



ST. HELEN'S BAY GOLF CLUB

AGM : FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2024 @ 7:00pm (clubhouse)

Attendees – Top Table

President Kieran Whelan (Chair)	Hon. Secretary Nora Kavanagh	Hon. Treasurer Eileen Walsh
Captain Michael Cooney	Captain Sonya McGarry	

President Kieran opened the meeting at 7.05pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Matters dealt with per attached Agenda

1. Apologies

Hon. Secretary Nora Kavanagh read out the following apologies.

Danny Kenny	Padraig Tiernan	Therese Kilcline	Leonora Walsh
Donal O'Keeffe	Katriona O'Keeffe	Tom McConalogue	Verona McConalogue
Brian Dalton	Cathy Dalton	Ciaran Murphy	Sandra Denner
Emer Farrell	Helen Leavey	Valerie Breen	Stan Parkinson
Mari Byrne	Larry Byrne	Frank O'Kennedy	Jean O'Kennedy
Bernie Hayden	Mick Conlon	Vincent Murphy	Russell Burke
Dominick Mann	Gavin Morris	Noel Minogue	Siobhan Noonan
Liam Mullen	Dolores Hodgins	Peter Smith	Colm O'Leary

2. Minutes of 2023 AGM

Minutes of the 2023 AGM had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and also uploaded on the club's website. President Kieran said the "matters arising" would be dealt with during the course of today's AGM. Jim Egan queried why those attending today were not included in the Minutes (along with the apologies) – KW confirmed that the attendance sheet would be attached to the Minutes of today's meeting for future reference.

3. Matters Arising

To be dealt with during the course of the meeting.

4. Course update from Kevin Carroll

As Kevin was unable to attend the meeting, President Kieran read out a report from him which included an update of :-

- Drainage – holes 1, 9, 10-14 completed
- Renovation of ladies tee boxes – 9, 12, 14
- Repairs and clean up of drains on 2nd, 5th and 9th
- Extension of paths on 11th and 14th
- Cutting of long rough around the course
- Ongoing general maintenance

5. Financial Report 2024 and Budget approval 2025

(a) Financial Report 2024

Hon. Treasurer Eileen Walsh went through the figures for 2024 (per attached report) and confirmed that we had a surplus from last year of €4,747 which was an increase from the loss of circa €1,500 in 2023. She explained the reason for this was due to the increase of €1 in competition fees and the fact that she and the two Captains had worked really hard during the year on the budget and had stuck to realistic options regarding the finances. She also thanked Nick Hayes and Anne Marie Ryan for all their work during the year in processing the competition winnings.

Having identified a number of expenses including interclub team expenses, IT costs, and the purchase of two shares in BBGL (€8,000), Eileen confirmed that the club had approximately €34,000 in the bank at the moment.

The financial report was then proposed by Pat Murphy and seconded by Anna-Marie Murphy

(b) Budget 2025

Eileen then went through the budget for 2025 (per attached) saying we would hope to increase competition revenue, which would also increase prizes, that the interclub teams would progress well and so on. A number of members said they had not been able to access the information on the club's website. Dermot Walsh said that anyone who was having difficulty should let the club committee know and that the club financial report and budget would remain on the website for an extended period of time to allow time for members to review the documentation.

The budget was then proposed by Jim Egan and seconded by Nick Hayes.

6. President Kieran's review of 2024 and look forward to 2025

President Kieran then delivered his report for 2024. His report included the following :-

- Thanks to Eileen Walsh for all her work in the finances throughout the year.
- Thanks to Rionach Donlon for inviting him to be President two years ago.
- Remembrance of deceased members, family and friends during 2024.
- Licence Agreement : Getting the Licence from BBGL to the golf Club signed this year was a culmination of years of negotiations. Thanks to Dermot Walsh, Janet Slattery and Rionach Donlon for their work in this regard.
- Drainage Works : Thanks to the contractor, Kevin and his team for the drainage works. Need for on-going development.
- Thanks to Joe Kelly, Tommy Duggan and Mervyn Cooney as the Development Sub-Committee. We are now doing what we can to ensure we are in a position to apply for grants. Anyone else with useful contacts should contact Joe, Tommy or Mervyn.
- Fundraising : Thanks to Dermot, Anna-Marie, Gavin Morris for all their work on the Sweep.
- Thanks to Sinead Cahill for all her marketing and social media work.
- Thanks to all the sponsors during the year.
- Get into Golfers. Thanks to Janet Slattery and her team for all the work on the Get into Golf programme and welcome to those who would be join as full members in 2025.
- Thank you to the Captains Michael and Sonya for an excellent year and best wishes to the incoming Captains Dermot and Anna-Marie for a successful year ahead.

- Thanks to the Club Committee, Nora, Eileen, Captains, Vice Captains and Trustees. Sincere thanks to Pat Murphy who was stepping down as Trustees after a second term in office and welcome to Noel Patten who would be coming on board in his place as Trustee.
- Thanks to Ann Byrne, Suzanne, Kevin, Liam, Jill, Caroline and all the staff of BBGL who ensured the smooth running of the pro shop and facilities.
- Thanks to Rionach for all her work and the excellent working relationship between BBGL and the golf club.
- Last but not least, Kieran thanked his wife Karen for all her support during the last two years of his term as President.

7. Fundraising 2025

Dermot Walsh addressed the meeting confirming that the Club proposed to run two fund raising initiatives this year :-

1. Euromillions Syndicate
2. The Open Sweep

Euromillions Syndicate

- Cost €30, first draw in April 2025, lots of people around between now and then, target number is 2025.

The Open Sweep

- Following the success of last year's initiative, the Sweep will be run again in July 2025.

8. Nomination of Club Treasurer, Club Secretary and approval of Men's Trustee

- Eileen Walsh was nominated for the position of Club Treasurer and was duly elected.
- Nora Kavanagh was nominated for the position of Club Secretary and was duly elected.
- Noel Patten was nominated by the Men's Committee to the position of Trustee and was duly appointed.

9. Club President 2025/2026

Tommy Duggan was nominated by the Club Committee as incoming President and was duly appointed.

10. AOB

No matters arose under this heading at today's meeting.

Proposed by : _____ Seconded by : _____

Date : _____