

This document contains the following papers for the 2023 Club AGM:

1. Minutes from the 2022 AGM.
2. Nominations for Club Treasurer and club Secretary, along with Men's Trustee.
3. Motion to amend the Club Constitution.

The final accounts for the year to end October 2023, along with the proposed budget for 2024, will be provided in a separate document.

Minutes from the 2022 AGM

St. Helen's Bay Golf Club Club Annual General Meeting 25 November 2022

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:

Siobhan Noonan	Emer Farrell	Triona Cooney	Verona McConalogue
Kathleen Murphy	Marie Tevlin	Bernadette Tully	Lisa Tully
Hilda Cooper	Sandra Denner	Susan Fitzgerald	Jean O'Kennedy
Sinead Cahill	Suzanne Glynn	Mary O'Riordan	Dolores Hodgins
Collette Mellon	Aileen Foran	Ann Parkinson	Nuala McDermott
Mary Ruth Comerford	Belinda Ennis	Kathrine O'Keeffe	Catherine McCurdy
Orla Brady	Louise Beegan	Mary McCormack	France Cronin
Bernie Hayden	Niamh Byrne	Pat O'Connor	Liam Mullen
Tom Devitt	Frank Reid	Rhodes Murphy	Frank O'Kennedy
Gerry Kearney	Tom McConalogue	Stephen Walsh	

2. Minutes of 2021 AGM

The President opened the meeting welcoming all those in attendance. The meeting held one minute of silence in memory of those members who passed away during the year. The President asked to particularly remember our past Captain Maurice Cooper and our long standing member Tom Tevlin.

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were proposed by Russell Burke, seconded by Ann Byrne, and unanimously approved by the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

All matters arising are addressed as part of the remaining agenda items.

4. And 5. Presentation and Approval of Financial Report 2022/ and Budget approval 2023

The Club Treasurer presented the final accounts for 2022. Overall it was a very good year for the club with revenue significantly exceeding both budget and the previous year outturn. While the surplus for the year was less than budgeted this was due to a number of factors including:

- Due to the successful runs of the various inter club teams the team expenses for the year exceeded budget by approx €2.5k.
- Spend on competition prizes was budgeted at 50% of revenue but it was decided during the year to increase the spend on competition prizes, which cost an additional €3.5k over budget.
- The Club also incurred the cost of an extraordinary item, being a contribution to the cost of implementing ClubNet. This added a further €3k to overall costs, which was partially offset by cancelling very old prize vouchers, valued at €600, which are deemed unlikely to be claimed.

Despite these additional costs the Club still returned an end of year surplus of approx €2.5k.

There were no questions from the meeting regarding the accounts.

The Financial Report was proposed by Nick Hayes, seconded by Ger Smith, and approved unanimously by the meeting.

The Club Treasurer presented the budget for 2023, which anticipates a similar pattern of income and expenditure for the year. The budget was proposed by Kieran Whelan, seconded by Russell Burke, and unanimously approved by the meeting.

6. Brief review of 2022 and look forward to 2023.

The Club President provided a brief review of the year highlighting a number of key elements to the year, especially noting:

1. The successful golfing year for the Club in overall golfing terms.
2. The wonderful condition of the golf course, which was remarked upon by all visitors during the year. It is a credit to Kevin Carroll and his team, and we owe them our thanks for all their hard work.
3. The great success of our teams, demonstrating that St. Helen's Bay is indeed a force to be reckoned with in inter club competitions.
4. The further increase in membership numbers, particularly in the Mens section. We now have 378 members, of which 359 are adult members, an increase of 40 on last year.
5. While there is still much work to be done in attracting new lady members the Monday night Bunnies programme was very successful this year, and it is hoped it will directly result in additional members. Pat O'Connor and Brian Buttimer were thanked for their contribution to this initiative.
6. The successful implementation of the ClubNet system including competition fees and bar purses for all members. This new system is already proving beneficial to the Club and will become even more so next year. The President particularly thanked Gavin Morris, Vincent Murphy, Nora Kavanagh, and Dermot Walsh who gave so much of their time to ensure the system implementation was a success.

Looking forward to 2023, the Club President noted:

1. Bing Bay has confirmed the annual subscription for the year for full members will remain unchanged.
2. There will be a reduced annual subscription for all members over 80 years old, with the annual subscription being reduced to €450.
3. There will be a small increase in the annual subscription for under 40s, with the subscription going from €400 to €450.
4. Under the direction of Janet Slattery as Charter Champion, there will be a structured Get Into Golf programme based on the Golf Ireland guidelines, which will hopefully assist in attracting additional lady members.

5. The continued development of the ClubNet app and hopefully a new club website also.

The President finished her presentation by thanking BBGL for continuing to provide such wonderful facilities. She particularly wanted to thank all of the staff for the service they have provided in 2022. Finally, the President thanked the members for all their support during her two year term of office, and John O’Keeffe for his confidence in nominating her as Club President. The President thanked her own Club Committee for all their support and assistance during her term of office, and particularly the work of the Club Treasurer, Michael Cooney, and the Club Secretary, Dermot Walsh. The Club President concluded by wishing the incoming President, Captains, Vice Captains and their Committees every good wish for the year ahead.

7. Nomination of Club Treasurer and Club Secretary

As there was only one nomination for each of these positions the Club President deemed Eileen Walsh to be elected as Club Treasurer for the forthcoming year, and Dermot Walsh to be elected as Club Secretary. The President advised the meeting that Dermot Walsh has indicated this will be his final year as Club Secretary.

8. Motions for Approval

No motions had been received for approval at the meeting.

9. AOB

Terry O’Toole informed the meeting of the sad news received that day of the passing of Brian D’eaths wife Theo, and that Brian himself is seriously ill in hospital. The President, on behalf of the members, expressed the Club's sympathies to Brian and his family.

Avril Downey expressed concern at the serious coastal erosion running parallel to the 17th and 18th holes and asked was there anything being done about this. The President advised that this is primarily a matter for Bing Bay, and while we have and will continue to liaise with Bing Bay on this matter we are limited in what we can do. We know Bing Bay has been in contact with Wexford County Council on the matter and, while these contacts are ongoing, it is not seen to be a priority issue for the council.

Gay Redmond expressed his concerns about the overall structure and boundaries/demarcation between the Golf Club and Bing Bay. He expressed the view that the most appropriate structure for the future would be to combine the two into a single entity. He proposed a Working Group be established to consider this. The President responded by saying we will continue to engage with Bing Bay to improve

further how the two entities can work effectively together. The President said any fundamental review of the structures should be considered by the Club Committee, and she had no doubt the incoming Committee will consider this matter further.

Nick Hayes suggested that in the event of an emergency we should have a register of people qualified to operate the defibrillator. This was agreed to be a good idea. The President suggested in this regard that we should also look for Club volunteers to be trained in the use of the defibrillator. Terry O'Toole commented that his wife is qualified to train people in the operation of defibrillators and that she may be willing to help out in this regard. It was also noted that Bing Bay has decided to relocate the defibrillator currently in the Pro Shop to a suitable location on the course.

Padraig Tiernan expressed disappointment that the Wednesday Club Christmas lunch could not be accommodated in the Clubhouse this year and asked if anything could be done to facilitate this event. This matter was discussed at some length along with the broader issue of how to provide catering facilities to members during winter on an economic basis. A number of ideas were raised including:

- Franchising out the catering to a professional caterer who may have the expertise and resources to service the facility in winter.
- An annual catering levy of say €50 per member.
- Survey the members to see if they support a clubhouse/catering levy.
- Offering a Pavilion membership that might attract homeowners in the village that are not already members of the golf club.

Janet Slattery said all of these issues and ideas are best addressed by re establishing the Liaison Committee. The President agreed, saying with the staff changes that took place during the course of the year it had been difficult for this Liaison Committee to function as intended but that we would hope to reactivate this during 2023.

The President closed the meeting by formally introducing the new Club President Kieran Whelan, and presenting him with his Club blazer. Kieran thanked Rionach for her nomination and confidence in him, and said he was honoured to be nominated, and looked forward to contributing to the ongoing success of the Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Nominations for Club Treasurer and Club Secretary



Kilrane, Rosslare Harbour, Co. Wexford

Club Committee 2024 Nominations

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Club Secretary	Nora Kavanagh	Dermot Walsh	Kieran Whelan
Club Treasurer	Eileen Walsh	Kieran Whelan	Michael Cooney

In addition to the above nominations Seamus McCormack has decided to step down from his position as Men's Trustee. The Men's Committee has nominated Rhodes Murphy to the vacant position.

Motion to amend the Club Constitution

St. Helen's Bay Golf Club

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4 November 2023

Motion

It is hereby proposed that the members approve the following changes to the Club Constitution, which are intended to ensure compliance with Revenue requirements for unincorporated bodies:

1. Insert new clauses 6.1, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7 as detailed below.
2. Renumber existing clauses as required.

All other clauses of the Club Constitution remain unchanged.

New Clauses

6.1 The objective for which the Club is established is solely for the promotion of the amateur game of golf amongst its members.

6.4 The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of the Club's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the Club. No officer shall be appointed to any office of the Club paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Club. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Club of:

- reasonable and proper remuneration to any member or servant of the Club (not being an officer) for any services rendered to the Club;
- interest at a rate not exceeding 1% above the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (Eurostar) per annum on money lent by an officer or other members of the Club to the Club;
- reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the Club (including any officer) to the Club;
- reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Club;
- fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any Company of which an officer may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company.

6.5 If upon winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objectives similar to the objectives of the Club. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of their income and property among their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Club under or by virtue of the Income and Property clause (clause 6.4) hereof. Members of the Club shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object. Final accounts will be prepared and submitted that will include a section that identifies and values any assets transferred along with the details of the recipients and the terms of the transfer.

6.6 Annual accounts shall be kept and made available to Revenue on request. Where the gross annual income exceeds €250,000 the accounts will be audited.

6.7 No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to the provisions of the following clauses:

- The objectives clause (clause 6.1);
- The income and property clause (clause 6.4);
- The winding up clause (clause 6.5);
- The keeping of accounts clause (clause 6.6);

- This clause (clause 6.7)
for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously approved in writing by
the Revenue Commissioners

Proposed By: Dermot Walsh

Seconded By: Kieran Whelan

Date: 4 November 2023