

Minutes of the 76th Annual General Meeting of Forrest Little Golf Club

Held at: The Clubhouse on Thursday 3rd December 2015

Chairman: Barry Clifford

The Honorary Secretary read the notice convening the meeting and

The Chairman declared the meeting open and welcomed the members present.

The Honorary Secretary confirmed that a quorum (40 members) was present. 80 members signed the attendance sheet

A minute's silence was then held for the deceased members.

Apologies received from Tom Keogh, Ciaran Bookey, Paul Shanahan, Donal Hampson, Patsy Mee, Martin Tarmey, Martin Hehir, Sean O'Laoire, Ken McCabe, Biddy McKeever, Sheila O'Neill, Sinead Collins, Margaret Skeffington, Rose Conroy, Marie O'Rourke, Eileen Judd, Kay Byrne.

Adoption of Standing Orders as follows.

Speakers asked to come to the podium at the front to speak and to speak only once on any topic or motion.

The minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting held on 4th December 2014, having been circulated in advance were adopted

Proposed: Paddy Robinson Seconded: Martin Kelly

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Honorary Secretary's Report

The Honorary Secretary's report, having been circulated in advance, was adopted

Proposed: Gary Dempsey Seconded: Michael Denihan

There were no questions arising from the Honorary Secretary's report

Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Honorary Treasurer's report, having already been circulated in advance, was adopted.

Proposed: Maeve Duffy Seconded: Brid Snow

The Honorary Treasurer Michael O'Sullivan went through a powerpoint presentation on screens to clarify aspects of the Financial Report.

While the club's income at €792k was down €20k on previous year, the income was funded mainly by annual subscriptions. All income headings performed well and the new members deal of €100 per month proved popular and helped to attract additional members.

On the expenditure side costs were well controlled and total costs were down €49k on last year. The Treasurer thanked Paul Keane, his subcommittee and all the ground staff for their efforts with

special thanks also to the large team of volunteers helped with Course, Clubhouse etc. Michael also called for a well-earned round of applause for all the volunteers.

In summary, Income v expenditure saw a €35k operating surplus. On the capital side development levy less €17k spent on entrance hall upgrade, left a capital surplus €27k. When this is combined with the operating surplus of €35k shows an overall surplus of €62k. This funded bank repayments of €59k. The trend is good with the balance sheet €74k better off this year.

Budget for 2016 shows income increase with new members included for the full year and continuing expenditure controls in place helping the bottom line move towards an €80k surplus. Capex plans include work on minimum of 6 bunkers.

Michael went on to advise that there was no subscription increases proposed for 2016 and furthermore the Loyalty Card would revert to 100% allocation to the loyalty card. This reverses the current allocation where €25 of the €100 is allocated towards subscriptions.

In closing Michael thanked our auditor Kevin Hampson, Paddy & Margaret in office and Captain Gerry Healy and Council for all their support during the year.

Marketing and Membership Presentation

Prompted by a fall-off in membership enquiries in February, an initiative to attract new members was launched at €100 per month was introduced and we attracted 46 new members, 11 Intermediate and 5-day and 24 Juvenile and Juniors. In response to competition from other clubs this action was a prudent necessary and well timed move.

Membership Flyers were distributed through our pro shop and McGuirk's shops, and an incentive €100 payment to members for attracting new full members was introduced.

A detailed Membership Survey was completed to assist in developing strategy for the future. Huge response with over 70% response rate.

In general members were satisfied with most areas, however specific focus areas determined were:-

Course – Bunkers

Pro Shop, Bar and Restaurant - Members sought more special offers

Clubhouse – Main lounge, Gents toilets and showers

Communications – Monthly Newsletters

Membership numbers have stabilised with 82 new members across all categories. Main reasons for joining were Family/Friends, Location, Course and Price

103 members on Leave of absence of which 84 were fully paid up members last year.

Other key issues covered by Marketing and Membership included

- Rebranding 75th anniversary clothing through the Pro Shop
- Events team ran a super Jubilee Year program
- Jubilee Clock unveiled (also known as Gerry Healy's clock)
- Entrance Hall upgraded for 1st time in over 15 years
- Pro shop had alterations also
- Dress code was renewed
- Web Site and Social Media updates undertaken

Siobhan thanked Paul McGaley, Ciaran Cummins and Mark Levins for all their help

Election of Officers and Council Members

Election of Trustee

Michael O'Sullivan Proposed: Gerry Healy Seconded: Vincent Collier
Gerry referenced Michael's experience in business and the great job he had done this year as Trustee. Michael is a longstanding well respected member and a terrific choice as trustee. Michael was elected on a show of hands

Council Nominations

Honorary Secretary Padraic Robinson Proposed: Gerry Healy Seconded: Vincent Collier
Elected on a show of hands

Council members (4)

Nominee	Proposed:	Seconded:
Theresa McMahon	Brid Snow	Tina Shevlin
Ray Gregan	Sean Dooley	Siobhan Garvey
Paul Keane	Ray Gregan	Barry Clifford
Barry Clifford	Michael Denihan	Michael O'Sullivan

As there were four nominations for four positions, they were elected en bloc by a show of hands.

Election of Auditors

Hayden Brown were Proposed by Michael O'Sullivan and Seconded by Gerry Healy

Approved on a show of hands

Notices of Motion

Motion No 1

'That the Management Council be authorised to award annual membership for the year 2016 to any member or associate who has attained the age of 80 years or over in that year, and who has had 30 years or more continuous membership, retaining all their former rights and privileges, at a subscription of €150 for the year.'

Proposed: Michael O'Sullivan

Seconded: Gerry Healy

Carried on a show of hands

Motion No 2

That the Council shall have the power to introduce special membership offers as required to promote membership of Forrest Little and to ensure membership numbers are stable. Such offers would be temporary in nature and apply only for the period the Council is in office.

Proposed: Siobhan Garvey

Seconded: Gerry Healy

Carried on a show of hands

Motion No 3

That rule 4.8.4 be altered to read

The Club financial year shall commence on the first day of October and end on the last day of September. For financial year commencing 1st October 2015 and subsequent years, 50% of all

subscriptions shall become due on the first day of October. The outstanding balance to include any subscription changes agreed at the AGM, shall become due on the first day of January.

Proposed: Michael O'Sullivan

Seconded: Gerry Healy

Michael explained this is a minor change to the rules and the subscriptions exclude locker rents

Carried on a show of Hands

Motion No 4

That rule 4.8.5 be altered to read

Any member whose first subscription payment is not paid by the thirty first day of December, shall cease to be a member of the Club for the following calendar year. Any member whose outstanding balance is not paid by the thirty first day of March in any year, shall cease to be a member of the Club from that day. However the Council may, by the vote of three-fourths of the members present, suspend or modify the application of the rule to any member on reasonable cause being shown.

Proposed: Michael O'Sullivan

Seconded: Gerry Healy

Michael explained that this rule was to encourage members to pay subs promptly

Carried on a show of Hands

General

Joe Fitzpatrick asked for clarification on Motion no 3 when it was explained that 50% of the subs fall due on 1st October and must be paid by end December, the second half of the subs fall due on 1st January and must be paid by end March.

Martin Kelly queries if those paying subs in full before end of December would have the loyalty card €100 allocated to their card when payment was made. This is not possible as the club retains any unused loyalty card balance at end December and therefore adding funds to the card at this time is not possible.

Joe Cummins commented that when we lost one of our Trustees the course was closed until midday as mark of respect. He asked why some members were allowed play before noon

Garry Dempsey then performed the Prize Bond draw and commented on the loss of Declan Bruen who is sorely missed and did a fantastic work for the club

The winning bond numbers were:-

Prize value	Bond No
€1500	55
€600	162
€400	254
€100	199
€100	182
€100	141
€100	86
€100	156

President and Captain Presentations

Outgoing Lady President Ann Cummins especially thanked Outgoing President Eddie Conroy for all the courtesy showed to her during her year as Lady President. She congratulated Rita Reilly on her appointment

In response Rita said she was proud to accept the role which was a great honour and thanked Ann who was an excellent Lady President

President Eddie said he was delighted to be president for last 12 months and was a pleasure to serve the members. Eddie proposed Harry Reilly, a wonderful gentleman who will be a wonderful president. He also thanked Ann and Joe for all the lifts home during the year.

Harry responded that it was a great honour to be president and he intended to work with the ladies next year including the Lady President. His focus will include welcoming all our new members.

Lady Captain Tina said that it was a privileged to hold the office and thanked everybody for their support during the year as she handed Brid her new Captains Jacket and handed over the Lady Captain commemorative pin

Brid responded that it was indeed a privilege to be Lady Captain and she thanked Tina and Paula and all the volunteers in the club. She hoped 2016 would be a great year – happy and healthy!

Captain Gerry thanked members for their support during the year and wished Siobhan Garvey and Sean Dooley well in their retirement from office. Gerry handed Vincent Collier his Captains jacket and commemorative Tie pin.

Vincent thanked everybody for their support and good wishes and was looking forward very much to the year ahead. He thanked Gerry who had a fantastic jubilee year. He said it was a great honour and he was deeply privileged following captains over the past 75 years, He mentioned that he has been a member here about half that time. He intended to play golf with as many members as possible and was proud and humble to accept the captaincy.

The meeting closed

Sen Dooley
Honorary Secretary