

# Carton House Men's Golf Club - AGM Minutes 2021

Minutes of the 2021 (golf year) Annual General Meeting held virtually online on 15th February 2022.

The presentation team and all other committee members were present in person in Carton House, with the exception of 2 committee members who had contracted Covid.

The actual quorum of members who had dialled into the AGM was 125.

Secretary Allen Corcoran commenced the meeting on confirmation that a quorum had been reached and first invited Jason Totos from Carton House to update the membership.

## Jason Totos, Director of Golf

Jason opened by noting that Fairmont general manager, Martin Mangan was overseas on business but was also online and had joined the virtual meeting. He thanked the committee for the opportunity to speak to the membership. Jason reviewed the past year and went through the many frustrations in dealing with the various Covid 19 restrictions and how it limited both golfing and social events with constant need to meet and rearrange events as lockdown restrictions changed. He particularly thanked captain Pat Doyle, competitions secretary Tom Healy and Seamus Lynch for their help and ingenuity in dealing with the various challenges. Jason also thanked and noted the cooperation of Seamus Thompson in working with Carton on the finance side over the past year, which had seen a lot of staff changes, a new management company and an extended subscriptions period over that time.

Jason went on to outline the various changes made by Fairmont in the hotel and overall resort and noted a number of key improvements to the courses made in 2021, including over 2,000 tonnes of sand being applied and also briefed members on Carton's environmental protection and conservation programs, which run in parallel with the maintenance and enhancement programs for both courses.

He confirmed that in the coming year, Fairmont has further increased the budgets for both maintenance, equipment and staff which will bring further improvements to the courses and their upkeep. Discussions have begun with European Tour Design on possible changes and improvements to both courses and that work is planned to commence in 2022.

Jason thanked all of his team in golf operations and John Plummer and his team of green keepers. He concluded by thanking both the outgoing and incoming committees for their hard work and wished captain Pat Doyle all the best as he steps down as captain.

## Honorary Secretary, Allen Corcoran - Opening Address

Allen Corcoran firstly presented the agenda for the remainder of the AGM. He confirmed the overall objectives of the AGM and said he would later bring members through the online voting process, which will be used for ratification of all motions to be considered as part of the meeting.

He informed the meeting that unfortunately incoming captain, Sheamus Considine went down with covid this afternoon and would not be present to give his incoming captain's address.

Allen proposed the observance of a minute's silence for all Club members, family members, past members who had died during 2021 and for any club member who had suffered a bereavement during the year.

## Outgoing Captain Pat Doyle

Pat opened by speaking of the privilege of being captain of Carton Mens Club for both 2020 and 2021. He said it had been a long 24 months and none of us could have foreseen the challenges ahead. He spoke of and thanked the committee individually for all their hard work over the past year in working to make it a trouble free and enjoyable experience despite the challenges of the past 2 years for all members.

He thanked Jason and team for their cooperation in working through the challenges of the past 2 years. He thanked the great collaboration he received from lady captain Roisin Lyons and also his wife and family for their support over the past year and he concluded by saying he looked forward to playing a lot of golf next year.

## Honorary Secretary - Objectives walkthrough

Allen Corcoran outlined all materials published on the website in advance of the meeting and also referenced the results of the recent members survey which has also now been published and is available to review on the website. He referenced that the many questions which had been submitted had been circulated to the relevant committee members and will be addressed as part of their individual report presentations. He also welcomed members to submit any follow up questions to the secretaries mailbox post the AGM.

## Adoption of 2020 Minutes

Allen then commenced the first online vote of the evening which was to adopt the minutes of last year's 2020 AGM as published on the website.

Motion	Votes Cast as Approve	Votes Cast as Reject	Motion Outcome
<b>VOTE A: Ratification of the 2020 AGM Minutes</b>  Proposed by: Allen Corcoran Seconded by: Gerry Murray	91	1	Passed

## Committee Reports

The following committee members went on to then present their detailed updates to the AGM for their respective areas:

- Competitions (Tom Healy)
- Handicaps (Gerry Murray)
- Social (Vinnie Lyons)
- Juniors (Ronan Heavey)
- Communications (Martin Duncan)
- Interclub (TJ Kelly)
- Finance (Seamus Thompson) & Ratification of accounts via vote

The finance report from Seamus Thompson concluding the next 2 votes:

Motion	Votes Cast as Approve	Votes Cast as Reject	Motion Outcome
<b>PROPOSAL 1: Ratification of the 2021 Carton House Mens Club Financial Accounts</b>  Proposed by: Seamus Thompson Seconded by: Pat Doyle	104	2	Passed
<b>PROPOSAL 2: Appointment of 2022 Accountants to be Eugene Sheehan, Maynooth</b>  Proposed by: Seamus Thompson Seconded by: Pat Doyle	111	0	Passed

NOTE: Full presentation details for each committee report is available online.

## Remaining Motions before the AGM

Allen Corcoran now went on to present the remaining motions to be voted on by members as part of the AGM.

Note: Not all of the 125 members virtually present cast a vote when each motion was called.

Motion	Votes Cast as Approve	Votes Cast as Reject	Motion Outcome
<b>PROPOSAL 3: Annual Levy 2023 as €200 &amp; 2022 Levy adjustment to €150</b>  Proposed by: Pay Doyle Seconded by: Sheamus Considine	103	10	Passed
<b>PROPOSAL 4: Mens Club Constitution Amendments as outlined</b>  Proposed by: Allen Corcoran Seconded by: Pat Doyle	104	5	Passed
<b>PROPOSAL 5: Committee nominations for 2022, as presented</b>  Proposed and Seconders outlined below	109	1	Passed

### Proposal 3

Annual men's club Levy for year 2022 is proposed to reduce to:

€150 for full 7 day members

€125 for any new 5 day member

(reversing AGM 2021, proposal 2)

Annual men's club Levy for year 2023 is then proposed to be:

€200 for full 7 day members

€175 for any new 5 day member

### Proposal 4

The proposed constitutional changes were shared on 02nd February 2022 with members and posted on the website.

In summary the proposed changes address:

- References to GUI updated to reflect Golf Ireland
- New 5 day membership and associated rights compared to full members (7 day)
- Adjustment to minimum criteria for role of Hon Secretary within the mens club committee
- Alignment of mens club levy collection with Fairmont collection of subs and removal of the mid year option, again in alignment with Fairmont policy on subscription collection

**Proposal 5**

Committee nominations for 2022 as per proposal 5, were:

<b>Proposed Men's Committee 2022</b>		<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
Captain	<b>Sheamus Considine</b>	<i>Pat Doyle</i>	<i>Allen Corcoran</i>
Vice Captain	<b>Allen Corcoran</b>	<i>Sheamus Considine</i>	<i>Pat Doyle</i>
Hon Secretary	<b>John Ennis</b>	<i>Allen Corcoran</i>	<i>Sheamus Considine</i>
Hon Treasurer	<b>Seamus Thompson</b>	<i>John Ennis</i>	<i>Gerry Murray</i>
Competitions Sec (Rejoin)	<b>Seamus Lynch</b>	<i>Allen Corcoran</i>	<i>Pat Doyle</i>
Junior convenor (New)	<b>Austin Boyle</b>	<i>Ronan Heavey</i>	<i>Paul Mullarkey</i>
Handicaps Sec	<b>Gerry Murray</b>	<i>Sheamus Considine</i>	<i>John Ennis</i>
Social Sec (Rejoin)	<b>Adrian Murphy</b>	<i>Allen Corcoran</i>	<i>Sheamus Considine</i>
Interclub (New)	<b>Kilian O'Flynn</b>	<i>Sheamus Considine</i>	<i>Allen Corcoran</i>
Communications officer	<b>Paul Mimmagh</b>	<i>Allen Corcoran</i>	<i>John Ennis</i>
ex officio	<b>Pat Doyle</b>	<i>Paul Mullarkey</i>	<i>Gerry Murray</i>
Ordinary Member (New)	<b>Padraic O'Leary</b>	<i>Allen Corcoran</i>	<i>Sheamus Considine</i>
Ordinary Member (New)	<b>Adrian Guckian</b>	<i>Allen Corcoran</i>	<i>Seamus Lynch</i>
Ordinary Member (New)	<b>Alan Leavy</b>	<i>Vincent Lyons</i>	<i>TJ Kelly</i>

## Meeting Close

Honorary secretary Allen Corcoran returned to close the meeting and outlined some of the key dates for 2022 and informed the membership that an electronic diary would be made available to download within the coming 2 weeks.

- 19/20 March: Medal
- 26 March: Captains Drive-in
- 9/10 April: Medal
- 7/8 May: Medal
- 13/14 May: Vice Captains
- 21/22 May: Lady Captain's Prize to Men
- 10/11 June: Presidents Prize
- 18/19 June: Medal
- 2/3 July: Medal
- 13/14 Aug: Medal
- 20/21 Aug: Captains Prize Day 1,
- 27 Aug: Captains Prize Day 2
- 17/18 Sept: Medal
- 1 /2 Oct: Medal

The secretary thanked all the members for their cooperation in dialling in and supporting the online AGM and expressed his hope that this would be the final time we would have to have such an important meeting online and that next year we would be meeting as normal, in present.