



THE OLD COURSE RANFURLY GOLF CLUB LIMITED

Minutes of the 102nd Annual General Meeting held in the Clubhouse, Ranfurly Place, Bridge of Weir on Thursday 1st February 2018

Captain, John Clark opened the meeting by welcoming all Lady and Gentlemen members to the 102nd AGM and asked that all names be recorded in the register of the meeting. He also asked that mobile phones be switched off or put on silent and reminded members that the meeting was open only to Ordinary Members and Life Members of the Club.

He advised Members that they should have received three documents with their AGM notification

1. The Notice calling the meeting which included the proposed subscriptions for 2018-2019, the Board of Director's Report and the Convenors' Reports.
2. The Annual Accounts for the year to 31st October 2017 and the report of the Chartered Accounts thereon.
3. The Blue budget for the year to 31st October 2018

He stated his hope that members would have taken the opportunity to read the minutes of the previous year's meeting which were available in the Clubhouse and on the Club's website. He requested that if members wished to ask a question during the meeting, they stand and state your name so that the names and comments can be entered in the minutes.

58 Members were present.

1. **Notice calling the meeting** The Captain said members should have received the AGM documents, which had been emailed to those with email addresses and sent by 1st class post to those with no email addresses on Tuesday 16th January 2018 conforming to the 14-day notice period prescribed in the Articles of Association.
2. **Apologies** – The Captain asked the Managing Secretary to read the list of members who had sent their apologies and asked if there were any other to be noted.
3. **Obituaries** – The Captain asked the Managing Secretary to read out the names of members who had passed away in the last year. They were Sheila Findlay, Sadie Speirs, Ian Hardy, John Keir, A Pauwels, Dr B G B Roy and John Gardner. A minute's silence was observed.
4. **Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting** the Captain asked if there were any questions on the contents or accuracy of the minutes. There being no questions, the minutes were proposed by Bob Loftus, seconded by Marilyn Muir and unanimously approved.

Before moving on, the Captain said a few words on John Doyle. He advised the meeting that Mr Doyle went to prison last year after pleading guilty to embezzlement. The initial 8-month prison sentence was reduced to 6 months for pleading guilty. The Club recovered £35,000 and Mr Doyle was struck off by ICAS and is unable to work as a Chartered Accountant.

5. **Convenors Reports** – The Captain asked if there were any questions on the Convenors' Reports. There being no questions the Convenors reports were proposed by Suzanne Smith and seconded by Bob Loftus and unanimously approved.

6. **Accounts to the year 31st October 2015** – The Captain said that members had received the Accounts prepared by Milne Craig and asked if there were any questions. D Milne asked where the recovered J Doyle funds were shown in the accounts? I McEwen responded that they were shown in the cash assets. F McPhee asked why we received a VAT refund? I McEwen advised that many Golf Clubs had reclaimed VAT on visitor's green fees after a recent ruling that VAT was not applicable to visitor's green fees. There being no further questions the Accounts and the Reports thereon were proposed by Ian McEwen and seconded by Drew Connell and unanimously approved.

Before moving on to his closing remarks the Captain thanked all the members who had sent in their comments in support of the Clubs planning application in conjunction with Cala Homes. The application for 12 houses will be heard in March 2018.

7. **Captain's Closing Remarks and Election of Captain.**

The Captain intimated that it had been a pleasure and an honour to serve as Captain again comparing it to the last occasion in 2006. He also had the honour of being the Captain of Captains for the Paisley & District Golf League (known as the Newton Shield). It was also noted that the Captain and the Vice-Captain even managed to win a couple of trophies!

The Captain then extended his sincere thanks to the membership for the opportunity and for all the help and support during his tenure. The biggest regret was not winning the Muirhead Trophy.

A special mention was reserved for George Hepburn who retires from the Committee having served for 16 years. The Captain thanked Mr Hepburn for all his hard work and support.

To his fellow Directors the Captain thanked them all for their support and tremendous work which sometimes goes unnoticed.

The Captain then thanked Ian Morrison and his greens team, Alexander, Crawford, Ross and Adam and a mention to Larry Greig for the divoting every Tuesday. The Captain also thanked Ian for asking him to choose the inaugural pin position on the new 9th green. He also took the opportunity to make special mention of the hard work that went into creating the new 9th green a feat that was accomplished in terrible weather conditions. As an aside it was also noted that it is a very difficult green to hit and putt on. At least for the Captain!

The Captain went on to thank the Bar Staff, Katie, Jean, Jenna, Adele and Lewis and wished Jean a speedy recovery. He also thanked our Housekeeping Staff, Mamie Liz and Val and the Catering Team, Heather and Louise.

The Club Golf Coaching volunteers were an integral part of the Club and the Captain thanked Suzanne Smith, Marion Downie, Fiona MacPhee, Kate Thornton, Susan McFall, Danny Dyer and Stewart Watt. He commented that they come up week after week to coach Lady Beginners and some male members. To the Newton Shield Team Manager, Kenny Barr and his assistant Stewart Watt who organise matches throughout the playing season. Paula and Rob Adam and Gillian Hamilton for organising the Rosebowl. Mary McKnight who acts as the starter every weekend. Stewart Watt who helps with the Match & Handicap team. To the Junior selectors Lyall, Mairi and John for all the support with the Junior team. The Captain extended a vote of thanks to all.

The Captain then thanked the Administration staff. Aileen and Martyn, for their support with a special mention to Aileen for her tremendous support over the past 2 years.

Thanks, was accorded to Ian McEwen for his assistance in the Mr Doyle investigation and the work he had done on the Cala project.

The Captains final comments were reserved for his "best friend", his wife Birgit. He tacitly promised her that he would never take the Captains role again!

The Captain concluded by apologising if he had forgotten to mention anyone in his notes.

The Captain then moved on to the election of the new Captain. He recalled that Lyall Campbell had no hesitation in accepting the role of Vice-Captain. Lyall served as Captain in 1997 and joined the club in 1962 as a Junior. He joined the Board for the first time in 1991. Reference was made to Lyall cutting Johns handicap by 7 shots as the Handicap convener. Lyall has also been on the RGU committee for 6 years. In his younger days Lyall finished the last 3 holes in 2-3-1!

The Captain then proposed Lyall Campbell as the Captain for 2018/19.

Seconded by: Drew Connell

Captain Lyall Campbell took the Chair.

He thanked John Clark for his introduction and commented on how John had admirably fulfilled the Captains role while also working with the new Managing Secretary, Martyn Lawrie, after he was appointed in May 2017.

John also brought the John Doyle embezzlement case to a very satisfactory conclusion, where £35k was recovered.

John will continue in his Newton Shield role and has also been voted on to the Newton Shield organising committee in addition to his Board role as Past Captain.

He will head up the team pursuing the Land Sale development with Cala, a quest that began in 2006, in conjunction with Ian McEwen who has worked on this project for the past 4 years.

I have also asked John to form a sub committee to look at changing the Management Structure of the Golf Club and develop a plan which will form a major part of these changes.

Thank you again John.

The Captain then presented John with his Past Captains badge.

Captain Campbell stated that he was honoured to be elected Captain of Old Ranfurly and intimated that it was 21 years since his last year in office as Captain. At that time, we had 100 on the waiting list and an entry fee twice that of the subscription. This is now a totally different post. The membership has seen a gradual decline over the past few years with the last year especially difficult in financial terms.

Before resignations we have been successful in signing 15 full members and 4 restricted via the Winter Try and Buy offer. Drops outs are inevitable. However, this is the most encouraging start for some time.

The appointment of Martyn Lawrie as Managing Secretary should also help to increase our Marketing and Income capabilities.

With the support of the membership we can look forward to a bright future.

8. Election of Vice-Captain

The Captain intimated that he had chosen Danny McGarvey for the role of Vice Captain. Danny joined the club in 2007 running a very successful Senior Section winning the league seven times out of the last nine years with sterling support from Craig McNey. Danny joined the Board in 2013 serving as Match & Handicap and House Conveners. Danny is well known to the Membership. Danny has been a teacher for over thirty years with many of his former pupils now members of the Club. He was a keen footballer and a Thespian with Hamlet being his signature role! He has also read the religious morning Thought for the Day on Clyde2.

The Captain proposed Danny McGarvey as Vice-Captain which was seconded Jamie Kennedy.

The Captain congratulated Danny on his appointment and presented him with his Vice-Captains badge.

9. Election of Directors

Under the Articles of Association, three Directors retire each year. Russell Johnstone, Stuart McDonald who retire by rotation and Jim Clark who is retiring.

Being eligible, Russell Johnstone and Stuart McDonald are offering themselves for re-election, as does Scott Langan who was co-opted during last season.

There are two vacancies at this time. David Bone and Jamie Kennedy have expressed interest in these positions and are recommended, by the Directors, to be elected to the Board.

There being no additional nominations the Captain requested that those already re-elected, Russell Johnstone, Stuart McDonald and Scott Langan and the new nominees David Bone and Jamie Kennedy are all elected to the Board.

Proposed by: George Doak

Seconded by: Eddie Fallon

Appointment of our Reporting Accountants

The Captain intimated that the Board of Directors had seen fit to ask for another full audit this year. This will ensure that the Club implements checks and balances in line with the auditor's recommendations. The Captain proposed that Milne Craig be re-appointed as our Auditors.

George Hepburn seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.

10. As Special Business, (2) to consider and approve the annual subscriptions for the coming year and the Blue Budget as distributed with the papers.

The Captain asked if there were any questions on the Annual Subscriptions, or the Blue Budget.

There being no questions the proposed Annual Subscriptions and Blue Budget were proposed by Ian McEwen and seconded by George Hepburn.

11. Any Other Competent Business

The Captain at this point in the meeting invited members to make constructive points for consideration by the Board for next year, and were asked to stand up state their name, whilst doing so.

- (i) Ken Hunter noted that Jimmy Wilson had passed away during the past year but had not been mentioned at the start of the meeting.
- (ii) Neil Stewart suggested as AGM attendance numbers seemed to be in decline maybe the Board need to consider changing the age at which members can vote at AGM's.

The Captain thanked everyone for attending, there being no further proposals the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Martyn Lawrie

Managing Secretary

7th February 2018.