

# **Carton House Men's Golf Club - AGM Minutes 2023**

Minutes of the 2023 (golf year) Annual General Meeting held on 17th January 2024.

Secretary John Ennis commenced the meeting on confirmation that a quorum had been reached and first invited Martin Mangan and Liam McCool from Carton House to update the membership on behalf of Fairmont before the AGM was formally called to order.

## **Fairmont Update**

Martin Mangan and Liam McCool reported that the owners of Carton House had confirmed continued golf course investment and improvements for 2024 - in particular a schedule of bunker drainage and reshaping would be undertaken in 2024 - beginning with the Montgomery course and continuing with the O' Meara course, as weather conditions allowed. The goal was that all these bunker improvements were in place ahead of qualifying golf commencing.

A new putting green is to be constructed and the commitment here was to ensure that it would be completed in time for the Ladies Irish Open.

There were also some improvements planned for the Carriage House kitchen which might affect the opening hours during the planned works but members could access Kathleen's Kitchen in the hotel and avail of the discount normally offered in the Carriage House.

## **AGM Opening**

John Ennis, honorary secretary, now formally opened the AGM and firstly presented the agenda for the remainder of the AGM. He confirmed the overall objectives of the AGM.

John proposed the observance of a minute's silence for all Club members, family members, past members who had died during 2023 and for any club member who had suffered a bereavement during the year.

## **Outgoing Captains Address**

Outgoing captain Allen Corcoran, thanked all members for their support this year and said it had been a huge honour to be captain of Carton House. He spoke about the wonderful participation we had in all events both social and at Interclub level. It had been a very

successful year across all teams and thanked everyone who had got involved from players, managers and supporters.

Allen thanked Liam, Martin and all the staff at Fairmont for their cooperation and collaboration throughout the year. He thanked Liam and John Plummer for the ongoing meetings now in place with himself and the VC on the courses. Allen went on to thank each of his individual committee members who assisted him greatly in his year in office and what a strong committee the club now had and will have going into next year. In particular, he thanked incoming captain Seamus Lynch for his great support during the year and wished him well in 2024.

He concluded by reflecting on his goal for the year being to leave the captaincy with a united club, with better participation all around and a good buzz among members and felt collectively as members we had made that happen.

## **Honorary Secretary**

John Ennis outlined all materials published on the website in advance of the meeting and all matters are addressed as part of the individual report presentations. He also welcomed members to submit any follow up questions to the secretary's mailbox post the AGM.

## **Adoption of 2022 Minutes**

John then commenced the first vote of the evening which was to adopt the minutes of last year's 2022 AGM as published on the website.

Proposed by John Ennis

Seconded by Allen Corcoran

Result Motion Passed.

## **Committee Reports**

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

- Competitions (John Lucid)
- Handicaps (Gerry Murray)
- Social (Adrian Murphy)
- Juniors (Austin Boyle)

- Communications (Paul Mimmagh)
- Interclub (Killian O' Flynn)
- Finance (Alan Leavy)

The finance report from Alan Leavy concluding with the next 2 votes:

**PROPOSAL 1: Ratification of the 2022 Carton House Men's Club Financial Accounts**

Proposed by: Alan Leavy

Seconded by: John Ennis

Result Motion Passed.

**PROPOSAL 2: Appointment of 2022 Accountants to Eugene Sheehan Maynooth**

Proposed by: Alan Leavy

Seconded by: John Ennis

Result: Motion Passed.

## Remaining Motions before the AGM

**PROPOSAL 3: Men's club levy for the 2025 season**

Postponing until the 2024 AGM,

as it will be held in November and before the subscription package for 2025 is finalised and announced.

The Mens club end of year finance position can then better inform the levy for 2025.

**The committee nominations for 2024 were all passed by the members present**

Proposed Men's Committee 2024		Proposer	Secunder
Captain	Seamus Lynch	Allen Corcoran	John Ennis

Vice Captain	Adrian Murphy	Seamus Lynch	Allen Corcoran
Hon Secretary	John Ennis	Seamus Lynch	Allen Corcoran
Hon Treasurer	Adrian Guckian	Seamus Lynch	Allen Corcoran
Competitions Sec (NEW)	Declan Meagher	Seamus Lynch	Adrian Murphy
Junior convenor	Austin Boyle	Committee 2023	
Handicaps Sec	Gerry Murray	Committee 2023	
Social Sec	Padraic O'Leary	Committee 2023	
Interclub	Killian O'Flynn	Committee 2023	
Communications	Paul Mimmagh	Committee 2023	
ex officio	Allen Corcoran	Committee 2023	
Ordinary Member	Alan Leamy	Committee 2023	
Ordinary Member (NEW)	Shu Hoashi	Seamus Lynch	Adrian Guckian

## Incoming Captains Address

Seamus thanked members for their attendance, and Allen for nominating him to be Captain.

He also thanked all the various Committees for their efforts during 2023 and looked forward to working with them in 2024. He expressed his appreciation to departing Committee members, Sheamus, Alan and John for their great work.

He continued by acknowledging outgoing Captain Allen's tremendous work over his term on the Committee in the past 12 months.

He went on to outline the representations made by the Committee on behalf of the membership to Fairmont/Belmullet to highlight member concerns on the areas requiring improvement. This engagement will continue in 2024. While there is cause for optimism on the improvement of course conditions and definition, the Committee will look to hold Fairmont accountable through regular meetings, and will also look to have other areas of concern addressed, among them the food and beverage offering in the Carriage House and Halfway House.

He outlined all the key activities carried out by the Committee and emphasised that they are here to serve the membership and that feedback is encouraged. He wished Adrian M all the best for his year as VC, Ladies VC Ann McQuillan and Lady Captain Sinead Keane.

The usual schedule of competitions is planned, with the VC Prize in May and the Captain's Prize having a 2-week gap in August/September between rounds one and two due to the Ladies Open. In May, the inaugural Lee Mallaghan Memorial Cup will be played.

For the Ladies Open, we would endeavour to secure the best possible package for the tournament itself and access to other courses while our own are closed.

He encouraged all to participate in inter-club competitions, and to utilise the Golf Ireland Academy facilities as ways to maximise membership value.

Seamus stated that he would aim to be as visible as possible around the Courtyard, Carriage House on the course, at inter-club matches and via the newsletter. He emphasised that we treat our fellow golfers, our courses and the timesheet with respect. There was cause for optimism that the condition of the courses would significantly improve in 2024.

He concluded by wishing all members a happy, healthy and enjoyable golfing year in 2024.

## **Meeting Close**

Honorary secretary, John Ennis thanked the members for their attendance, cooperation and support for the 2023 AGM and wished all a safe journey home.