

Review of the Club Constitution

The case for reviewing the Club's Constitution was set out in an email to Members earlier this year.

Following responses from Members the Committee has now prepared a draft Constitution for the Club and the Mens and Ladies Clubs in consultation with them.

Explanatory notes in respect of changes to the Constitution

A. Title

"incorporating Farrangalway Golf Club" has now been dropped from the title.

B.2 Membership.

All matters relating to Membership are now brought together in section B.8

B.3 Objectives

This is now B.2. The objectives have been set out in more detail which is self explanatory .

B.4.1 to 4. 5. Trustees

This is now B.3. The number of Trustees is now limited to 5, previously up to 9 provided for. This is done for practical reasons as Trustees must sign all documentation regarding Bank facilities and property matters.

B 4.6 to 4.9 Income, Property and winding up.

This is now B.4 . There is no change here as this is prescribed by the Revenue Commissioners as a requirement of our charitable status.

B.5 Officers and Committee(Also B.5 Management Committee)

There is now provision for an elected Secretary and an Elected Treasurer. The elected Secretary position was abolished when a Secretary/Manager position existed.

It is considered there should also be an elected Treasurer.

These changes increase the membership of the Committee by one position to Eight.

There is no longer any requirement for clauses to deal with the establishment of the initial Management Committee and these are all removed.

There is a change in the event that the Lady Captain is not an ordinary member. She will now be entitled to attend and vote at the first AGM after she leaves office.

In the very unlikely event that either the outgoing President and immediate past President or both are unable or unwilling to nominate the President, the process has been simplified and the Management Committee will assume responsibility for this function.

There is also a change in that the President will be entitled to attend and vote at Management Committee meetings.

Management Committee functions in respect of Junior/juvenile golf are set out in the Objectives section B.2.

The payment of Honoraria is provided for here instead of the bye laws.

B.6 and B.7 Committee meetings and Regulations and Administration and Finance.

These are now merged in section B.6 of the new document.

The functions of the Management Committee are set out in more detail, but otherwise there is no change.

B.8 Membership numbers and B.9 Membership categories.

These are now brought together in B.8.

There are no changes to the category of members.

All matters regarding the election of members will be the responsibility of the Management Committee in consultation with the Men's and Ladies Committees. It also replaces Sections C 26 of the Ladies Constitution and D 36 of the Men's constitution.

As regards to country membership, it is proposed to reduce the qualifying period to 2 years.

As regards juvenile membership, it is proposed to remove the requirement to be over 10 years.

It is proposed to increase the upper age for Intermediate membership to 30 years. This is in order to hold on to younger members.

Privileges for Senior members, 9.10 and 9.10.1 are unchanged but more appropriately included in B.9 Subscriptions and Entrance fees.

B.10 General meetings.

This is now B.10. The main changes here are that the date, time and requirements regarding notices of motion, vacancies on committee and nomination process will be outlined on or before the 8th October each year.

Motions will be displayed on the Club notice board 14 days before the meeting. Members will have the opportunity to propose amendments to motions provided they are received at least 7 days before the meeting.

The business of the AGM will be more structured as set out in clause 11.9

B.11 Subscriptions and Entrance fees.

This is now B.9. No real change here other than provision for instalment payment arrangements must be included.

B.12 Disciplinary Procedures.

This is Now B.11. This has been rewritten to bring it into line with expected current processes which should be adhered to when dealing with an issue under this heading. It provides for an appeal system as outlined in the document.

B.13. Visitors.

This is B.12 and is as is.

B.14. Playing facilities.

This is now included in B.6.4

B.15. Registration of Club Acts 1904/1988 Intoxicating liquor Act 1988.

This is now B.13 and has been completely updated

B.16 Management regulations.

This is now B.7, Club rules and policies.

B.17 Changes to the Constitution and rules.

This is now B.14. This remains largely the same as regards changes to the Constitution. Policies would replace bye laws which are now out of date. Policies and Club rules will need to be drawn up and posted on the club website. They provide a more flexible manner to deal with operational and day to day matters and can be updated as circumstances demand. If members are unhappy with any aspect of policy, it can be raised at AGM and changed or deleted by simple vote without need for a motion.

B.18 Rules of golf and Local Rules.

This is now B 15. No change in this section.

C . The Ladies Club

C.20 membership.

This is now C.1, otherwise there is no change.

C.21 Objectives.

This is now C.2, otherwise there is no change.

C.22 Officers and Committee.

This is now C.3

The Vice Captain will be an Officer of the committee.

It is proposed that the Vice Captain will be automatically Captain . The rationale is that having served the Club during her year as Vice captain, she has a rightful and reasonable expectation to be the Captain.

Section C.22.3 has been changed so that time requirements in respect of the Vice Captain and Captain have been simplified.

In the event that difficulties arise with the appointment of the Captain or Vice Captain, the Committee steps to address the situation.

C.23 Committee Meetings.

This is now C.4 , otherwise no changes.

C.24 Administration and Finance

This is now C.5

The duties of the Honorary Secretary are separated from those of the Honorary Treasurer.

C.25 General Meetings.

This is now C.6.

Requirements regarding notification of meetings are being changed and will be by way of email, website and notice board in future. Quorum for a meeting will be fifteen.

C.26 Election and resignation of members.

This is now deleted as these functions will be for the Club.

C.27 Playing facilities.

This is now C.7, otherwise no change.

C.28 Changes to the Constitution, Rules and Bye laws.

This is now C.8

Policies drawn up by the Ladies Club will replace Bye Laws.

C.29 Rules of Golf and Local rules.

This is now C 9, otherwise no change.

D. . The Mens Club

D.20 Membership.

This is now D.1, otherwise there is no change.

D.21 Objectives.

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D.22 Officers and Committee.

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