club Championships. Well done to Emily Murray, Catherine Gray, Ellen O'Shaughnessy and sub Molly McGuire. We are all very proud of them and they played well in the finals, although unsuccessful on the day.

Well done to all the teams who played their inter-club matches. The Senior Cup reached the regional final but unfortunately lost to the Island GC. The Challenge Cup team was defeated in their fourth

round. On behalf of the Ladies Club, many thanks to all who volunteered to play on the teams, their managers and the team co-ordinator, Jane McCabe.

The Winter programme began with the turkey competitions on Tuesday 19th October and the winter league on 2nd November. This is a fun competition throughout the winter and we are most grateful to Approved Leinster Windows for their sponsorship.

Co Louth GC again hosted the Irish Women's Amateur Open Championship for the Clarrie Reddan & Philomena Garvey Trophy on Friday 15th – Sunday 17th October 2021.

This year, we were also delighted to host the Girls' Amateur Open Championship which was played at the same time. The winner of both competitions was Charlotte Back from Germany, a young player who should have a great future. A big thank you to all those who volunteered to Ball spot over the three days. They were essential to the success of the championships. We are looking forward to hosting these two great Championships again in early May next year.

Carlos McDowell was Honorary Competitions Secretary this year. Details of competitions held once some sort of normality returned in July are in Carlos's report. Thank you to Carlos and the competitions committee. We acknowledge that it has been a very difficult year for the committee in respect of Covid restrictions and how difficult it made communicating with members and amongst your team. Thank you to Lorraine for her help with the on-line booking and the purse payment system. Very many thanks to all involved in this busy section of the club.

Handicaps were tracked this year by Honorary Handicap Secretary, Rosemary Hayes and her sub-committee. Rosemary and the committee kept members up to date on the World Handicap System which has come into operation. We are all getting used to it. Many thanks Rosemary for your work, commitment and guidance.

The Social Committee eventually got busy again in the late summer. Any plans made for November and December did not come to fruition. The Ecumenical Service has been postponed. The Presidents' Mixed went ahead but there were no Carols.

The Bridge club continues despite the pandemic. Carlos McDowell was elected President in March and Bridge is played on Tuesday nights online. About 24 players participate and membership stands at forty-two.

2021 was a relatively quiet year for our floral committee in comparison to other years. However, the team came up with splendid arrangements on the few occasions we were able to celebrate. The highlights of the year were Lady Captain's Day, Lady President's Day and the long-awaited Drive in! Thanks to all the ladies who participated in keeping our clubhouse cheerful, since we were again able to enjoy our golf and clubhouse facilities.

Anne O'Brien reported that there were very few art classes due to restrictions but that enthusiasm is as strong as ever. She hopes that they can restart in the new year. Thank you, Anne for keeping the artists enthused.

Anna Mulroy held no Pilates classes this year as the space available is not conducive to Covid safety. Special Olympics golf under the guidance of Geraldine Collier and her team, has not taken place since February 2020. Whenever things improve, they will assess the situation with Special Olympics Drogheda and the volunteers.

The Ladies Club committee would like to sincerely thank the General Manager, Liam Murphy and the office staff, Professionals Paddy McGuirk, Enda Maguire, Course Manager Wayne Murray and all the greens staff, and Michael Devine and all the staff in the restaurant for their help throughout the year. It was again a very difficult year for the restaurant and the staff. We send our very best wishes to Michael as he continues his recovery following his recent surgery.

We particularly wish Paddy McGuirk every good wish in his retirement. Good wishes to John Skelly too.

Decisions made in 2021.

Entry fees for competitions in 2021 were agreed as follows: Tuesday competitions and alternate days are €5; Majors €8 and 9-hole are €3.

It was agreed that the Maximum Score Rule No. 21.2 (Par +5) would apply to all Strokeplay competitions in 2021 and this will be reviewed in 2022.

Lady Membership over all categories now stands at 444 at the end of October 2021.

Breakdown is as follows:

Hon	Life	Ord	Vet	Sen Life	Assoc	5 Day	O' Seas	Pav	Inter med	Stud	Jun	Min
6	4	171	80	19	7	15	3	30	14	14	63	18

Lady President.

Thank you, Pat for being our President again this year. Although the opportunities to represent Co Louth were less than expected, you regularly supported the teams as much as possible. This is something for which you are well known each year. Every good wish for 2022. We are look forward to and welcome Judy McQuillan as our new Lady President and wish her an enjoyable year.

Lady Captain Carmel.

Lady Captain Carmel has been very frustrated by Covid 19 and how it has impinged on her two years as our Lady Captain. All her best plans went astray. We appreciate how she has coped with the difficulties and remained positive, calm and encouraging to us members. We think she also enjoyed her golf! Many thanks Carmel and it was such a pity that we could not have the Dinner and the show. On a personal note, I have enjoyed working with you and getting to know you better.

We are looking forward to having a better 2022 with golf aplenty under Oonagh's captaincy and we welcome the incoming Vice Captain, Marie Maguire.

We wish you both all the very best.

Finally, as Hon Secretary, I know some members feel there are too many emails but this is the way we communicate now. I would recommend that members regularly visit the Golf Ireland website where there is much information about all things golf. www.golfireland.ie

The Ladies Club committee wish everyone a healthy, happy and better New Year in 2022.

Honorary Secretary: Sheelagh Bowers

The report was adopted and proposed by Margo Quinn. Seconded by Caroline Halpin

Hon Treasurer's report by Elizabeth McCormack

In her report, Liz made the following comments re the financial report as of 31st October 2021:

1.Surplus: As shown in the statement of affairs there was a surplus of income over expenditure of €2,821 recorded in the 12-month period to 31 October 2021. This compares to a surplus of €965 in the previous year. However, the two years are not comparable, with competitions cancelled and course closures in 2020. We have seen a significant increase in ladies playing regularly and in competitions. €11,938 was taken in income with €9,117 in expenditure in the year. The main highlights are as follows:

- €1,286 has been raised for the LC charity (Alzheimer's Society) with an additional €150 collected since then. The donation is not yet shown as expenditure as the monies have yet to be handed over.
- The expenditure was down in 2020 and 2021 with the cancellation of the Lady Captains dinner in both years due to the pandemic.
- The surplus for 2021 includes income of €780 from 2020 relating to expenses refunded from the club.
- €4,300 was redeemed in vouchers.
- The Lady Captain and officers of the committee honorarium of €3,100 was paid in 2021, the same as in prior years, except in 2020 where none was paid due to the pandemic.
- A competition was held sponsored by Approved Leinster Windows who donated €500. We received sponsorship of €500 from the Sports Surgery Clinic (Santry) in November 2021 with the competition to be held in 2022. We thank them and all our sponsors for their support. €680 (€370 in 2020) was donated to Breast Cancer research from the proceeds of the 'Ladies in Pink' competition and a donation of €250 (€150 in 2020) was made to the National Council for the blind.

Gifts were presented in December 2021 by the Lady Captain, on behalf of all the Ladies Committee and all our lady members to mark the occasion of the retirement of our Pro Paddy McGuirk and John Skelly. This will be reflected in the accounts to 2022.

2. Reserves: The balance of reserves at the end of October was €22,856.

3. Bank: The balance of reserves of €22,856 held are in current account €11,544, Deposit accounts €10,204 and €1,088 and a bond of €19.

Prepared by: Liz McCormack - Hon Treasurer

The report was adopted.

Proposed by Ann McClean. Seconded by Sarah O'Hagan

Hon Competitions Secretary's report given by Carlos McDowell

Thank you to Lady Captain Carmel, Vice-Captain Oonagh and members for all your support through the year. Thank you to the Competitions Committee - Lucy McConnell, Anne Keane, Anne McClean, Jackie Quinn (our techie queen), Mary Joy, Niamh Darcy, Eileen Tully, Mags Brennan, Mary Upton, Mary Lennon and Bettina Jeffers. Their dedication & support over the year is highly appreciated. A well-deserved thank you to you all.

The Winter League Team is Jane McCabe, Sharon Caine, Mairead Duffy, Anne McClean and Susie McCulloch. Thank you for all your hard work over the winter months, sorting out the teams. There is great interest in this competition.

Yet again, we started the year 2021 with a major golf lockdown. Social golf commenced in late April and competitive golf on 18th May, starting with the "Play in Pink" competition in aid of Breast Cancer Research. It was a 3-person team event. 75 people played 18 holes with 23 playing 9 holes. All the fees went as a donation to the Breast Cancer Research Fund.

The other charities that the Lady's Club normally support annually were not played this year, but donations were sent to their funds.

18 hole competitions:	21
Average number of players	66 (consistent with previous years)
Voucher prizes 3 classes	
9 hole competitions	21
Average number of players	27 (major increase compared to previous years)
Voucher prizes 1st & 2nd	

The Winter League Competition commenced on 2nd November. Eight teams are competing & the average number of players has been 83 so far (thanks to good weather).

This competition has been kindly sponsored by Approved Leinster Windows.

Cup Winners:

Athlumney Cup	Vicki Smyth
Patricia Copas Cup	Rosemary Howell
PGA Tankard	Rosemary Hayes
Peter Lyons Cup	Anne Walsh
Queensboro Cup	Dorothy Collins
Mother & Daughter Cup	Deirdre and Catherine Gray
Golfer of the Year	Mary Lennon
GI Silver Medal H/C <20	Rosemary Howell
GI Bronze Medal H/C >	Catherine Gray

The Sheila Walsh Trophy was played in Laytown/Bettystown on Thursday 29th July which is the annual team event against L&B golf club. The great news was that Co Louth GC were victorious and the trophy now sits proudly in the Trophy Cabinet in the clubhouse.

The other cups were not competed for this year, as the 18 hole season did not commence till late May. We would like to thank all the donors who kindly gave prizes for 2021. The vouchers have been very well received. A big "thank you" to Geraldine Donegan for coordinating all these ladies and all the vouchers arrived ahead of time.

The Donor book will be in circulation in the locker room for next year 2022.

Carlos McDowell, Hon Competitions Secretary

Report adopted. Proposed by Eileen Tully

Seconded by Christine Carolan

Hon. Handicap Secretary's Report by Rosemary Hayes

Another year is drawing to a close and yet again we have had many new experiences to deal with, during what one could only describe as a turbulent year for all.

The wearing of masks and the washing of hands became as routine as brushing our teeth and keeping a 2-metre distance is now, a well-practiced habit!

The golf courses of Ireland reopened their doors on 26th April to a collective sigh from golfers nationwide. A little piece of normality had now returned to our daily lives. Qualifying competitions or as the World Handicapping System's (WHS) new terminology now describes them, Acceptable Score Competitions began on 25th May. The WHS was now up and running, since its initial inception on 2nd November 2020. All handicaps have been converted to Handicap Indexes. Your Handicap Index is portable and can be used throughout the world. You also have a Course Handicap and a Playing

Handicap. The Course Handicap is determined by the course and tees you are playing and the Playing Handicap is determined by the type of competition you are playing in e.g. singles, fourball, foursomes etc.

One of the most significant changes to take place within the new handicap system is the ability to enter and submit scores through the Golf Ireland app and also through our own ClubNet app. This has proved of great assistance, particularly for those who preferred not to enter the clubhouse and use the club computer terminal. These apps also enable you to check your handicap and scores on your phone or tablet, always ensuring that you are aware of what your current handicap index is, at all times. There was also the introduction of General Play scores, where you can decide to return a score for your handicap, outside a competition setting. You must register your intent to play before you go out and then submit your score when your round is completed. This gives the player another opportunity to work on reducing their handicap. You must have a marker with you with a current handicap index, to verify your score.

The WHS is still in its infancy in this country and many golfers are still trying to get to grips with the new system. It is a fair system based on scoring averages and does reflect the players ability more accurately. An established scoring record of 20 scores or more, will give a fair reflection on how your game is progressing.

My thanks to our small, compact and efficient handicap committee of Christine Carolan, Anne Marie Daly and Jane McCabe for their input and assistance throughout the year.

Enjoy your golf through the winter months and we all look forward to sunnier and safer days to come in 2022. Stay safe everyone.

Rosemary Hayes, Handicap Secretary.

Report proposed by Ann Walsh

Seconded by Pat Murray

Junior Report read by Linda McGuire

With a later than usual start to the year, the Junior committee still managed to accumulate more than 600 hours of volunteering. This does not include meetings and coffee breaks. The season started with casual golf and culminated with scenes such as the juniors singing for their hot chocolate at the tea caddie. We welcomed 42 new junior members into the category and 35 into the minor category.

It has been a very active year, which would not have been possible without the gracious support of Hibernia Steel, The Friends of Brain Matthews, Dulux Ireland, The Golf Bag, Kellogg's Ireland, Tesco, Coca Cola Ireland, Forge Field Farm, Mahers Totalhealth Chemist and Pharmaher Healthcare Ltd. A big thanks to all of the above.

Also, a special thanks to Committee members Susan, Jackie, Jenny and Cathryn for their dedication to junior golf.

It was a very exciting year and Catherine Gray, Emily Murray and Ellen O'Shaughnessy were a joy to watch. They gave us many finger biting finishes, and they are great role models for our younger juniors who had great days spectating. The girls captured another Leinster title and were competitive as usual in all their endeavours. We could not be prouder of these girls and their Team Captain Deirdre Gray. We also qualified for the All-Ireland final in the Golf Sixes, which was played in Portmarnock Golf Club in October. We finished a respectable 3rd place and these juniors have a very bright future. The junior girls on the team were Anna McDonnell, Niamh Kearney, Leah McHugh and sub-Rebecca Purcell under the stewardship of Team Captain Ian McDonnell.

We were one of the only clubs in Leinster with three juniors competing in the Interprovincial matches, with Emily and Ellen representing Leinster. Gavin also represented the club. Emily has been an amazing Junior Captain. She would volunteer whenever she was available and all the junior girls benefited greatly. She has inspired more than she appreciates and I am certain that next year's Junior Captain, Eimear Hughes, will emulate this commitment.

In collaboration with our Professionals, Paddy McGuirk and Enda Maguire, a comprehensive junior and minor coaching programme was designed. This programme was delivered in its totality in the face of many obstacles, not least the current Covid crisis and what was required to be compliant with the latest regulations. This would not have been possible without enormous dedication, via volunteering and the wonderful support from parents and families.

On a final note, the Junior Committee would like to thank the Ladies Club for their support throughout the year. The committee are looking forward to 2022 and building on our progress and successes in 2021.

Linda McGuire Junior Convenor

Report proposed by Dorothy Collins

Seconded by Judith Clarke

Lady Captain Carmel – Final words

With another late start to our golfing calendar, due to Covid, we eventually started our Competition golf at the end of May.

I would like to acknowledge a number of individuals who have helped me in my role throughout the past year:

To our Lady President, Pat Murray, for always representing our club in fine style. Thank you and wishing you good health for the future.

To Vice Captain, Oonagh Purfield Goulding, for your help throughout both years. Thank you and best wishes for your Captaincy.

To our Hon. Secretary, Sheelagh Bowers, for your dedication and efficiency keeping everything running smoothly. Thank you, Sheelagh and best wishes in your continuation of this role.

To our Hon. Handicap Secretary, Rosemary Hayes, and sub-committee, for keeping our handicaps updated and responding to our endless queries. Thank you, Rosemary.

To our Competition Secretary, Carlos McDowell, and her sub-committee, for configuring our timesheets around the late start to the year and distributing the winning vouchers. Thank you, Carlos for this immeasurable and continuous work over the year.

To our Hon. Treasurer, Liz McCormack, who has kept our finances in order and presents an excellent analysis of income and expenditure. Thank you, Liz.

To our ex officio Judith, for her great knowledge of protocol, I thank you.

To Jane, Susie, Mairead, and Geraldine, thank you for your support throughout the year. Without forgetting Michelle's and Jenny's contributions the previous year.

To the Social Committee and the Flower Committee, a big thank you for keeping our social life and our club as normal and as beautiful as possible.

To our General Manager Liam, Lorraine, Catherine, and our Professional Enda, along with all our front of house staff, for always being at the ready to answer all our queries, thank you.

To our Junior Convenor, Linda McGuire, and the junior committee, who have achieved so much with our juniors, and are showing great promise for the future, very well done.

To Wayne and the greens staff, thank you for keeping the course in pristine condition.

To Rachel and restaurant staff, for keeping everyone fed despite the restrictions, well done. I would like to wish Michael Devine a speedy recovery to good health.

Best of luck to our Professional Paddy McGuirk on his retirement. Wishing him the best of health to enjoy his leisure time.

With this, I would like to welcome our new professional, Scott Kirkpatrick. I wish him luck in assuming his new role and look forward to getting to know him and his team.

As we remain in the throes of covid -19, we can but remain positive and anticipate enjoying our coming golfing year.

Again, it has been an honour and a privilege to represent you for two years. It gives me great pleasure to pass the seal of office to Oonagh Purfield Goulding, with best wishes for a successful 2022.

Stay Safe and Happy New Year,

Lady Captain *Carmel*

Incoming Lady Captain Oonagh's speech:

Thank you, Lady Captain,

I am honoured to become the 2022 Lady Captain of County Louth Golf Club. I would like to thank our outgoing Lady Captain Carmel for proposing me for Lady Captain of our Club. Carmel has held the position for the past two years and truly represented our Ladies Club with great distinction. Carmel was a great support to all our teams on Inter Club Days, and on the fairways and truly wore the badge of honour with immense pride. I wish Carmel many great years to come, on the short grass of our fairways. On behalf of the Ladies Club, I would like to thank you for your commitment and leadership over the past two years.

I would like to mention now our out-going Lady President Pat Murray – what can I honestly say – we go back so long and apart from being my rock, she has also caddied for me in my International Days and a great true friend. Thank you Lady President Pat. I wish you many great days on our links and also keep up to date with the rulings – we need you!

I would like to welcome Lady President Judy McQuillan. I am delighted to be able to say to Judy she will be well looked after by our Ladies Committee, and I hope you enjoy your year.

To my Vice-Captain Marie Maguire – I welcome you and I have full confidence and belief that you will be an immense success and truly believe you will represent the Ladies Club to a very high standard with great pride.

To our competition Secretary Carlos – I know you have had a challenging time fitting in all our fixtures but really appreciate your efforts – it was not easy but I truly promise the full support of our Ladies Committee to help, it is a hard task, but you are not alone! Thank you for such an excellent job in challenging times.

To Rosemary Hayes – thank you and your committee for all your hard work and time – the Ladies Club much appreciate your efforts and commitment. The new Handicap System has really been a smooth transition thanks to you and your committee.

To Liz McCormack – thank you Liz for your professionalism and your very efficient approach to holding the reins tight on our finances – such are the reports so clearly presented it helps us Ladies to understand how our finances are. Thank you.

To our outgoing committee members, Jane McCabe – who was our Team’s Convenor and did a great job. To Susie McCulloch, Mairead Duffy and Jenny Callahan – thank you ladies for your time and commitment it was a pleasure to work with you all – your time and commitment is very much appreciated. To our outgoing Lady ex officio Judith – thank you – you have been a great support to me personally and I hope the phone line remains open for another 12 months.

I welcome Barbara Grant, Karen Upton, Ann McClean and Fleur McCloskey – truly a great team formed, and I look forward to working with you all. We can only do our best, but I have no doubt you will all represent the Ladies of our Club with great honour.

I would like to say a comprehensive thank you to our Ladies Hon Sec – Sheelagh Bowers – where would we be without you – the rock of the ladies committee and who has a fantastic balance in keeping us all on track – Sheelagh your time and commitment is very much appreciated. I look forward to the next 12 months collaborating with you. Thank you.

To Derek, our outgoing Captain and Thomas, our outgoing President – it was a great pleasure to work with you both – thank you for all your time and hard work. Both of you are great ambassadors for our club and all your efforts are much appreciated.

I am fortunate and welcome the opportunity to work with our Captain Nicky Smith – what a gentleman – I look forward to the year ahead and hopefully the Ladies and the Men’s club will work well together and enjoy great days on our links.

I would also like to welcome Vice Captain Ken Meegan – I look forward to working with him over the next 12 months and I have no doubt he will be a great addition to the MC and our Club as a Captain when he takes up office.

I also welcome President Martin Ryan – I hope you enjoy your year Martin and look forward to seeing you on the fairways.

I would like to thank all the ladies over the years who have represented the Club as Captain and President. We must now pause and take a few seconds to remember all our old friends who are no longer with us – you may be gone but you are certainly not forgotten.

The charity for my year will be – **Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland** – who provide trained accredited autism assistance dogs to autistic children.

Finally, I know it has been an exceedingly tough time for the past 2 years but let us hope we can make the most of the year ahead and rise to the challenges that may come our way. I look forward to seeing again the true DNA of our great club back out in force with great warm welcomes for one another and our guests, the sea of red supporting our great teams and importantly, lots of Baltray spirit amongst our fantastic members.

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Election of Officers

Lady Captain deemed the following to be elected.

Lady President	Judy McQuillan
Lady Captain	Oonagh Purfield Goulding
Lady Vice Captain	Marie Maguire
Hon. Sec	Sheelagh Bowers
Hon. Comp. Sec	Carlos McDowell
Hon. Handicap Sec	Rosemary Hayes

Election of Committee

The new committee members are Barbara Grant, Anne McClean, Fleur McCloskey, Geraldine Meegan and Karen Upton, Carmel Kierans, Ex Officio.

Outgoing Lady President Pat's speech

I appreciate the all the kind words and I would like also to thank everyone for their kindness and consideration to me during my year as your Lady President, especially Carmel and her committee. I am so honoured to have been Lady President during 2020 and 2021 and was proud to represent Baltray. I wish Oonagh and the new committee every success in 2022.

Incoming Lady President Judy's speech

Lady President Judy said that she had joined Co Louth in 1978 and has known all the past Presidents as far back as Josephine Connolly. She said she would do all she could to follow in their footsteps and maintain their high ideals. She wished everyone good luck, enjoyment, happiness and good golfing and said not to forget that golf was the reason we were all here.

Motion

It is proposed that Rule No 7 of the Rules of the Ladies Club be amended to read as follows:

“No member shall be elected to any office or to membership of the Ladies Committee who has not been a member of County Louth Golf Club for at least three (3) years immediately prior to her election”.

This would bring it into line with the Rule No 10.17 of the Club Constitution which was amended at the AGM 2020.

The current Rule No 7 of the Rules of the Ladies Club reads as follows:

“No Member shall be elected to any office or to membership of the Ladies' Committee who has not been a member of County Louth Golf Club for at least five (5) years immediately prior to her election”.

Proposed by Judith Clarke Seconded by Carmel Kierans.

In proposing the motion Judith explained that because Rule no 10.17 had been amended to three years, it means that a lady member could be elected to the Management Committee after only three years as a member but she could not be elected to the Ladies Committee until after five years. Outgoing lady Captain Carmel seconded this motion. It was explained that the vote would be conducted via Survey Monkey following the meeting and all eligible lady members could vote.

Following the meeting, the motion was carried by 102 votes for and 17 against with one vote void.

AOB:

Sheila Nelson asked if there would be V Par competitions in 2022 and understood that there were some technical problems as to why this was not possible. Competition Sec Carlos agreed that there were problems but they would see what they could do this year.

Re Birdies and Rings Competition. Lucy McConnell said that it was she who wrote on the white board that the competition was up at the end of August. Anne Keane said that Lucy and the sub-committee were not informed of the extension to the date. Anne also objected to the fact that there was no break in the Winter league of two weeks as is traditional. Anne Marie Daly also thought there should be a two week break at Christmas and no competition the week before Christmas. Hon Competition Sec Carlos replied that the diary went out on 23rd March 21, followed by a modified version at a later date.

Ann Walsh asked with the new handicap system and people's handicaps going out, is there any chance of having 4 classes. Lady Captain thought this would have to be confirmed by Golf Ireland.

Lady Captain Oonagh explained Survey Monkey re voting on the Motion.

There was a query as to five-day members and are they not permitted to take part in the survey? The response was that five-day members are not allowed to attend general meetings. (Constitution under Membership 3.4)

Ex-Officio Judith's speech:

I would like to congratulate Lady Captain Carmel and Lady President Pat on their tremendous year just gone. I would like to thank you both on being great ambassadors for the club and for being great supporters of the teams playing throughout the year. I would like to wish the incoming team for 2022 well.

Judith Clarke (Ex-Officio)

This concluded the business of the AGM 2022.