

Minutes of AGM of Kinsale Golf Club (Ladies Branch) held on Monday 6th November, 2017

Attendance

Present: 36

Apologies: 22

Minutes of the last AGM (2016)

The minutes were posted on the Club Website. There were no matters arising from same. The minutes were proposed by Margaret Canty and seconded by Mary H. O' Sullivan. The minutes were duly signed by Siobhán Long, Lady Captain 2016.

Votes of Sympathy

A minutes silence was observed for Heide Roche who recently passed away and for deceased loved ones of our fellow members who passed away during the year.

Hon. Secretary's Report - Kay Galvin

Lady Captain Colette I would like to thank you for asking me to be Secretary for the year.

I enjoyed the year working with you and found you to be very helpful, courteous and extremely hardworking. You were always very appreciative of anything I did and that meant an awful lot to me, thank you for that. We had a lot of fun during the year starting with the Children's Christmas Party, Committee outings and lots more and ending with a lovely evening in your home just last week.

What a lovely bunch of ladies to work with on Committee. Helena our highly efficient Treasurer , Mary and Thelma excellent Competition Secretary's, Betty superb Handicap Secretary and Thelma a great Juvenile Officer. Margaret, Caitriona, Rosemary, Judy, Frances and Anna all doing their bit to keep everything running smoothly for the year. Thank you one and all it has been a pleasure.

I will be coming off Committee this year and I wish Carol all the best as Secretary for the coming year.

Attendance at the meetings is as follows:-

Lady Captain Colette Kenny	11
Margaret Canty	11
Mary Crowley	11
Judy d'Alton	9
Kay Galvin	11
Betty Hickey	10
Caitriona McGrath	6
Rosemary O' Brien	10
Helena O' Sullivan	9
Frances Robinson	10
Thelma Strickland	10
Anna Ward	10

Finally I would like to wish Anna and the incoming Committee every success for the coming year.

Treasurers report - Helena O' Sullivan

I would like to thank Colette Kenny for asking me to be treasurer for the past year it was a pleasure to work with her. I would like also to thank Anna Ward for asking me to stay on as Treasurer for 2017-2018, which I have accepted.

Many thanks to Judy for her tireless work in counting money and making lodgements – Judy was a great help to me. Thanks to Mary Crowley, Thelma Strickland and Rosemarie O'Brien for sending me on results of competitions. The financial report has been completed again this year by Tim Smyth – accountant and member of Kinsale GC. I am very grateful for all his help.

Income for the year was as follows:

Money brought in by competitions was up on last year due to the increase in Ladies membership.

Cash sponsorship was down on last year but we had an increase in prize donations. Many thanks to LAYA Insurance, CL Meats, Jim Edwards, Enibas, Paddy Tierney, Musgraves, Michel Jewellers, First Southern Credit Union, Ger Broderick, Bolands, O'Connors Pharmacy, Hamish Hawkins, Yeoman Corporate Finance, CSP Containment, Ryan's Supervalu grange, Centenary Cup (Men & Women) Shane Fitzsimons, Footloose, Anne and Kieran Daly and an Anonymous Donation.

Get into Golf and stay in Golf revenue €2,165

Other income – mainly the quiz night €1,010 and €2,924 which included the charity receipts which were subsequently paid to the various charities – Pink Ribbon, RNLI, 3Ts, Australian Spoons, Mary Mount and Cope.

Expenditure for the year was as follows:

Prizes spend is up due also to the increase in the Ladies Membership.

Team Expenses were up considerably this year due to our successful run in the various competitions and of course going all the way to winning the West Cork Shield.

Charity payments were €2,924 as already discussed.

Competition Entries came to €592

Locker room – thanks to Anna Ward the upkeep did not cost very much this year.

Printing and stationary came to €384.95

Get into golf costs and Lessons were €565.

Loan to parent club of €5,000 was approved by the Committee.

Sundry includes Children's Christmas Party, Wine, Flowers, vouchers to organisers of Mixed Foursomes (men paid half) committee outings, vouchers and general running of Ladies Club.

Outstanding Prize Vouchers amounts to €2,742.

We have a good balance – mostly due to increase in membership and to the income from the get into Golf program. Great credit is due to Siobhan, Colette and all those who helped to get it up and running and to keep it going for the year. Hopefully it will bear fruit and we will continue to get new members.

I would like to wish Anna and her committee all the best for the coming year.

Competition Secretary's Report - Mary Crowley

I would like to thank Colette for inviting me to be Competition Secretary. It was a pleasure to work with Colette and all the other Committee Members and it was a very enjoyable year.

I would like to thank Thelma, who did all the computer work attached to the competitions. I would also like to thank Liz Donnelly who gave us good advice when needed during the year. Also, Rosemary who looked after the monthly, ring and the birdie competitions. Many thanks to all who helped during the year.

Congratulations to all the competition winners throughout the year. The main prizes were as follows:

Easter Hamper 26th & 28th March No Played:49

Winner Mgt O'Mahony(27) 44pts

Connolly Cup 2nd & 4th April No Played:56

Winner G Buckley (24) 68 nett

PGA Tankard 14th & 16th May No Played:51

Winner Liz O'Neill (27) 41 pts

Cohen Cup 28th & 30th May No Played: 44

Winner C McGuinness (19) 68 nett

Vice Captain's (Brian

Doran) Sunday 4th June No Played: 49

Winner M O'Leary (22) 40 pts

Lady Captain's

(Colette's) 25th June No Played:69

Winner Sandy Godkin (25) 68nett

Doocey Cup 1st & 2nd July

Winner Rosemary O'Brien (24) 44pts

Captain's Prize (Chris Cronin) 15th & 16th July No Played: 78

Winner Mgt O'Mahony (24) 45 pts

Centenary Cup 21st, 22nd & 23rd July No Played: 240

Winner Mary O'Connor (26) 40 pts

Levis Cup 30th July & 1st August No Played:41

Winner Orla Buckley (16) 70 nett

President's(John

Hunt) Prize Sunday 6th August No Played: 65

Winner Helena O'Sullivan (18) 43 pts

Granny Cup 13th & 15th August

Winner Daphne Hickey (25) 40 pts

Eileen O'Leary

Scratch cup 27th & 29th August No Played: 46

1st Gross Pauline O'Brien (15) 85 gross

Christmas Hamper 1st & 3rd October No Played:61

Winner Ger Fitzpatrick (27) 39 pts

Turkey Foursomes 15th October

Winner Anna Ward & Ger Fitzpatrick 29 pts

Turkey Fourball 22nd & 24th October

Winner Helena O'Sullivan & Liz O'Neill 45 pts

Acton Cup Frances Power

Club Singles Championship Evelyn Lambe
Club Fourball Championship Kate Kilcoyne & Liz O'Neill
PGA Tankard Liz O'Neill
Australian Spoons Orla Buckley & Paula Goggins
Eileen Murphy foursomes Betty Hickey & Carol Deeney
3 T's Qualifer Betty Hickey
Ring Competition Rose Harrington
Birdie Competition (≤20) Rose Harrington
Birdie Competition (21 and over) Liz O'Neill

OPEN DAY RESULTS:

Event	No Played	Winners
First South Credit union (texas scramble)	132	Liz Donnelly (11) Carol Deeney (16) Liz O'Neill (25) 64 1/3
Open 3 ball Team Sponsored by GerBroderick	114	Maggie McGrane (35) D Freeman (29) K Leen (28) 99 pts
3-person Team Event Sponsored by Containment Services	105	Jo Condon (21) Mgt Calnan(27) Norma O'Sullivan (30) 61pts
Michel Jewellers Open Champagne Scramble	108	Joan O'Brien (31) M H Barry (25) LVGC Catherine O'Mullane (36) CGC 59 pts

3-person Scramble

sponsored by

Footloose

105

N Crowley (19), Mgt McSweeney
(19), Judy D'Alton (27) 56 pts

Finally, I would like to wish Anna and her Committee all the very best for the coming year.

Handicap Secretary's Report - Betty Hickey

I would like to thank Lady Captain Colette for asking me to be Handicap Secretary for 2017.

Colette and all the Committee were great to work with.

In particular, I would like to thank Mary Crowley , Mary O'Hare and Helen O'Callaghan for their help and support during the year.

At present we have 170 ladies with handicaps compared to 151 last year.

This consists of :-

	2017	2016
SILVER (0-20)	27	20
BRONZE (21-36)	143	131

During the year 27 ladies cut their handicaps compared to 25 in 2016

36 ladies increased their handicaps compared to 25 in 2016

Cuts in SILVER 9

Increases in SILVER 7

Cuts in BRONZE 18

Increases in BRONZE 29

Special congratulations must go to Carol Deeney who cut her handicap 6 shots from 17-11 – she is now the lowest lady golfer in the club – well done Carol

Also Betty Carey, Rosemary O'Brien and Liz O'Neill cut their handicaps by 5 shots each – again, well done to all of you.

29 new members joined the club this year which include 7 from "GET INTO GOLF" programme and 4 previous members re-joined – you are all very welcome.

The ANNUAL REVIEW has been completed and those members who have been cut or who have increased their handicap will be informed during the coming weeks.

It is now my pleasure to announce the I.L.G.U. Awards for 2017

SILVER MEDAL:	286 net	Niamh Mason
BRONZE MEDAL	299 net	Margaret O'Mahony
SILVER SPOON	211 net	Niamh Mason

GOLFER OF THE YEAR:

This year, Golfer of the Year goes to a lady who returned as a new member to the club coming from FERNHILL GOLF CLUB. She played on Club teams and especially on the winning WEST CORK SHIELD team.

MARGARET O'MAHONY was on her heels earlier on in the year as was ORLA BUCKLEY in the latter part of the year.

But this lady was runner up in the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES which gave her 9 pts and sealed it for her with a great score of 37 pts.

GOLFER of THE YEAR goes to CATHY MC GUINNESS.

(Congratulations and well done Cathy)

I would like to wish ANNA and her incoming COMMITTEE which includes Helen O'Callaghan who is taking over the duties of HANDICAP SECRETARY all the very best for 2018.

I would like to thank you all for the courtesy extended during the past year – I was not always the harbinger of welcome news!!!!
(I did not always have good news to deliver!!!!)

Juvenile Officer's Report - Thelma Strickland

I took over as Juvenile Officer for this year.

I attended the ILGU conference on February 21st in Mallow. At this meeting ideas and suggestions were put forward and discussed to encourage younger players to take up the sport.

It is important to ensure that the learning process for juniors is made to be fun and interesting, as the older the girls get the ILGU have found that unless their peers are also participating they are more likely to give up.

We are very lucky in the Club to have Ian Stafford and Ger Broderick. They are both very interested in getting girls involved in golf from an early age, with Ger running summer camps and Ian introductory days. It is important that as members we encourage our daughters, nieces, grandchildren and their friends to take up the game of golf. Encourage them to attend Ger Broderick's summer camps.

Ian Stafford arranged an open day for junior girls on 27th May. The weather held for us and nine junior girls took part in the taster session. Afterwards, refreshments were given and the girls enjoyed the session. A €50.00 summer membership was offered to all junior girls who participated, sadly only one that took this offer up.

Lucy kept busy during the summer, she attended some cluster days, one in Cork Golf Club and one in Monkstown Golf Club and Bandon. She is a lovely golfer, and played in the weekly women's competitions and in the mixed with her Dad. It would be so nice if we could have a strong junior girls club and have company for Lucy. Please keep in mind to encourage all the young girls that you know to take this wonderful game up.

I wish the incoming Juvenile Officer every success for next year.

Lady Captain's Report - Colette Kenny

I wish to thank Siobhan for asking me to be Lady Captain for 2017, It is a great honour to be asked and I will cherish the memories and enjoyment I got from what was a very busy year.

Thank you to my hard working committee.

Our Secretary Kay who always kept us on our toes, keeping order at the meeting and always efficient in getting her minutes out on time.

Competition secretary, Mary Crowley, extremely efficient in organising the diary and getting results published and setting up competitions. Her assistant Thelma was a great help to her.

Betty Hickey, Handicap Secretary had a very busy role sorting our handicaps for our new members.

Helena our treasurer, so efficient, always totally organised for our meetings with updates on our financial position.

Rosemary & Margaret Canty were fantastic social organisers starting with Christmas Party and finishing with a fab weekend away to Ballykisteen.

Catriona kept us up to date with the condition of the course.

Frances Robinson did very well buying prizes and looking after the Cope Foundation day.

Anna and Judy looked after the locker room which always looked beautiful.

Judy also collected, counted and lodged the money for Helena.

Anna, I was delighted when Anna agreed to be Lady Vice Captain. She has been a great support during the year.

A big thank you to Shane, Lisa and staff, Ger Broderick and staff at Pro Shop, Janice in the office, Pdraig and course staff, Management Committee, President John and Captain Chris.

I loved supporting the teams and thanks to team managers, Liz Creagh, Jeanne Madden, Anne Buckley, Evelyn Lambe, Frances Robinson, Siobhan Long, Mary Crowley, Betty Hickey, and of course Frances Power ably managed our victorious West Cork Shield Team.

Thanks to our sponsors who have been very generous again this year.

Our open days were well supported and thanks to everybody for inviting guests to the open days.

My Lady Captain's day was a great success. It was great to meet everybody who played in the 18 and 9 hole competition and who attended the prize giving.

Sandy Godkins won my prize.

And now to Friday night, thank you all so much for the beautiful chain, album, flowers, cards etc., what a great night. The meal was beautiful. The show was fantastic. My daughters, guests and I never laughed so much. What talent we have in our club. Well done to everybody.

Finally, I want to wish Anna and her committee all the best for the year ahead and to President Elect Vera Webb

I now invite Anna to come and accept the Lady Captain's Blazer and brooch for 2018 and then say a few words

Incoming Lady Captain - Anna Ward

Outgoing Lady Captain Colette, Incoming President Vera, fellow golfers.

I would like to praise Colette for all her hard work in the last year as Lady Captain. I would like to thank her for asking me to be her Vice Captain and also for helping me prepare for my Captaincy. I am really looking forward to working with my great Committee and hopefully we will have another successful year.

Looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow. Thanks ladies and safe home.

AOB

Nora Quinn advised she got injured while out on the course and was wondering why there wasn't a first aid kit in the ladies locker room. This is to be rectified straight away.

Ann Day thanked Colette for her great year as Lady Captain and welcomed Anna as new Lady Captain. She was enquiring if there were going to be cuts to handicaps of players of the WCS winning team. Was the LGUI going to cut them all 1 shot and was concerned for fairness of this. Paula Goggins says it is negotiable, she played on a winning team in 2015, she only played one game and didn't get cut. Betty Hickey advised we can appeal any cuts we are not happy with. Helen O' Callaghan wants clarification as to who is responsible going forward. Frances Power made the point that the WCS is not a ILGU competition. She advised that the Handicap Manager of ILGU decides whether players get cut or not.

Frances Power brought up about Club House opening hours and how they are a problem for her.

Closed far too early on weekdays. For example, closed at 4pm even in the height of season, even when it is bright until 10.30pm. and even when there are numerous cars in the car park. One day she counted 27 as the caterers were driving away.

Knock-on effect is that players cannot get even a cup of coffee and socialise with their playing partners after their game of golf. Golf is not just about the game --- it is also about belonging to a club.

She has been affected on numerous occasions by the club house being closed when she has finished her game of golf. Ollie and herself have frequented

"The Huntsman" many times where they often meet fellow golfers who were also dining there. They too complained about the club house being closed too early.

She feels that the caterers are only interested in the section of the day when the time sheet is busy. Once that group is catered for, they feel their work is done. They only do a 6 hour day.

They may argue that many players do not come to the club house at all. That is because members now don't expect to be able to get any food. There would be business if they made an effort.

Failing that, maybe a small reduced service of say tea/coffee/sandwiches/cake might work.

But we need a club house to be open at least as long as the pro shop opening hours.

Regarding the quality of food, I have heard many complaints. But her biggest complaint is the lack of a club house for my "apres golf".

Val McCann supported everything Frances Power said about the hours of services when food and drink are available to members of Kinsale Golf Club and said that closing at 4 p.m. was unacceptable during the summer months. She also spoke about the quality of the food and also the cost. We the members are paying for this and getting very poor value. The only overheads the caterers have to pay are insurance and paying for the actual food, everything else such as fridges, cups plates knives etc are paid for by the members of this club.

We are the Club. We subsidise everything else. It's a bad deal for us. It's very difficult for individual members to make an impact on Management so the Ladies Committee as our reps should raise these catering issues with the Management Committee on our behalf. One cannot bring a quest to the club because there is no food available after 4 p.m. during the summer months.

Colette advised that Management are dealing with the Caterers at the moment. Nora Quinn advised members to go to Club AGM on 28th November at 8pm and air their views in relation to these issues there.

Trish Hollywood said course changes were made without consultation with members. 18th green still not visible. Blue flags are very difficult to see, why were they not left the 3 colours. Colette advised that there was a plan for all members to see. Nora Quinn made the point that they had to get rid of the water on the 18th as you have to see where your ball goes.

Colette finished off the meeting by wishing Anna and Committee all the best for 2018.

Meeting ended at 9.00pm

Proposed by.....

Seconded by.....

Lady Captain Colette Kenny.....