

**MOYOLA PARK GOLF CLUB**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 13th May 2019**

**1. ATTENDANCE** - Present - J Riddell (Captain), N McGurk (Past Captain/Greens Convenor), H McGoldrick (President), T O'Kane (Hon Sec), H Armstrong (Hon Treasurer), S Graffin (Competition Secretary), M McNabb (House Convenor), J Averell, D Brady, S Kyne, D McCusker, J McGoldrick, L McQuillan, T Steele, M Gribbin (Secretary Manager). **Apologies** - S McKenna (Vice Captain)

The Captain opened the meeting by offering condolences to Mickey Kelly (past captain) following the death of his brother Seamus.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Proposed by Seamus Kyne, seconded by Hilary Armstrong

**3. Matters arising** - Significant correspondence relating to competition entry fees and prizes was discussed. Agreed to email minutes to members.

**4. Captain's Business** - Captain congratulated Ulster Cup and P Purcell teams on their successes and commiserated with J Bruen team. He thanked Noel and his team for all their hard work around the course and reminded everyone of the need to keep focus on cost control.

**5. Correspondence** - New Members, Full – 7, Student – 3, Youth – 1, Cadet – 1 and 5 day – 7

**6. Finance** - Hon Treasurer reported positive position on some income streams which are being supported by the current good weather. Expenditure costs are in line with expectation. He highlighted some concerns over course equipment costs and suggested inclusion of equipment in a capital plan going forward. He gave an update on fee income to date. He reported the reduction in staff costs introduced were delivering the projected savings.

**7. House** - House Convenor provided update to Council. Monthly meetings with bar and restaurant staff to commence. Introduction of comments cards for visitors to be explored.

**8. Green** - Noel reported progress made with paths around the course and plan to clear debris around shrubbery. Council acknowledged the good condition of the course but raised their concern regarding a few areas. The use of handmowers to be explored. It was recommended the use of diverters to protect green side grasses areas from heavy foot and trolley traffic. Starters to remind members of importance of repairing pitch marks on greens and hole ownership as per timesheet. Repair bags to be reintroduced to improve condition of fairways and degradable pegs for divots to prevent birds from removing replaced divots to be explored. Condition of the tee and bunker at 17<sup>th</sup> discussed, options to be explored.

**9. Competition** - Seamus Graffin presented the monthly competition report. Requested Council assistance in contacting Sponsors regarding their competitions to build the relationships. He presented his proposals for competition fees and prizes. Agreed changes would be introduced on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Several members are still not taking out a card during the competition slots. Seamus would write to them to encourage participation in competition or realignment to time outside competition time slot.

**10. Juniors** - John McGoldrick presented the report on behalf of the Junior Convenors. Competition sponsorship needed £50 per event. Closure of holes 1-4 for juniors use only on Saturday from 5pm. – Agreed

**11. Marketing** - Seamus Kyne Marketing report. Exploring funding opportunities from external agencies. A member survey is being proposed to understand members priorities for the club going forward. New brochure being finalised. Ideas and opportunities to increase income from green fees were discussed.

**12. AOB** - Presentation nights to be reintroduced in line with process outlined in handbook and previous operation, failure to attend or present suitable substitute will result on forfeiture of prize. Concerns over length of course for Ladies to be explored. Slow play needs to be addressed, starters to be allowed time to “marshal” pace of play.

**Next meeting** - Monday 10th June at 7.30pm

