

Minutes of the 78th Annual General Meeting of Forrest Little Golf Club
Held at: The Clubhouse on Thursday 7th December 2017

Chairman: Michael Denihan (John McCarthy apologised as out of the country)

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. 106 members signed the attendance sheet.

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

Apologies:- Paddy Kelly, Derek McCabe, Martin Hehir, Pat Murphy, Tom Keogh, John McInerney, Robert Dennis, Linda Guiden Daly, Robert Campion, Ann Cummins, Brendan Redmond & Ruth Mc Quillan.

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 2016 Annual General Meeting held on 8th December 2016, having been circulated in advance were adopted.

Proposed: PJ Gunne Seconded: Ray Gregan

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: Simon Fitzpatrick Seconded: Rita Reilly

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: Gary Dempsey Seconded: Maeve Duffy

The Honorary Treasurer Gerry Healy went through the presentation attached to clarify aspects of the Financial Report.

ATTACH presentation

In closing Gerry thanked his Subcommittee of Maeve Duffy, Slobhan Garvey, Sean Dooley, our auditor Kevin Hampson, Sean & Margaret in office and Captain Michael Denihan and Council for all their support during the year.

Gerry invited questions of which there were none.

Marketing and Membership Presentation

Peter Duffy started by thanking the Marketing sub-committee. He also thanked Vincent Collier for his continued support on our website.

Peter went through his slide deck about membership including a breakdown of our membership and that like last year the critical need to address the imbalance in our membership. His graph showed various categories of membership and the turnover in those categories. So once again we need to continue to attract new members. He had highlights of the new membership offers, 2017 adverts, the membership outlook and why choose Forrest little. The "Ladies into Golf" had been a tremendous success this year and he took us through his plans for 2018.

Peter invited questions:

Martin Kelly asked was there any analysis available on why new members were not remaining at the club for the period of the last seven years. Peter confirmed he did not have that information to hand.

Joe Cummins asked about trying to attract more pavilion members and also that a small group should be set up to carry out door to door canvassing in the local area.

John Lonergan asked could the Wednesday competition fee be increased to from €4 to €5 and the weekend fee to €5 to €6

Course & Greens Presentation

Padraic Robinson, Course & Greens Chairman gave a presentation updating members.

Padraic's agenda was Highlights, Difficulties and Volunteers work.

He took us through the slide deck and had one video to show the sanding of the fairways.

One highlight was the new water tank installation.

Martin Kelly asked about the position of Carr Golf. The Captain said that this would be covered later on.

Liam McMahon asked about the replanting of trees beside the newly erected fencing by the DAA. Padraic confirmed yes they would be putting in trees along the new fencing in accordance with their planning permission.

Andy Crowe asked about our agronomist, was it time for a change, how much was he earning and who else was out there who could provide a similar service. The Captain said the commercial could not be discussed but that this would be covered under the Carr Golf element later on.

Padraic invited questions:

Election of Officers and Council Members

Honorary Secretary
Proposed:

Theresa McMahon
Peter Reilly

Seconded: Ray Gregan

Peter & Ray spoke on Theresa behalf.

Honorary Treasurer	Gerry Healy		
Proposed:	Michael Denihan	Seconded:	Ray Gregan

Both of the above were deemed elected on a show of hands

Council members (4)

Nominee	Proposed:	Seconded:
Peter Reilly	Peter Duffy	Theresa McMahon
Michael Kearney	Gerry Healy	John McCarthy
Peter Duffy	Paddy Quaid	Michael Denihan
Sean Hyland	Ray Gregan	Peter Reilly

Proposed by Gerry Healy and seconded by Padraic Robinson

As there were only 4 nominees for the four positions they were deemed elected by a show of hands.

Election of Auditors

Hayden Brown were Proposed by Gerry Healy and Seconded by Michael Denihan
Approved on a show of hands

Notices of Motion

Motion 1

10.5.8

The following shall be elected at a General Meeting: The Lady President, The Lady Captain, The Lady Vice Captain, The Lady Honorary Secretary, The Lady Honorary Treasurer, The Lady Honorary Handicap Secretary and six other members of committee, all of whom shall take up office on election of the Council.

Motion 1 to amend the above rule to read as follows:-

10.5.8

The following shall be elected at a General Meeting: The Lady President, The Lady Captain, The Lady Vice Captain, The Lady Honorary Secretary, The Lady Honorary Treasurer, The Lady Honorary Handicap Secretary and three other members of committee, all of whom shall take up office on election of the Council.

Rule 10.6.1

The committee shall consist of twelve members: the Lady President, the Lady Captain for the year, the Lady Vice Captain, the Lady Honorary Secretary, the Lady Honorary Treasurer, the Lady Honorary Handicap Secretary and six other members elected at an Annual General Meeting from those entitled to vote and attend at such meetings.

Motion 2 to amend the above rule to read as follows:-

Rule 10.6.1

The committee shall consist of nine members: the Lady President, the Lady Captain for the year, the Lady Vice Captain, the Lady Honorary Secretary, the Lady Honorary Treasurer, the Lady Honorary Handicap Secretary and three other members elected at an Annual General Meeting from those entitled to vote and attend at such meetings.

Proposer: Lady Captain Joyce Moran

Second: Paula Shearan

Both motions were approved by a show of hands.

Motion 3

That the present loyalty card credit amount of €100 be allocated as follows for the year 2018, €75 to the loyalty card and €25 to membership subscriptions.

Proposer: Honorary Treasurer Gerry Healy

Second: Chairman John McCarthy

This motion was approved by a show of hands.

Forrest little Strategy 2017-2021

Michael Denihan took us through the strategy slides which the Council had worked upon across 2017. He covered all listed topics. On completion of the slides he invited questions:

Siobhan Garvey spoke asked for clarity on the asset sale figures.

Andy Crowe asked what value was there on the 11 acres of domestic zoned land. He also asked were Bailey's consulted yet? Michael replied saying that we needed proper professional advice and discussing figures at this stage would be premature.

Sean Heraty asked about the accuracy of the red line in the photo.

Joe Cummins said we should request planning permission for the 11 acres. He also said the 7 acres beside the 7th green should not be sold. He also mentioned the sports grant.

George Moir said the cost per acre in Dublin 4 at the height of the boom was 72k per acre which was subsequently corrected to 72 million per acre.

Siobhan Garvey wanted to know did these figures include reducing or clearing our debt.

Niamh McMahon said that she checked on line and found 8 acres in Rush selling for 3.1 million.

Eugene Lattin felt that we did not have the experience in the club and that we should bring in asset managers who could pull a professional view together. Michael stated that we would utilise the appropriate professional services.

Sean Dooley said that the trends shown in the graph can be seen across all businesses and that the worst is over and that this is a temporary phase.

Liam McMahon was disappointed with how we had planned to carve up the course in this "doomsday scenario". He felt this would impact our ability to attract new members and also impact our existing membership.

Peter Duffy said that we were only investigating this and asked for a subcommittee to be set up to look at this.

Susan Cullen asked for clarity that the 11 acres was indeed above the red line.

Mick Kearney felt a structured loan should be followed for the 300k and that this would be easy to achieve.

John Neary felt the solution was to gain new members and asked that everyone ask their friends to join.

Myles McDonagh re-enforced that view that we need to invest in the course only.

Harry Sheppard thought the course was in bad shape and needed priority.

Tony Byrne asked about using the land at the side of the 7th green.

Paddy Quaid mentioned that the land at the side of the 7th could be used in the event of an emergency and that it was land locked.

Ciaran O'Brien asked what happens to the ground staff in the event of Carr getting the business. He also asked what happens to our machinery. Michael replied saying that the club still retains the staff and that the machinery would fall under Carr for maintenance.

Paddy Robinson stated that if the 11 acres was sold to a developer he would only get 170 houses so to maximise his value he would build several stories high.

AOB

President Harry presented Paddy Quaid with his 2018 President's Jacket and Paddy spoke about his honour on taking up this role. He thanks Harry for his nomination.

Lady President Rita presented Anne Guiden with her 2018 President's Jacket and Anne spoke thanking Rita for her nomination and she thanked the members for their generous support.

Outgoing Lady Captain Joyce spoke about her tremendous year and she thanked her committee, the Council and the members for their support over 2017. Joyce then presented Laura with her Captain's jacket and brooch. Laura spoke of her delight at becoming Lady Captain.

Outgoing Captain Michael presented incoming Captain Ray with his Jacket and tiepin. Michael thanked all members for their support during the year and he felt it was a great honour to represent the Club. Michael also complimented the outgoing council for their tremendous work.

Ray Gregan was delighted, and honoured, to be elected Captain and hoped to do justice to the role. He mentioned his father would have been very proud of him. He hoped to do everything he could in 2018 for the members. He also offered his congratulations to all committees and to the Council for their work in 2016.

Garry Dempsey then performed the Prize Bond Draw. He thanked all those who supported the Bond Scheme as it helps a lot as it reduces our interest and debt. Prizes each year are subject to the number of bonds purchased, these are subject to review every year.

The winning bond numbers were:-

Prize value	Bond No
€1500	109
€600	268
€400	4
€200	273
€200	199
€200	278
€200	146
€200	81

The meeting closed

Peter Reilly
Honorary Secretary