



## **LADIES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2023**

### **MINUTES**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The annual General Meeting was held in the Clubhouse on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm. The meeting was very well attended, and 25 apologies were received.

Captain Celia Morrissey noted that the meeting was being recorded to assist with the preparation of Minutes.

Captain Celia opened the meeting. Four people were on the podium to conduct the meeting – Captain Celia, Vice Captain Clodagh O'Donnell, Hon. Treasurer Ruth Skehan and Hon. Secretary Auveen Campbell.

A minute's silence was observed for Lady Members who died during the year.

Kathleen Crowe
Ann Scully
Phyllis Purcell
Marcella Murrin
Doreen McNamara
Ann Bannerton
Marguerite Purcell
Celia Magahy
Mary Dent

#### **NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The Honorary Secretary Auveen Campbell read the Notice convening the meeting.

#### **MINUTES OF AGM 10.01. 2022**

As copies of the Minutes of the AGM 2022 had been available on the website, they were taken as read.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes from last year.

The adoption of the Minutes of the A.G.M. 10.01.2022 was proposed by Aisling Buckley and seconded by Mary McDonnell

Captain Celia then signed two copies of the Minutes.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2023**

The Captain thanked those who had put their names forward for Committee.

The officers were proposed as follows:

OFFICERS	NAME OF MEMBER PROPOSED	PROPOSER	SECONDER
LADIES GOLF CAPTAIN	CLODAGH O'DONNELL	CELIA MORRISSEY	ANITA O'NEILL
LADIES VICE CAPTIN	SIMONE BARRY	CLODAGH O'DONNELL	CELIA MORRISEY
HON. SECRETARY	NATALIE BARRETT	AUVEEN CAMPBELL	BARBARA O'MARA
HON. COMPETITIONS SECRETARY	MAUREEN COLLINS	ANTOINETTE TOOLE	AISLING FOLEY NOLAN

The above were declared elected.

There were four nominees for election to the Committee as ordinary members:

COMMITTEE	NAME OF MEMBER PROPOSED	PROPOSER	SECONDER
ORDINARY MEMBER	NIVES COLLINS	ANTOINETTE TOOLE	NATALIE BARRETT
ORDINARY MEMBER	MARIE GOSS	BARBARA O'MARA	JEAN TWOHIG
ORDINARY MEMBER	CATHERINE NAGLE	SIMONE BARRY	RUTH SKEHAN
ORDINARY MEMBER (JUNIOR CONVENOR)	JUNE O'BRIEN	CLODAGH O'DONNELL	AISLING BUCKLEY
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As there were no other nominees, the above were declared elected.

### **THE ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

The Annual Report 2022 had been available on the Club web-site and was taken as read.

The report was proposed by Ann Armstrong and seconded by Lisa Godfrey.

## **THE HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT 2022**

A copy of the Treasurer's report had been available on line and Ruth Skehan presented this report and summarised the income and expenditure figures of the Ladies Golf Club for the financial year to September 2022.

Ruth's report is set out below.

### **HON TREASURERS REPORT LGC AGM 09/01/23**

*Good evening, Ladies and a happy new year to you all.*

*As is usual now, the end of year summary is available on the Elm Park website. To remind you the end of the financial year for Elm Park is the 30th September.*

*By way of summary:*

- *We started the year with a surplus balance of €14,376.*
- *Our competition income amounted to €37,195 in 2022, which was over €15,000 higher than the 2021 level - as the effects of COVID had finally begun to dissipate. (over 60% increase)*
- *We managed to donate to several charities during the year which was fantastic.*
- *We raised €618 for the 3 Ts charity – Turn the tide of Suicide.*
- *We raised €500 for the National Council for the Blind and €2,630 was raised for The Breast Cancer Research Institute based in UCG.*
- *We also sponsored a team on the Captains charity day.*
- *We would like to thank those members who assisted with sponsorship this year – Rosalind Kilduff, Aisling Moore and Frances Shields - we are most grateful for their continued support.*

*On the spending front:*

- *As our finances were strong this year, we continued to spend some funds on the repairs to and engraving of various cups, as had been started last year.*
- *We also purchased a printer for the ladies committee office which was badly needed.*
- *We had a few occasions that we recognised with presentations during the year including the retirements of our Caddymasters Rogelio Cadiz and John Byrne.*
- *We increased the spend on coaching for the ladies teams which proved a resounding success.*

*We finished up the accounting year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 with a balance of €19,120.*

- *As our cash balance is strong, we hope to continue with various coaching programmes for team squads in the year ahead.*
- *We also endeavour to hold various talks and educational sessions for our lady members in the year ahead.*

*As this was my first year as Treasurer, I would like to thank Deirdre Gleeson who ensured a smooth handover of this function to me and was always happy to take a call from me at any stage – Thanks Deirdre.*

*Thanks also to Therese and to Peter and the team in the pro shop for their assistance throughout the year.*

*Thank you*

There were no comments on the report.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Deirdre Gleeson and seconded by Helena Sheehan.

### **CAPTAIN CELIA MORRISSEY'S ADDRESS:**

Captain Celia then delivered a gracious address, as follows:

#### ***Captain Celia Morrissey's Address AGM 2023***

*Good evening and welcome.*

*Vice Captain Clodagh, Officers, Ladies Committee and fellow members, welcome to our Annual General meeting for 2023.*

*Thank you for your attendance here this evening. This AGM marks the start of another year for Ladies Golf in Elm Park and isn't it great that we are able to have this meeting in person! First of all, a very sincere thank you Anita, for asking me to be your Vice Captain and in turn allow me the privilege and honour of being your Captain for 2022. Many thanks to you all for your support and encouragement throughout the year.*

*Vice Captain Clodagh has been a great support to me, and I wish her all the very best for her year. I know that you will be a fabulous Captain Clodagh. I also wish your Vice Captain Simone the very best for the next couple of years.*

*I've learnt over the last few years that it requires a lot of work to ensure the smooth running of the golf club. I was very lucky, as was the Ladies Club, to have such a fabulous and hard-working Committee working with me.*

*Antoinette Toole was our competition secretary, and boy she was on top of it all! She put a huge effort into keeping our competitions running smoothly throughout the year. She liaised with both the caddy masters and the pro shop to set up the competitions and do the cards, which was challenging with the departure of John Byrne. Thank you to Lisa Matthews who was your 'right hand man' and kept a close eye on everything. Between you both, I knew the competitions were under control. Huge thank you Antoinette for your dedication, enthusiasm and commitment for the past 3 years and we wish you all the best as you retire from the Ladies Committee.*

*Barbara O'Mara joined the committee this year and became our Handicap Secretary. Ruth Skehan also came on board this year and took on the role of Honorary Treasurer and represented the Ladies club on the Finance Committee. Many thanks to you both for doing such a terrific job.*

*Auveen Campbell continued in her role as Hon Secretary, and she did a great job keeping both our meetings and correspondence in order. We wish you all the very best in your new role Auveen. You will be a brilliant President.*

*Aisling Buckley was the Girls Junior Liaison Officer. She did an outstanding job and worked so hard on their behalf. The results we are seeing are the fruits of your labour Aisling, and for this we thank you.*

*Carolyn Mc Ardle, shopper extraordinaire! Thank you very much for looking after all the prizes, which were fabulous. I'd say Mark is glad to have the sitting room back! Jean Twohig was your terrific assistant, however she also ran the Spring Lamb Competition with Barbara and Aisling B, and our Visiting Captains Day in April, so thank you Jean. Aisling Foley Nolan and Mary Frances McKenna looked after our internal club competitions, the winter matchplay and did some serious multi-tasking throughout the year! Natalie Barrett joined us this year and she too was on hand to help in anyway she could. I wish her the very best in her new role as our Hon Sec this year.*

*Thank you all for your dedication and commitment this year. Each one of you worked tirelessly on behalf of the ladies of Elm Park. Personally, you all helped me so much and nothing was too much trouble!!*

*Many thanks to Auveen, Carolyn, Jean, Antoinette and Aisling B who are retiring from the Committee year.*

*And now to the golf: what a great year we have had. We got to play all our internal competitions and the interclub ones too. I was blessed with good weather for all the 'big' days, and I think we all had lots of fun along the way.*

*Our Captains drive in was delayed until early March. We had a wonderful sunny day and played 13 hole team of 4 before taking to the first tee... You might recall that I had an explosive start while Captain Paul calmly landed 3 from 3!! We followed this with a dinner celebration with our family, friends and fellow members.*

*It wasn't long before the teams were in action, so it was all go, as all matches were played on a home and away basis. While all of teams put up a good fight, the highlight of our golfing season was the Senior Foursomes success. They had a fabulous campaign and brought home the South Leinster Blue Pennant. They then went forward and represented Elm Park and South Leinster in the All Ireland Finals and came home with bronze medals. Huge congratulations to all involved.*

*I take this opportunity to thank all the team managers, assistant managers and the team Co Ordinator Annette Burke and her assistant Linda Clarke for their hard work.*

*The first major of the year was Professional Peter Morgan's Prize and PGA Tankard which was won by Michelle Butler. Men's Captain, Paul O'Reilly's prize was won by Mary Boden and my prize to the men was won by Bill Phelan. The winner of Vice Captain Clodagh's prize was Marcella Higgins and President Eamon Condon's prize winner was Janet Green. Congratulations to you all.*

*My own prize was played over two days and the worthy winner was Orla O'Brien with a whopping 80points! Apparently, she left her driver at home so she would be less likely to end up in trees!! Congratulations to my 5-day winner Ann Roseingrave and 9 hole winner Mimi McDonnell.*

*Congratulations to Mary Boden who was Golfer of the year 2022.*

*Our Captains Charity Day was in September. It was a fabulous day and thank you to you. the members of Elm Park, for your very generous support. The funds we raised will go a long way to help Pieta continue their great work. Huge thank you to Paul Keenan, Louise English and Aisling Buckley who were working on this with Paul and myself since early March and huge thank you also to all the volunteers. We could not have done this without you!*

*This year we welcomed 17 junior girls between 11 and 17 years into the club. Our Junior Liaison Officer, Aisling Buckley, Junior captain Kate Sheridan and the Junior Golf Management Committee did a fantastic job organising introductory sessions with drills on the chipping and putting greens, 3 hole scrambles, competitions, coaching, internal and interclub matchplay, as well as the normal junior golf competitions!*

*Congratulations to Emma Fleming who was this year's Junior Golfer of the Year.*

*Our Student and Junior girls continue to shine. Their successes are included in our Annual Report which is up on the website, and they are well worth reading...You will learn that the future of ladies' golf in Elm Park is in good hands!*

*Kate Sheridan was our Junior Girls Captain and she was terrific. Both Kate and her co captain Paul White, put so much work into the junior section this year. They were also very helpful at our Visiting Captains Day, our Charity Day, and my Captains Day. They represented the Club very well in the AIG Video that was made earlier this year. Huge thank you to you Kate and I wish this year's Junior Girls Captain Sarah O'Brien the very best for 2023.*

*Thank you very much to Aisling Buckley, Catherine Brady, Mary Sheehan O'Carroll, Ruth Hunter, Kate Sheridan, the professional staff and all involved in supporting the junior girls this year. I wish June O'Brien the very best as our new Junior Liaison Officer and thank Aisling Buckley for all her work over the last 3 years.*

*President Eamon Condon's support was greatly appreciated by all. He has been a wonderful President and very supportive of all the ladies and junior girls' activities in 2022. He attended our matches either home or away and always had an encouraging word or two to ease any 1<sup>st</sup> tee nerves.*

*I congratulate our Chairman Nano Brennan for the phenomenal work she has done over the past year. She has guided us safely through the first year of our new Board structure. Thank you to our Company Secretary Mary McDonnell and fellow board member Simone Barry who put in an inordinate amount of work on behalf of all the members of Elm Park. Many thanks also to our Finance director Mark Asple and to Denis Bergin and Diarmuid Burke.*

*Thank you to Monday Captain Oonagh O'Reilly and her Committee who looked after us so well this year with our weekly Monday Competition. Best of luck to Jacqui Tripp who takes over in a couple of weeks. Thank you also to Oonagh who so kindly did the flowers for my Captains Prize Dinner, the Visiting Captains Day and also on our Charity Day.*

*To the group of 'angels' who very kindly do the cards for the Invitationals/Opens throughout the summer, thank you. This is such a big help and much appreciated. Thank you also to Anne de Lacy who is always on hand with any rules changes or questions we may have. Thank you to those who sponsored Invitationals: Home Instead with Frances Shiels, Rosalind Kilduff and Aisling Moore.*

*To Peter Morgan, Brendan and all in the pro shop and to the Caddy Masters including the recently retired John Byrne and Rogelio, Martin, Jason, Alex and all the gang for their support and help throughout the year. Heaven knows how many messages they sent out on my behalf at all hours of the day!!*

*Thank you to our Course Director Josh Keaveny, Mark Sheridan and their team for keeping the course in such magnificent condition and to Helena Sheehan for representing the Ladies on the Greens Committee*

*Tim O'Brien, our incredible GM... and Paul Dunlea a massive thank you to you both. You were incredibly helpful to me over the past year and looked after me and my guests so well. Everyone commented on how well the club is looking and how good the food is...take a bow boys! Big thank you to Monika and all your staff both in the bar and in the restaurant. Many thanks also to Michelle Reynolds, Mariela Pritzker and Therese Ahern for everything they did for me and continue to do for the Ladies Club.*

*I drew the lucky straw with my Co Captain Paul O'Reilly. We had a great working relationship, managing to have lots of fun along the way. We worked through things together and as a result no decision was taken without considering the impact on both clubs.*

*I wish Greg Moore and Stephen Gillmor all the best for 2023. I also wish Caroline O'Reilly the very best as our Tennis Captain 2023.*

*This year would not have been possible without the support of the 3 most important people in my life: my husband Tony and our children Gillian and Matthew. A massive, big thank you to them for their love and support.*

*Finally, to you the ladies of Elm Park. What can I say! Thank you for making this such a special year for me. Your support and enthusiasm were just incredible. I have had a fabulous year and I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have.*

*I am delighted to invite our Golf Captain for 2023, Clodagh O'Donnell, to put on her blazer and her badge of office and address us....*

## **INTRODUCTION OF INCOMING GOLF CAPTAIN 2023, CLODAGH O'DONNELL**

Captain Celia introduced the incoming Captain Clodagh O'Donnell . Celia helped Clodagh to don her blazer, to which was pinned the Club badge.

## **CAPTAIN CLODAGH'S ADDRESS**

Captain Celia invited Incoming Captain Clodagh O'Donnell to address the meeting. Clodagh delivered an enthusiastic address, setting out a strong golfing programme for the year, as follows:

### **INCOMING CAPTAINS ADDRESS AGM 2023**

*Captain Celia, , Officers of the Ladies Committee and ladies I am delighted to accept this wonderful honour and to address you for the first time as Captain of Elm Park Ladies Golf Club!*

*Thank you Celia, for offering me this privileged role. For my part I have been really fortunate to have you such a dynamic mentor and role model. I know that I speak for all the ladies in the club when I say congratulations on a fabulous year, you have been a wonderful captain. We appreciate all your hard work which was always delivered with a smile and a thoughtful word or two. I am reliably informed that I am the fourth, proud, Donegal Lady to become Captain of this club and I only hope that I can achieve as much as they have. You have all set the bar high and I only hope that I can deliver as good a service to our Ladies Club.*

*I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Helena Sheehan who invited me to join her Committee as Hon Handicap Secretary and Anita O'Neill who gratefully kept me on her committee.*

*Ladies, the success of our club, its smooth running and the variety of opportunities it offers us to play golf, socialise and make friends is achieved only because of the dedication and effort offered by each and every member of our Committee . We are so lucky to have such a great group of ladies who volunteer their time, week in week-out on our behalf.*

*To our retiring committee members, we say thank you, you will be missed.*

- *Auveen Campbell, who has been a wonderful Hon Secretary and to whom we wish every success in her upcoming club presidency,*
- *To Antoinette Toole our Honorary Competition Secretary who has ran in excess of 184 competitions for us this year.*
- *Aisling Buckley who despite not being able to play golf for the past year has dedicated her time to developing our junior girls, with such warmth and tireless encouragement, that we all can only stand back and applaud in awe and admiration.*
- *Carolyn McArdle who has created a new art form – shopping and displaying the most wonderful prizes.*
- *Jean Twohig who organised a wonderful visiting captain's day to showcase our club and who is always there to volunteer her services for whatever is required.*

*To our committee members who have agreed to stay on and share your knowledge with us, Ruth Skehan Our Honorary treasurer, Barbara O'Mara our Hon Handicap secretary, Natalie Barrett who will be our new Hon secretary , Mary Frances Mc Kenna, Aisling Foley Nolan and Lisa Matthews, a big thank you for your ongoing commitment.*



*I am delighted to welcome on board our new committee members: Simone Barry who will be Vice Captain, Maureen Collins who will take over as Hon Competition Secretary, June O'Brien who will take over the role of Junior Liaison Officer, Nives Collins, Marie Goss and Catherine Nagle.*

*I am so looking forward to working with you all. I know that we will make a great team.*

*As you are aware the structure of the Management Board has changed in the last year. For the first time the ladies Captain will not sit on the board. However, we do know that our interests will be well represented at Board level By Nano Brennan our Chair and Simone Barry who will continue to serve on the Board. Also we are delighted that Lisa Cogan will also represent us at Board level in 2023. We are very grateful you're your tireless efforts on behalf of all members of the club.*

*To Annette Burke who was our inter club team's coordinator last year, thank you for all your efforts, To all of you who volunteered and helped with invitationals, our major competitions, away days, Open competitions, flowers and all the behind the scenes activities that contribute to all our successes. A huge thank you.*

*And so to the year ahead.*

*The GI AGM is to take place in Westmanstown Golf Club next Monday evening 26<sup>th</sup>. Myself and Vice Caption Simone will attend on your behalf.*

*We have already has some information from them with respect to Changes to the Rules of Golf. The changes will all be outlined in the Golf Ireland App and on the Website and I encourage you all familiarise yourselves with them.*

*Also I can confirm that Inter club matches will be played again this year on a home and away basis, with a redraw after each round. However, they are going to make the initial rounds much closer to home from a geographical perspective, so that we should not have to travel far and wide in the early draws. Also they are making a few changes which will make the competition a bit fairer, most notably there will be maximum playing handicaps applied for Intermediate, Minor and Challenge teams , ( for example the max playing handicap for challenge cup will be 36) and also only players with a fully developed handicap ( i.e 20 scores recorded on their golf Ireland record), before January this year will be eligible to play.*

*I'm delighted that Linda Clarke has agreed to take on the role of Co-ordinator of Teams and she will be assisted by Natalie O'Shaughnessy.*

*As Ruth indicated earlier we have built up some funds over the past three years. We spent some money on additional tuition for our team panels at the end of last year and also a talk on nutrition and hydration. I plan to continue investing in our teams and also in activities that will help us all improve our golf. I look forward to working with Linda and Natalie on developing those activities and we will be announcing team captains and new initiatives in the next few weeks.*

*As you know Greg Moore has been elected Golf Captains by the men's club. He and I have worked to make sure that there will be a full comprehensive schedule of events for us to participate in for 2023*

*For those of you who have already had a look at the diary you should notice a few changes from previous years.*

*The Spring Lamb competition will be starting the weekend after next This is a great opportunity to commit to playing a round of golf every week for the next six weeks and to join a team and make new friends. You can still enter up until 5pm tomorrow. Do this by entering the Spring Lamb competition which is currently open for tomorrow. ( There is obviously no ladies competition on tomorrow but this is an easy way for us to collect the entry fees). We will be organising teams and competition Themes and terms of competition over the next few days and I will update you all in next week's bulletin.*

*We will commence the Golfing season with the Captain's drive in on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March.*

*We have scheduled 8 ladies and 10 members Invitationals this year.*

*Frances Shiels has kindly organised Home Instead to sponsor our Invitational on 7th June and Rosalind Kilduff will again sponsor our final ladies Invitational Team of 3 on 01st August. Many thanks to you both. If any member would be in a position to sponsor an Invitational, please contact either myself or Simone.*

*A big Thank you to Ann O'Driscoll and her team of retired Committee members who helped last year with the cards on invitational and scramble days. We are hoping that we extend the knowledge this year on running competitions and validating competitions scores. To this end we will be running some training courses. So if you would like to better understand how we run competitions, how Handicapmaster works and assist the committee in doing competition cards we will be seeking volunteers. Many hands make light work and all assistance will be gratefully accepted.*

*My Captains Day is going to be over 2 days: 15<sup>th</sup> and 17th June Day 1 Supplement will be on 11th June. The Captain's Prize to the 5-day Ladies Competition will take place on the same day ( 15<sup>th</sup> June) as Day 1 of the Captain's prize.*

*Simone's 's vice-captains prize will be on 28<sup>th</sup> May ( Supplement) and 1<sup>st</sup> June. Our team of 3 swap day with Milltown Golf Club is on Tuesday 18th July with a sweep on 24th July.*

*Last year, Captain Celia donated a Ladies Seniors Singles Trophy for ladies over 70 who can demonstrate their ability to play 18 holes. That competition will be run this year on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July. We will run the sister's competition on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June affording 5 day members an opportunity to compete and will also run our grandmother/grandaunts competition on Tues 16th May.*

*Last year the Elm Park Open Mixed Matchplay was re-introduced in late May and won by our very own Joanne and Cian Poland. We will run it again this year.*

*We had a great day and night in Faithlegg for Celia's away day . I can confirm that we will have another away day on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, but it will be a bit closer to home so that more of our members can join us.*

*Congratulations to Sarah O'Brien, with a very impressive handicap of 2, is our new Junior Girls Captain. I look forward to working with her over the coming year.*

*Best wishes also to Jacqui Tripp who is the incoming Monday's Captain – I wish Jacqui and her Committee all the best for 2023 .*

*Finally, but by no means least our own Caroline O'Reilly is the incoming tennis captain and I wish her and her team every success for 2023,*

*I am really looking forward to being your Captain for 2023. But the captain is just one among equals. This is your club ladies, I wish you health, happiness, fun, success and good golf for the year to come. I will do all I can to facilitate that.*

*As the club motto says, **Possunt Quia Posse Videntur** " which roughly translates as they can because they think they can, but my own take on that, in the words of another famous Irishman Mr O'Bama (!) Is Feidir Linn . Go raimh maith agaibh go leir.*

#### **PRESENTATION OF BADGE TO 2022 CAPTAIN CELIA MORRISSEY**

2023's Captain Clodagh presented 2022 Captain Celia with a replica badge and thanked her for her unstinting and highly successful year as Captain.

#### **AOB**

No issues were raised.

#### **CONTRIBUTION FROM MARY BODEN, FROM THE FLOOR.**

Mary thanked outgoing Captain Celia Morrissey for all her hard work during 2022, and also thanked the Committee.

#### **CLOSE OF MEETING**

Captain Celia brought the meeting to a close.

AUVEEN CAMPBELL, HONORARY SECRETARY.